



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.



A lumber jobber was a person who purchased lumber directly from a saw mill or from a wholesaler. Lumber camps were typically constructed and operated by jobbers who were contracted for the removal of timber and bark in a specific area. The camps provided kitchen, dining, and sleeping quarters for the crew while timbering an area. Openings in the door and ill-fitting wall planks in this photo are indicative of the temporary nature of the camps.



Logways led from the point of cutting to a staging area near a rail head. Several logs linked with terminally spiked chains would be drawn in the skid trough by horses walking alongside.



Log Raft with workers on the Allegheny River at Warren Eddy at Hickory Street. Circa 1880



Hemlock bark ready for transport to the tanneries. These companies, according to size, consumed bark at the rate of twenty to possibly as high as fifty cords daily. With seven tanneries in Sheffield and the vicinity, the rapid depletion of forest reserves may be readily appreciated.



A typical lumber camp. Men were usually employed as chefs and kitchen help, as shown. Occasionally the jobber's wife supervised food preparation. A hardy, simple menu, as robust as the men it nourished, was produced in generous proportions.



Virgin forest. This scene is typical of forests that once existed in the Warren area. Predominant species were hemlock, beech, and maple, with a mixture of birch, ash and certain other hardwoods. Scattered growths of white pine existed, but most of this kind of tree had been removed before the "big mill" was established in Sheffield in 1908.

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