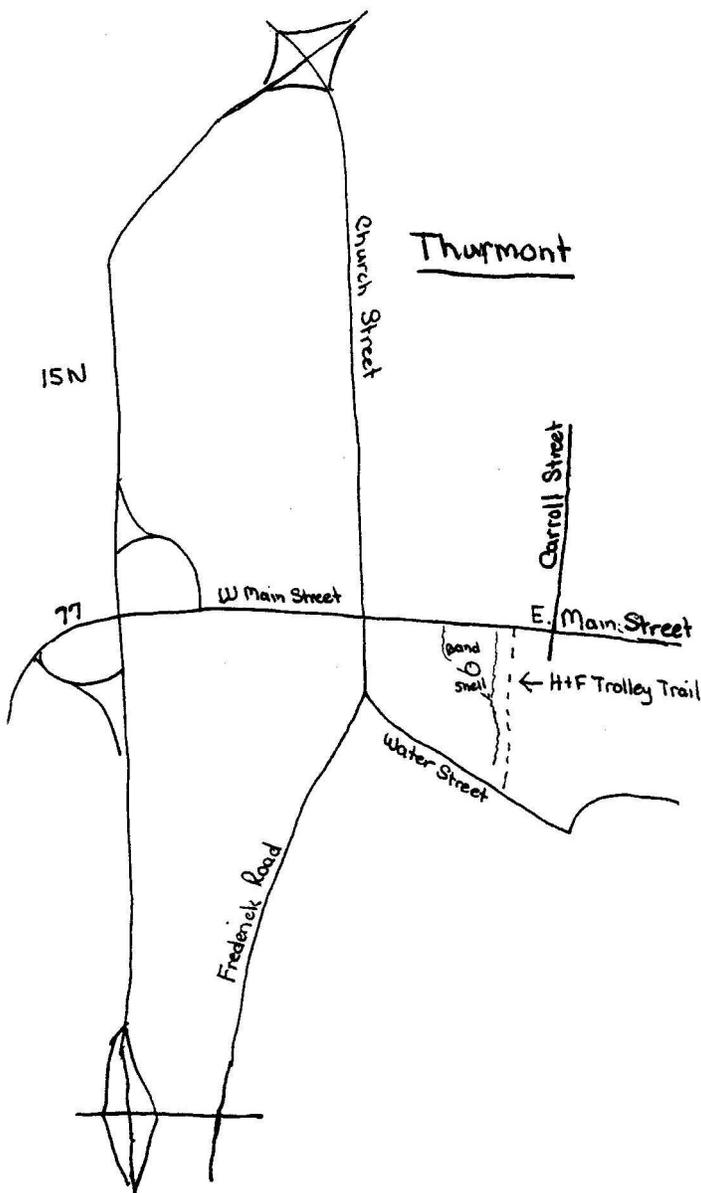


Local Walking Trail

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H & F TROLLEY TRAIL



At one time Frederick County had a trolley line called the Hagerstown and Frederick Railroad. The Thurmont trolley line of the H & F Railroad operated from 1908 to 1953.

If you have ever wanted to walk on history, here is your chance. A portion of the original alignment is a short trail in Thurmont. This trail runs between East Main Street and Water Street. The trail is about 1/2 mile long and can easily be combined with walking around Thurmont for longer walks.

The trail starts next to the town's band stand on East Main Street and you can park your car there. The trail is pea size gravel and is very level. But because of all our recent rain, some of of the gravel has washed away.

Be on the lookout for birds when you walk. I spotted Blue Jays, Cardinal, Chickadees, Goldfinches, Dark-eyed Juncos, Yellow-shafted Northern Flicker, and a White-throated Sparrow.