



Ellwood House Museum
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Architectural Scavenger Hunt



Use this booklet as a guide to help you explore the 10-acre Ellwood House campus. Answer the questions in the blank spaces provided.

Ellwood Mansion

The mansion was built in 1879 for Isaac and Harriet Ellwood. Isaac made his fortune manufacturing barbed wire. When Isaac and Harriet both passed away in 1910, their youngest son Perry and his family inherited the home.



Where do you see this light fixture?

How many are there?

The front porch is held up by columns. How many do you see?



Ellwood-Nehring House

This Tudor Revival style home was built in 1899 for Perry and May Ellwood. The home was owned by members of the Ellwood family until 1942, when the home was sold to Paul M. Nehring. Shirley Hamilton Nehring donated the home to the Ellwood House Association in 2011.



The roof is made of a different material than the roof of the mansion. What does this roof look like it's made of?

Walk to the front of the house. Which shape do you see in the windows?



Carl & Anna Berg Garden

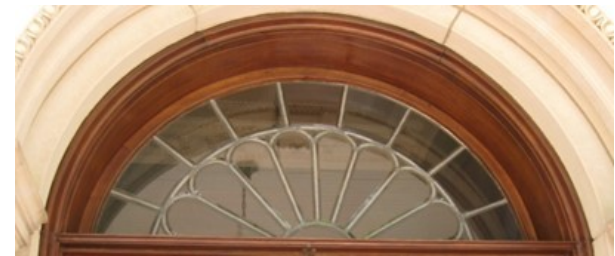
The Berg Garden is based on historic photographs of May Ellwood's 1903 garden, once planted in the same location. The pergola was created to match a similar structure that spanned the end of the driveway.

How many different colors do you see in the garden?

What shape do the garden beds have?



This is a crest rail. Which part of the Ellwood Mansion is this on?



This is a fanlight. A fanlight is a window that is shaped like a half-circle with lines in it that make it look like a fan. They are usually found above doors. Where do you see this window?



What time is showing on the sundial? (Hint, look at which number the shadow falls on.)

Note: You will need to add one hour to account for daylight savings time.



Look at the roof. Even the slate shingles are decorative. What shape is created by the colorful shingles?

Harriet Ellwood's Curiosity Shop

This building was constructed in 1905 as a private museum for Harriet Ellwood. It housed her collection of souvenirs gathered during her travels. The collection included objects like war relics, china, and minerals.



Above each window is a stone crown called a lintel. How many lintels are there on the whole building?

Water Tower

In the late 1800s, much of the Ellwood property was farmland devoted to the "Ellwood Green" stock farm for the breeding of Percheron draft horses. This stone building, which originally served as a water tower, is the only remaining structure from this business.



How many feet high do you think the water tower is?

Visitor Center and Garage

The Visitor Center incorporates an original 1912 garage and a 1997 addition. The building houses visitor facilities, a meeting room, and four exhibit galleries.



Walk to the south side of the building and find the garage doors. How do you think they were opened?

Little House

The Little House was built in 1891 as a contractor's model and parade float. Will Ellwood acquired it as a playhouse for his daughters, Jean and Elise.



Do you think this house has one story or two?