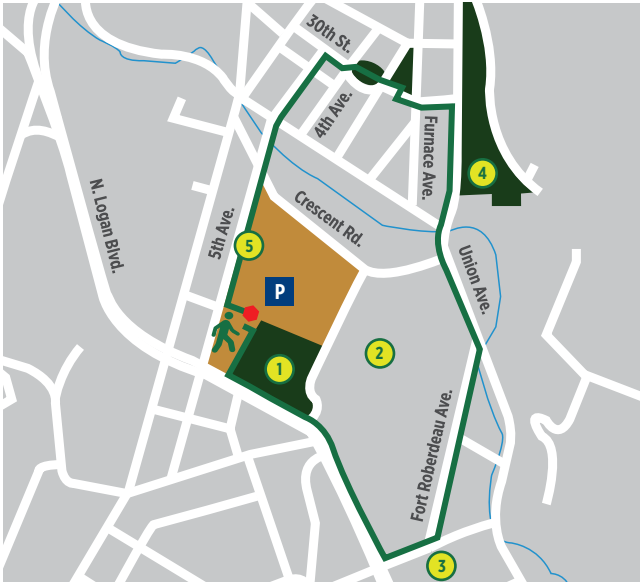
Mansion Route



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1. **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.

5. **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.