

1 **The City Parking Lot** is a good starting place but you can follow the numbers on the map in any order you wish. The dam on the Saranac River near Bridge St. once provided mill power to manufacturers. Logs from the county were also collected here. As you continue crossing Bridge St. you will see City Hall.

2 **City Hall*** is a Roman temple-like building and on the National Register. Loyal Smith donated \$200,000 for construction of a City Hall for Plattsburgh. The building was completed in 1917. City Hall and the Macdonough Monument were made of Indiana limestone. The architect for both was John Russell Pope, who also designed the National Archives and the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C. Prior to 1917 on this site there was a retail store and the first building of St. John's Catholic Church. The rotunda of City Hall is enlivened by colorful murals painted by Peter Charlap in 1985. They depict the history of the area from its legendary beginning to the present and are well worth a visit. Open weekdays.

3 **Macdonough Monument**,* was built in 1926 to honor Commodore Thomas Macdonough's victory over the British Sept 11, 1814 in the Battle of Plattsburgh. The four sides of the monument represent the ships of Macdonough's fleet: Saranac, Ticonderoga, Preble and Eagle. Open on special occasions.

4 **Smith Weed Bridge*** was built for easy road access to what was called the "Point". In 1974 the bridge was abruptly removed by the D&H to allow Amtrak's dome cars to pass. The existing bridge was completed in 1978. (The first bridge had several nick names: Humpback, Humpty Dumpty and Tickle Belly Bridge.)

5 **Smith Weed House*** at 1 Cumberland Ave. was built in 1860 by John Totman, a lumber merchant. The most prominent owner of this house was Smith M. Weed, a state politician and wealthy businessman who had interests in the Chateaugay Ore and Iron Co. and the Railroad. The American Legion occupied the house until a fire partially destroyed the building. In 1991 it was reconstructed and is the new home of a local law firm.

6 **Sailly House**,* 3 Cumberland Ave.* was built in 1795 by Peter Sailly, a Plattsburgh pioneer and the first customs agent. He was from Lorraine, France. The house is still occupied by a descendant of Peter Sailly.

7 **Booth House**,* at 7 Cumberland Ave. was built by John H. Booth, elected Surrogate Judge, in 1895. This house is an example of Colonial Revival Style.

8 **Davidson House**,* 9 Cumberland Ave. was built in 1800. Dr. Oliver Davidson and his two famous poetess daughters Lucretia and Margaret, lived in the house. The daughters both died before they were 18 years old.

9 **Kent Delord House Museum*** at 17 Cumberland Ave. is one of the oldest federal period structures in Plattsburgh, built in 1797. The museum exhibits different periods of the 19th century in 2 year phases. Special events and exhibits are presented throughout the year. Hours & admission: Tuesday - Saturday:

(Guided tours only) 12:00, 1:30, 3:00p and by appointment. Adults: \$3.00; Children under 12: \$1.00. Senior Citizens: \$2.00; group rate: \$35.00. Telephone: 518-561-1035

10 **Champlain Monument*** at RiverWalk Park, was a gift from France in 1909 celebrating the tercentenary (300 yr.) of Samuel de Champlain's discovery of Lake Champlain in 1609. President William Howard Taft and many dignitaries from France were present for the dedication. Celebrations went on for days at Plattsburgh Barracks and Hotel Champlain, now Clinton Community College.

11 **Railroad Bridge*** at RiverWalk. The first train crossed here in 1856.

12 **Walk Bridge*** at RiverWalk, was built in the late 1930s and now leads to a picnic area, fishing access and pedestrian walking paths.

13 **Small Boat Launch*** at RiverWalk Park by the mouth of the Saranac River, years ago, was a great place to catch salmon. It is still a favorite place for spring fishing of Northern Pike (etc). Lake Champlain has over 56 species of fish, and salmon are again being caught here.

14 **Lions Club**,* outdoor entertainment stage. Features concerts in the summer.

15 **Trinity Park**,* formerly Market Square, is again used as a farmers' and crafters' market place in the summer. At the west end is the Gold Star Mothers' memorial monument.

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DOWNTOWN PLATTSBURGH
Enjoy the RiverWalk Park, Historic Monuments, Museums, The Library, Art Galleries, Boat Tours, Churches, and Shopping. Enjoy eating in a family style, fast food, or gourmet restaurant, **RiverWalk Park*** is a pleasant pathway in downtown Plattsburgh along the banks of the Saranac River with magnificent vistas overlooking Lake Champlain. It begins at the Champlain Monument and extends to Bridge St. The park offers an opportunity to sit, relax, walk or jog the exercise trail. Grassy slopes invite you to play and picnic. The outdoor Lions Club entertainment stage features concerts during the summer. Plattsburgh has many resources and is rich in history. This sketch just skims the surface of what the downtown has to offer.

16 **Trinity Episcopal Church**,* at Trinity Square, is the oldest church building built in 1830. Downtown Plattsburgh had a great fire in 1867; this church survived. Rev John Hopkins, a rector, was the author of "We Three Kings Of Orient Are". Services-Sat. 5:00p, Sun. 8:00a, 10:00a.

17 **Old Court House**,* Margaret & Court St. was built in 1889. It has unique Romanesque features, including the heavy arched doorway, rough stone-work in various colors and brick-work.

18 **County Government Center**,* Margaret & Cornelia St. was built in the 1970s and is the County Seat.

19 **Clinton County Historical Museum**,* at 48 Court St. was built in 1805 and is the new home of the County Historical Museum. Its exhibits interpret the area's history from earliest recorded time (1600) to the present time through its collection of maps, furniture, domestic and agricultural implements. Special rotating exhibits are presented.

Hours & admission: Open daily year around 1-4pm, except on Wednesday and Thursdays. Closed public holidays. Self-guided tours. Group tours can be arranged. Handicap access available. Adults \$2.00 Children 12 & under \$1.00, Seniors \$1.50. For more information call: 561-0340.

20 **First Baptist Church**,* Court & Oak St. was organized in 1878. The original church built in 1881, burned in 1931. A new church was dedicated in 1932. Worship: Sun 10:00a.

21 **DAR House**,* corner of Oak & Cornelia St was built in 1840 by Frederick Miller and given to the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1934.

22 **Plattsburgh Public Library**,* 15 Oak St, was originally The Plattsburgh Academy and later Plattsburgh High School. After extensive renovation and rebuilding financed with WPA funds, The library opened in 1940. The Children's Room was added in 1979. The library houses a fine local history collection, an art gallery, and has more than 103,000 volumes of books. Library Hours: Mon. 9a-8p, Tues. 9a-5p, Wed. 9a-8p, Thurs. 9a-8p, Fri. 9a-5p, Sat. 9a-5p, Children's Room 9a-12....1p-5p weekdays, Sat. 9a-5p

23 **YMCA*** was built in 1909 and has had several additions and renovations.

24 **First Presbyterian Church**,* 34 Brinkerhoff St. is the oldest church organization in Clinton County (1790). The original church was completed in 1816. Before it was finished it was used as barracks during the Battle of Plattsburgh in 1814. It burned in 1867 and was rebuilt in the 1870's. Worship service: Sun. 10:00a. Korean Worship Sun 2:00p.

25 **Federal Building**,* was originally built to serve as the Post Office which moved to Miller St

26 **Plattsburgh Middle School**,* 59 Broad St. was the site of "The Home for the Friendless", the first orphanage in northern New York. It was also the former location of the high school. The present building was built in the 1960s.

27 **St John's Roman Catholic Church**,* 20 Broad was organized in 1827. The first church site was where C Hall is located. In 1842 it was dedicated as the "Irish Church". The present church was built between 1868 & 1873. An Italian marble altar was ordered for the church, but sunk with the Titanic. Masses: Mon-Sat: 7:30a, Mon. -Fri. 12:05p, Sat. 4:30p, Sun. 7:30, 10:00a, 5:15p

28 **Downtown Margaret St.*** has been the hub of shopping for many years. Disaster struck twice, in 1848 and 1867, with notable fires in downtown. Most buildings standing today were built after 1867.

29 **Council on the Arts of Clinton County**,* 60 Bridge St. features various local artists in its Gallery. The coordinate the arts of Clinton County. Tickets for many local performances are available here. For information call 563-5222.

30 **Benjamin Mooers House*** 106 Bridge was the home of Commander Benjamin Mooers, leader of the New York militia in 1812-1814. A cannon ball is still embedded in an interior wall of this house.

31 **D&H Railroad Station**,* Lower Bridge St. is a fine example of Victorian architecture built in 1876 on a reclaimed swamp. The building had steam heat, electricity, ticket office, baggage room and a lunch room. Plattsburgh was known as the Gateway City. The building at present is owned privately. On the first level is a railroad ticket office with waiting room and an art studio.

32 **Foquet House*** at 130 Bridge St. was built in 1865. It was originally a three story hotel owned by Adirondack Hotelier Paul Smith. The hotel catered to the wealthy Adirondack seekers coming by rail or steamboat. It is now privately owned and converted to apartments.

33 **Docks**,* brought the age of sail and steamship to the north country. A marina and boat tour company now occupy the waterfront.

34 **Lowell or Bowen House*** at 22 Macomb St. was built by Samuel Lowell in 1815 as a second story square home. It was believed financed with stolen British gold. In 1865, Shepard Bowen added a third story, a chapel and the curved sloping Mansard roof. This area is called "Old Plattsburgh" and many of the homes remain well cared for by private owners.

Oak St.

Couch St.
23
YMCA

Plattsburgh Public Library
Clinton, Essex, Franklin
Library
22
Robert S. Long
Apartments
Oak St.

Oak St.

Oak St.
21
D&R House

Clayton Ct.

Broad St.
26
St. John's Catholic Church

Division St.
29
Federal Building

Brinkerhoff St.
24
1st Presbyterian Church

Clinton St.
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1st Baptist Church
County Court Library
Parking

Court St.
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Clinton County Historical Museum
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Government Center

Cornelia St.
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D&R House
Margaret St.
Senior Citizens Council

Clayton Ct.

Broad St.
Social Services & Health Dept.

Durkee St.
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Margaret St.

City Hall Place
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Trinity Pl.
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Trinity Episcopal
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City Hall
Cornelia St.

Miller St.
Press-Republican
Margaret St.
Senior Citizens Council

Broad St.

Saranac River
City Parking
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Council on the Arts CC
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Charlotte St.

Bridge St.
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RiverWalk Park
Lions Outdoor Stage
Macdonough Monument
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Trinity Park
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Trinity Episcopal
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City Hall
City Hall Place

Post Office
Sally Ave.
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Sally House
Discover
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Booth House
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Davidson House
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Kent DeLond House Museum
Chamberlain

Macomb St.
3A
Power House

Penit St.
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Regimental Moore's House
Bridge St.

Green St.
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Small Boat Launch
Walk Bridge
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RiverWalk Park
Champlain Monument
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Champlain Monument
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Champlain Monument

Chamberlain
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Bridge St.
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Toquet House

Macdonough St.
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Regimental Moore's House
Bridge St.
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Tour Boat
Docks
Boat Tours

Green St.
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RiverWalk Park
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