

## Bradford, PA – McKean County

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**Start Location:** Zippo/Case Museum & Flagship Store, 1932 Zippo Drive  
Bradford, PA

**Driving Directions to get to the Start Location:** Follow US-219 N to Bradford, PA. Take the Owens Way exit. Turn right onto South Ave. Bear right onto Congress St. Turn right onto Zippo Dr. IF THERE IS ANY CHANCE YOU WILL NOT RETURN FROM YOUR WALK BEFORE ZIPPO CLOSES, then do not park inside the museum fence. They lock the gate at closing. Instead, park along Congress St. PAY ATTENTION to the street signs and make sure you are parking on the correct side of the road.

**Walk Description:** Bradford, PA has a rich history rooted in lumber and oil, evolving from a small settlement to a booming oil town and then to its current status as a city with a strong manufacturing presence. Bradford is home to an oil refinery, headquarters of Zippo Lighters and Case Knives, and a University of Pittsburgh branch campus. Pennsylvania oil is special, regarded as a high quality oil, and is preferred for refining into lubricants. You will walk past the Cline Oil Well, the oldest producing oil well in Bradford - and it's in a McDonald's parking lot !!!

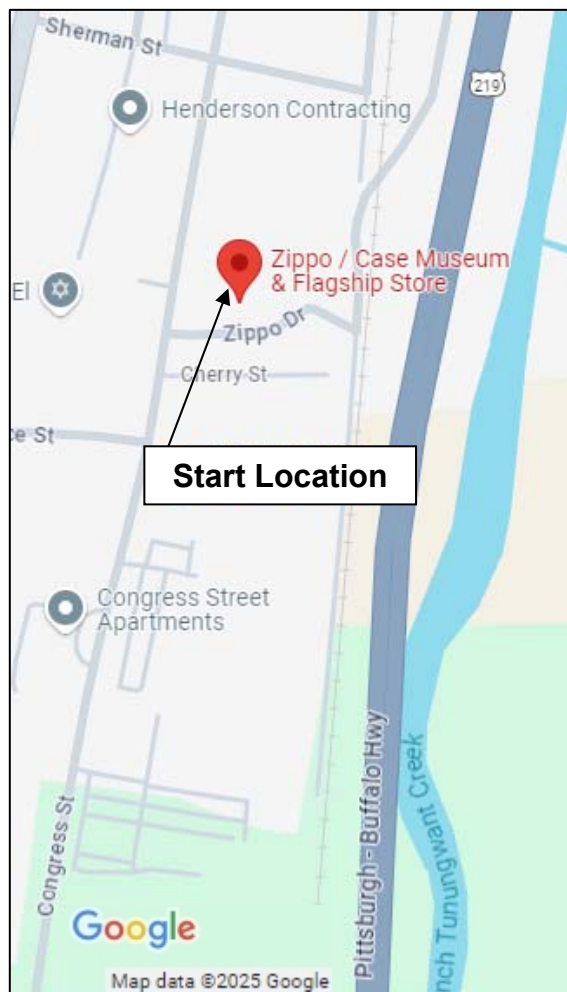
This walk takes you through neighborhoods with some impressive historic houses, as well as Bradford's historic downtown with shops, parks and historic churches. The walk also visits the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford and walks along community trails developed and maintained by The Tuna Valley Trail Association. Make sure to take time to visit the Zippo/Case Museum while you're in Bradford! Admission is free and the museum is really interesting!

### AVA Special Programs:

- Par for the Course
- Step to the Beat
- Walking with America's Veterans
- Walking With the Wild Things
- KSVa Counties Program (McKean County)

**Restrooms:** There are restrooms at the Start/Finish location where you will park your car. There are also restrooms available at businesses along the way.

**Walk Completion and Credit:** Be sure to log back into the OSB system to finish/complete your online registration after doing the event. The OSB system does not deduct any event fee from a participant's Event Bank until they have submitted event completion info including the date the event was walked, the distance walked, and the selection of applicable special programs that person is participating in. Nevertheless, a fee of \$2 for a downloaded PDF is deducted from the user's Event Bank when the PDF is downloaded. Later, any PDF fees are credited back to a user's Event Bank when he/she submits the event completion info as a paying for credit participant. Note, however, the \$2 coupon for the downloaded PDF will expire in 60 days.



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10K - Volkswalk Route

Rated 1B

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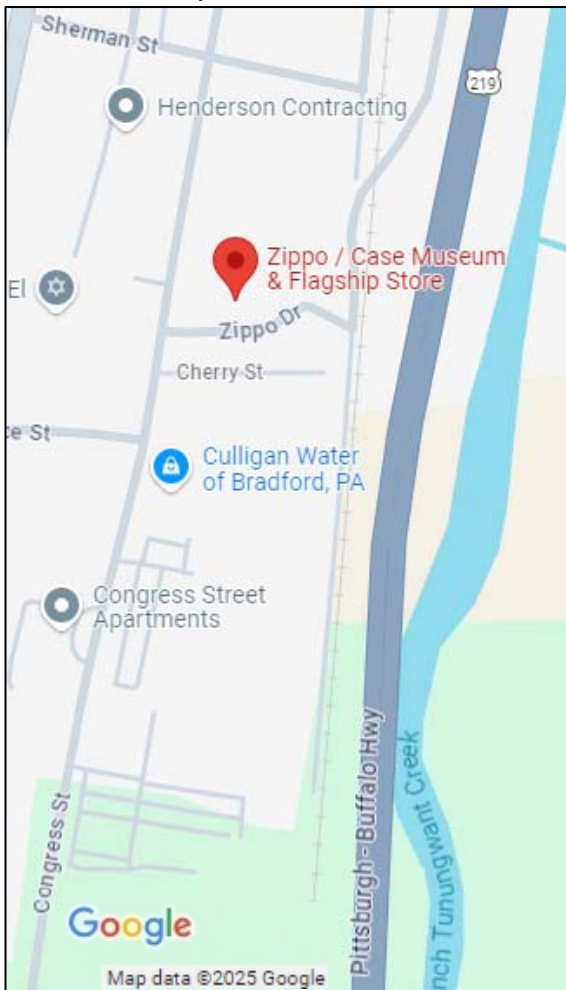
Bradford was settled in 1823, chartered as a city in 1837 and emerged as a wild oil boomtown in the Pennsylvania oil rush in the late 19th century. The area's Pennsylvania-Grade crude oil has superior qualities and excellent characteristics for refining into lubricants.

Bradford is home to the annual LeekFest (formerly called StinkFest; a festival promoting leek cuisine), as well as Festa Italiana, the Autumn Daze Street Dreams Car Club Show and the Made in Bradford Celebration which includes a collectors swap for Zippo and Case products.

- Watch your step as you do this walk; many of the sidewalks are rough and uneven. You will also encounter a few steps along this walk.
- Strollers or wheelchairs will struggle on this walk because of the deteriorated sidewalks in some areas.
- You might want to time your walk to arrive at John Williams European Pastry Shop to have lunch, before they close. As of this writing, their hours are Mon-Fri 7AM-2:30PM, Sat & Sun 7AM to 3PM, and the kitchen closes at 2PM.
- On Congress Street, there are banners honoring local veterans on the utility poles in town with the heading "Bradford PA Hometown Hero". **(WALKING WITH AMERICA'S VETERANS SPECIAL PROGRAM)**

This walk begins at the Zippo/Case Museum & Flagship Store. Its website is <https://www.zippo.com/pages/zippo-case-museum-flagship-store>. The address is:

1932 Zippo Drive  
Bradford, Pennsylvania 16701



The museum has free admission and RESTROOMS. Its hours are:

MON-SAT 9AM-5PM

SUN 11AM-4PM

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along Congress St. **PAY ATTENTION** to the street signs and make sure you are parking on the correct side of the road. On one side of the road, you aren't allowed to park 6PM Sunday to 6PM Monday. On the other side of the road, you aren't allowed to park EXCEPT Sunday 6PM to Monday 6PM.

*Notice the tops of the Zippo light poles at the Visitor Center, and the Zippo car when it is at the Visitors Center !! ☺*

1. When you walk out the door from the Zippo/Case Visitor Center, turn RIGHT along the sidewalk and walk to the road. Turn RIGHT on Congress St. Walk on the sidewalk on the right side of the street.

*As you walk down Congress St, notice a basketball court and small playground on the right. **(PAR FOR THE COURSE SPECIAL PROGRAM)***

2. Cross Sherman St.

*After Sherman St, in front of Houses 271 and 265, notice the unusual bricks that make up the sidewalk and the walkways for these two houses. There are a few other houses on Congress St that have these bricks in front of their houses by the road. The walkway between 135 and 133 Congress St also uses these bricks. You will see a display much later in the walk on Main St that talks about these bricks:*

*Bricks were prominently used to build Bradford. One of Bradford's most important industries in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, its success was based on the superior quality of shale and clay found in the area.*

*The famous Bradford Red Brick can be seen on many historic downtown buildings and on the community's streets and sidewalks.*

3. Pass Blaisdell Ave on the right, and cross Clinton St. Pass Pike St on the left and cross Thompson Ave.

*After passing Thompson Ave, you will be passing many beautiful homes with unique architecture!*

4. Pass Kane St and Potter St on the left. Pass Leland Ave and Park St.
5. Pass Congress Place on the right. Cross Elm St and Tibbitts Ave.
6. Cross and turn LEFT on East Corydon St. Cross South Ave at the traffic light.

7. Turn RIGHT on Bushnell St. Walk on the sidewalk on the right side of the street.

*Note the gnomes at the first house on the right on Bushnell, House # 41. (WALKING WITH THE WILD THINGS SPECIAL PROGRAM)*

8. Cross Chautauqua Pl.

*On the right at the corner of Bushnell St and Chautauqua Place is a playground (PAR FOR THE COURSE SPECIAL PROGRAM).*

9. Turn LEFT on Barbour St, crossing Bushnell St in the crosswalk. Walk on the sidewalk on the left side of Barbour St.

*As you make the turn onto Barbour St, notice that the Zippo Office is located on the corner of Bushnell St and Barbour St, to your right. There is a giant lighter on the front of the building, that you'll be able to more easily see later in the walk. There are lighters on the top of the light poles in the parking lot.*

10. Cross a bridge over the West Branch of the Tunungwant Creek. Look left to see an asphalt trail just after the bridge, but before Center St.

*LOOK ahead (but don't go there) toward the corner of Barbour St and Center St. Note the Lt. John C. Roche VFW Post 212 at 94 Barbour St. (WALKING WITH AMERICA'S VETERANS SPECIAL PROGRAM)*

11. Turn LEFT to follow the asphalt trail. This is the Richard E McDowell Community Trail. The trail bends right, and eventually crosses a little bridge.

12. Pass the Greater Bradford Senior Activity Center. Further on, pass the Pitt-Bradford Soccer Field and the Kessel Softball Field on the right (PAR FOR THE COURSE SPECIAL PROGRAM). Continue following the trail.

13. Pass a parking lot, continuing on the trail.

*You might notice signs referencing the "Tuna Valley Trail Association". They take their name by shortening the name of the creek here, the Tunungwant Creek – no doubt because it's easier to pronounce "Tuna"!*

14. Cross three bridges with wooden railings. At a red block building, the path curves to the left and goes around a parking lot. Continue on the trail until you come to a road.

15. Cross the road, which is Dorothy Lane (no sign) and enter the campus of the University of Pittsburgh – Bradford Campus. Here, you leave the Richard E McDowell Community Trail. Do not continue straight ahead on the trail. Instead, turn RIGHT onto the sidewalk along Dorothy Lane. A sign for University of Pittsburgh Blaisdell Hall Service Only is on your left. Follow this sidewalk a short distance to a little T-intersection. (Refer to the campus map in this packet if you need guidance following the sidewalks in these directions.)

16. At the T-intersection, there is a crosswalk to your right. Turn LEFT here, following the sidewalk and crosswalks past Blaisdell Hall.

*Bromeley Family Theater at Blaisdell Hall is a 500-seat theater that hosts performances including those of the Pitt-Bradford Vocal Arts Ensemble, making this a qualifier for the STEP TO THE BEAT SPECIAL PROGRAM.*

17. At the sidewalk fork, take the right fork to a crosswalk that crosses a road with DO NOT ENTER signs ahead. Cross and pick up the sidewalk on the right side of the "DO NOT

ENTER" road. The Lester and Barbara Rice House Residence Hall is on your right.

18. Follow the sidewalk to its end at a T-intersection, between the Campus Police on your left and Swarts Hall on your right.

19. Turn RIGHT at the T-intersection and follow this sidewalk toward the panther statue.

*The building on your left across from the panther is the Frame-Westerberg Commons. This building has a bookstore, RESTROOMS, and a Qdoba Mexican Eats restaurant along with the student dining hall.*

20. Turn RIGHT onto the sidewalk between the panther and the clock tower. The sidewalks wiggle a little, but generally head as straight ahead as you can to the Hanley Library at the other end of the Quadrangle.

21. In front of the library, turn RIGHT onto the sidewalk. Then BEAR DIAGONALLY LEFT at the sidewalk at the corner of the library, and then quickly turn LEFT again at the next sidewalk. You will be walking between the library and a residence hall.

22. Cross the road ahead of you (Campus Loop, no sign) in the red crosswalk. Follow the sidewalk ahead for a short distance to a sidewalk and crosswalk on the right.

23. Turn SHARP RIGHT to follow this sidewalk and cross the road in the crosswalk. Once across, turn LEFT and follow the red crosswalk in front of Blaisdell Hall and continue on the sidewalk and crosswalks on the right side of the road.

24. You will come to Dorothy Lane. (The road sign is down the road a little, to your left.) Here, cross and turn RIGHT onto the sidewalk on Dorothy Lane. The Richard E and Ruth McDowell Sport and Fitness Center building is now on your left.

25. Follow the sidewalk on the left side of Dorothy Lane for a short distance back to the Richard E McDowell Community Trail, just before a bridge. (Notice the "Tuna Valley Trail Association" sign.

26. Turn LEFT onto the trail and follow it in the direction away from campus, reversing the route you took earlier.

27. The trail bends left around a parking lot and then right around the red block building. After crossing three bridges with wooden railings, look for a short asphalt path that connects to your trail, on the left. (If you get to the parking lot, you went too far.)

28. Turn LEFT onto this little path. Carefully cross Campus Dr (no sign) and pick up the asphalt path on the other side of Campus Dr. The softball field will be on your right.

29. Follow the asphalt path at the tree line, which parallels the road (Wagner Ave). Pass the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford Kessel Athletic Complex on your right.

30. Continue on the asphalt path as it curves to the right and crosses Wagner Ave (no sign) and then bears left.

31. At the "decorative" Jersey barrier, the asphalt path meets a sidewalk along the right side of Washington St (no sign). Continue onto the sidewalk.

32. Cross Marion Ave, pass Storey Pl on the left and Harding Ave on the right.

After passing Harding Ave, note MSG Thom Maholic American Legion Post 108 on the left, next to the ACE Hardware Store.  
**(WALKING WITH AMERICA'S VETERANS SPECIAL PROGRAM)**

33. Pass Hobson Pl on the right, and Edwards St on the left. Cross N Bennett St.
34. Pass Interstate Parkway on the left.

There is a Kentucky Fried Chicken on the right. **(RESTROOMS)**

35. Cross Center St at the traffic light. Pass Howard St and Merrow Ave.

Across from Merrow Ave is the Bradford Area Public Library.  
**(RESTROOMS)**

36. Pass Pearl St on the left.

As you approach the light at Mechanic St, from the entrance area of Moonan's Touchless Carwash, look to your right to see the giant lighter on the front of the Zippo Offices. This year, the lighter on the building features the letters GGB. Zippo lighter inventor and company founder was George G. Blaisdell's – GGB are his initials.

37. At the traffic light, cross and turn RIGHT on Mechanic St. Cross a bridge over the creek.

John William's European Pastry Shop is on the left !!! Their food is really good. The café is interesting. They have an old enamel Peerless stove on display in the back of the café, as well as some very pretty tea sets and vintage bakeware.

38. Pass Barbour St on the right.
39. Cross and turn LEFT on Main St.
40. Walk into Veterans Park, which is on your right, as you turn onto Main St. There are many war memorials in here, including ones for the Spanish-American War, Korean War, Vietnam War, WWI, WWII, and to MSG Thom D. Maholic for whom the American Legion Post from earlier in the walk is named. **(WALKING WITH AMERICA'S VETERANS SPECIAL PROGRAM)** After visiting Veterans Park return to Main St and turn RIGHT on the sidewalk on the right side of the street (walking away from Mechanic St.)

41. At the traffic light at Congress St, cross to the left side of Main St. Turn right now to walk on the sidewalk on the left side of Main St.

Notice the brick feature and plaque in the sidewalk just past Congress St.

42. Enjoy the shops and eateries on Main St as you walk along. Pass Chambers St, Chestnut St on the right. Pass Kennedy St on the left and Festival Way on the right.

Pass the Bradford Creative & Performing Arts Center on the left. Unfortunately, this is just a ticket office and performances do not take place here – so it's not a qualifier for the Step to the Beat Special Program. ☹️

43. Turn LEFT into the exit lane of McDonalds.
44. Circle McDonalds by walking in a clockwise direction, against the flow of the drive-thru traffic. (Be careful of cars that might be backing up and cars coming toward you.)

Note the Cline Oil Well in the parking lot in back of McDonalds. Drilled in the early 1870s, it is the oldest producing oil well in Bradford, PA. Check out the rig in its patriotic colors, and the information boards!

45. Continue around McDonalds **(RESTROOMS)** returning to Main St. Turn RIGHT onto the sidewalk, walking on the right side of Main St for a short distance.
46. At the crosswalk under the Movie House marquee, turn LEFT to cross Main St toward the Tops Grocery Store. Then use the crosswalk to your right to cross Festival Way.
47. After crossing Festival Way, turn LEFT to walk on the sidewalk on the right side of Festival Way. Festival Way bends to the right and becomes E Corydon St. This part of E Corydon St is paved with red bricks.

Note the old buildings in this area, including a few beautiful churches. St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church dates to 1892. There are also some information signboards in this area about the Pennsylvania Wilds and the Lumber Heritage Region, and also World War II. You will also pass the Allegheny National Forest Visitors Bureau which is housed in the old US Post Office building. Check out the wooden bears! Cross Chestnut St at the stop sign.

48. Cross Chestnut St at the stop sign.

Pass the Tower Church - First United Methodist and the First Presbyterian Church.

49. Pass Chambers St on the right. Then turn LEFT onto Congress St, crossing Corydon St.

Beefeaters Steakhouse is located on the right at this corner, in the historic Carnegie Library building.

50. Walk on the sidewalk on the left side of the street. Follow Congress St to return to the Zippo/Case Museum & Flagship Store.
51. Turn LEFT onto Zippo Drive into the fenced-in parking lot.
52. Return to your car. Don't forget to check in with the Online Start Box! And thank you very much for supporting the Cumberland Valley LEAD Foot Club on this walk! We hope you enjoyed it! ☺️

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The Cumberland Valley LEAD Foot Club gratefully acknowledges the former Nittany Nomads Volksmarch Club who first laid out a seasonal walk in Bradford, way back in the day. I walked their route 25 years ago. These walk directions are somewhat based on the Nittany Nomads route, with changes made to present the way Bradford looks in 2025. We would also like to thank Pat Eby, folks-event historian extraordinaire, who was able to dig into her archives and provide us a copy of the original Nittany Nomads directions - making our job so much easier!

# Bradford 10K Walk Route

For detail on  
which sidewalks  
to take on  
campus, see  
campus map on  
the next page.

**Start Point:**  
Zippo/Case Museum &  
Flagship Store  
1932 Zippo Drive  
Bradford, PA

