



## DOWNTOWN PARIS WALKING TOUR MAP

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### 1. Historic Paris-Bourbon County/Hopewell Museum

**800 Pleasant St Built 1910** Constructed in the early 20th century as the Paris Post Office, this is an outstanding example of Beaux Arts, an architectural style which used columns, arches and classical details for public buildings. In 1995, it became the property of Historic Paris-Bourbon County and currently is Hopewell Museum, an art and history museum with children's learning center and changing exhibits.

### 2. Nannine Clay Wallis Home/Arboretum 616 Pleasant St

**Built 1851** This house, large scale Greek Revival is on the National Register of Historic Places. Its interior is virtually intact, with lincrusta (carved linoleum below the chair rail) in the front hall, stained glass windows, and front double parlors. In 1925, Nannine Clay Wallis inherited the house from her father and developed an elaborate garden within its four and a half acres. Mrs. Wallis willed the house and grounds to the Garden Club of Kentucky, Inc, to be used as the state headquarters. It is surrounded by an arboretum open to the public.

### 3. Bour\*Bon 618-620 Main St Built before 1861

Shown on a 1861 map, this was the property of Joseph Neely, who operated an agricultural implements business until his death in 1884. The building was used a saloon, a meat market, and shoe store. After extensive renovation, it is now an upscale restaurant.

### 4. Rooster Brew 609 Main St Built late 1800's

This two-story Italianate commercial building has always been retail space. The Cohen family refurbished it in the 1920's and inserted their name in the tile flooring, spelling it Cohan rather than with the "e" that was widely known. It has recently been renovated as a craft brewery, an exciting new concept for Paris.

### 5. Pure Oil Gas Station 531 Main St. Built 1926

An example of "cottage" or "vernacular revival," this Tudor-style one story brick has picturesque roofs, bay-windows, gables and a chimney. It was a standard design used by Pure Oil Co. for their gas stations, and is one of the few remaining examples in central Kentucky.

### 6. Thyme Café (Varden's) 509 Main St Built 1891

This was home for over 60 years to George S. Varden's pharmaceutical company. It is one of a pair of downtown storefronts with pressed metal facades. The first floor storefront has been modernized, but the interior maintains much of the early 20th century fixtures, including a pressed metal ceiling, glass-fronted wooden cabinets with several classical details, hardwood counters, and art-glass panels.

### 7. Bourbon County Courthouse Courthouse Square

**Built 1902-1905** This Beaux-Arts building was designed by Frank Milburn and built for \$170,000. The fourth courthouse for the County, this building is distinguished by a pedimented central pavillion with colossal columns, flanked by projecting pedimented pavillions at each end. Inside paintings in the dome depict the four seasons and crops of the agricultural year for Bourbon County in 1905 – tobacco, bluegrass, livestock and hemp.

### 8. Thoroughbred Museum 205-207 Main St Built 1872

This three-story building with Italianate features was constructed for Charles S. Brent. He ran his father's commission business with his brother Thomas. It was the Dow, then Power Grocery, then the Bourbon Hatchery which dealt in chickens and eggs. Today it houses the currently forming Thoroughbred Museum, offering tribute to the many successful racehorses born and bred in Bourbon County.

### 9. St. Peter's Episcopal Church 311 High St Built 1833

The first Episcopal services in Paris date back to 1815, but the main vessel of this church was constructed in the 1830s. Although the building was considerably rebuilt and enlarged in 1870, its interior is essentially intact, with a Gothic triple arch separating the nave from the chancel, and defining the organ chamber in the SW corner. The windows are stenciled with grisaille panels and brightly colored borders with painted symbolic elements.

### 10. Duncan Tavern 323 High St Built 1788

Often described as the "Old Stone House on the Square," Duncan Tavern is one of the oldest standing structures in Paris, constructed for the family of Major Joseph Duncan and, after 1795, run as a tavern, "The Goddess of Liberty." Auctioned off by Duncan's son in 1829, the building was carved into a multi-family dwelling. Rescued in 1940 by the D.A.R., it now houses a museum and the John Fox Jr. Genealogical Library.

### 11. Eades Tavern 408 High St Built 1793

Now a private residence, this building denotes the scale of early Paris. In front is a two-story cherry log unit with sidehall, small original windows, a returned front cornice and a rare brick chimney with free-standing stack. Established as the second hotel in Paris, Thomas Eades operated the first post office from this tavern in 1795. It later served for many years as Miss Lizzie Walker's Elementary School.

### 12. Paris Bourbon County Library 701 High St Built 1904

In 1904 several local groups in Paris felt the community needed a public library, pooled their resources, and contacted the Andrew Carnegie Foundation. They agreed to provide \$12,000 if the city guaranteed a match and maintenance. The Beaux Arts design of Edwin Stamler, who began his architectural career in Paris, was chosen and the building was completed at a cost of \$23,000. The library is currently undergoing a renovation and is housed on Main Street in Paris.

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### 13. Central Baptist Church 829 High St

This extremely modern building was built around the J.W. Davis house, a two story brick house constructed in 1884. There have been several additions. The last major one was a three story educational building, begun in 1962. The main room of the original house is essentially intact and serves as the church library.

### 14. Paris Christian Church 911 High St Built 1902

Located on a high ridge, this church is a prominent feature of the Paris skyline. The exterior is Richardsonian style with its towers and heavy blocks of stone and the inside is a large and high octagon.

### 15. St. Paul's Methodist Church 1117 High St Built 1876

Greek revival columns and Italianate details over the windows mark this church as transitional from the Greek Revival to Italianate. It is the oldest African American church in Bourbon County, and the oldest African American Methodist Church in Kentucky.

### 16. Annunciation Church, Rectory & Garden 1007 Main St Built 1858-60; 1869-70

Built before the Civil War and enlarged in 1869-70, it is the county's best example of a Gothic Revival church. The sides are punctured by five lancet windows with hoodmolds and partial buttresses. The narrow garden beside the church is a lovely place to rest before continuing your tour.

### 17. YMCA and the J.D. Talbott House 925-927 Main St.

**Built early 19th century** One of Paris' oldest buildings, the Talbott house has four bays with an off-center entrance providing access to the stair hall. The front has Flemish bond and the façade retains its original dormers. The building has its Federal door frames along with Greek Revival door frames and original doors in the ell. The upper level openings have pegged window frames. In the 1950's, it was adapted for offices and is now the preschool for the YMCA.

### 18. William Alexander House/ Pleasanton Goods 902 Main St

**Built early 19th century** An impressive Federal-style house, this two story brick with ell boasts a Flemish bond façade with jackarches over the openings, plus a narrow central entrance with a sixteen-pane fanlight. The interior has Federal woodwork, mantels with sunbursts, and an unusual stringer pattern on the step ends of the stairway. Jefferson Davis' favorite niece, Jane Davis Stamps, married Wm Alexander, the owner of this house and historians speculate that he probably visited here. It was recently purchased by Pleasanton Goods, LLC, a tea establishment.

### 19. The Gentleman Distillery 718 Main St Built 1888

One of the most complete high Victorian Gothic commercial buildings in Paris and central Kentucky. The façade has an inset panel of ornamental tiles while the central arched double window is bordered by "mousetooth" moldings. The metal parapet with sunburst motif is dramatic and the metal storefront is intact. It was once the Daniel Roche Grocery Store Building specializing in wholesale whiskey. Newly renovated, it is now The Gentleman, a Distillery.

### 20. Paradise Café 731 Main St. Built ca. 1891

This Richardsonian Romanesque structure is described in Ripley's *Believe It or Not* as the tallest three-story building in the world. The storefront is cast iron with large central windows, flanked by narrow full-height windows with transoms. The building was commissioned by Edward Shinner, proprietor of a saloon from 1876 to 1896. Lavin and Connell operated a grocery store until WWI; the 2nd & 3rd floors served as lodge halls from 1892 until 1918.