



HANOVER'S HISTORY

The town of Hanover in York County, Pennsylvania was laid out in 1763 around a hub of five radiating streets which led to towns and cities in southern Pennsylvania and in Maryland (Abbottstown Rd., Baltimore St., Carlisle St., Frederick St., and York St.). This prime location at the prominent center of commerce provided goods and services to scores of travelers.

Railroads brought further economic well-being to the town and its prominence as a trade center increased. Industries anxious to take advantage of this profitable access to outlying markets began to locate along the railroad tracks in Hanover. This economic boom prompted railroad activity and Hanover entered into its golden age period of building construction during the late-nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

As a continued hub of industry, Hanover is the second-largest community in York County, and is continuously growing. With consistent growth and development, many new neighborhoods as well as commercial areas surrounding the downtown continue to be built and expand the Hanover community.

USING THIS MAP - ABOUT OUR WALKING TRAIL

We encourage you to walk the steps of history to read more about the Battle of Hanover and other compelling stories that unfolded here in Hanover, Pennsylvania.



Storytelling Each storyboard was carefully created to feel history first-hand through others' experiences through many eras, including the Civil War.

Where to start? Some visitors will best enjoy walking the trail as marked, however you are able to start anywhere on the trail and will still be able to understand the troop movement in Hanover, PA.

Hanover Stories As our Heart of Hanover Trail program grows, we look forward to adding storyboards from other time periods. Additional stories and context can be found on the Main Street Hanover website.

SHARE WITH US AND MAKE YOUR OWN HISTORY

As you walk the Heart of Hanover Trail, we encourage you to share your experiences with us using hashtags #heartofhanover #hanoverhistory #civilwartrails and tag us at @mainstreethanover @civilwartrails @hanoverhistory.

EXPERIENCE DOWNTOWN HANOVER

Whether it's your first time visiting or you've lived here all your life, downtown Hanover is full of unique eats, exciting retail, and libations for all palettes. Famous hot dogs shops, micro-breweries, and unbeatable shopping are all found right downtown. Visit your friendly coffee shop before starting your walking trail. Stop for lunch as you follow the trail of the Union Cavalry. End your travels with a dinner experience you won't forget. All easily accessible from the trail sites. Learn more by visiting our website.



If you are looking for more to do and see in Hanover visit www.discoverhanoverpa.org for everything you need to know about Hanover!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO USE OUR INTERACTIVE MAP!
www.mainstreethanover.org

If you are interested in learning more about our stories, please visit our online interactive map. You'll be able to read additional information about each marker. We offer suggested itineraries and recommended walking routes based on interests.

CIVIL WAR TRAILS

Civil War Trails connects visitors with the great campaigns and lesser-known sites of the Civil War. Their signature signs and distinctive red bugle guide visitors as they follow in the footsteps of the generals, soldiers, citizens, and the enslaved who found themselves in the midst of this great struggle.

Heart of Hanover Trail is proud to feature four Civil War Trail markers. These markers connect our stories with over 1,400 sites throughout the country. Visitors can follow the bugle throughout the sites that hold the history of the Civil War.



For more information on how you can experience the Civil War through stories, visit www.civilwartrails.org

Heart of Hanover Trail is presented by Main Street Hanover, Inc. with support from local historians, writers, the Guthrie Memorial Public Library, and Hanover Area Historical Society.

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TOUR
GUIDE



Main Street Hanover is dedicated to expanding the economic capacity of downtown Hanover, improving the business environment, enhancing the quality of place, and increasing community synergy.

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HEART OF HANOVER

- A** — Commons on Locomotives
- A** — Working on the Railroad
- B** — Hanover's Underground Railroad Conductors
- C** — Trailblazing Writers Leader, Long, and Prowell
- D** — Hospitality before Hostility
- F** — Search and Destroy, Hide and Seek
- G** — Center of the Storm
- H** — Stuart's Fruitless Odyssey
- I** — Heroics of the Union Cavalry
- J** — Profiles in Union Cavalry Courage
- K** — Warehime-Myers Mansion
- L** — Aftermath and Stench of Death
- M** — Warfare Engulfs Downtown
- N** — Titans of Hanover Industry
- P** — Union Strikes Back
- Q** — High Noon in Hanover

CIVIL WAR TRAILS

- A** — Lincoln in Hanover
- H** — Confederates Invade Free Soil
- K** — Hanover's Healing Touch
- P** — Fate of the Nation

PLACES OF INTEREST

- A** — Guthrie Memorial Public Library
- E** — Neas House
- K** — Hanover Area History Museum
- O** — Hanover Market House
- R** — Lincoln Plaque