

Mount Horeb “Hidden History” Walk? (Don’t Forget Eddie!)

PART 1 OF 2

This route follows Main Street. (Note: this route is approximately 1.5 miles round-trip. We suggest you consider starting downtown, end at Premier Co-op and come back along Military Ridge Trail.)

- The Dahle Brothers, Herman and Ted, built their general store at the corner of Main and Second Streets in 1887 to supply the residents of Mount Horeb with a wide range of goods. To find Herman and Ted’s building, look for all that remains of a painted sign on the side of their store that once said “DAHLE BROS. MERCHANDISE”.
- Can you find Mount Horeb’s first bank building? It’s located between First and Second Streets and, if you keep your eyes up high, you’ll find a clue that will tell you which building it is. Hint: it’s definitely not the tallest building in the village.
- Mount Horeb used to have two theaters! One of them, the Parkway Theater, was at the corner of Main and Grove streets. The very long building allowed room inside for movies, theater performances, and a dance hall. To find it, look for the diamond-shaped designs on the side of the building.
- The first gas station in the village of Mount Horeb was along West Main Street. In the 1930s, this was replaced with a larger gas station that had two bay doors. The building was later used by the Mount Horeb Fire Department to store old fire engines. Can you find an old lamp post from the time of the gas station—it’s bright red!
- The bell from the old Blue Mounds Methodist Church (now a private home in Blue Mounds) is in the care of the Immanuel Lutheran Church at 310 West Main Street. If you stand on the sidewalk in front of ILC, can you see the bell?
- The Military Ridge State Trail that many of us walk and bike on was once the line of tracks for the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, part of a rail system that linked eight states in the Midwest and Great Plains. Some relics of the railroad are still around; look for a railroad switch stand near Premier Co-Op. This device, with red and green signs, was used by the conductor to move railroad cars onto a side track for deliveries.

Good luck! Share photos of your “Hidden History” adventures (with or without Eddie the Explorer) by emailing them to mthorebhistory@mhtc.net, or share them on social media – #FindYourselfinHistory OR #FlatEddieWorldTour.



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