

Downtown Altoona Route



- ① The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
- ② Mishler Theater
- ③ Altoona Railroaders Memorial Museum
- ④ AASD Campus
- ⑤ Railroad Crossovers
- P** Parking

..... Distance 2.14 Miles

Downtown Altoona Route

1

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.

2

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 Choral.

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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.

4

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.

Gaysport Route



- ① Canal Basin Park
- ② Presbyterian Village at Hollidaysburg
- ③ McLanahan Corporation
- ④ Rail Transportation

..... Distance 1.07 Miles

Gaysport Route

1

Canal Basin Park

The park is at the location where the canal boats were exchanged, between the Pennsylvania Mainline Canal and the Allegheny Portage Railroad. It includes a steam engine used to pull cargo and passengers up the incline, sectional canal boats from the canal era, and the Reiser House, which doubles as the park visitor center. A digital working tour of the park is available at: http://www.altoona.psu.edu/canalbasin_map.

2

Presbyterian Village at Hollidaysburg

A long standing member of the community, the Presbyterian Village at Hollidaysburg, is a Continuing Care Retirement Community and is active in providing community services throughout the region. The community provides a full range of living opportunities and services to its residents and provides young and aspiring professionals training opportunities in its facilities. It is, once again, undergoing an expansion project in 2016.

3

McLanahan Corporation

Founded in 1835, the McLanahan Corporation is the oldest continually-operating company in Blair County. It began as a small foundry supporting local agriculture. Through careful expansion, prudent investment decisions, and holding to core family values, it has become an international presence with locations on four continents.

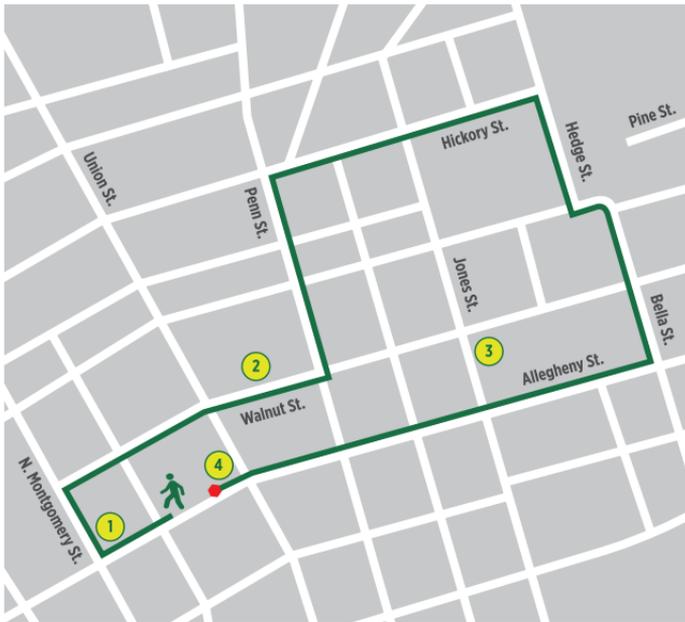
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Rail Transportation

Once the canal era was coming to a close, the state turned its focus onto rail transportation. The yards separating the Diamond area from Gaysport served the Pennsylvania Railroad as a repair facility for its rolling stock. The line here follows the old canal between Tunnelhill and Petersburg and was used to bypass the congestion in Altoona if no stops were needed by a particular train.

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Historic Hollidaysburg Route



- 1 The Diamond
- 2 Highland Hall
- 3 Hollidaysburg Historic District
- 4 Blair County Courthouse

..... Distance 1.64 Miles

Historic Hollidaysburg Route

1

The Diamond

The Diamond is the hub of the commercial center of the Borough of Hollidaysburg, focused on the intersection of Allegheny and Montgomery Streets. This historically quaint area is the host of many festivals, parades and events throughout the year.

2

Highland Hall

Designed by architect Samuel Sloan, Highland Hall served as a parochial school for nearly a century before its conversion to county offices. It was commissioned in 1866 by the Hollidaysburg Male and Female Seminary Association to meet the lacking education needs of the community. It served as a 24-hour radio operator training facility for the Women's Army Corp during World War II, and has awaited a new use for nearly a quarter century. One of several "Moon Trees" grown from seeds taken into orbit with the Apollo missions is planted on the site.

3

Hollidaysburg Historic District

The Hollidaysburg Historic District was nominated to the National Register of Historic Places in 1985, containing 457 structures reflecting the character of pre-1900 Hollidaysburg. The district contains a broad range of Victorian houses reflecting Hollidaysburg's early status as the economic center of the region. With the formation of Blair County in 1846 as Pennsylvania's 59th county, it also became the political center.

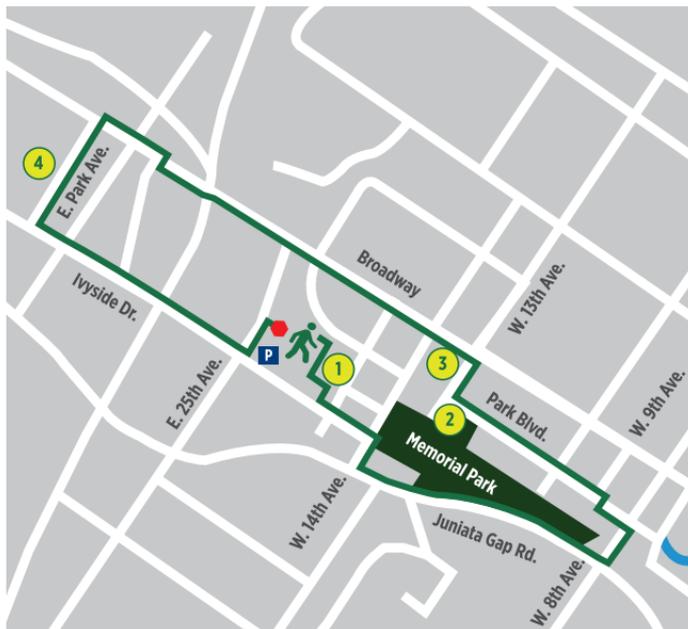
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Blair County Courthouse

The current courthouse was designed by David Gendell and dates to 1875. The original building is in Modern Gothic style and has been expanded twice since the original construction, once in 1906 (which copied and extended the original style) and again in 1998. It contains five courtrooms, a law library, the offices of each commissioner as well as the various row offices required by law. The clock tower has been a prominent feature of the Hollidaysburg skyline since 1877.

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Juniata Route



- 1 Ivyside Plaza
- 2 Memorial Park
- 3 Juniata Fabrics
- 4 Penn State Altoona/Ivyside Park
- P Parking

..... Distance 2.15 Miles

Juniata Route

1 Ivyside Plaza

A destination for students and residents of northwest Altoona alike, Ivyside Plaza offers food and entertainment for many tastes. Ivyside Plaza provides neighborhood services and anchors the nearby neighborhood business district along 24th Avenue.

2 Memorial Park

Operated by the Central Blair Recreation Commission, Memorial Park offers picnic opportunities, basketball courts, a playground, stream exploration, and a spray park. Adjacent to the park is the Juniata Civic Association pavilion. The Juniata Civic Association also operates the ballfield on Broadway and is custodian of the Juniata War Memorial adjacent to the ballfield.

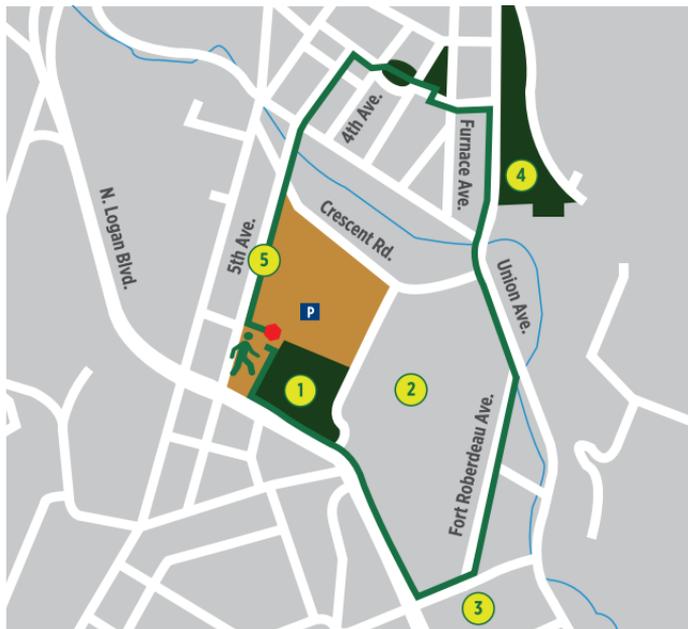
3 Juniata Fabrics

Founded over 75 years ago, Juniata Fabrics manufactures quality nylon impression fabric as well as inked impression ribbons. Client industries include printing, cosmetics, sports, and health care. The business has been a Juniata presence and strong local employer supporting the Altoona economy.

4 Penn State Altoona/Ivyside Park

The Penn State Altoona campus originated downtown during the great depression. Demand caused the campus to move to the current location – the former Ivyside Amusement Park – after World War II. Today, Penn State Altoona is the only satellite campus in the Penn State system to offer four-year degrees and has, again, expanded to include services in the downtown. The Ivyside Park site is now over 165 acres and includes two dozen buildings.

Mansion Route



- ① Mansion Park
- ② Baker Mansion
- ③ Llyswen
- ④ Tuckahoe Park
- ⑤ Trolleys and Buses
- P** Parking

..... Distance 1.71 Miles

Mansion Route

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Mansion Park

Altoona Area School District's Mansion Park Stadium is recognized as one of the finest athletic complexes in Pennsylvania. The stadium, is a source of community pride and regularly serves as the site of a variety of events which benefit the economy and culture of the area.

2

Baker Mansion

Baker Mansion was built for \$15,000 in the 1840s by ironmaster Elias Baker who owned the nearby Allegheny Furnace Works. It was constructed in the Greek revival style and has been preserved by the Blair County Historical Society. Tours are available through the Society. The Allegheny Furnace, on Union Avenue, was constructed in 1811 and ran for six years. It was reblasted in 1835 and provided service to Mr. Elias until 1871.

3

Llyswen

Llyswen and nearby Columbia Park sprang up in the late 1800's and early 1900's in response to the streetcar trolley line into downtown Altoona. These were carefully planned residential communities integrating garden city concepts and a flowing street grid pattern. These neighborhoods are rated in the top five communities for near-retirees and retirees in Pennsylvania.

4

Tuckahoe Park

Tuckahoe Park is named after the original name of the valley in which Altoona sits. Stretching from present-day Hollidaysburg and Duncansville northward to present-day Tyrone, Tuckahoe Valley was a center for Iroquois commerce and leadership. Today, the area is a center of commerce and cultural amenities for much of the Southern Alleghenies region.

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Trolleys and Buses

Altoona has a long history in transportation. Public transportation started as a series of small trolley companies that consolidated under the name of Altoona and Logan Valley Railroad. Although trolley use peaked in the 1920s, the industry was decimated by the Great Depression. The trolley system was replaced by buses through the first transit authority in Pennsylvania in the mid 1950's known today as AMTRAN.