

Downtown Altoona Route



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..... Distance 2.14 Miles

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The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament

The Cathedral is one of the three iconic constructed elements of the Altoona skyline, along with the Gospel Hill Flag and the UPMC Altoona Tower. Ground was broken in 1924 for the construction of the current building, but the Great Depression and two military conflicts delayed completion until 1960. The Cathedral stands nearly 200 feet above the street and is the largest in the diocese.

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Mishler Theater

The first building in Altoona solely dedicated to the theatrical arts, the Mishler opened in 1906. It was financed by Dr. Isaac Mishler, a prominent Altoona businessman at the turn of the 20th Century. Today, it is operated by the Blair County Arts Foundation and is the home to Allegheny Ballet Company, Altoona Community Theatre, Altoona Symphony Orchestra, and the Blair Concert Chorale.

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Altoona Railroaders Memorial Museum

The Railroaders Memorial Museum is dedicated to commemorating and celebrating the significant contributions of railroaders and their families to American life and industry. Opened in 1980 and expanded into its current location in 1998, the Museum offers interactive exhibits teaching the various aspects of railroading in Altoona.

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AASD Campus

The Altoona Area School District main campus includes the Junior and Senior High Schools, a physical plant building, several athletic fields, and the Greater Altoona Career and Technology Center. Also of note are the Altoona Area Public Library, several student-built houses on Fourth Avenue, and the Educators Inn serving lunch prepared by culinary students.

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Railroad Crossovers

The two award-winning crossover structures currently in place at 12th Street and 13th Street serve the historic purpose of linking the two sides of Altoona across the railroad. They also double as a favorite site of railfans as they provide a unique view directly above the tracks.