

Self-Guided Mushroom House Tour

This tour is split into two parts – a walking tour of the Park Avenue Area (the Grant/Clinton/Park Ave triangle block) and a driving tour of the Boulder Park area.

IMPORTANT! The Charlevoix Mushroom Houses are all privately-owned residences. Please respect the privacy of the owners. Do NOT walk on their property. Do NOT try to enter their homes. Do NOT knock on their doors. You are welcome to take pictures from the road.

Before You Go

Gather up all the materials you may need, such as the following:

- This printed guide from Minivan Adventures
- Map or GPS Device
- Camera
- *A Guide to Earl Young Structures* (available for purchase from The Harsha House Museum at 103 State Street)
- Charlevoix Historical Society brochure/map (available free from the Charlevoix Visitor Center at 109 Mason Street)

What to Watch For

While on your self-guided tour, pay attention to these distinctive details on each house:

- Rounded shapes of the homes including the roofs, doors and windows
- Beautiful stonework using various types of local stones
- Unique mortar colors
- Chimneys with interesting shapes and details
- How these homes were often built right into the surrounding landscapes



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Self-Guided Mushroom House Tour – Part One

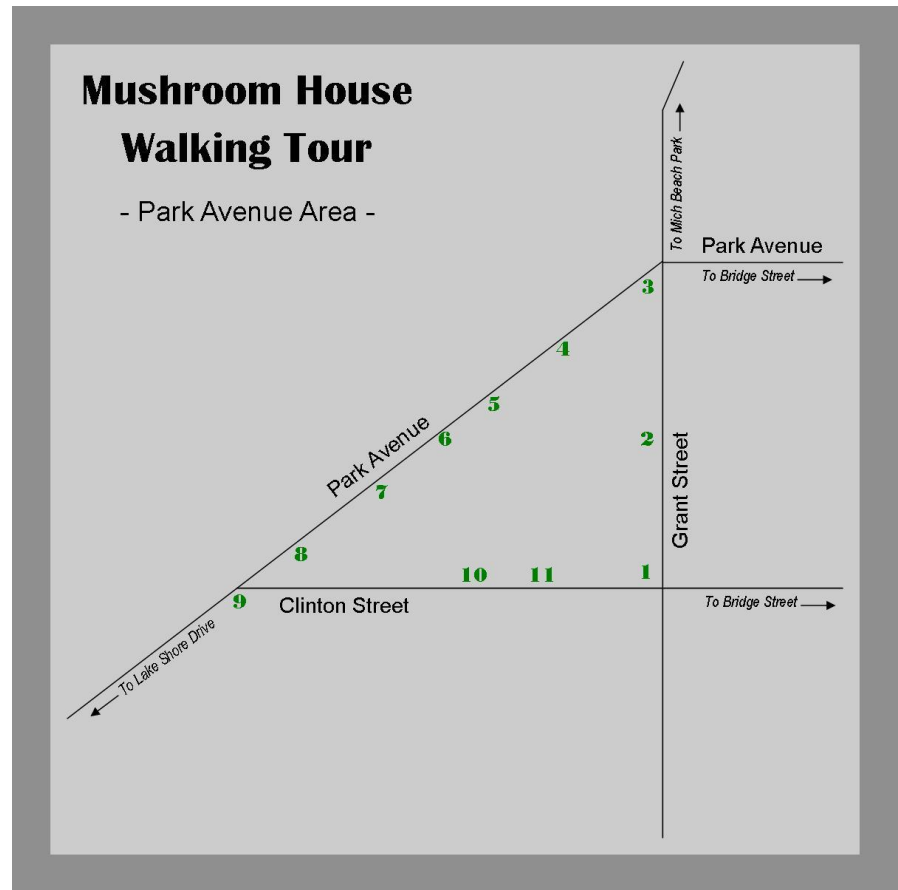
Mushroom House Walking Tour of Park Avenue Area

Eleven mushroom houses can be found along a triangular block in the Park Avenue area consisting of Grant Street, Clinton Street and Park Avenue.

It is less than a half-mile walk around the block.

Find a place to park. You can usually find street parking right there on Grant Street, Clinton Street or Park Avenue. Or, you could also consider parking two blocks away at Michigan Beach Park.

Then, wander this portion of the Mushroom House tour by foot.



- 1 | 103 Grant Street – The Mushroom House
- 2 | 101 Grant Street
- 3 | 300 Park Avenue – The Pines
- 4 | 302 Park Avenue – Half House
- 5 | 304 Park Avenue – Thatch House (formerly called Sunset Villa)
- 6 | 306 Park Avenue – Earl Young's 2nd personal residence
- 7 | 308 Park Avenue – Betide
- 8 | 310 Park Avenue – Abide
- 9 | 316 Clinton Street
- 10 | 305 Clinton Street
- 11 | 303 Clinton Street

Self-Guided Mushroom House Tour – Part Two

Mushroom House Driving Tour of Boulder Park

After completing the walking portion of the Self-Guided Mushroom Houses Tour, the remainder is a driving tour. As you follow these driving instructions, be on the lookout for the twelve Earl Young structures of Boulder Park.



→ Follow Park Avenue toward Lake Shore Drive. Watch for houses 1 and 2 on Park Avenue right before Lakeshore Drive.

↗ Curve right onto Lake Shore Drive. Look for Boulder Manor (house 3).

↖ Turn left onto Western Road. Check out house 4.

↖ Turn left onto Boulder Ave. See houses 5 and 6.

↗ Turn right on Eastern Road. See house 7.

↖ Make a left on Lakeview Ave and check out house 8.

↖ Follow the curve back onto Boulder Ave. Get another view of Boulder Manor. Then, check out houses 9 through 11 all in a row.

↗ Turn right onto Eastern Road to head back to Lake Shore Drive. View house 12.

1 | Sucher House

On Park Ave. Also referred to as Thirds House.

2 | Red Sandstone House

On Park Ave across from Sucher House

TIP: Watch for a Boulder Park sign along Lakeshore Drive. Not surprisingly, the words are actually affixed to a large boulder.

3 | Boulder Manor

Address is actually on Boulder Ave but it can be seen from both Lake Shore Drive and Boulder Ave.

4 | Panama House

On corner of Western Road and Lakeshore Drive

5 | Green Mortar House

On Boulder Ave between Western and Eastern

6 | Chalet House

On Boulder Ave between Western and Eastern

TIP: Don't miss the row of mailboxes inspired by Earl Young's architecture and stonework. These mailboxes can be found on Eastern Road.

7 | White Mortar House

On Eastern Road

8 | Enchanted Cottage

On Lakeview Ave

9 | Pagoda House

On Boulder Ave

10 | Owl House

On Boulder Ave

11 | Red Mortar House

On Boulder Ave

12 | Lakeshore Drive House

On corner of Eastern Rd and Lakeshore Drive



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