South Buffalo Walking Route

1. TOPS Friendly Markets
2. Fields Zittel
3. Zettel
4. Siena Zittel
5. Gateway St
6. Indian Church Rd
7. Indian Church Rd
8. Indian Church Rd
9. Burger King

Stop 1 Start Here
Stop 2
Stop 3
Stop 4
Stop 5
Stop 6
Stop 7
Stop 8
Stop 9

1.6 miles | 3,200 steps

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Stop 1—Buffum House

- C. 1850: Believed to be the oldest house still standing in South Buffalo.
- When this house was built, South Buffalo was rural farmland.

Stop 2—Seneca Indian Park

- 1797 Treaty of Big Tree created the Buffalo Creek Reservation for the Seneca Nation.
- Reservation included what’s now South Buffalo, West Seneca, Lackawanna, and Elma.
- Seneca leader Red Jacket was buried here in 1830; reburied in Forest Lawn in 1884.
- These grounds were saved by John Larkin, who donated the land to the city for a park.

Stop 3—Zittel Street

- Note that many streets in South Buffalo have German, not Irish names.
- Much of South Buffalo was originally inhabited by German farms, such as Louis Zittel.
- Louis Zittel also opened the first post office for the area, calling it “South Buffalo.”

Stop 4—Seneca Street

- Starts downtown, as part of Joseph Ellicott’s plan for Buffalo.
- Once known as the Buffalo & Aurora Plank Road.
- Tollgate at the bridge over Buffalo Creek charged six cents to cross in 1898 ($1.79 today).

Stop 5—Shea’s Seneca

- Michael Shea grew up in the First Ward and built an entertainment empire.
- This 1929 theater was built after his 1926 theater on Main Street downtown.
- Restoration by Schneider Development includes apartments, retail, and banquet space.

Stop 6—Cazenovia Creek

- Named after Theophilus Cazenove, one of the Holland Land Company’s agents.
- Cazenove was known for his carelessness and lavish lifestyle; “Cazenove is a sad dirty fellow and does all the mischief he can.”
- Creek starts in southern Erie County and flows north until it joins Buffalo Creek.

Stop 7—Cazenovia Park

- Designed 1892-1894 at the same time as South Park.
- Water was central to the design – Cazenovia Creek was dammed to create a lake (later drained in 1965).
- Now managed by Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy.
- Warren Spahn grew up in S.Buffalo, became an MLB pitcher (1942-65), and won more games than any left-handed pitcher – 363 games.

Stop 8—St. John the Evangelist Church

- Built 1930-31, cost $250,000.
- Note the eagle over the main entrance; the eagle is the symbol of St. John the Evangelist.
- Closed in 2009, and now owned by Hook & Ladder Development.

Stop 9—Liberty Bank

- Built in 1921 for Buffalo-based Liberty Bank.
- Note the elaborate ornamental terra cotta detail on the exterior.
- Branch closed in 2016 - now owned by Schneider Development.

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