

Bicycle Breakthroughs

1817 The draisine is invented in Germany. First called the “running machine,” it is a wooden, hobby horse style bike propelled by one’s own feet.

1860s French inventors add pedals, attaching them to the front wheel. This is the first use of the term “bicycle,” but many people call the wooden bikes “boneshakers.”

1869 Solid rubber tires are first used.

1870s Penny-farthings (high-wheeled bicycles) become popular and allow for faster, smoother cycling.

1870s The unicycle is invented.

1885 The safety bicycle (resembling today’s bike) revolutionizes biking with equal-sized wheels and a chain drive.

1933 The cruiser bike, with its wide tires and comfortable saddle, is first sold.

1960s Racing bikes are introduced, as are banana seat bikes.

1970s Mountain bikes first originated.

Post photos of your visit to Instagram, using the hashtag #connellvillebikes.

Thank you to those individuals, businesses, and organizations who contributed bikes and helped to organize the exhibit! We share in your passion for trails and cycling.

This is an event of Downtown Connellsville, an initiative of the Fayette County Cultural Trust. Learn more at www.downtownconnellsville.org



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Learn more about the history of bicycles:

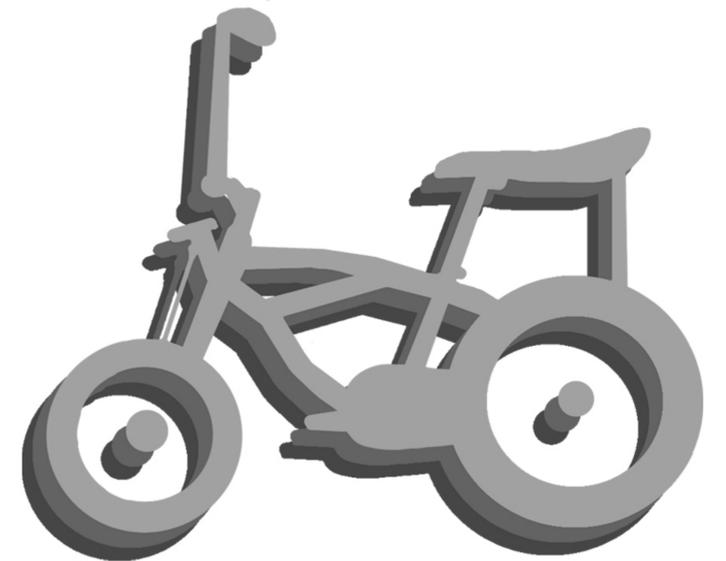


Bananas for Bikes

Connellsville Vintage

Bike Exhibit

July 1- October 17, 2021



In celebration of cycling – and the once ubiquitous banana seat – Downtown Connellsville is hosting a town-wide vintage bike exhibit. We can’t promise a banana seat bike at every location, but you will delight in the variety of bikes on display at downtown locations.

This is a self-guided tour. There is no cost to visit the sites.

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How to Tour:

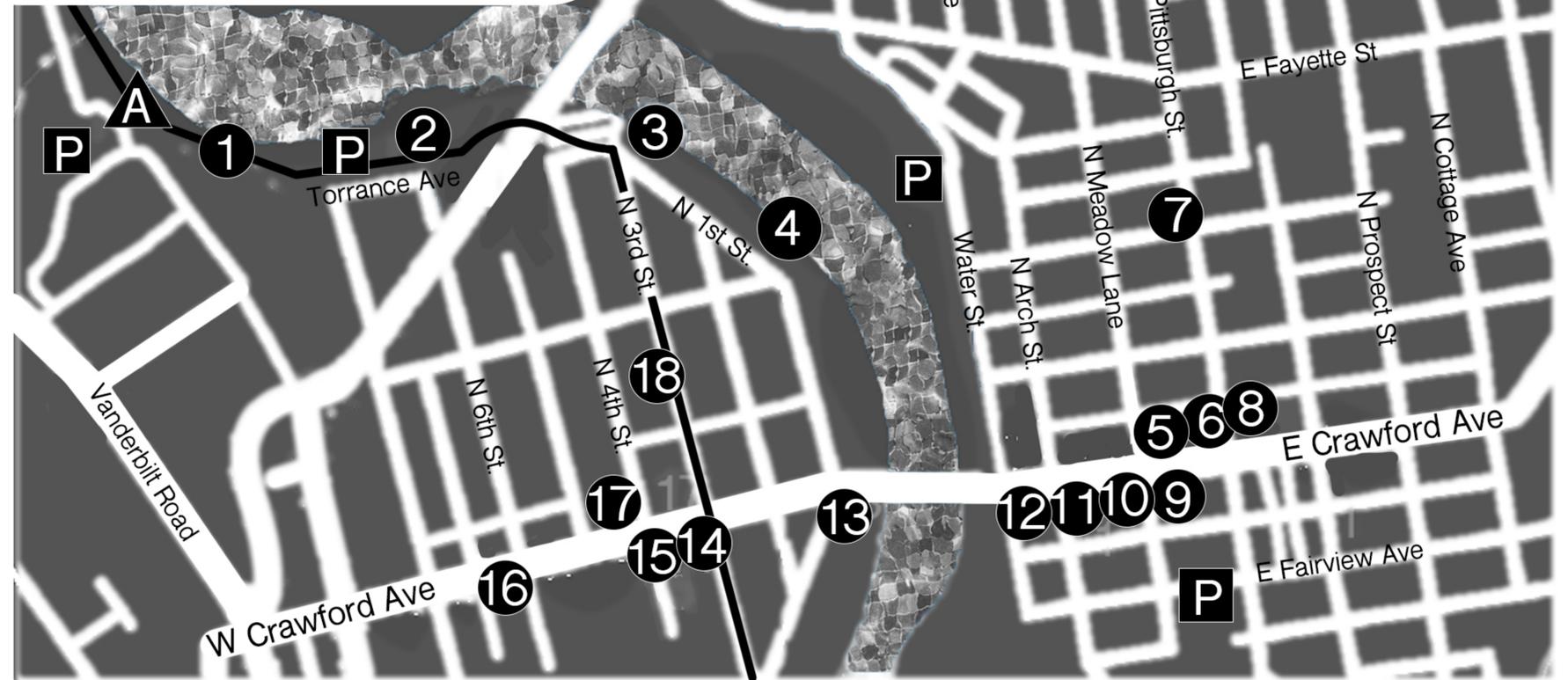
1. This self-guided tour begins and ends along the Great Allegheny Passage in Connellsville's West Side. Follow the route or visit the sites in any way that is convenient for you. Descriptions of the bikes are available at each location.

2. Stops 1-18 are located either on the trail or in the central business district. The final two sites are best reached by car. Please exercise caution (using crosswalks and obeying the rules of the road/trail) in accessing tour sites.

3. Enjoy! Thank you for spending time in Downtown Connellsville.

Note: Most bikes can be viewed seven days a week, but a few can only be seen during business hours.

- A - Great Allegheny Passage
 - GAP Trail
 - P - Parking
- *Sites 19 and 20 are best reached by car*



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| 1. Pollinator Bike
GAP trail access area
Hosting: Connellsville Garden Club
Note: Others around town | 6. Penny-Farthing Replica
110 W. Crawford Ave.
Hosting: Community Ministries | 11. Schwinn Stingray Chopper
139 W. Crawford Ave.
Hosting: Appalachian Creativity Center | 16. Koko Sport Bike
805 W. Crawford Ave.
Hosting: SL Spotto Co. |
| 2. 1960s Schwinn Fiesta
259 N. 6th Street
Hosting: GO Laurel Highlands
Note: Viewable inside center | 7. Hydrangea Bike
302 N. Pittsburgh St.
Hosting: DeMuth Florist | 12. Columbia Banana Seat
100 S. Arch St.
Hosting: Connellsville Chamber | 17. LEGO Bike Display
518 Rear W. Crawford Ave.
Hosting: Brooke's Block Party
Note: Fronts 4th St. |
| 3. Current Day Cruiser
325 N. First Street
Hosting: Comfort Inn
Note: Maps available here | 8. J.C. Higgins Flightliner
107 N. Pittsburgh St.
Hosting: Higbee Insurance Agency
Note: Stop in during business hrs. | 13. Rollfast Tandem
225 W. Crawford Ave.
Hosting: Widmer Engineering | 18. 1970s Huffy Signature
144 N. 3rd Street
Hosting: Youghiogheny Holistic Living |
| 4. Sears Free Spirit
201 1st Street
Hosting: The River House | 9. Bicycle Menagerie
119 W. Crawford Ave.
Hosting: Fayette Trust | 14. Vintage Bike Assortment
503 W. Crawford Ave.
Hosting: Bikes Unlimited
Note: Add'l bikes inside | 19. 1960s Sears Tandem
401 E. Murphy Ave.
Hosting: Highlands Hospital
Note: Best reached by car |
| 5. Victorian Carriage Seat Trike
124 W. Crawford Ave.
Hosting: Connellsville Redevelopment Authority | 10. 1940s Paratrooper Bike
131 W. Crawford Ave.
Hosting: Connellsville Canteen
Note: M-F, 10-2 | 15. Bev the Beach Cruiser
507 W. Crawford Ave.
Hosting: Kickstand Kitchen | 20. Puch Rugby Sports
325 Memorial Boulevard
Hosting: Fiesta Agency
Note: Best reached by car |