Local Walking Trail
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FREDERICK’S HISTORIC WALKING TOUR

Are there days when you really want to go for a walk but the thought of hiking on muddy trails does not appeal to you? Then try this historic walking tour of downtown Frederick. You will get some exercise and learn some local history.

The walking tour begins and ends at the Frederick Visitor Center at 19 E. Church Street. There is limited parking on the street. I suggest that you park in the parking deck or better yet park at Baker Park and walk the two blocks to the Visitor Center. Before you leave the Visitor Center, get a brochure that outlines the different sites along the route.

There are 21 different sites along the one mile tour and it takes about 45 minutes to complete. The route does have some original brick sidewalks which are uneven, so watch your step.

The history is always fascinating, but one of the sites is the largest and oldest Ginkgo Tree in the United States. I always look out for any birds or animals. There were quite a few squirrels. I also spotted two cardinals, one Chickadee, and one Blue Jay.