



Uptown (red line)

Total distance appr. 2 km

Walking along Pollgata, by the sea, will eventually lead you to a roundabout (the only one in town). Cross the street and walk past what looks like the ministry of defence, but is actually a hospital, towards the botanical garden Jónsgarður. There you will find an arch made out of the jaw-bones of a beached blue whale. Walk along Túngata around the library (which used to be a hospital) and have a look inside where there is usually an exhibition on the 1st floor. On your way back down Hafnarstræti you can go into the town church and have a look at the altar centre piece, which consists of 749 clay birds made by the people of the parish.

A simple walk down the main street will take you past most of the shops, cafés and restaurants in town on your way back towards the Information centre.

A ring around town (blue line)

Total distance appr. 3,5 km

Walk along Pollgata up to the roundabout and make a left turn. Your stroll along the path will take you past a kindergarten, the high school and the town's football fields (soccer fields for some). Right after you come past the football fields you will see a sculpture called The Ocean's Harp. Now turn right and work your way up to Seljalandsvegur. From there you can enjoy a really beautiful view of the fjord and the harbour as you walk back towards town. When you come to the end of Seljalandsvegur, take a few minutes to see the botanical garden Jónsgarður where you will find an arch made out of the jaw-bones of a beached blue whale. Continue in the same direction along Túngata.

When you reach the sea, make a right turn and then walk along Sólgrata to the town church and have a look at the altar centre piece, a total of 749 clay birds made by the people of the parish. Finally, take a walk through the centre of town, passing most of the local shops, cafés and restaurants on your way back to the Information centre.



On your own

Old town (black line)

Total distance appr. 1,5 km

Walking north from the Information centre will take you past the old post office. Make a right hand turn down Skipagata and then a left into Tangagata. Then you find yourself in the old part of town. Most of the houses here were built in the late 19th century, which in Iceland is considered very old indeed. There are older houses to be found in Iceland, but few if any streets have maintained their presentment like the ones in old town (Safiörður).

Make a detour into Smiðjugata on the way, passing Silfurgata before making a left turn to Austurvegur. At the end of Austurvegur you will find one of the oldest organized botanical gardens in Iceland where you can have a sip from our drinking fountain before going back through the centre of town towards the Information centre.