

Redlands

WHY GO: Historic homes, Lincoln lore, downtown scene

With 111-year-old University of Redlands as a calling card, this enduring community at the base of the San Bernardino Mountains has preserved its history (wealthy East Coasters and Midwesterners who arrived here in the early 1900s “to winter” once gave rise to Redlands’ reputation as the City of Millionaires) while creating an evolving downtown brimming with independent shops and restaurants and a vibrant arts scene.

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Kick things off with some carbo-loading at **Martha Green’s Dough’Lectibles Bakery** ①, known for its house-made pastries, gooey sticky buns, saucer-size cookies, and freshly baked breads. 107 E. Citrus Avenue. (909) 798-7321; allmarthagreen.com.

Many of the grand homes erected more than a century ago remain today, with a high concentration of architecturally significant residences in the **Smiley Park Historic District** ②, where elaborate Victorians, Dutch Colonials, and classic Craftsman’s coexist. *Cajon Street and Olive Avenue.*

The 120-year-old Moorish Revival-style **A.K. Smiley Public Library** ③, famously founded by philanthropist twin brothers, has oak arches spanning the soaring ceilings, hand-carved gargoyles, stained glass windows, and ornate fireplaces along with an impressive Southern California-focused public archives collection. 125 W. Vine Street. (909) 798-7565; akspl.org.

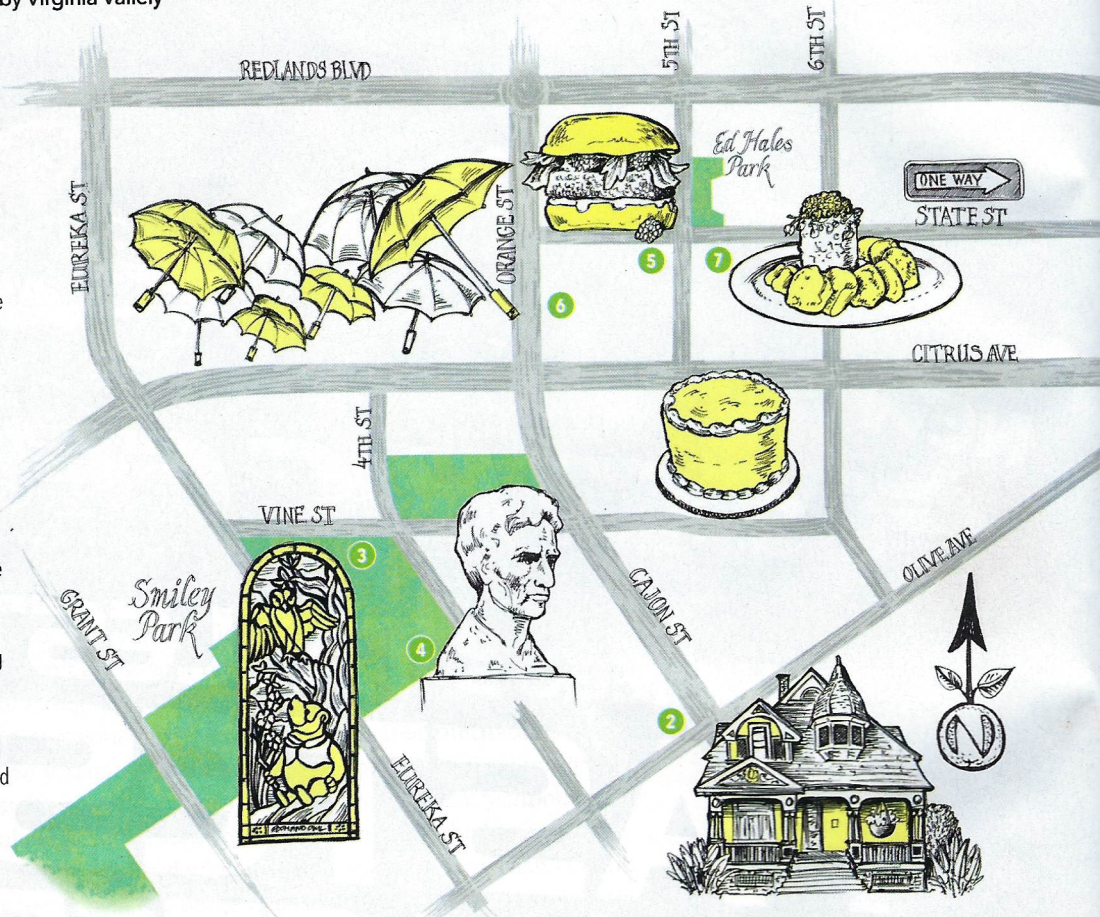
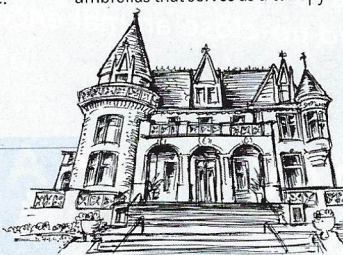
The only museum west of the Mississippi dedicated to Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War, the **Lincoln Memorial Shrine** ④ showcases collections of manuscripts and artifacts ranging from battlefield surgical instruments to the president’s cuff links, plus an original Norman Rockwell gifted by the artist himself. 1–5 p.m. Tuesday–Sunday. 125 W. Vine Street. (909) 798-7632; lincolnshrine.org.

With gun-metal seating and Edison bulbs hanging from an old railroad tie, industrial-hip gastropub **The State** ⑤ touts a menu of over-the-top burgers, including a doozy slathered with blackberry barbecue sauce and stacked with candied bacon and Brie. 22 E. State Street. (909) 793-2777; thestaterestaurant.com.

Downtown attractions include the refurbished pedestrian-only **Orange Street Alley** ⑥ (between Fifth and Orange streets), which is flanked by multiple murals and enhanced by a recently unveiled installation of colorful umbrellas that serves as a canopy.

Snag a table on **Caprice Cafe’s** ⑦ patio, perfect for people watching. The internationally inspired menu skews heavy on local ingredients and equally elevates elegant and casual dishes such as Wagyu meatball pizza, cauliflower gratin, and ‘ahi tartare topped with yuzu roe. 104 E. State Street. (909) 793-8787; capricecafe.com.

Got More Time? Plan your Redlands visit for a Thursday, Friday, or Sunday afternoon, when the fabled **Kimberly Crest House and Gardens**, a 7,000-square-foot petite chateau with pristine grounds, is open for guided tours. Afterward, wander among orange groves at adjacent Prospect Park. Closed in August. 1325 Prospect Drive. (909) 792-2111; kimberlycrest.org.



Confirm hours before you visit. Be sure to designate a driver if you plan to drink alcohol. Free **San Bernardino-Redlands Area** maps are available at your Auto Club branch. For driving directions, go to AAA.com/maps.