



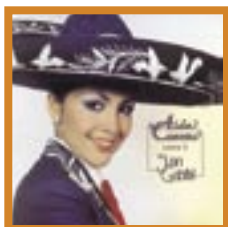
WALK THE AVENUE!

Explore the World on
New Hampshire Avenue



The NEW AVE World of Music & Movies Walking Tour

Ever feel that there is so much music in the world and so little time? Take an afternoon to explore new places and sounds without going very far at all. Most music stores on The New Ave are Mom and Pop shops—they'll open CDs or DVDs and play one after another while you decide what you like. Open your ears to find the perfect ballad for crying into your beer, kicking up your heels, or setting the mood for an intimate dinner. Love movies? See what



people in other countries watch when they want to escape the day-to-day. On The New Ave, you never know what you will find.

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START LOCATION: Begin and end your walking tour from the Unilang Center, 1339 University Blvd. E., one block east of New Hampshire Avenue. There is plenty of free parking.

1 Rhythm House

1339 University Blvd. E. (Unilang Center),
Takoma Park, MD 20912
(301) 445-4900
HOURS: Daily 11:00 am–8:00 pm

Rhythm House specializes in Indian, Pakistani, and Bangla (Bangladeshi) CDs and DVDs, including soundtracks to Bollywood movies, classical Indian music, and the latest pop hits from Mumbai. The store owner will preview any CD to help you determine which ones you like. This shop carries more than 2,000 DVDs and videos for sale or rent, nearly all with English subtitles. One of the largest film epicenters in the world, India's Bollywood produces films that are an explosion of color, song and dance tied together by stories of romance, betrayal, and heartache. Select several to rent and enjoy a mini-vacation to India!

(Walk west to 1333 University Blvd.)

2 Ritmo Latino

1333 University Blvd. E.,
Takoma Park, MD 20912
(301) 408-2040
HOURS: M–Th 10 am–8:30 pm, F–Sat 9:30 am–9 pm,
Sun 9:30 am–8:30 pm
www.ritmolatino.com

This sophisticated store carries all kinds of Latino music, plus electronic accessories (headsets, tapes, and blank CDs). Browse through Ritmo Latino's thousands of CDs to find: salsa, reggaeton, ranchera (northern Mexican fusion of waltz, polka and bolero), salsitas (for the intrepid metropolitan salsa dancer), romanticos (if you like to belt out the ballads), pistas/karaoke, merengue (Popular Dominican dance music now heard world-wide), rap chicano, cumbias (Columbian), and rock en español. In addition, check out the Spanish-language book section for new arrivals in literature, art, self-help, poetry, novels, children's books, religion, education, health and diet. After shopping, step outside and take a look at the panels on the walls featuring handprints of famous musical artists such as Juan Gabriel, Shakira, Paulina Rubio (the Mexico born Queen of Latin Pop), "Fher" Olvera of Guadalupe's Maná, the Puerto Rican Reggaeton star Daddy Yankee and more.

(At the light, cross University Boulevard to the northeast quadrant, Langley Park Plaza)

3 Powerhouse Video/Disco Centro La Central

7929 New Hampshire Avenue (Langley Park Plaza)
Langley Park, MD 20783
(301) 445-3220
HOURS: M–Sat 9:00 am–10:00 pm, Sun 10:00 am–9:00 pm

Though this store may have started out selling only videos, it has now become a major music powerhouse carrying many hundreds of CDs featuring popular Latino music from El Salvador, Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras and Puerto Rico. Popular music in El Salvador uses marimba tehp'ch, flutes, drums, scrapers and gourds, as well as more recently imported instruments such as the guitar. The marimba is also very popular in Guatemalan music. Originally from West Africa, the marimba was introduced to Central America in the 1600s by African slaves. American and Latino DVDs are plentiful, including family fare, action pictures, and children's films.

(Cross New Hampshire Avenue heading west to the northwest quadrant, Langley Park Center.)

4 Zodiac Express

7986 New Hampshire Avenue (Langley Park Center),
Langley Park, MD 20783
(301) 439-6983
HOURS: M & F 9:00 am–8:00 pm, T–Th 9:00 am–7:30 pm,
Sat 8:30 am–8:00 pm, Sun 9:00 am–7:00 pm

Zodiac features a large selection of CDs from Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala, along with karaoke, plus a small selection of Spanish-language DVDs. If you still haven't found what you were looking for, definitely check here.

(Go back across University Boulevard, cross New Hampshire Avenue and walk south along the Avenue. Pass Holton Lane, and turn left into the Hampshire Place shopping center south of Holton Lane.)

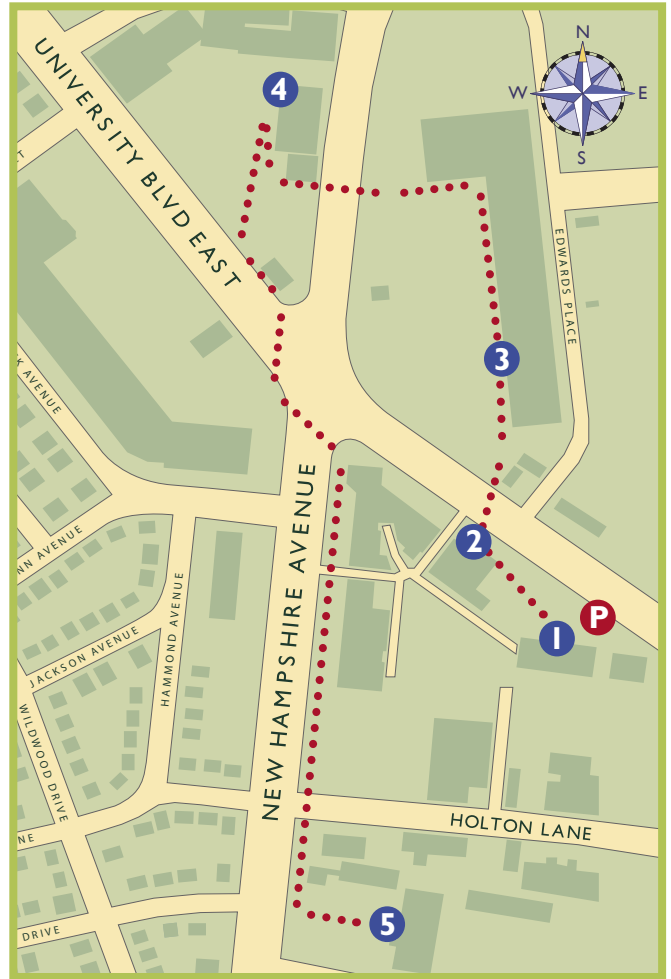
5 Caribbean Market II and Music Store

7505 New Hampshire Avenue,
Takoma Park, MD 20912
(301) 439-5288
HOURS: M–Sat 9:00 am–9:00 pm, Sun 9:00 am–5:00 pm

This West Indian grocery and music store carries, along with DVDs and videos, a great selection of West Indian CDs, including: reggae, soca, calypso, gospel, and chutney style music. After you select a CD or two to take home, carry out some delicious, hot island food such as jerk chicken or shrimp, patties, cake, or platters with white rice, peas, salad and fried plantains. If you're more ambitious, purchase the ingredients to cook your own island-style meal from Caribbean's grocery store while enjoying an island beat.

(To return to your car, walk 2 blocks north along New Hampshire Avenue to University Boulevard, turn right (east) and walk two blocks to 1339 University Blvd., in the Unilang Center.) **END**

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Bakeries and Sweets Walking Tour

World of Fabrics Walking Tour

Explore India Walking Tour

World of Groceries Walking Tour



The NEW AVE Walking Tours invite residents and visitors to explore the world on New Hampshire Avenue. The City of Takoma Park's NEW AVE project renews, revitalizes, and develops the many opportunities along the New Hampshire Avenue Corridor. To learn more, please visit www.theNewAve.com or call (301) 891-7119.

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