



Exploring Salisbury's Main Street

a walking game

1

Sit on the bench outside the red brick building at 24 Main St.



What is the name of the building? _____

When was it built? _____

Name two uses the building had in its past

1. _____
2. _____

2

Look across the street and find a big white building.

What is the building called? _____

What happens in the building? _____

With the Academy Building behind you, turn right and walk toward a white church steeple.

3

Stop at the next red brick building.

What is this building? _____

What is the zip code for Salisbury? _____

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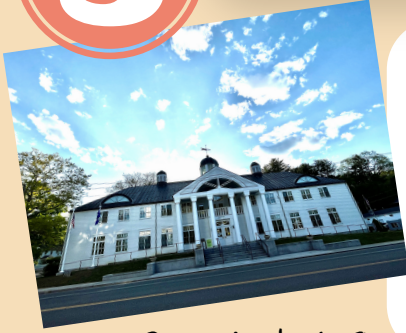
At the crosswalk, carefully cross Main Street and turn left.

What is the name of the first street you come to?

What do you think was located on this street? _____

5

Look straight ahead to the very top of Town Hall.



What do you see (it's shaped like an arrow)?

What is the date? _____

What do you think the date means?

Cross Lock Up Street and stop at a small green where several stone monuments stand. They are there to thank the men and women of our community who served our country in its armed forces. Rest for a moment on the bench to honor and think about what they did for us.

6

Walk up the ramp, then down. Stop at the corner.

What do you see? _____

If you are thirsty, stop and have a drink of water from the kettle.

Where do you think the water comes from?

history

In the 19th century, an earlier iron kettle made in 1884 was set in the middle of Main Street, so horses coming through town could stop for a drink of water.

7

Turn right and walk up Factory/Washinee Street. Stop at the white fence and read the sign there.

What is the name of this place? _____

What do you think it is? _____

Who was the first person buried here? _____ When? _____

8

Turn around and walk down to Main Street. Turn left and walk slowly on the sidewalk past a yellow fire hydrant.

Look carefully to your left.

How many miles is it to Boston? _____



9

Cross back over The Lock Up Street, admiring buildings on both sides of Main Street. Stop at Sweet William's. Look up.

What is the name of the building?

When was it built?



10

Keep walking past a very large tree on your left. Stop at the fence.

What animals do you see behind the fence?

11

Keep walking past the animals. Carefully cross at the yellow sign on your right towards a green space.

What do you see? _____

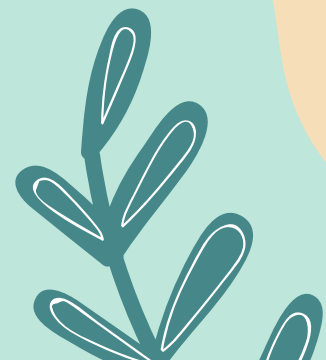
Find a plaque. What does it say? _____

When was it placed here? _____

Which war does this statue commemorate? _____

What is the big white building in front of you?

When was it established? _____



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Head back to the statue and cross at the yellow sign on your left. Walk towards a white church steeple. On the way, notice the stone wall, an old wooden barn and a pretty white house with two balconies. Continue walking and stop at the brick church. Look up.

history

The white house was built in 1830. It was the Maple Shade Hotel, then the Ragamont Inn and now a private home.

What is the name of the church? _____

How old will it be in 2024? _____

13

Keep walking toward an even bigger church. cross Academy Street and stop for a moment to read the blue sign on your left . Continue to the very tall white church.

What is the name of this church? _____

When did the first worshippers attend services? _____

How old is the building? _____

14

Carefully cross Library Street until you come to a large gray building. Look up.

Find a clock. What time is it? _____

What is the name of the building? _____

What do you find inside the building? _____

When was it built? _____ (Hint: look at the letters on the building for a clue)

THIS MIGHT HELP

M = 1000

D = 500

CCC = 300

XC = 90

IV = 4

15

Walk up the stairs of the library. Read the plaque to the left of the doors. Then, walk back to the sidewalk. Turn left and stop at a small stone bridge.

First, look down and listen to the brook flowing under the bridge.

What is the name of the brook? _____

Look at the big White House across Main Street known as The Bushnell Tavern. It was built in 1741 closer to Main Street. It was moved to its present location on rollers in the early 20th century.

It is now a private residence.

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Turn around and head back toward the big white church. Stop at the corner of Library Street. At the top of the steeple, what do you see?

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ANSWER SHEET FOR GROWN-UPS

1. Sit on the bench outside the red brick building at 24 Main Street.

What is the name of the building? The Academy Building. It was built in 1833, nearly 200 years ago. It was one of the area's oldest schools. Tuition to attend was \$3 per quarter. Another past use of the building was Circuit Court.

2. Look across the street and find a big white building.

This is Salisbury Town Hall, the seat of our local government. It's the fourth structure to serve as our town hall. The original was built between 1749 and 1751. This one was built in 1988, three years after a fire set by an arsonist destroyed the previous one.

3. With the Academy Building behind you, turn right and walk toward a white church steeple. Stop at the next red brick building.

This is the Salisbury Post Office. The zip code for Salisbury is 06068.

4. At the crosswalk, carefully cross Main Street and turn left.

The first street you approach is called The Lock Up. A jail used to be here.

5. Look straight ahead to the top of Salisbury Town Hall.

The weathervane topping Town Hall is dated 1741, when the town of Salisbury began.

6. Cross Lock Up Street and stop at a small green with stone monuments. Rest for a moment on the bench to honor men and women from our community who served our country in its armed forces. To continue, walk up the ramp, then down. Stop at the corner. You'll see a stone kettle.

Water in this kettle comes from the Town's water supply. An earlier iron kettle made in 1884 was set in the middle of Main Street, so horses coming through town could take a drink.

7. Turn right and walk up Factory/Washinee Street. Stop at the white fence and read the sign.

This is the Old Burying Ground. The first person buried here was Dr. Wade Clark, who was laid to rest on August 6, 1750. Also buried here are 38 veterans of the Revolutionary War. The last burial was in 1873. There are 261 graves.



8. Turn around and walk down to Main Street. Turn left and walk slowly on the sidewalk past a yellow fire hydrant.

Look to your left and see a rock sign that says it is 165 miles to Boston.

9. Cross back over Lock Up Street, admiring buildings on both sides of Main Street. Stop at Sweet William. Look up.

This is the Eliza Peet building built in 1834.

10. Keep walking past a very large tree on your left. Stop at the fence.

This is a privately owned home where sheep, goats, chickens and a rooster are raised.

11. Keep walking past the animals. Carefully cross at the yellow sign on your right and walk towards the Green.

The monument was erected here in 1891. As the plaque says, it is to "commemorate and thank those who fought for the Union" in the Civil War. Check out the big white building ahead on the Green. It's The White Hart Inn, established in 1806.

12. Head back to the monument and cross at the yellow sign on your left. Walk towards a white church with a steeple. On the way, notice the stone wall, an old wooden barn and a pretty white house with two balconies. This house was built in 1830. It was the Maple Shade Hotel, then the Ragamont Inn and now a private home.

The name of the church is St. John's Church. In 2024, it will be 200 years old.

13. Keep walking toward an even bigger church, cross Academy Street and stop for a moment to read the blue sign on your left. Continue to the very tall white church.

This is the Congregational Church of Salisbury. The first worshippers attended services in 1744. The building is 223 years old.

14. Carefully cross Library Street until you come to a large gray building. Look up. Walk up the stairs. Read the plaque.

This is Scoville Memorial Library, built in 1894. It was the first publicly funded library in the nation.

15. Walk back to the sidewalk. Turn left and stop at a small stone bridge.

Flowing under the bridge is the Wachocastinook Brook.

16. Turn around and head back toward the big white church. Stop at the corner of Library Street. At the top of the steeple, what do you see?

A whale, inspired by the story of Henry Obookiah who left Hawaii on a whaling ship and later became the first student of the Foreign Mission School in Cornwall.