



● Grandview Golf Course

● Future Site of French & Indian War Museum

● Schwab House

● Braddock's Field

● Braddock Library (Start/Finish)

● UPMC Braddock

● Union Hall

● Edgar Thomson Works

● Jimmy's Donuts

● Public right-of-way: river difficult to access

● Boat Launch: Public River Access

To view of Carrie Furnace

To Carrousel Saloon, Steak & Ribhouse (see area map on other side for directions)

NORTH BRADDOCK
BRADDOCK

COREY AVE.

COMRIE AVE.

CAMP AVE.

MILLS AVE.

COREY AVE.

N. HOLLAND AVE.

TALBOT AVE.

FLEET ST.

1st STREET

TALBOT AVE.

4th STREET

TALBOT AVE.

6th STREET

BRADDOCK AVENUE

TALBOT AVE.

11th STREET

MONONGAHELA RIVER

KIRKPATRICK STREET

BELL AVENUE

NORTH BRADDOCK
BRADDOCK

Rankin Bridge

RANKIN
BRADDOCK

BRADDOCK
NORTH BRADDOCK

JONES AVE.

(stairs)

Layers of Braddock's History

Compiled by Jonathan Kline and Christine Brill

Pre-Colonial: Territory ruled by Queen Allequippa and the Delaware Tribe

1742: 1st European settlement west of the Alleghenies by John Frazier and his family at Turtle Creek

1753-54: George Washington visits area

1755: Braddock's Defeat on land of present day Braddock, North Braddock and Rankin

1791: Purchase of 328 acres of land, called Braddock's Field, by George Wallace

1794: Whiskey Rebellion

1850: 1st Braddock industrial facility opens, a barrel plant

1861: McVay-Walker Foundry built, the mother of Braddock's steel industry

1873: Carnegie-McCandles & Co. organized what became the Edgar Thomson Steel Works

1887: Carnegie Library of Braddock established, the first Carnegie Library

1919: National Steelworkers Strike

1924: Braddock direct road connection to the Lincoln Highway

1950-60: Apex of Braddock's population and industrial/commercial activity. Population at +/- 20,000.

1970's: Decline of the Steel Industry. Migration of population to other urban centers and to suburban Braddock/Pittsburgh

1990: Population of Braddock at 4,682

2000: Population of Braddock at 2,912

What Happened At Braddock's Field?

from the Braddock's Field Historical Society website

On July 9, 1755, General Edward Braddock, leading an army comprised of British regulars and Colonial recruits, was enroute to capture Fort Duquesne, at the mouth of the Ohio River. Braddock's army, consisting of approximately 2000 officers and men (about 500 of whom were colonials) was in the final stage of a difficult 110 mile march from Fort Cumberland, Maryland. A sizable number of wagoneers and aides de camp accompanied the army, along with more than 40 women.

After twice crossing the Monogahela River, Braddock's troops encountered opposition consisting of approximately 650 Indians and 250 French and Canadians who had rushed out from Fort Duquesne to engage Braddock's forces enroute to the Fort.

A three hour battle ensued. The defeat of the British and colonial forces by the Indians and French shocked both the colonies and Europe. It was here that the legend of George Washington's leadership began and where colonials concluded they had overestimated the prowess of the British military. Both factors contributed to the American Revolution twenty years later. The alumni of Braddock's Expedition comprise a who's who of colonial history. Visit our Museum & Gallery and learn more.



Urban Hike in Braddock, North Braddock and Rankin, PA.

These communities are the historic site of:

- * General Braddock's defeat during the French and Indian War
- * The first Carnegie Public Library (still in use), and
- * Andrew Carnegie's first steel mill
- * The still-functioning Edgar Thomson steel works

A microcosm of our region's successes and challenges, Braddock, North Braddock and Rankin are undergoing transformation from a highly-industrial past to an as-yet-undetermined future. Increasingly "green" due to a decreasing population, these boroughs are also home to an active community and local culture.

Following the tour (approximately 2-3 hour hike), we will stop off at the Carrousel Saloon, next to Kennywood, for lunch and an incredible view of Edgar Thomson Works.

If you have any questions about this Urban Hike, or about Urban Hike Pittsburgh, please contact Kate at: katefink@hotmail.com

URBAN HIKE

Braddock, North Braddock & Rankin, PA



Braddock Public Library & Community Center

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