

BEDFORD LIMESTONE YEAR-ROUND WALK 5 /10 K

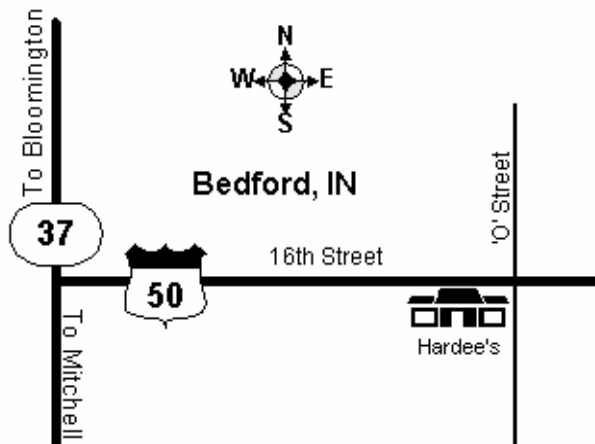


Bedford is known as the Limestone Capital of the World. The Indiana limestone industry started here in the early 1800s. Since that time the popularity of limestone has grown and famous buildings across the country are made of Bedford limestone including: The Empire State Building in New York, the Tribune Tower in Chicago, the Pentagon and the National Cathedral in Washington DC, the Biltmore Estate, and 35 State Capitol Buildings! This walk showcases how the Bedford community has used its limestone in building materials – enjoy. *** WE SUGGEST YOU CARRY WATER**

**Start Point: Hardees Restaurant
1510 16th St, Bedford, IN 47421**

Directions: From the north or south, take SR 37 to US 50 East. Go east on US 50 (16th Street) to “O” Street. The **Start/Finish** will be at Hardees at the corner of 16th and “O”.

From the east or west, Take US 50 (16th Street) to Hardees at 16th and “O” Street.



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Please sign up for either the Online start box or the physical start box at Hardees, not both.

Note: *Italicized notes are historical commentary.*
Directions are not italicized.

5 K Instructions

1. LEAVE Hardees. Turn immediately RIGHT on O Street.
2. PROCEED 2 blocks, note large limestone homes 1709 *built 1925*, and 1711 *built 1900*
3. RIGHT on 18th Street (*you are invited to tour the rose garden on your right*)
4. Walk down 18th Street straight ahead and enter Beech Grove Cemetery. *Observe the unique fence technique around the cemetery. This type of rock fence is found in many places in the community.* Go straight ahead to the small Beech Grove Chapel. *The Chapel was built by the Works Progress Administration ~1930.*
5. LEFT at the Chapel. *Note the gravestones on the left at the corner belonging to the Malotts. Michael A Malott, born in 1802, helped found the town of Bedford and his home is now the Bedford City Hall. Across from the Malott stones is a flagpole honoring notable local veterans. Notice the stones say World War Veterans since at the time the memorial was built there had been only one world war.*
6. Follow the road around to the west taking the fork to the RIGHT. *There are many unmarked graves in the SW section of Beech Grove including Jake Jenkins, a convicted murderer with connections to Dillinger. Continue around the cemetery. The 3 Waldron graves are just off the road, Maggie and John came to Lawrence County in 1880. John worked in the quarries and Maggie had 10 children of which 6 survived to adulthood. (NW corner of cemetery is 1K)* Walk past the shelter house to the cemetery exit. Turn LEFT. Walk the road then..

7. Turn LEFT into parking lot past limestone columns into Thornton Park with Pavilion on your Left and pool and tennis court on your Right.
8. RIGHT past the tennis court around closed gate passing the limestone shelter house on Left and playground on right, downhill to sidewalk. *Note the big limestone faces on the drive up to the park.*
9. Turn LEFT, go uphill on Brian Lane Way, passing Bedford Little Theater. Cross the street at crosswalk and continue with the track on your right. Just past the track at the corner of the Girls Club, take the sidewalk along the building. Cross the parking lot toward the National Guard Armory.
10. Bear LEFT as you approach the Armory and Flag and take the road down the hill. Below the Armory, again turn LEFT at first street downhill entering Wilson Park. **(2K)** *Note the limestone picnic site, limestone shelter houses on both sides of the road, statues, and monuments in this park, all built by the WPA.*
11. LEFT on Park Avenue, go 3 blocks, passing the Baptist Church parking lot to 19th Street.
12. Turn RIGHT on 19th Street, carefully crossing Washington Avenue **(3K)** to N Street.
13. Turn LEFT on N Street and walk one block, then go RIGHT on 18th Street (careful at stop light) to Green Hill Cemetery entrance. Note: **Dogs are not allowed in the cemetery; if you have a dog proceed to asterisk* you will miss about a half kilometer.)**
14. RIGHT into cemetery. *The oldest section of the cemetery is on your left, note the very old limestone headstones. Continue straight ahead and up the hill, note "Doughboy" statue on your Left. The young soldier from WWI was in several battles, suffered shell shock (PTSD) and spent the rest of his life in a hospital. Bear LEFT at Stipp Bench toward American Flag.*
15. LEFT at flag noting Stone Cutters Association Monument and the Stone carver's Bench; *when 23 year-old Lewis Baker died in 1917, his fellow carvers reproduced his work bench just as it looked the day he died.* KEEP RIGHT on around circle. **(4K)** to the Hanner Arch then bear left, noting the stone golfer on your Right. Cross road, straight ahead and down a short hill, bearing RIGHT,
16. Turn LEFT onto main cemetery road returning to cemetery entrance.
17. *CROSS 18th Street carefully and continue straight ahead.
18. As you come up to 15th Street note the First Presbyterian Church *founded in 1819, the oldest organization in the county. This building was built in 1868.* Continue to 14th Street passing a white painted brick built in 1865 and the red brick on the corner built in 1860.
19. Turn LEFT on 14th Street, at corner of 14th Street and M Street, is the St. John's Episcopal Church, built 1905 and the red brick with two lions facing M Street built around 1870.
20. Continue on 14th Street for 3 more blocks noting significant limestone homes in the area. Turn around at P Street and walk back one block on 14th Street – this block of 14th Street has some particularly fine limestone homes.
21. Turn RIGHT at O Street. At the next crosswalk, 15th and O street you will see the old High School Gymnasium called "THE QUARRY" (now the Middle School). Across from the Quarry at 1415 15th Street is a large mansion called the Castle built in 1897. Continue down O Street for another block (crossing 16th at the light) and return to Hardees. **(5K)**

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18. Turn RIGHT on 16th Street. Go two blocks noting City Hall built in 1850. Original home of Michael Malott. And Stonecutters Place, now an apartment complex for seniors but once a factory built in 1922.
19. RIGHT on J Street one block note former Lawrence County Jail built in 1901, now a family home and B&B. **(5K)** Then LEFT on 17th to I Street.
20. Turn RIGHT on I Street passing former Bell Cleaners front entrance. Note the St. Vincent de Paul Nunnery and Catholic Church (built 1894). You are now in the Zahn Historic District named for John Zahn, born in Wurtemberg, Germany in 1828. He came to Bedford with the Railroad and was said to be an expert in bridge construction. He built several bridges around Bedford including the one over Leatherwood Creek. He and his son also had a grocery store on the square. They lived at 1831 I Street and owned 1903 and 1907, possibly other homes on the street. (both built ~1863)
21. LEFT on 20th Street then LEFT on H Street. You will see our newest limestone fire station (built 1967), Post office (built 1970) **(6K)**, and the old Coca Cola Bottling Co.
22. CROSS 16th Street. Note the large Bedford mural on the east side of the Times Mail Building on the corner. Turn LEFT and walk a block. You are now on the Bedford Square. As you walk around the courthouse, you'll see the south side is 2 stories and the north side is 3 stories. The present 2-story courthouse was built in 1930. It replaced a 3-story 1872 courthouse, from which the north wall was saved. Minerva- Goddess of Wisdom is carved over the courthouse door on the south side.
23. RIGHT on I Street to 15th Street. Several historic buildings with German American Bank on the corner of 15th and I (built 1860). County Jail on NE corner.
24. CROSS 15th Street and turn LEFT. Note on your left is the Lawrence County Courthouse. On the west side of the Courthouse is the Soldiers, Sailors, and Pioneer Monument dedicated in 1924. Note the Masonic Temple which you pass built in 1917, and the Lawrence County Museum (1908), which when open to the public has exhibits on the history of limestone, and the other limestone buildings on the square. The grand Regions Bank on the corner of 15th and J Street was built in 1926.
25. STRAIGHT ahead on 15th street to K Street noting the Bedford Federal Savings Bank built in 1966 and the Elks Lodge (1916). Turn RIGHT on K Street. From the corner, look to your right and you can see the 1899 Milwaukee Depot about a block down. It has been renovated and can be rented from the city as an event center. On the left is the First Christian Church (1900), First Methodist built in early 1900's former Indiana Bell (now Ameritech), The Bedford Public Library (Carnegie) built in 1900 and addition in 1985 and Old Post Office (1908) across from Library. **WATER AND RESTROOMS AVAILABLE IN LIBRARY. (7K)**
26. LEFT on 13th Street. In this block at 1111 is the oldest house in the city built around 1819 or 1825. Turn RIGHT on L Street and walk north. At one time these were some of the nicest homes in Bedford.
27. Turn LEFT on 10th Street which is also the Milwaukee Trail. The Milwaukee Trail is a Rails to Trails path that currently goes past Williams, IN and is a beautiful trail for hiking or bicycling. Turn LEFT on M Street. At the junction of 12th and M is the home of Bedford's first Mayor (1203 M Street). **8K**. Continue to 13th Street and turn RIGHT. Walk four blocks to P Street. Then LEFT on P Street to 14th Street.
28. LEFT on 14th Street for 6 blocks noting significant limestone homes in area including: 1511 (built 1910, 1504 (built 1910), 1503 (built 1912). At corner of 14th Street and M Street, is the St. John's Episcopal Church, built 1905 **(9K)** and the

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29. RIGHT on L Street noting the first red brick on the corner built in 1860, white painted brick built in 1865. On corner is the oldest organization in the county, First Presbyterian Church founded in 1819, this building built in 1868.
30. RIGHT at 15th Street passing old Bedford High School, (middle built in 1911) now Bedford Middle School, then continue one block on 15th Street to the Old School Gymnasium called "THE QUARRY". Across from the Quarry at 1415 15th Street is a large mansion called the Castle built in 1897.
31. At the corner turn LEFT on O Street walk one block to return to Hardees. **(10K)**

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The Bedford Hiking Club members hope you have enjoyed the walk and discovering some of our historical limestone structures

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