

# Evita Walking Guide Information

**Red Line:** Going to the Sunflower Field

**Blue Line:** Coming back to the show location

**For both routes:** You will pass the show location before walking along Umstead Dr.

**Route 1:** Walk along Umstead Dr. and that will lead you back to the show location

**Route 2:** Walk along Umstead Dr. then take a left on Hunt Dr. Once you get to Western Blvd. you will take a right before walking along Rocky Branch Trl. to your right. You will come across Umstead Dr. once again, take a right and that will lead you back to the show location

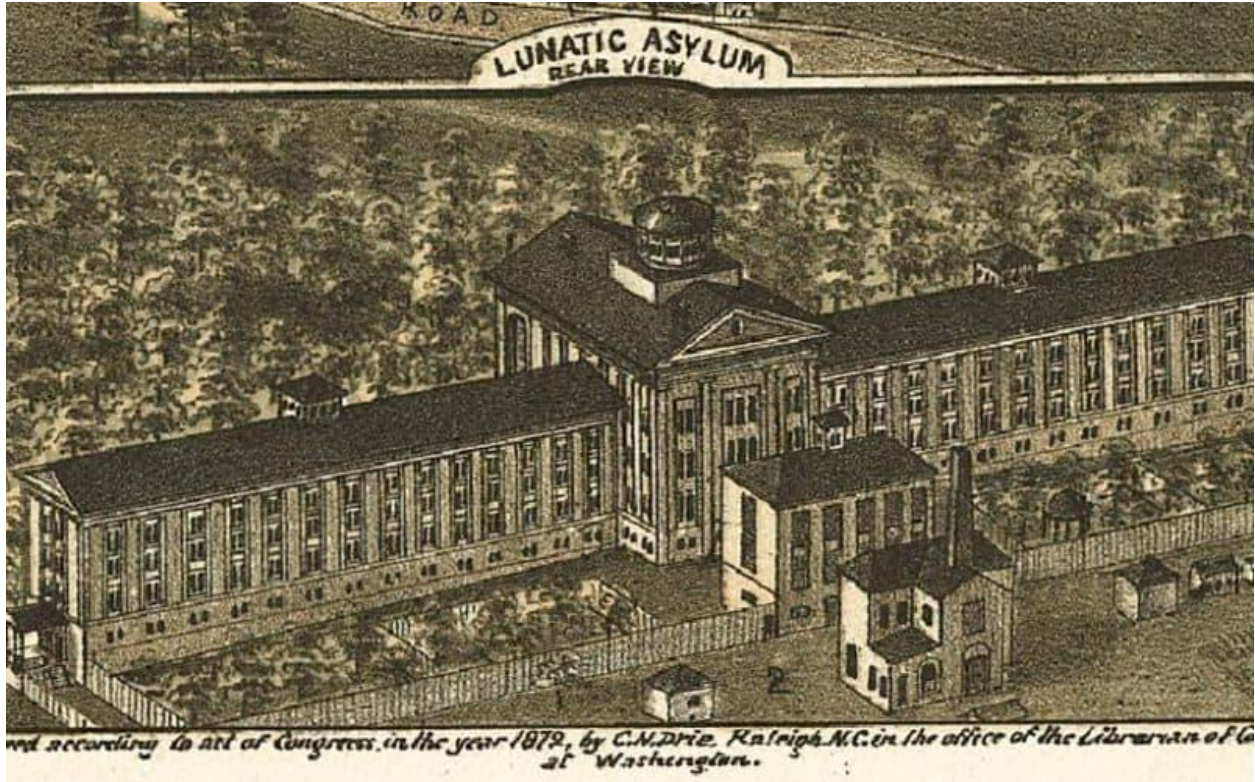


## The Chapel

- The parking lot will be located next to the chapel
- Address: 1030 Richardson Dr., near Western Blvd. entrance to the Dix campus
- The chapel has turned into a headquarters for those who are visiting the park
- The painting below is the work of Christopher Holt, an Asheville artist, encapsulating the history of Dorothea Dix. From the native land it stands on, pre-Civil War plantations, and the state-run mental facility turned park it has transitioned into







## Dorothea Dix Park History

- Before reaching the sunflower field you'll pass by the show location, which used to be Dorothea Dix Mental Hospital
- This location was the first North Carolina Psychiatric Hospital located in Raleigh
- At its largest extent, the mental facility was at a population of 2,700 patients in 1974 over 282 buildings in relation to the hospital
- The mental facility was sold to Raleigh to be used as a park in 2015



## Sunflower Park

- Walking up hills, in grass and on uneven surfaces will be necessary. We recommend closed-toe shoes!
- Please do not pick the flowers
- Bugs and other friendly critters may be around, be aware
- The only available restrooms are the Port-a-johns near the field
- Please stay on the paths in the field and keep children and pets from going too far in the flowers
- The field of tall, golden flowers is expected to be in peak bloom in either early or mid-July, likely staying in viewable condition for approximately two to three weeks

[Click here](#) to visit the official Dorothea Dix Park website and see their upcoming events!