CARROLL CREEK PATH

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Have you ever wanted to take a nice leisurely stroll through Frederick and be able to look at art work. This is the walk for you. The path goes from Bentz Street to East Patrick Street and is one mile.

The best way to enjoy this path is to park the car at Baker Park and pick up the Linear Park on the other side of Bentz Street. One of the first points of interest is the home of Barbara Fritchie who was immortalized in a poem by John Greenleaf Whittier. Next stop will be the sculpture “Wind Swept” which looks like a tree bending in the wind.

Look for the old Post Office pillars set up in a semi circle. The walk is lined with flowers, trees, and fountains. There are many unique bridges that cross the creek. The Community Bridge is an outstanding example of artwork. None of the stonework on the bridge is real. The entire structure was painted by hand. Look closely and spot the different objects in the stonework. Even the ivy is painted.

This path also gives you the opportunity to look at the different buildings that line the path. The C Burr Artz Library and the Delaplaine Visual Art Center are accessible from the path.

Whatever season you chose to walk this path, it is delightful. Stop at the different shops and restaurants that line the creek or just take a relaxing stroll.