

Historic Landmark Key

A South Washington Street Bridge

Built by the Berlin Iron Bridge Company in 1886. William O. Douglas, designer and engineer. Longest triple parabolic bridge of its kind in the U.S. This bridge exemplifies 19th century engineering accomplishment.

B Confluence Park

During the Revolutionary War, General Clinton was encamped here with his Colonial Army of over 1500 men and 400 boats on route to meet General John Sullivan during the campaign against the Iroquois in 1779.

Memorial Bridge

Built in 1925 to accommodate increased traffic from the west side to downtown. Honors those who served in World War I. Over 9,000 veterans marched across it on opening day.

Skirmisher Monument

“The Skirmisher” by Robert Aitken was dedicated in 1925 to the veterans of the Spanish-American War. Moved to three locations in this intersection. A time capsule was recovered during a move in 1996.

C Alonzo Roberson Mansion

1904-07 Italian Renaissance Revival residence designed by C. Edward Vosbury. Owned by Alonzo Roberson, a prosperous lumber milling businessman. Interior showcases a variety of hand-carved wood finishes. Gifted in 1954 from a bequest made in Roberson’s will.

D First Congregational Church

1869 Gothic design by Isaac Perry, renowned local architect. A major crossroads during early development of the community, Binghamton was incorporated as a Village on this site in 1834 when it housed Peterson’s Tavern.

E East Clinton Street Bridge

A suspension “Ferry Street Bridge” was constructed at this location c.1855. In 1897 it was replaced with an iron bridge which was destroyed in the flood of 1935. The existing Art Deco style bridge was built in 1937.

F American Cigar Co. / Fair Store

Four inter-locking buildings constructed 1870 to 1920 in a Victorian commercial brick style. Housed the American Cigar Company and a dry goods establishment among other commercial enterprises. The Fair Store furniture business began in 1910.

Court Street Bridge

A toll bridge was built on this location in 1808, site of Brownson’s Ferry service. Bridge rebuilt in 1825 and a new bridge constructed in 1865 after flood damage. Iron bridge constructed in 1889 and re-constructed in 1948. Bridge rebuilt in 1970 and restored in 2006.

G Hull-Grummond Company

1886 Victorian commercial design. This warehouse housed a cigar-making industry that boasted nation-wide distribution during a time when Binghamton was the second largest cigar production center in the country.

H Binghamton Railway Company

Built in 1893 as the main trolley terminus for the valley. Cars were pulled by horses until 1896 when the system was electrified. Sold in 1923 to Triple Cities Coach Company. The County operated bus services here from 1968 until 1984.

I St. Paul’s Church

This Gothic style Roman Catholic church was built in 1905 primarily serving an Irish community and many railroad workers. A rose window dedicated to WWII veterans was installed in 1946.

J Depot Street Warehouses

Housed several cigar manufacturers in the late 19th century: Reynolds & Munyon,

Binghamton Cigar Co., F. B. Richards & Co. and W. C. Bronson & Co. Renovated for commercial use and residential lofts.

K Lackawanna Station

1900-01 Richardsonian Romanesque style. Built 10 years after the Lackawanna Railroad Co. started rail service through Binghamton. Company later merged with other lines, becoming the Erie-Lackawanna in 1960.

L Kilmer Factory

Built in 1903 by Jonas Kilmer for his manufacture of “proprietary medicines”. The Kilmer’s were community leaders who had a banking business, started The Binghamton Press newspaper and raised thoroughbred horses.

M Tompkins Street Bridge

A bridge was originally constructed on this site in 1898 (abutments still visible). A new span was built in 1964 and re-construction was completed in 2007.

N Crowley Food Company

Founded in 1904, the company headquarters was moved to this site in 1919. With subsequent mergers, it now distributes dairy products nationally.

Rockbottom Bridge site

A toll bridge was built here in 1862 and replaced with an iron bridge in 1874. Site of recreational activities such as pleasure boating and rowing competitions for many years. The bridge collapsed in 1903, along with a trolley. Truss bridge opened in 1904. Closed off in 1970 and demolished in 2001.

O Exchange Street Bridge

Site of foot bridge in 1874, followed by a few small span bridges. The existing steel span was constructed in 1902. In 1970, after a city worker fell through the sidewalk with a snow removal tractor and died, sidewalk reconstruction and concrete deck replacement occurred.

BINGHAMTON HISTORIC BRIDGE PEDAL



Sunday, July 13, 2008
9:00am to 11:00am



Join the family fun with a police-escorted bike tour around the downtown Binghamton area.

Ride length - 7 miles

Start & Finish at the South Washington Street Bridge

Rain or shine.

Registration

- Pre-registration and a \$2 fee are required at local Bike Shops. Day of event registration is from 8am to 9am with a \$3 fee.
- Start the ride at South Washington Street Bridge and pedal alongside the Susquehanna and Chenango Rivers, landmark bridges and historic sites.
- Street parking is available on Conklin Avenue and on Water Street by Chenango Point Cycles.
- Tour guides will be available from the Preservation Association of the Southern Tier (PAST) and the Susquehanna Heritage Area (SHA) to tell you about these special historic bridges and City landmark places.
- Visit the Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study (BMTS) website at www.bmtsonline.com for further information.

Rules

- All ride participants must wear a bicycle helmet and the Historic Bridge Pedal wrist band. You will receive the wrist band when you register.
- Children riding in trailers or on bike seats ride free. They need not register, but they must wear a bicycle helmet.
- Both riders on tandem bicycles and tag-along bicycles must register.
- Dogs are not allowed on the Historic Bridge Pedal ride.
- Stay with the ride group and follow the police escort.
- Remember to stay hydrated.

Historic Bridge Pedal Partners:
Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study,
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