



- 1. MIDDLEPORT MURAL**
- 15 MAIN ST. *50 steps*
- 2. LIFT BRIDGE & ERIE CANAL** *.1 mile*
- 3. MARGARET DROMAN PARK** *.2 mile*
- 4. POST OFFICE MURAL**
- 42 MAIN ST. *50 steps*
- 5. COBBLESTONE CHURCH**
- 46 MAIN ST. *50 steps*
- 6. MEMORIAL WALKWAY AT THE VETERANS MONUMENT** *.5 mile*
- 7. ROTARY PARK** *.6 mile*
- 8. BRUNO PACINI FIELD** *.4 mile*
- 9. MIDDLEPORT OUTDOOR PLAYGROUND** *.6 mile*
- 10. MIDDLEPORT LIBRARY - 9 VERNON ST.**

MIDDLEPORT WALKING TOUR



Get to know Middleport on a
WALKING TOUR
through our historic canal side Village.

1. MIDDLEPORT MURAL

The mural on the north side of 15 Main Street (State Street side) was painted by artist Stacey Kirby in 2007. It features three photos taken in Middleport that depict a tug boat on the canal, the train station formerly located on Vernon Street and an early shot of Main Street circa 1860. This mural is also featured on an informational brochure about the Village of Middleport that was created by FMC Corporation. It is available at the Village Hall.

There are also murals by Stacey Kirby at 6 State Street, on the southern wall of the Village Hall and another will be painted under the restored Middleport Community Clock. This clock used to hang on the Fenton Hotel that once stood across from 15 Main Street on the south side of the canal.

2. ERIE CANAL & LIFT BRIDGE

The ding-ding of the bell means the lift bridge is about

to rise up and let another boat pass under it on its journey along the historic Erie Canal. This bridge is believed to be the widest lift bridge on the canal and one of the few that are still in operation. At one time, a second bridge that locals referred to as the “high bridge” because of its high arched construction, was located to the east of the lift bridge, and connected North and South Vernon Streets.

3. MARGARET DROMAN PARK

On the northeast canal bank is one of the most scenic and restful spots in the Village. Named after Margaret Droman, Village Clerk for many years, this state park features a large green space, a covered picnic pavilion and picnic tables for boaters, bikers and walkers to enjoy as they travel along the canal towpath.



4. MIDDLEPORT POST OFFICE MURAL

Marianne Appel (1913-1988) was selected to create the mural in the Middleport Post Office. Born in New York City, her works often incorporated family scenes, such as the family included in “Rural Highway.” Her rendition of contemporary life in rural Middleport was installed in the Post Office in 1941 and was restored in 1996 after water damage.

5. COBBLESTONE CHURCH

The church was built in 1841 with cobblestones collected from Lake Ontario. The church planned congregational picnics to raise funds for this

purpose. They collected the stones and brought them back to Middleport in ox carts. The design for this building came from Asher Benjamin’s “The Builders’ Guide,” first published in 1839. The congregation still worships on Sunday.

6. MEMORIAL WALKWAY AT THE VETERAN’S MONUMENT

This memorial brick walkway is located in the Village Commons, an area owned by the Village on Park Avenue, between Vernon and Main Streets. Here commemorative bricks have been placed in honor of, or in memory of, loved ones and by businesses in support of our veterans.

7. ROTARY PARK

Located on Telegraph Road in Middleport, Rotary Park features a covered pavilion with picnic tables, playground equipment and the Scout House. The Scout House was donated to the Village by the Middleport Rotary Club as a place for the local scout troops to meet.

8. BRUNO PACINI FIELD

Named after a much-loved football coach at Royalton-Hartland High School, Bruno Pacini Field features a state-of-the-art football field with stadium seating and press box, an 8-lane all weather track, a concession stand and bathroom facilities. The track is open daily for walkers and joggers.

Bruno Pacini Field was dedicated at a ceremony held August 2000 after the completion of the construction of the athletic complex at Roy-Hart by FMC Corporation.

9. MIDDLEPORT OUTDOOR PLAYGROUND

Originally installed in 1990 with designs chosen by local elementary schoolchildren, the MOP was recently renovated with help from the whole community. It features towers, swings, slides, spring form riding animals and climbing decks as well as a large deck area for picnics.

Donations from the community and FMC Corporation and its employee union helped pay for the restoration of the MOP.

10. MIDDLEPORT FREE LIBRARY

Established at its current location in 1945, at times the library was on a floating canal boat and housed in a church. Now it has more than 17,000 books, Internet access, computer workstations, a children’s collection, special programs and a public meeting room.

MIDDLEPORT WALKING TOUR ENTRY FORM

*Enter to win a gift certificate to one of
Middleport's restaurants. Drawings held
monthly for two winners!*

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

One entry per person each month. Thank you!

*Place your completed entry in the drop
box at FMC's 15 Main Street office.*

MIDDLEPORT WALKING TOUR DRAWINGS

Enter to win one of two \$25 gift certificates to these Middleport restaurants. Drawings held monthly!

**ALTERNATIVE
GROUNDS CAFFE**

**THE BASKET
FACTORY**

**DARRELL'S PLACE
RESTAURANT**

**PEGGY'S
TOWPATH CAFE**

PIZZA PLACE II

**PONY'S IRISH
PUB**

VILLAGE PIZZERIA

**SUNSET COFFEE
SHOP**

**SUNSET TWISTERS
ICE CREAM**