Mount Horeb "Hidden History" Walk. (Don't Forget Eddie!)

This route begins in downtown Mount Horeb. Walk south on Second Street, then turn east onto the Military Ridge State Trail. This circular walk is approximately 1.8 miles. To help keep you on track, italicized route directions are included. Follow them after you locate each checkpoint.

☐ Can you find one of the oldest trees in Mount Horeb? Look for this mammoth tree nearby at the point where you're walking the Trail and you encounter a sidewalk. How old do you think this tree is? Nobody knows for sure, but just think—this guy's watched Mount Horeb grow up! *Now walk south on Fourth Street.*

☐ There was once an old village postal box at a corner of Fourth Street and another street. The box itself is gone, but the concrete post that once supported the post is still stands. Can you find it? It blends in to the shadows of the trees, so look close! *Now go back to the trail and continue to walk east along the trail.*

☐ Liberty Park contains an object even older than the Civil War, though it may have been used during the war. Hint: it was made in 1846 and it's probably very heavy! Can you find it? *Now walk to Springdale Street and turn left; head toward the roundabout.*

☐ The oldest part of Mount Horeb, today called "Old Town," was near the Kwik Trip roundabout. Even back then, Baby Mount Horeb had several stores, a blacksmith shop, churches and a school, all standing within a couple blocks of this much-travelled (even back then!) intersection. And the cemetery was here even before all that! The first person buried in the cemetery was Jonathan T. Dryden; Dryden died in 1850 at the age of 19. Can you find his gravestone? Hint: Mr. Dryden has as great view of the roundabout. *Now walk north on Eighth Street.*

☐ One of Mount Horeb's first churches once stood along North Eighth Street. The church is long gone, but the two imposing stone gate posts are still visible from the sidewalk. *Now walk south on Eighth Street, through the roundabout; turn right on East Main Street.*

☐ The current St. Ignatius Catholic Church was built in 1959. (It replaced an older, wooden church.) St. Ignatius still cares for the old church's bell. Can you find it in their gardens? *Just walk east on Main Street to get back downtown.*

That's it! You're a Master History Explorer!

Don't forgot to share photos of your Hidden History adventures (with or without Eddie the Explorer) by email to mthorebhistory@mhtc.net or post them to social media with #FlatEddieWorldTour.

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