



Welcome to the Delaware County Historical Society's Historical Marker Scavenger Hunt Bike Ride



This tour of 18 different historical markers located within the city of Delaware will take you on bike paths, sidewalks and busy roads, so please use caution as you travel to the different sites. Plan on at least one-and-a-half hours to complete this trip. Feel free to divide this tour into 2 or more days if you'd like. *Most importantly, follow all bike safety rules and be safe!*

1. We will begin at the Delaware County Fairgrounds off Pennsylvania Avenue, north of downtown Delaware. In front of building #6, there are two historical markers. The first one commemorates The Little Brown Jug.

What kind of horse racing is done on this track?

How long is the track?

What is the name of the horse that won the 1st Little Brown Jug race?

In what year?

What is horseman, Wayne "Curly" Smart known for?

2. On the other side of the Little Brown Jug marker is the historical marker recognizing The Delaware County Fair as the longest-lasting and largest annual event in Delaware County.

How long has it been at this location?

3. Today known as the Arts Castle, this building was home to nationally eminent horticulturist, George W. Campbell.

What famous fruit did he develop in a vineyard east of his home?

4. There are two historical markers in downtown Delaware, each on Sandusky Street and practically across the street from each other. The one on the west side of the street (in an area that is now under construction but can be seen through a hole in the tarp) recognizes African American Civil War soldiers who lined Sandusky Street in November of 1863. This group of soldiers were designated by two different names.

What were those two names?

What special honor did four of these soldiers receive?

5. On the east side of Sandusky Street, an African American abolitionist and a Civil War General spoke at Templar Hall that once stood near the Fresh Start bakery.

Who were they?

6. In front of the BP gas station on William Street is this new marker for Delaware native, Rutherford B. Hayes, the 19th president of the United States.

What happened at the house that once stood at this site on October 4, 1822?

7. Near the Southeast corner of William and Sandusky Streets, a historical marker for the Old City Hall and Opera House is on display.

What happened here on February 24, 1934?

What was the original building used for?

What is this building used for today?

BONUS!

Pick one (or more) of the celebrity visitors and find out why they were famous.

John Phillips Sousa

Mark Twain

William McKinley

Carrie Nation

William Jennings Bryan

Vincente Minnelli

General Lew Wallace

Henry Ward Beecher

8. As you travel south on Sandusky Street, look on the Ohio Wesleyan Campus for a big brick building called Edwards Gym. When was this gym dedicated? What two sports were initially played in this gym?
9. On the other side of this marker is one for the Home of High School Basketball Tournament. When was the first tournament held in Edwards Gym? A county-wide high school basketball tournament was also held in this gym each year. How many Delaware County high schools were involved?

10. At 140 S. Washington St., on the northwest corner of S. Washington and Bernard Avenue, (just north of Woodward elementary School) is a Historical Marker for the Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Why is this church significant?

When was it organized?

When was the 1st church dedicated?

11. On the west side of Sandusky St., is Oak Grove Cemetery. How many acres is this plot of land? Name some famous Delawareans that are buried here.

12. South of Oak Grove Cemetery, on the west side of Sandusky Street, is the historical marker for Camp Delaware, two Union Army camps were established near this site, one on the west side of the Olenangy River and one on the east side.

Why were there two camps?

13. On the Ohio Wesleyan University's campus, there stands a yellow and white building known as Elliot's Hall. It was the first original building on OWU's campus.

When was OWU chartered? (When did OWU become a school?)

Who was allowed to attend?

14. The first football game Ohio State ever played was against Ohio Wesleyan University's football team at this campus site near Selby Field. (From the Selby Field entrance gate, cross the street and walk north towards St. Mary's Church. At the half-circle parking lot, turn left and follow the path toward the college.

When was the game played (date)?

What was the final score? OWU- _____ OSU- _____

15. The next marker is located off the sidewalk north of William St. between US 23 and the Olenangy River.

What happened in Delaware in March, 1913?

How many people lost their lives?

How many homes were destroyed?

The flood water level is identified on nearby buildings by a light blue circle.

See if you can locate these...

- _____ Library
- _____ Huntington Bank
- _____ Ohio Health Surgeon Specialists
- _____ Selby Field

Bonus: find the light blue circular markers at these locations-

- _____ NW corner of William St. and Little St. (across from the Nash House)
- _____ Winter St. bridge (north side)
- _____ City Hall (south entrance)
- _____ SW corner of Central Ave. and Union St. in front of Leroy's Service Center
- _____ on the front porch of a city owned building on William St. east of Co-Hatch

16. Delaware County was an Anti-Slavery stronghold during the 19th century. Locate this Historical Marker across the Street from St. Mary's Church, near the bike trail at the intersection of William St. and Route 23.

What was the Underground Railroad?

Name some Delaware County people who were involved with the Underground Railroad.

17. Now go to Mingo Park where a Historical Marker brings attention to two significant historical events that occurred near this site.

Site of Pluggy's Town

What was Pluggy's Town?

What American Indian tribes were known to have lived in this area?

Why did Cornstalk (a well-known American Indian Chief of this area) visit Pluggy's Town in September, 1776?

18. Cornstalk's Visit and The Negotiators' Escape

What does it mean to negotiate? What is a negotiator?

What might have happened to William Wilson and Joseph Nicholson if they had not left in the middle of the night?

CONGRATULATIONS!

You have completed the Delaware County Historical Society's Historical Marker Scavenger Hunt! To celebrate your hard-work and your gained knowledge, treat yourself to some delicious ice cream from a Delaware favorite that's close by!

On the NE corner of N. Liberty and Heffner St. you will find Dairy Depot. Enjoy!



<https://goo.gl/maps/vDnvaVvZvwZFUQnD8>

This map marks the general area of each marker. Have fun!

Answers:



1. harness
½ mile
Ensign Hanover
1946
winning driver of Ensign Hanover and in the Hall of Fame for harness racing
2. current year - 1939 = _____
3. Delaware Grape
4. 127th Ohio Volunteer Infantry and 5th United States Colored Troops
The Congressional Medal of Honor
5. Frederick Douglas and William Tecumseh Sherman
6. Rutherford B. Hayes was born
7. fire burned the building down
city administration offices, police department, jail, fire department,
2nd floor- auditorium for graduations and theater performances
city administration offices, city council meetings
8. February 22, 1906
basketball and track
9. 1910
12
10. it is the oldest congregation of African descent in Delaware

11. 80 acres

Moses Byxbe- founder of Delaware

parents of President Rutherford B. Hayes

Frank B. Willis- former Ohio Governor

Mary Campbell Townley' only two-time Miss America

fifteen unknown African-American soldiers from the Civil War

veterans of the American Revolutionary War

12. the west side was for white soldiers and the east side was for Black soldiers

13. March 7, 1842

Men

14. May 3, 1890

OWU- 14 OSU- 20

15. A flood

18

57

16. A system of loosely connected safe houses where those escaping the brutal conditions of slavery were fed, clothed, nursed, concealed, disguised, and instructed on their journey to freedom.

John McLure, Benjamin Bartholomew, Major, Bartholomew, William Cratty, John Cratty, Peggy Cratty

17. an Indian village of 300 inhabitants; Delaware, Mohawk, Shawnee, Wyandot and Mingo

18. to try to talk to the American Indians of this area to join forces with the

British obtain or bring about an agreement by discussion

a person who discusses an issue to bring about an agreement

they could have been captured and taken to a prison, and/or killed

THIS SITE IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION! (as of June 15, 2020)

- At the Delaware County courthouse on the west side of N. Sandusky St. near downtown Delaware at the intersection of Sandusky St. and Central Avenue, stands The Plum Orchard Historical Marker.
- The first Delaware County courthouse at this site was built in what year?
- What happened in 1858?

answer- 1816

answer - courthouse was demolished

Now stand on the Courthouse steps and look east.

What did Thomas Cellar see when he and his sons visited this site during the fall of 1802?

answer- springs, salt lick, vegetation plum orchard

What happened here on April 25, 2008? Why?

answer- historical plaque was dedicated

answer- to honor the native people who inhabited this land before the arrival of the settlers