



Walkable Warren

Walkable Warren is a local initiative intended to promote healthy lifestyles by encouraging foot travel and bicycling as alternative modes of travel in and around the City of Warren. Warren has a wealth of scenic landscapes, historic architecture, public parks, and trails, all worthy of being showcased and that are best experienced on foot or by bicycle. Recommended routes of travel between the Warren/North Warren Bike/Hike trail, core downtown and a few of our public parks are marked by Walkable Warren signage along our public streets. We encourage you to step out of the automobile as a source of travel, and instead, experience Walkable Warren on foot or by bicycle. Pedestrians should use the sidewalks. Bicyclists must obey all traffic laws.



The bark of Hemlock trees is rich in tannic acid and, therefore, the trees were an important part of the hide tanning industry. The Warren area had an abundance of these trees which, in the early days of tanneries, were cut down, the bark, stripped, and the remainder of the tree left to rot. In later years, saw mills and tanneries were often part of the same business to better utilize the downed timber and its bark. With the advent of new processes and the popularity of synthetic leather, the need for tanneries declined and there are few in existence today.



Lumber raft bound for Pittsburgh. Circa 1880



Raft with Shanty used for cooking, workers and spectators. Circa 1900



Lumber raft bound for Pittsburgh. Circa 1905



Circa 1881



Circa 1907

The establishment of several eastside oil refineries in the last quarter of the nineteenth century created the need for additional river crossings. In 1881, a wooden toll bridge spanning the Allegheny River was constructed near the mouth of Glade Run. In 1907 this bridge was replaced by a two-deck iron truss bridge. The Warren-Sheffield Trolley Line ran on the upper deck while both horse-drawn and horseless carriages traveled on the lower deck.

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