

# HISTORICAL TOUR MAP POINTS OF INTEREST



**Suggested starting location:**  
**Manchester Area Historical Society Kingsley-Jenter House**  
**302 E. Main St.**  
*(suggested parking in Chi-Bro Park)*

As part of the 2017 Manchester Sesquicentennial Celebration, eight Historic Plaques were installed in and near downtown Manchester. Each of these plaques provides a variety of information on the history, persons, buildings and events associated with that location.

The plaque information graphic files can be downloaded from [www.manchestermi.org](http://www.manchestermi.org).

PLAQUE NUMBER	LOCATION	SUBJECT
<b>A</b>	NW corner, M-52 and Main St.	Life on a Manchester Corner
<b>B</b>	North side, Main St. (downtown)	Exchange Place
<b>C</b>	Wurster Park, north side, Main St.	Village Green
<b>D</b>	N. Washington St.	The Old Burying Ground
<b>E</b>	South side, Main St. (downtown)	The Manchester Hotel
<b>F</b>	S. Clinton St.	Kirk Park
<b>G</b>	South side, Main St. (downtown)	The Founding of Manchester
<b>H</b>	Chi-Bro Park	The Railroads



## Other points of interest along the historic plaque walking route:

- 1** River Raisin Dam and Mill Pond – where Manchester was founded in 1833
- 2** Goodyear Hall/Arbeiter Building (1867), 138-144 E. Main
- 3** Unterkircher Building (1866), 128-130 E. Main
- 4** Fountain-Bessac House (1842), 102 W. Main
- 5** John Van Duyn House (1872), 112 W. Main
- 6** Former Presbyterian/Methodist Church (1880), 122 W. Main
- 7** Old Burying Ground (1834), N. Washington St.
- 8** James Lynch House (1867), 202 W. Main
- 9** St. Mary Roman Catholic Church (1911), 210 W. Main
- 10** Emanuel United Church of Christ (1883), 324 W. Main
- 11** Fargo House (1834), 121 W. Main
- 12** Cash- Armstrong House (1835), 106 S. Washington
- 13** A. J. Waters "Castle House" (1909), 201 W. Duncan
- 14** Mat Blosser House (1840s), 203 S. Washington
- 15** Old Township/Village Hall (1887), 120 S. Clinton
- 16** Reh fuss and Kapp Building (1882), 109-111 E. Main
- 17** Black Sheep Tavern (1873), 115 E. Main



Historical Plaque Sample - Village Green

- 18** Union Bank Building (1894), 135 E. Main
- 19** Manchester Mill, 201 E. Main (oldest continuously operating mill in Michigan until 1981 closure)
- 20** Keffuss Building, oldest brick building on east side of river (1860), 237 E. Main
- 21** Kingsley-Jenter House, MAHS headquarters (1904), 302 E. Main

# Village of Manchester

## Historical Tour Map



# MANCHESTER HISTORICAL and SCENIC Walking Tours

Manchester, MI 48158  
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Main Street Exchange Place 1880

Downtown Manchester



Dam and River

Village Green

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## Scenic Walking Tour #1 – North and East Side

Begin at **Chi-Bro Park** parking lot (209 Ann Arbor St. (M-52), just north of Main Street). Cross M-52 to visit the River Raisin Park, its pathways and overlook deck on the River Raisin. Continue walking north along M-52. Observe historic post-Civil War homes along both sides of M-52. Walk up 0.5 miles to Dutch Drive, then cross M-52 and continue east down Dutch Drive 0.8 miles to Hibbard Street. Turn south on Hibbard and walk 0.2 miles to Main Street, then turn west. While walking down Main Street, you will pass by many of Manchester's historic old homes, the Blacksmith Shop, and the MAHS Kingsley-Jenter House at the corner of M-52 and Main Street. Turn north and return to Chi-Bro Park starting point. **Total distance: 2.4 miles.**



## Scenic Walking Tour #2 – South Side

Begin at the **Manchester Village Hall/Library** lower parking lot (912 City Road – M-52). View the River Raisin, dam and rapids on the north side of City Road behind the village hall, as well as the historic Ford Plant equipment in the village hall lobby. Continue walking along City Road west approximately 0.8 miles, while viewing many classic homes along this route. You will also pass by the 1930s architecture of the Ackerson Building on the north side, the former Manchester High School. When you reach the intersection of M-52 and Main Street, turn east on Main Street and walk to Hibbard Street (0.6 miles), while viewing many of Manchester's historic homes. At Hibbard, turn south and walk 0.3 miles to starting point. **Total distance: 1.7 miles.**



121 W. Main - Fargo Home - Village Green

# SCENIC WALKING TOUR MAP



**RED** : SCENIC WALKING TOUR #1  
**BLUE** : SCENIC WALKING TOUR #2

**ORANGE** : SCENIC WALKING TOUR #3  
**-----** : MANCHESTER SHARED USE TRAIL

## Scenic Walking Tour #3 – West Side

Begin at **Wurster Park** (Manchester's "Village Green"), 215 W. Main Street. Walk north on Macomb Street 0.1 miles to junction with River Raisin – "Railroad Street". Walk the former railbed road along the river (now the Manchester Shared-Use Trail) west 0.1 miles to Union Street, then continue west down the Shared-Use Trail 0.4 miles to its end. Return to the Union Street junction, then turn northwest and continue 0.3 miles down Union Street to the Washtenaw County Leonard Preserve. Maps are available to guide you in various routes within the Leonard Preserve.

Return to the Union Street/trail junction, continue east 0.1 miles along the trail bed to Washington Street, then continue 0.2 miles east along the trail to the Manchester Mill Pond. Continue down the trail path to Madison Street, then turn west one block to Clinton Street, turn south one block, then continue west down Main Street one block to return to Wurster Park. You will observe many of Manchester's oldest homes and churches in this original part of the village. **Total distance: 2.0 miles**

(NOTE: Portions of the trail east of Washington Street are being constructed in 2018).

## Scenic Walking Tour #4 – Manchester Shared-Use Trail

(NOTE: Portions of the trail east of Washington Street and east of Main Street are under construction in 2018).

The **Manchester Shared-Use Trail** is designed to traverse a former railbed through the center of the village. The **west section** runs from the west Village limits adjacent to the Leonard Preserve, then alongside the River Raisin between Union Street and Washington Street, and then east to the west side of the Manchester Mill Pond. A connector route will link the east end of this segment to Madison Street. These segments are constructed of compacted stone. **Total length is 0.7 miles.**



The **center section** begins at the east side of the Manchester Mill Pond north of the River Raisin Park, crosses M-52, and enters the south side of Chi-Bro Park. It runs through the park to Main Street on its east end. This segment is composed of an asphalt surface. **Total length is 0.5 miles.**

The **east section** begins at Main Street, and travels east to the eastern Village limits at the River Ridge condominiums. This segment is composed of compacted stone. **Total length is 0.6 miles.**



Be sure to notice our "Walk Your City" campaign signs around the downtown and parks areas. These signs promote the walkability of our town, and provide QR code maps to different locations.