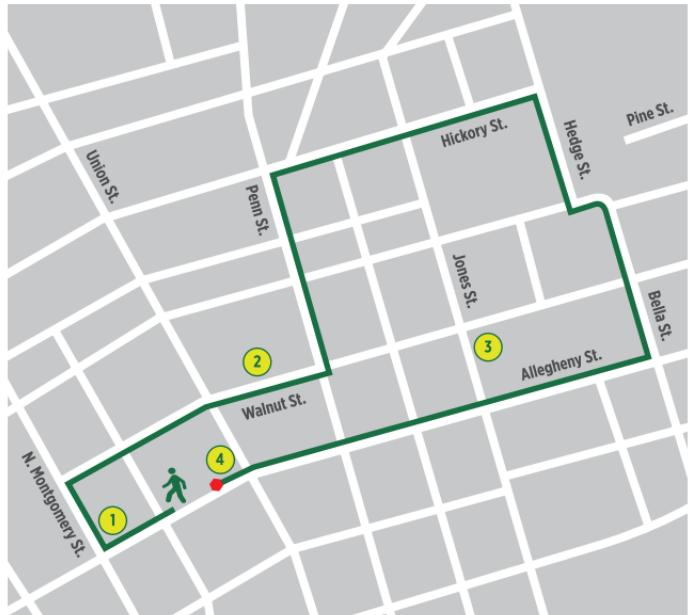


Historic Hollidaysburg Route



- 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.

4 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.

Enhance your walk! See the Hollidaysburg story map at: http://www.altoona.psu.edu/hollidaysburg_map