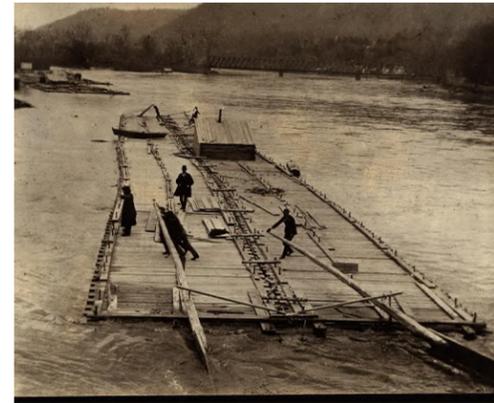




Walkable Warren

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.



Lumber raft, 2/3 standard width coming down river just above the Suspension Bridge. 1883



Warren Eddy 1898
Lumber rafts located at Warren Eddy at Suspension Bridge and Hickory Street. Lumber rafts were leaving for Pittsburgh.



Building north abutment of Suspension Bridge. Lumber rafts laid up in low water. 1871



Log Rafts—Warren Eddy. Circa 1880



Warren Eddy .
2/3 of a River Raft. 1898



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LUMBER RAFTING

By the 1830's there was a great demand for sawn dimensional lumber. As a result, water-powered saw mills sprang up along waterways. The waterways were also a convenient means to transport logs to mills and sawn lumber to markets in Pittsburgh as well as other points along the Allegheny, Ohio, and Mississippi Rivers. Allegheny River rafts were typically composed of 60 platforms. The platforms were generally 17' square and were joined in 3 rows of 20 platforms which resulted in a raft measuring 51' wide and 340' feet in length. The spring snow melt created optimal river levels for lumber rafting and, therefore, this was the busiest rafting time. Professional raftsmen made many downstream trips over the course of years and returned home by foot, boat, and/or horseback.

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