



# Downtown Harrisburg Self-Guided Walking Tour



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## Capitol Park

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Noble equestrian monument of Civil War General and PA Governor John F. Hartranft

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East Wing of the Capitol. Constructed in the mid-1980's as a fitting neoclassical addition to the rear of the Capitol with stunning interior spaces.

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Ryan Legislative Office Building is the oldest building in the Capitol Complex built in 1893 as the original state library and museum.

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Principal front of the Capitol is the site of many commemorations, rallies and special events.

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Mexican War Monument erected in 1867 and moved here in 1894.

## Front Street

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18<sup>th</sup> Century home of William Maclay, at South Street, one of Pennsylvania's first two US Senators.

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This Front St. Georgian-styled townhouse at Front and Barbara Streets exemplifies Front Street's unique riverfront character

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John Harris-Simon Cameron Mansion, built in 1766, was the home of John Harris Jr., founder of Harrisburg, and later Simon Cameron, Lincoln's Secretary of War. Open to the public. John Harris' grave is across Front Street.

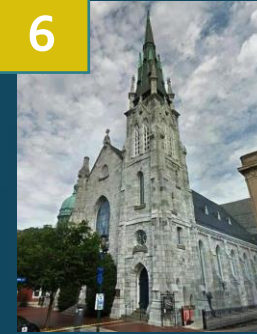
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Swenson Plaza at the Walnut Street Pedestrian Bridge is a central focus in Riverfront Park.

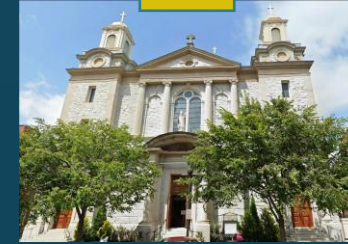
## State Street

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Historic Grace Church served as the temporary home of the state legislature after the old Capitol burned in 1897.

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St. Patrick Cathedral, built in 1904 in the Italian Renaissance style, is the seat of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg.

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Laid out at the beginning of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, State Street boulevard offers a tremendous vista of the State Capitol.

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Kunkel Plaza, situated at the foot of State Street in Riverfront Park, creates a grand setting for special events. Note that the figure on the bench is of former Congressman John C. Kunkel.

## Center City

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Market Square is the traditional heart of Harrisburg

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Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts; a major performance and science museum venue

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Strawberry Sq. is downtown's shopping, food court and office complex.

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Gamut stage Theater is an adaptive reuse of a historic church.

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Commonwealth Monument at 4<sup>th</sup> and Walnut Streets honors voting rights & Old 8<sup>th</sup> Ward.



## Capitol Park

Start at East Wing Fountain. Then go between Capitol & Ryan Office Building. See the equestrian Hartranft Monument and then the Mexican War Monument in Capitol Park.



## State Street

Then walk down the main Capitol steps and see the extraordinary vista of State Street. Here, four distinguished beautiful churches face this grand, historic boulevard linking the Capitol to the riverfront



## Front Street

At Front and State Streets, see Kunkel Plaza in Riverfront Park. Then head south to see historic mansions and enjoy the vistas of Riverfront Park. At Washington Street, view the grave of John Harris Sr. and the John Harris-Simon Cameron Mansion.



## Center City

Proceed north along Second Street to Market Square. Turn right on Market Street. See the Whitaker Center, Strawberry Square and Harrisburg University. Go left at 4<sup>th</sup> Street. See the Gamut Theater. View the 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment Monument along Walnut Street. Go up Commonwealth Avenue to the East Wing Fountain.

