



Riley House and Gardens

1. Riley House and Gardens, 1850

250 West Main Street

James Whitcomb Riley was born in Greenfield, Indiana. The Riley Home was built in 1850. The city of Greenfield purchased the home in 1936. Today, the Riley Home and Gardens is open to visitors from April-November.

2. Village Theater, 1946

122 West Main Street

The Village Theater opened in November 1946 as the Weil Theater. It was later renovated as the Village Theater and divided into two movie theaters. The building was donated to the city in December 2002. Plans were made by the county visitor's bureau, Hancock County Arts and Cultural Council and Greenfield Parks Department to return the Weil Theater to its art deco glory, but instead of a movie theater, it is an arts center for plays, concerts, and poetry readings. It reopened as the H.J. Ricks Center for the Arts on September 19, 2006.



Village Theater

3. Hancock County Courthouse

9 East Main Street

The courthouse was finished in 1898. It is made of Indiana limestone. The courthouse combines elements of Richardsonian Romanesque, Victorian Gothic, and Chateausque architecture. The inside of the courthouse looks like a Gothic cathedral. On the north side of the courthouse lawn is Greenfield's favorite son, James Whitcomb Riley. The bronze sculpture, by Hoosier artist Myra Reynolds Richards, was dedicated in 1918.



Hancock County Courthouse



Old Log Jail

4. Old Log Jail

U.S. 40 and Apple Street

The Old Log Jail was built in 1853 and was the third county jail until 1874. The building was originally located on the south side of the public square in downtown Greenfield. It was moved in 1967 to its present location at the southeast corner of Riley Park near the intersection of U.S. 40 and Apple Street. The building is now a museum of early pioneer life in Hancock County, and is maintained by the Hancock County Historical Society.

Welcome to Greenfield, Indiana! This history walking tour was created by students at Brandywine Elementary School, who are members of the Brandywine Young Hoosier Historians club. Below, please find a map of the five sites researched by the students. Inside this brochure, you will find basic information about each site. Take a walk through Greenfield, enjoy the sites and learn some local history!



Chapel in the Park

5. Chapel in the Park Riley Park

The Chapel in the Park was built in 1856 in Philadelphia. It was a Methodist Episcopal Church founded around 1835. It was donated to the Historical Society and moved to the present site in 1891. It is available for weddings and other occasions.

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