

NEWPORT HERITAGE TOURISM ATTRACTIONS

Inyan-sa (“Red Rock”)

Location: on the grounds of Newport United Methodist Church

Attractions: sacred boulder venerated by indigenous people

Historical significance: traditional Native American cultural property (ca. 1805-1862)

Owner: Newport UMC

Kaposia Mission Building (“Kavanaugh Log Cabin”)

Location: on the grounds of Newport United Methodist Church

Attractions: oldest wooden building in Minnesota, well preserved example of hewn log architecture

Historical significance: log blockhouse built in 1840 to serve Mdewakanton community at Kaposia (1840-1854); also associated with Red Rock Camp Meetings (1869-1937)

Owner: Newport UMC

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Switching Tower (“Train Tower”)

Location: 600 7th Avenue

Attractions: restored switching tower

Historical significance: rare, well preserved example of railroad infrastructure built in 1904, remained in use until 1983

Owner: City of Newport

Newport Village Hall

Location: 600 7th Avenue

Attractions: traditional civic building, model railroad displays

Historical significance: seat of municipal government 1914-1980; clubhouse of the Greater East Area Model Railroad Club

Owner: City of Newport

Newport Library & Community Center

Location: 401 7th Avenue

Attractions: Gothic Revival style architecture, association with Newport Woman’s Club

Historical significance: cbuilt in 1869, originally occupied by Newport Baptist Church; public library since 1897

Owner: City of Newport

Red Rock Cemetery

Location: off Cemetery Road

Attractions: traditional tombstone art and viewshed

Historical significance: rural cemetery in use 1868-1982

Owner: City of Newport

Grove Street Overlook

Location: west end of 10th Street on Mississippi River

Attractions: landscaped riverfront park and viewshed

Historical significance: scenic overlook built by the WPA in 1939; notable example of WPA landscape architecture

Owner: City of Newport

Oliver Street Overlook

Location: west end of 12th Street on Mississippi River

Attractions: rustic stone wall and viewshed

Historical significance: scenic overlook built by the WPA in 1939, notable example of WPA landscape architecture

Owner: City of Newport

Riverwood Boulevard Overlook

Location: west end of Park Place on Mississippi River

Attractions: rustic stone wall and viewshed

Historical significance: scenic overlook built by the WPA in 1939; notable example of WPA landscape architecture

Owner: City of Newport

Main Street Landing

Location: west end of 6th Street on Mississippi River

Attractions: riverfront landscape and viewshed

Historical significance: site of steamboat landing and grain warehouse (est. 1857)

Owner: City of Newport

J. V. Bailey House (Bailey Nurseries)

Location: 1325 Bailey Road

Attractions: large four-square style house built in 1902, landscaped grounds

Historical significance: residence of the founder of Bailey Nurseries (est. 1905); converted to nursery corporate offices in 1988

Owner: Bailey Nurseries