

# Landmark Key

## (A) South Washington Street Bridge

Designed by William O. Douglas in 1886. Longest triple parabolic bridge of its kind in the U.S.

## (B) Confluence Park

General James Clinton and his Colonial Army was encamped here en route to meet General John Sullivan during the Revolutionary War campaign against the Iroquois in 1779.

## (C) Memorial Bridge

Built in 1925 to accommodate increased traffic from the west side to downtown. Four bridge-corner plaques honor those who served in World War I.

## (D) Court Street Bridge

In 1808 a toll bridge replaced the ferry service. A new bridge was constructed in 1865 and then an iron bridge in 1889. Existing bridge was rebuilt in 1970 and restored in 2006.

## (E) Tyler Park

During the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Tyler Park ran along the Chenango River adjacent to Wall Street. A planned memorial to the victims of the 2009 American Civic Association tragedy will be located on the southeast corner.

## (F) East Clinton Street Bridge

John A. Roebling designed a "Ferry Street" suspension bridge c.1855. The existing Art Deco style bridge was built in 1937 after an 1897 iron bridge was destroyed in the 1935 flood.

## (G) 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. Bus operations were at this site until 1984.

## (H) Cheri A. Lindsey Park

In 1984, Stow Park was renamed Cheri A. Lindsey Park in remembrance of Cheri, age 12, who was murdered that year while collecting for her Evening Press paper route. The Lindsey's have worked to make the park a safe and fun environment for children.

## (I) Bevier Street Bridge

Opened in 1965 as part of the Interstate 81 development, it replaced a metal truss bridge originally at DeForest Street.

## (J) Otsiningo Park

This site was home to Native Americans until the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Several excavations in the area have revealed many artifacts. Built by the NYS Department of Transportation, Broome County assumed the 84 acre park in 1977. Otsiningo Park is one of the most popular parks in the region and hosts the annual Spiedie Fest and Balloon Rally.

## (K) Lackawanna Station

1900-01 Richardsonian Romanesque. Built ten years after the Lackawanna Railroad Company started rail service through Binghamton. Company later merged with other lines.

## (L) Greyhound Bus Station

1938 Art Moderne Deco structure that continues to operate as a regional bus terminus. In 2010, after extensive renovations, it expanded operations as an inter-modal transportation hub.

## (M) John F. Kennedy Memorial Centennial Plaza

Edward N. Wilson, Jr., former Chair of the Binghamton University Art Department designed the plaza and monument. The triangle shaped park was dedicated in 1969 and the plaza area was reconstructed in 2009.

## (N) 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.

## (O) Webster Street Park

Developed in the mid-1950's to provide recreational facilities for residents in an adjacent public housing complex and a rapidly-expanding south side neighborhood.

## (P) Rockbottom Bridge site

A toll bridge was built here in 1862 and replaced by an iron bridge in 1874. Bridge collapsed with a street trolley in 1903. A steel truss bridge was constructed in 1904 and demolished in 2001.

## (Q) Exchange Street Bridge

An original 1874 "foot bridge" was replaced by two bridges before this steel span was constructed in 1902. It has undergone major renovations with over a century of use.

## (R) Veteran's Park and Memorial Garden

In 1915, Binghamton acquired this land which was originally planned as an extension of the Chenango Canal. Numerous memorials are located throughout the park including one that honors the man who saved a copper leaf beech tree in the park.



Sunday, July 11, 2010  
9:00am to 11:00am



Join the family fun with a  
police-escorted bike tour around  
downtown Binghamton and  
river corridor areas.

Ride length - 10 miles

Start & Finish at the  
South Washington Street Bridge

Rain or shine.  
**Bike Helmets are required**

# Registration

- Pre-registration fee is \$2 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, across the landmark bridges, see historic sites and rest at local parks.
  - Street parking is available on Conklin Avenue and in the McKinney Real Estate parking lot (21 South Washington St.).
  - Tour guides from several transportation, cultural, historic, and community organizations will be at the event to speak about these special historic bridges, local parks and City landmark places.
  - Visit the Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study (BMTS) website at [www.bmtsonline.com](http://www.bmtsonline.com) for further information.

# Rules

- All ride participants **must wear a bicycle helmet** and the Binghamton 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 Binghamton Bridge Pedal ride.
  - Stay with the ride group and follow the police escort.
  - Remember to stay hydrated.

**Bridge Pedal Partners:**  
Binghamton Metropolitan Transportation Study,  
Preservation Association of the Southern Tier,  
Susquehanna Heritage Area, Broome County  
& City of Binghamton

# BINGHAMTON BRIDGE PEDAL

