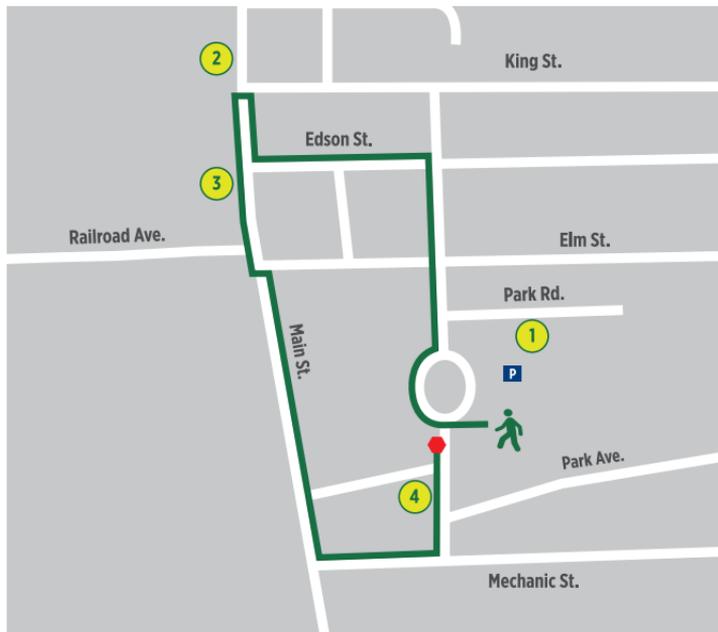


# Eldred Route



- ① Ron Houben Memorial Park
- ② WWII Museum
- ③ Eldred Area Free Library and Historical Society
- ④ Eldred Borough
- P** Parking

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# Eldred Route

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## **Ron Houben Memorial Park**

This recreational facility boasts one of several baseball fields within the borough. Baseball is a longstanding pastime in Eldred. Milo Netzel was born in Eldred in 1886. Netzel was 23 years old when he broke into the big leagues on September 16, 1909, with the Cleveland Naps.

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## **WWII Museum**

Eldred was the site of a British and, later American, munitions plant that produced 8 million bombs, mortar shells and fuses. National Munitions Company began operation in 1941, employing 1,500 people, 24 hours a day until May 1945. Once the men went off to war, 95% of the employees were women. The museum, opened Memorial Day, 1996, provides educational tours to the public and students, hosts military events and is a local resource for research.

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## **Eldred Area Free Library and Historical Society**

This site is home to the first brick and mortar independent public library in town, opening in 2016. The building dates back to the 1880's and was a hardware store in 1900's housing Bradford Supply and Western Auto, and was damaged by fire in 1980's. It serves as a resource for genealogy, computer access, book circulation and as a home for the historical society.

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## **Eldred Borough**

Eldred Borough was officially settled in 1815 and named Allegheny Bridge by early settlers. In November 1879 a petition was presented to the postmaster general to abolish that name and name the town "Eldred" after the first appointed judge for McKean County, The Honorable Nathaniel B. Eldred. Eldred Borough was incorporated on December 22, 1880.