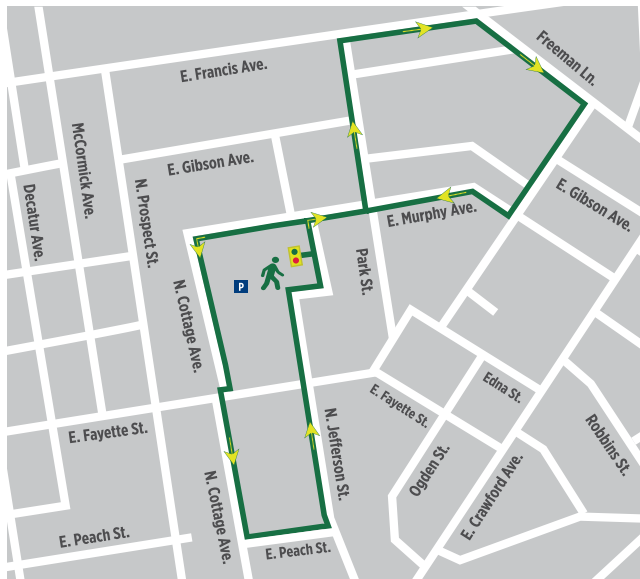


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Connellsville, founded in 1809 by Zachariah Connell, became the first city in Fayette County. During the coke and coal days, Connellsville had at one time more millionaires per capita than any other place in the country. Connellsville hosts: the great Allegheny Passage, the Sheepskin Trail, the Crawford Cabin and the Gibson House.

Highlands Hospital, originally named Cottage State Hospital, was built on land donated by Colonel J.M. Reid in 1891. A frame building resembling a large house with a wrap-around porch was built on the corner of Cottage and Murphy Avenues. Today, Highlands Hospital operates as an independent, not-for-profit acute care hospital. It is the second largest employer in Connellsville with over 400 employees and 71 patient beds. It has been located on this site providing healthcare services to the community for 120 years.