

# Step Back In History: A Walking Tour of Cumberland, MD



## A. Western Maryland Railroad Station C&O Canal NHP Visitors Center



Daily  
9 am – 5 pm  
No Admission Fee

Ride the Scenic Railroad and tour the C&O Canal National Historical Park Visitors Center which includes interactive exhibits focused on the canal's history.

**Western Maryland Station**  
13 Canal St.,  
301-759-4400  
[www.wmsr.com](http://www.wmsr.com)

**Ground Level Museum**  
301-722-8226, Ext. 0  
[www.nps.gov/choh](http://www.nps.gov/choh)

## B. Canal Place Heritage Area



Business Hours  
No Admission Fee

Rich heritage and recreational opportunities abound at Maryland's first Certified Heritage Area with access to the canal towpath perfect for hiking and biking with spectacular natural scenery.  
**On Canal St. near Howard St.**  
[www.canalplace.org](http://www.canalplace.org)

## C. Allegany Museum



May - December  
Tue. – Sat.  
10 am - 4 pm  
Sun. 1 - 4 pm  
Closed Monday  
No Admission Fee

The Museum's concentration is on the overall history of the region. Exhibits focus on Archeology, Folk Art, Kelly Springfield Tire, Glassware, brewing, and more.  
**3 Pershing St.**  
301-777-7200 or 301-724-4339  
[www.alleganymuseum.org](http://www.alleganymuseum.org)

## D. Queen City Transportation Museum



May – Oct  
Tue. – Sun.  
10 am - 5 pm  
Nov. – Apr.  
10 am - 4 pm  
An Admission Fee

The Queen City Transportation Museum features five major exhibits: Main Street USA, the National Road, Off to the Races, model trains, and the Pitcairn aircraft.  
**210 South Centre St.**  
301-777-1776  
[www.queencitytransportation.com](http://www.queencitytransportation.com)

## E. Downtown Pedestrian Mall



Business Hours  
No Admission Fee

An architecturally impressive stock of over 100 commercial buildings of mostly tourist oriented businesses such as sidewalk cafes, antique stores, and art galleries.  
**Baltimore St. from N. Mechanic to Queen City Dr.**

## F. Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 172 - Museum



May – Oct.  
Fridays 4 - 8 pm  
No Admission Fee

The Museum is a moving tribute based on the experiences of Chapter 172's members during the Vietnam War. The museum represents our story told through pictures, letters, uniforms, equipment and weapons carried, from the personal collections of many members.  
**17 Liberty St.**  
301-777-7001  
[www.vva172@atlanticbbn.net](http://www.vva172@atlanticbbn.net)

## G. City Hall



Mon. – Fri.  
8 am – 4 pm  
No Admission Fee

One of the outstanding features of this 1911 building is the large mural painted on the interior rotunda dome that features a depiction of George Washington's military life.  
**57 Liberty St.**

## H. George Washington's National Road Headquarters Mile Marker 0



No Admission Fee

This one room cabin was used by George Washington during the French and Indian War.  
**Riverside Park, Greene St.**  
301-777-5132

Construction began in 1811 on the National Road, the first federally funded road.

## I. Washington Street Historic District Houses



No Admission Fee

Listed on the National Register, this is one of the most visually impressive neighborhoods in Maryland with elegant homes.  
**Six blocks - Greene St. to 632 Washington St.**

## J. (C. William) Gilchrist Museum of the Arts



Fri. – Sun.  
1:00 - 4:00 pm  
Apr. – Dec.  
A \$2.00 Donation is requested

This gallery is a charming 19<sup>th</sup> century Federal style mansion with six renovated galleries, landscaped gardens, and one of the only two brick smokehouses in the state of Maryland.  
**104 Washington St.**  
[www.gilchristgallery.com](http://www.gilchristgallery.com)  
301-724-5800, 301-268-6163

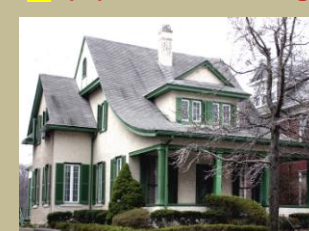
## K. Gordon-Roberts House



Wed. – Sat.  
10 am - 5 pm  
Tours on the hour  
Last tour at 4pm  
An Admission Fee

An 1867 Victorian home built for Josiah Gordon, President of the C&O Canal. It is now a museum that gives visitors the opportunity to explore life in the late 1800s of an upper middle class family and their servants.  
**218 Washington St.**  
301-777-8676  
[www.gordon-robertshouse.com](http://www.gordon-robertshouse.com)

## L. (F.) Brooke Whiting Museum

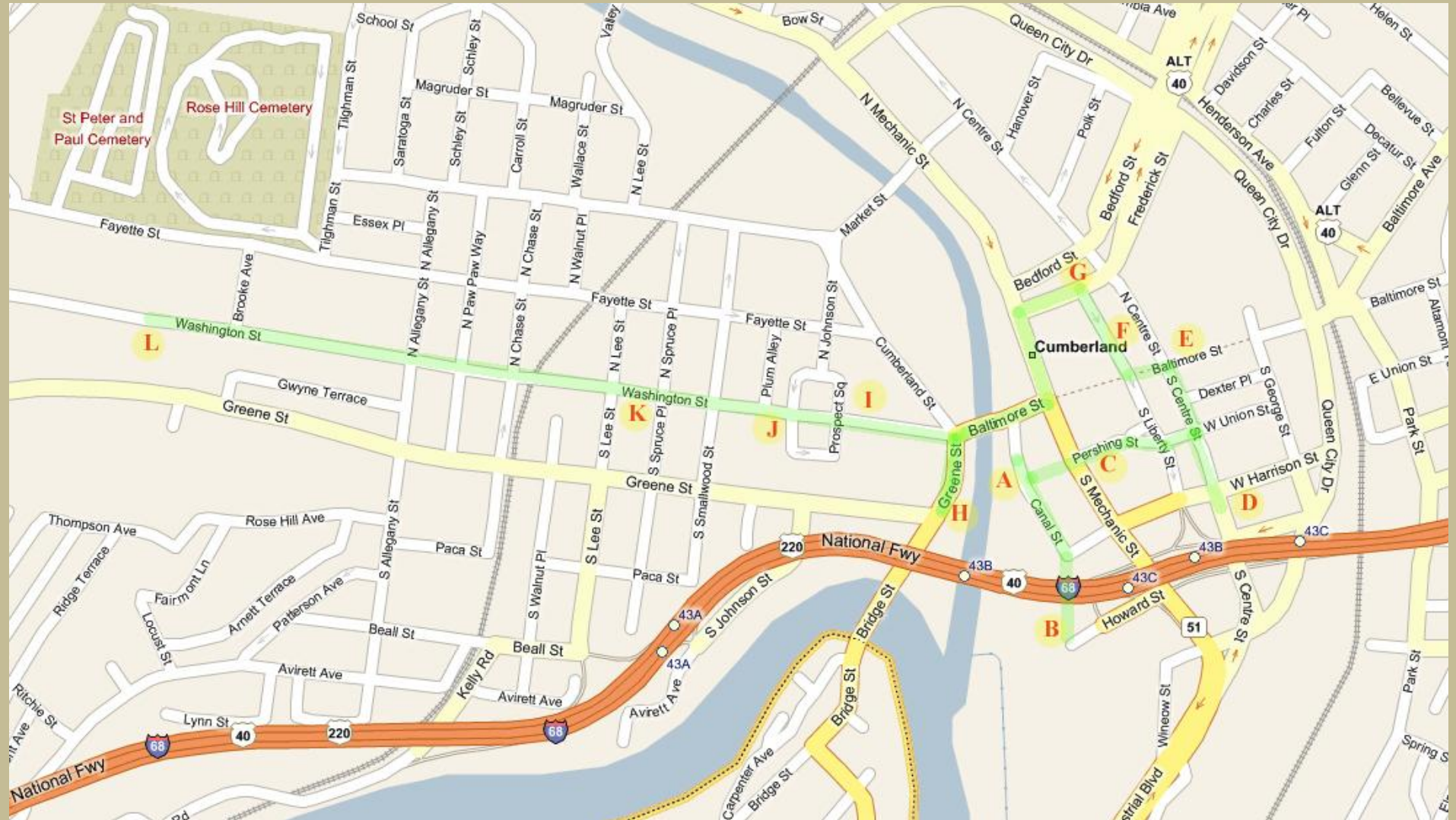


May – Oct.  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday of Month  
Tours: 1, 2, & 3 pm  
An Admission Fee

The F. Brooke Whiting Museum is a 1911 home featuring antique furnishings and artifacts from around the world with an emphasis on Asian collections.  
**632 Washington St.**  
301-777-7782  
[www.thewhitinghouse.org](http://www.thewhitinghouse.org)

George Washington truly did sleep here – Fort Cumberland was his headquarters during periods in the French and Indian War. Known as the “Gateway to the West,” Cumberland gained prominence during the 19<sup>th</sup> century as a transportation center. The city was the site of the beginning of the Historic National Road-America’s first interstate, the western terminus of the C&O Canal, and a center for the railroad industry. Cumberland grew in population and wealth becoming Maryland’s Queen City, the second largest. Its wealth produced gracious houses and architecturally impressive buildings.

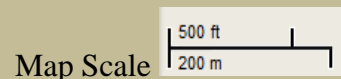
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### Distances

The walking distance from the first site **A** to **K** is 1 ½ miles—a 30 minute walk not counting stops

While the walk to site **L** is just ½ mile more, it is up hill and would add 10 minutes.



### Take a Break

*Near Site*

- A.& B** **Kramer’s Deli** 13 Canal St.
- Crabby Pig**, 14 Howard St.
- Queen City Creamery**, 17 Howard St.
- Roman’s Café**, 17 Howard St.
- Brown Bag Café**, 3 Pershing St.
- Queen City Creamery**, 108 Harrison St.
- Café Mark**, 37 Baltimore St.
- City Lights**, 59 Baltimore St.

*Near Site*

- E** **PriMeridian**, 69 Baltimore St.
- Baltimore St. Grill**, 82 Baltimore St.
- Oxford House**, 129 Baltimore St.
- Curtis Famous Weiner’s**, 35 N. Liberty
- F.** **Passarell’s Deli**, 49 N. Liberty
- Ristorante Ottaviani**, 25 N. Centre St.
- Café Tivoli**, 30 N. Centre St.
- El Canelo**, 35 N. Centre St.