

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 James 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**
Binghamton's Memorial Bridge was built in 1925 to accommodate increased traffic from the west side to the downtown area. It was intended to honor those who served in World War I. Over 9,000 veterans marched across it opening day.
- Skirmisher Monument**
“The Skirmisher” by Robert Aitken was dedicated in 1925 to the veterans of the Spanish-American War. It has been moved to various locations in this intersection at least three times. 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. The interior showcases a variety of hand-carved wood finishes. Gifted as a Museum in 1954 from a bequest made in Roberson's will sometime in the 1940's.
- 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**
Constructed in 1937, at a cost of \$400,000, in an Art Deco style design. A suspension “Ferry Street Bridge” was first constructed at this location c.1855. In 1897 it was replaced with an iron bridge which was then destroyed in the flood of 1935.
- F American Cigar Co. / Fair Store**
Four inter-locking buildings constructed 1870 to 1920 in a Victorian commercial brick style. It housed the headquarters for the American Cigar Company and a dry goods establishment among other commercial enterprises. The Fair Store began operating a furniture business in 1910.
- Court Street Bridge**
A toll bridge was built on this location in 1808, where Brownson's Ferry service once operated. It was rebuilt in 1825. A new bridge was constructed in 1865 after flood damage. In 1889, an iron bridge was constructed and re-constructed in 1948. The bridge was totally 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 Depot Street Warehouses**
These warehouses once housed several cigar manufacturers in the last half of the 19th century. They included; Reynolds & Munyon (est. 1884), Binghamton Cigar Co., F. B. Richards & Co. (est. 1887) and W. C. Bronson & Co. They have been renovated for commercial use and residential lofts.

I Lackawanna Station

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

Kilmer Factory

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

J Tompkins Street Bridge

There was a bridge originally constructed on this site in 1898 (abutments still visible). A new span was built in 1964 and is undergoing re-construction in 2006-2007.

K 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 but the City replaced it with an iron bridge in 1874. Recreational activities such as pleasure boating and rowing competitions took place here for many years. The bridge collapsed in 1903, along with a trolley. This 550 foot steel truss bridge opened the following year. Closed off in 1970, it was demolished in 2001.

L Exchange Street Bridge

A foot bridge was located at this location in 1874, followed by a few small span bridges. The existing 52 foot wide and 405 foot long steel span was constructed in 1902. In 1970, after a city worker tragically fell through the sidewalk, major reconstruction occurred.

BINGHAMTON HISTORIC BRIDGE PEDAL



Sunday, July 8, 2007
9:00am to 11:00am

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



Start & Finish at the South Washington Street Bridge

Ride length - 5.5 miles

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 \$5 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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Susquehanna Heritage Area, Broome County
& City of Binghamton

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