Historical Pioneer Square Circuit

Pioneer Square is Seattle’s historic red-brick quarter, the original downtown that was saved from the demolition ball by conservationists in the 1960s. This circular walk starts next to the transport hub of King Street.

Start: King Street Station  
Distance: 1 mile  
Duration: 1 hour

1. **Start** at King Street Station. Seattle’s main railway terminus, recently returned to its Gilded Age glory.

2. Admire urban beauty at Pioneer Square Park with its Eiffel-esque iron pergola and the Richardsonian Romanesque Pioneer Building.

3. **Yesler Way** holds the dubious distinction of being the nation’s original ‘skid row.’

4. **Smith Tower** was erected by LC Smith, a man who built his fortune on typewriters (Smith-Corona) and guns (Smith & Wesson).

5. Surrounded by ivy-covered edifices, **Occidental Park** is an outdoor emporium of food carts and old-fashioned games.

6. Fill in your historical gaps at the intellectually stimulating **Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park**.

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