

Old Houses of Hanover Walk

2.7 miles

Easy

This loop walk is all on paved sidewalks and very easy. It travels through the scenic streets of Hanover and passes many of the town's oldest houses. The walk officially starts at the corner of West Wheelock Street and Main Street. Because the route is a loop, however, you can start and finish at any point. The route can be done daily and is easy to follow. Parking and restrooms are available in downtown Hanover. Just watch out for traffic when you cross the streets. Enjoy the old houses and the rich history of Hanover as you pass!

Directions: Park in or walk to downtown Hanover and go to the corner of West Wheelock and Main Street. From there, follow the dotted line on the map west along Wheelock street. Be sure to check street names at any confusing intersections.

Parking: Parking may be found along Main Street, in lots off of Maple st., or in the parking garage on Lebanon Street.

Uses: Trail is on public sidewalks, and therefore open to walking only. Leashed pets allowed.

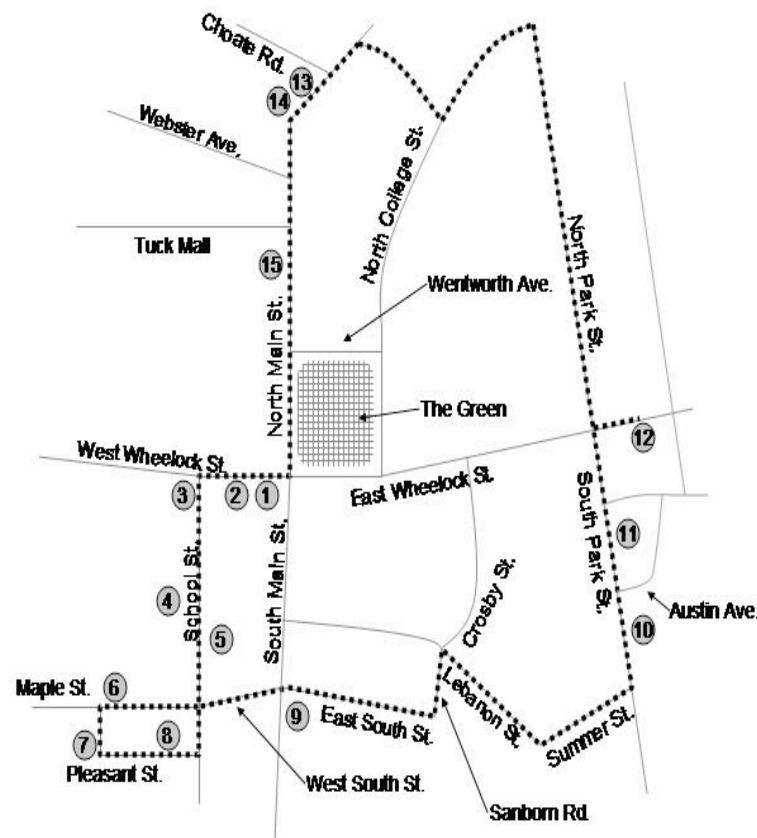
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Old houses along the walk:

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1. Casque and Gauntlet Society (1823)
2. Wheelock House (1773)
3. Christian Science Church (1839)
4. Panarchy Undergraduate Society (1835)
5. St. Thomas Rectory (1815)
6. Winton House (1774)
7. Carpenter-Brown House (1787)
8. Baldwin-Briggs House (1800)

9. Gates House (1785)
10. Unity House (1795)
11. Manager's House (c. 1785)
12. James C. Brown House (1812)
13. Choate House (1786)
14. Webster Cottage (1780)
15. Crosby Hall (1810)



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- 1) **Casque and Gauntlet Society (1823).** South Main St.
A brick building built by a local merchant, Dr. Samuel Alden. It is now owned by a Dartmouth senior society.
- 2) **Wheelock House (1773).** 4 West Wheelock St.
This, the second oldest house in Hanover, was built for Dartmouth President Eleazar Wheelock and lived in by several subsequent college presidents. Given to the town in 1900 for use as a public library, it now houses Robert's Flowers.
- 3) **Christian Science Church (1839).** 1 School St.
This building was the third of three schoolhouses built on the site, the first in 1808. It was later known as Precinct Hall before it became the home for the Stockbridge Association, a boys club, and finally the Christian Science Church.
- 4) **Panarchy Undergraduate Society (1835).** 9 School St.
This is the only surviving example of Greek Revival Architecture so popular in the 19th century. It was a private residence until 1902, when Phi Kappa Psi fraternity purchased it. In 1993, it became Panarchy, the college's first co-ed undergrad society. The addition and pillars on the north side were added in 1920.
- 5) **St. Thomas Rectory (1815).** 12 School St.
This is one of two early buildings still on its original foundation.
- 6) **Winton House (1774).** 13 Maple St.
The third oldest house in Hanover. Built by William Winton, a mason who died from wounds in the battle of Saratoga, this is now a private residence.
- 7) **Carpenter – Brown House (1787).** 10 Pleasant St.
This house was built by Ezra Carpenter and later used for lectures by Dr. Nathan Smith, founder of the medical school. The Jabex Bingham house of 1772, the oldest structure in town, serves as the ell. It is a private residence.
- 8) **Baldwin – Briggs House (1800).** 3 Pleasant St.
This building is much enlarged and remodeled. Little remains of the original structure, which served as a watchmaker's shop, a post office, and an upstairs dance hall. It is a private residence.
- 9) **Gates House (1785).** 68 South Main St.
Built by Laban Gates, a town eccentric, it was later used as a rooming house before being bought by the college.
- 10) **Unity House (1795).** 23 South Park St.
Built by Richard Lang, the most successful of early village merchants, it was considered one of the most attractive houses in town before extensive alterations by a latter owner, Dr. Carlton Frost.
- 11) **Manager's House (1780's).** 13 South Park St.
This Cape was originally the house for the manager of New Hampshire Agriculture College, which owned property to the east. It is a private residence.
- 12) **James C. Brown House (1812).** 26 East Wheelock St.
This was used as a private home, dormitory, then faculty residence. The unusual spiral staircase, the fireplace mantel, and matching under-window moldings are original to the building.
- 13) **Choate House (1786).** North Main St.
Built as a "Town House" by Reverend Sylvanus Ripley, professor of theology and son-in-law of Eleazar Wheelock, it was sold at his death and used briefly as an inn.
- 14) **Webster Cottage (1780).** 32 North Main St.
This was a farmhouse built for Reverend Ripley and his wife Abigail, a daughter of Eleazar Wheelock. Daniel Webster reportedly boarded there while he was a Dartmouth student. It is now the headquarters of the Hanover Historical Society and a museum.
- 15) **Crosby Hall (1810).** North Main St. and Tuck Mall.
The home of Dr. Dixi Crosby, a professor at Dartmouth Medical School from 1838 to 1870, this building also housed a small private hospital. It is on its original foundation; a large ell and pillars were added in 1896. It is now part of the Blunt Alumni Center.