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WLING the Greenways GREET

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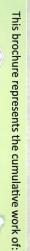
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To develop a network of walking and biking pathways that bring the community and nature together.

MISSION STATEMENT







Bowling Green



twenty-three historic locations throughout the City of Bowling Green that are located along greenways or bicycle paths. This tour features interpretive markers at

### THROUGH TIME A WALK

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A tour of HISTORIC BOWLING GREEN
Along the Greenways

# Louisville & Nashville Railroad Depot Traveling by train was exciting. Steam powered locomotives meant a new age for passengers and freight. After nine years of construction, the Louisville and Nashville Railroad made its first run through Bowling Green in 1859. It took only thirteen hours to travel by train from Louisville to Nashville. Cities and towns actively pursued rail companies to ensure that their town was located along the tracks.

The L&N's Debut—1859

Hub to the World

Over the years, Bowling Green's citizens pleaded with the L & N for a new station. One newspaper wrote, "Bowling Green wants a new depot, and the good Lord knows it's a modest request." The large, impressive depot built with local oolitic limestone opened in 1925; the architect

Railroad shops and a depot occupied the rail yard just as the Civil War began. In February 1862, as the Confederates departed and Union troops shelled the city, the depot burned with the rest of the railroad buildings. The small, hastily built replacement depot soon became dilapidated.

employed classical details to illustrate the railroad's importance.









In 1979, passenger service at the depot ended as automobiles became the primary mode of transportation. The community joined forces to restore the depot after it sat vacant and deteriorated. The Historic RailPark opened in 2002 and the Train Museum in 2007.





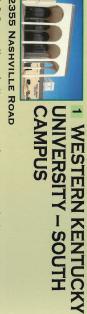








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## <sup>2</sup> CEDAR RIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD

AT WKU SOCCER FIEL

his sign discusses the development of the Cedar Ridge Neighborhood from a farm to one of Bowling Green's earliest suburbs. Architect James Ingram igned many of the houses in this neighborhood.



3 WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY – MAIN CAMPUS



HISTORIC DISTRICT

Western Kentucky University was home to several educational institutions before WKU and has multiple structures listed in the National Register of Historic Places. This sign provides a brief history of the development of higher education in Warren County.

he College Hill Historic District contains an intact collection of houses representing popular architectural styles. It is listed as a National Register toric District and as a Local Historic District.



### **5 FOUNTAIN SQUARE**

DOWNTOWN BOWLING GREEN

Countain Square is the historic heart of the city of Bowling Green. Fountain Square gives Bowling Green its special character and charm, attracting residents and visitors to its many shops and the shaded park.



### RESERVOIR HILL PARK

D OF MAIN AVENUE

his marker at Reservoir Hill, historically known as "College Hill" and sometimes referred to as "Hospital Hill" describes the history of the water works and the hospital.



### AUTOMOTIVE DISTRICT (CIRCUS SQUARE PARK)

STREET AND 6TH AVENUE

This sign discusses the impact of the automobile on the landscape of Bowling Green. Information about the three buildings in the National Register listed Modern Auto District is provided as well as information about the Dixie Highway.



#### STREET (HERITAGE TRAIL) 8 LOWER COLLEG

OLLEGE STREET

"he Cecilia Memorial Presbyterian Church was constructed in the late 1840s. Read this sign to learn about the history of the church and Ora Francis rter, one of the first registered nurses in Kentucky, who lived on Lower



### 9 LOUISVILLE AND NASHVILLE RAILROAD DEPOT

The historic L&N Depot opened in 1925. Read this marker to learn about the history of the railroad in Bowling Green. Today the site is the home of the listoric Railpark and Train Museum.



TRENCH (ROLAND BLAND PARK)

This sign discusses the Civil War Rifle Trench that extended from the L & N railroad tracks to the middle of the Roland Bland Park in downtown



18 JENNINGS CREEK (PRESTON MILLER PARK)



his marker explains the significance of the defensive stockade built by the Union Army for the L & N Trestle on the Big Barren River.

ennings Creek was an important settlement area for Warren County. This marker talks about the families who settled here and the importance of the unty's waterways in shaping the development of the region.



### 12 FORT BAKER -RIVERFRONT (WELDON PEETE PARK)

ort Baker is a stop on the Civil War Discovery Trail and can be seen from the junction of these two parks. This marker explains the role of the fort and ts strategic placement.



#### 13 NATCHER FOOTBRIDGE

BEHIND KROGERS AT 350 W. 31 W BYPASS

20 BOWLING GREEN WHARF AND BOATLANDING

Historic Places. This sign talks about the interesting and athletic Hobson Family who started building this house before the Civil War and lived in it for

Riverview at Hobson Grove is a historic hound museum listed in the National Register

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RIVERVIEW AT HOBSON GROVE

19 THE HOBSON FAMILY

This Natcher Footbridge honors William Huston Natcher, who served as U.S. Congressman for Kentucky's second district for 41 years. Read this marker to learn more about Congressman Natcher.



14 THREE CEMETERIES

Othe main transportation hub in Bowling Green. For many of many types arrived here at the boatlanding with goods, passengers. A portage railroad delivered freight from this site to

services and

efore the advent of the railroad and modern highways, this location was the main transportation hub in Bowling Green. For many years, boats

his portion of the Greenway passes between the junctions of three historic cemeteries — Mt. Moriah, Fairview and St. Joseph Cemeteries. Read this rker to understand the history and significance of each.



FORT UNDERWOOD (KEREIAKES PARK)

■ the 1890s as a mission church by the Presbyterian congregation. talks about the history of the church and the Delafield community.

This treasure of a church, Delafield's Little Rock Church, was constructed in the 1890s as a mission church by the Presbyterian congregation. This sign

ROCK CHURCH AND
THE DELAFIELD
COMMUNITY

his sign discusses the Civil located near Kereiakes Park. Civil War history of Fort Underwood and Mt. Ayr



### 16 LOVERS LANE (LOVERS LANE SOCCER PARK)

overs Lane not too long ago really was a place for courting couples to escape to - a rural dirt road lined by trees and farms. This marker talks about the ent of this area.



### 17 LOST RIVER CAVE AND VALLEY

marker discusses the role that Lost River Cave played during the Civil



### 23 ST. JOSEPH'S HISTORIC DISTRICT

'he Boatlanding is a stop on the Civil War Discovery Trail. The interpretive marker here talks about a Civil War Hospital that was located nearby. This all park beside the river offers opportunities for fishing, boating and picnics.

ES BOATLANDING, BOATLANDING ROAD

22 CIVIL WAR HOSPITAL CENTER (HINES PARK)

416 CHURCH STREET AND SURROUNDING STREETS

he St. Joseph's Historic District was arly industrial working class neighborhoods do by mostly Irish immigrants who were oyed by the L & N Railroad. The architectura

history of the district and the church of the district is St. Joseph's Church. This marker prov

