



## ISLAND HOME DOGWOOD TRAIL

Welcome to the Island Home Trail in historic Island Home Park. Island Home Park was developed as a streetcar suburb when interest in South Knoxville increased after the Gay Street Bridge was built in 1897-98. The original trolley turnaround (the location of the information box) served the first 1912 trolley line. The trolley soon traveled through the neighborhood along Island Home Boulevard, reversing at the top of Fisher Place.

The entry columns, erected circa 1899, marked the perimeter of Island Home, the late nineteenth century farm and summer home of wealthy merchant Perez Dickinson. Dickinson's Italianate home remains perched on the hill inside the campus of Tennessee School for the Deaf, the eastern boundary of the neighborhood.

Many Island Home Park homes and gardens were built during the first decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The use of river stone on piers and porches of classic bungalows is unique to the neighborhood, which is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. Homes have been constructed during each decade since the 1910's.

The Island Home Boulevard median and gardens throughout the neighborhood have stately old and newer trees, which replace hardwoods and dogwoods lost after 100 years. Many "granddaddy dogwoods" remain, including a few original dark pink dogwoods. A champion white dogwood stands on Island Home Boulevard and a Hillsboro Heights home is the location of the Knox County champion white dogwood.

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