

A Walk Through History Route



- ① All Saints Church
- ② Fort Mason Museum
- ③ Masontown Municipal Building
- ④ Masontown United Methodist Church
- P Parking
- 🚦 Start/Stop

..... Distance 1.94 Miles

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1

All Saints Church

All Saints Church was erected in 1908. The architecture is Gothic Mission style. The statue of St. Francis de Sales and other artifacts are placed around the grounds of the church and former school.

2

Fort Mason Museum

The Fort Mason Museum, the former home and medical office of Dr. Edgar Wells, features rooms depicting life in the early 1900's. The building was purchased by the Historical Society in 1992. Guided tours are available weekends during the summer and by request.

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Masontown Municipal Building

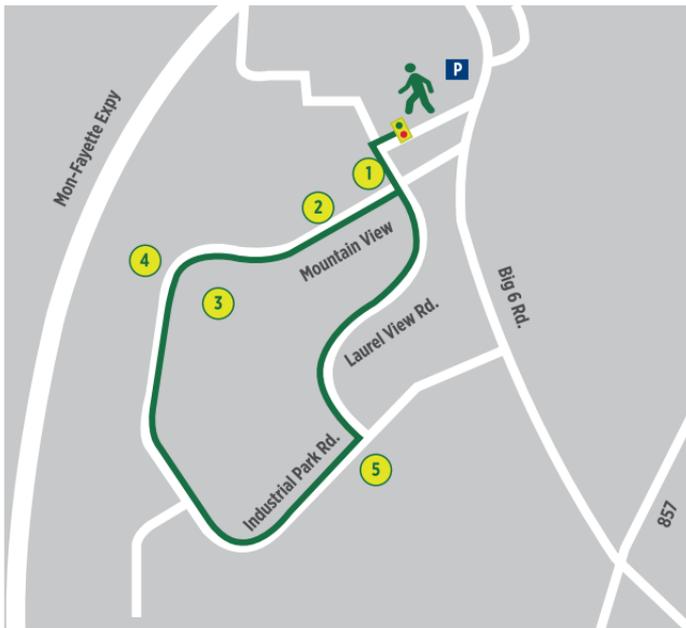
The borough's municipal building, at the corner of Main Street and Cross Avenue, was originally the site of the Hotel Altman, which was rebuilt as the Fort Mason Hotel after a fire in 1909. Opposite it was the LeRoy Hotel (formerly Sterling House) and also the site of underground tunnels used for restocking supplies.

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Masontown United Methodist Church

Masontown United Methodist Church was the first church in Masontown. Originally located on the south side of West Church Avenue, it was damaged in a violent storm in 1820 and reconstructed in 1892 at its current location.

Fayette Business Park Route



- ① Gerome Manufacturing
- ② Argon ST/Boeing
- ③ Berkley Medical Resources
- ④ Johnson-Matthey (JM)
- ⑤ Microdiamant
- P** Parking
-  Start/Stop

..... Distance 1.83 Miles

Fayette Business Park

Route

1

Gerome Manufacturing

Gerome Manufacturing, after many years, relocated to the business park approximately two years ago. The company specializes in industrial sheet metal cabinets among other products. As the largest importer of nickel (used for shielding) in the country, their specialty is magnetic shielding. All Boeing 747s flying today have Gerome shielding on their flight control computers.

2

Argon ST/Boeing

Argon ST recently became a Boeing company with two locations in Fayette County. This facility makes wire harnesses for new fighter jets and support aircraft. In addition, their other facility, in Fayette County, makes torpedo decoy pods for Navy ships. These are pulled about a half mile behind the ship on a cable and emit engine sounds to fool any incoming torpedo off-course.

3

Berkley Medical Resources

Berkley Medical Resources, a long time manufacturing firm in Fayette County, was the first to locate in the business park. Handi-Wipes are made at this facility—the only place in the world they are made. Other specialty wipes are made for Pizza Hut, KFC, and Taco Bell. They also make wipe rags for cleaning golf clubs at golf courses throughout the country and cotton pads for makeup removal.

4

Johnson-Matthey (JM)

Johnson Matthey (JM) is a British firm that specializes in catalytic converters required to be used in cars since 1970 and diesel trucks since 2010. This plant serves the entire western hemisphere, while JM has a facility in Macedonia that serves Africa, Asia, and Europe.

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Microdiamant

Microdiamant, of Switzerland, makes polycrystalline diamonds using an explosive process. This facility assembles the explosive unit, a steel jacket filled with carbon (graphite or pencil lead, plus secret ingredients to transfer heat). The finished units, which appear much like a 16 ft. long can of “pop,” are sent to New Mexico where a corrugated steel drain pipe is lowered around the can; the space between is filled with high explosives. After detonation, the carbon inside is compressed by a million atmospheres. The process results in poly-crystalline diamonds that are considered to be the best grinding agent in the world.

Pointer's Path Route

- 1 Point Marion Town Mural**

This glass and ceramic mosaic mural integrates industrial heritage, conservation and the natural beauty of the two rivers, which meet at the point. Using pieces of glass from the L.J. House Convex Glass Company, formerly a major employer in the borough, community members made the mural in 2013.
- 2 Sheepskin Trail Intersection**

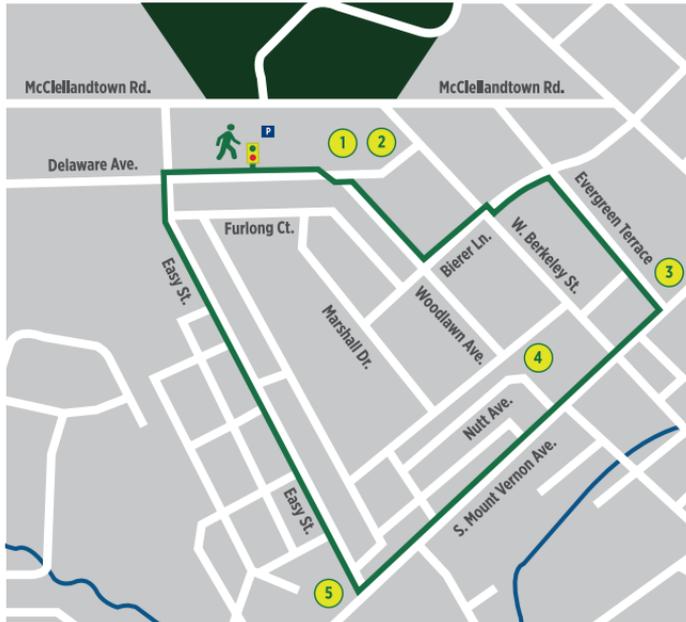
The Trail intersection will connect the 48 mile West Virginia Mon River Trail System with the Great Allegheny Passage upon its completion. The Sheepskin Trail is a 34 mile recreational trail currently under development that will travel through Fayette County.
- 3 Point Marion Honor Roll**

This War Memorial, at the corner of Union and Ontario Streets, was built in 1944 "In Memory of those Who Have Sacrificed Their All for a Better America." It includes the names of the men and women who served in the armed forces or gave their lives during the WWII.
- 4 Point Marion Public Library**

The Point Marion Public Library is housed in what was once Point Marion High School and later the Junior High School. It was founded in 1921 by the Criterion Club – a women's organization. The library is still operated and managed by a volunteer board today.
- 5 Route 88/Monongahela River Bridge**

Until 1930, the only way to cross the Monongahela River was by ferry boat. The ferry was pulled across the river with cables and an electric motor. In 1930, the Albert Gallatin Memorial Bridge was constructed. The bridge was the idea of the Point Marion Community Club. The funds to build the bridge were raised locally. It was operated as a toll bridge until 1957.

Uniontown Hospital Healthy History Walk



- ① Uniontown Hospital
- ② Uniontown School of Nursing
- ③ WMBS Radio Station
- ④ Nutt Avenue
- ⑤ Uniontown Rotary Walk
- Ⓟ Parking
- Start/Stop

..... Distance 1.41 Miles

Uniontown Hospital Healthy History Walk

1

Uniontown Hospital

Uniontown Hospital officially opened on Thanksgiving Day in 1903 to care principally for the miners and people employed in the coke works. Its first patient, however was a young girl from McClellandtown who suffered from severe burns. Today, the hospital is a compassionate, dedicated community hospital providing a full range of medical care to residents of Fayette County and the surrounding areas.

2

Uniontown School of Nursing

Uniontown School of Nursing was established on April 11, 1904. Its first class was graduated in 1907 with a total of four nurses. Over the years, this former nursing school has inspired hundreds of caregivers who went on to serve the needs of the community.

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WMBS Radio Station

WMBS Radio Station became the first station on the air in Fayette County in 1937. It was the second suburban station outside of Pittsburgh in southwestern Pennsylvania. WMBS bears the distinction of being under the same ownership since it first went on the air, and of being a highly successful AM station without an FM in its portfolio, despite its average listener age of over 65. In the late 1990s, the station moved to a large Victorian house on South Mount Vernon Avenue, and in 2003, WMBS flipped from its format of rock 'n roll oldies to its present nostalgia format.

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Nutt Avenue

Nutt Avenue boasts the former home of Captain A. C. Nutt, father of Lizzie Nutt who was the motivation behind the 1882 Dukes trial for murdering the Captain, and the subsequent trial of Lizzie's brother, James Nutt, who shot Dukes and was found not guilty on a plea of 'not guilty because of insanity at the time of the incident'. The first time a defense using insanity was successful in the country, and where today's slang of "He's nuts!" comes from. <http://www.murderbygaslight.com/2012/10/a-matter-of-honor.html>

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Uniontown Rotary Walk

The conversion of former railroad corridors into public use trails is a Pennsylvania success story. From small villages in rural areas to larger cities, volunteers have come together to make the Pennsylvania Rail-Trail Program a national leader. The Uniontown Rotary Walk includes 1.5 miles of open trail from Lebanon Street in South Union Township to Pittsburgh Street in downtown Uniontown. It is one of the few greenway corridors within the city limits. The effort will eventually link to the Sheepskin trail, a vital link to the Great Allegheny Passage. www.stepstohealthierfayettecounty.org