

Historic
Downtown

DOVER

Dover, Delaware



Main Street
DOVER
INCORPORATED

Welcome

Welcome . . .
to Downtown Dover.
We want to share with
you our history,
architecture, beauty
and our hospitality.

Our first
downtown was The Green, laid out in 1722 in
accordance with the orders of William Penn in
1683. Center of life for the County Seat and
State Capital, it was the site of early fairs and
markets. Craftsmen and artisans such as
cabinet makers, shoemakers, carpenters, tailors
and hatters shared the historic Green with
government officials and residents, as well as
several inns and taverns. At one of these inns,
The Golden Fleece Tavern, Delaware ratified
the United States Constitution on December 7,
1787, becoming the FIRST STATE to do so.

The mercantile activities of the City
shifted several blocks north to Loockerman
Street as Dover began to grow after the Civil
War. Many buildings on this street retain their
turn-of-the-century facades. A stroll down this
street reveals architectural details from
throughout the Victorian era as well as more
contemporary Art Deco and Post Modern.

We have two distinct historic areas to
share with you ... one Colonial and one
Victorian. You are invited to visit these areas as
you enjoy our flowers, grand shade trees and
brick walks. Throughout our downtown are
specialty shops, neighborhood stores,
restaurants and very friendly people.

DOWNTOWN PARKING -

Look for this symbol



Bradford Street lot

*(Bradford Street between
Loockerman and Reed
Streets).* Free 2-Hour Parking Monday through
Friday. No limits on weekends.

City lot

*(One-half block East of State Street on
Loockerman Street).* Free 2-Hour Parking
Monday through Friday. No limits on weekends.

Governors Avenue lot

*(Governors Avenue between Loockerman and
Reed Streets - North side of Parking Lot).*
Free 2-Hour Parking Monday through Friday. No
limits on weekends.

Water Street lot *(Water Street between
Governors Avenue and State Street).* Parking
Meters.

**On-street parking on Bradford, Division,
Loockerman, Governors Avenue.**

Free 2-Hour Parking Monday through Friday. No
limits on weekends.

Museum Parking

(Bank and New Streets) Free Parking.

PUBLIC RESTROOMS

Dover City Hall, The Plaza, Loockerman Street
Delaware State Visitors Center, 406 Federal
Street

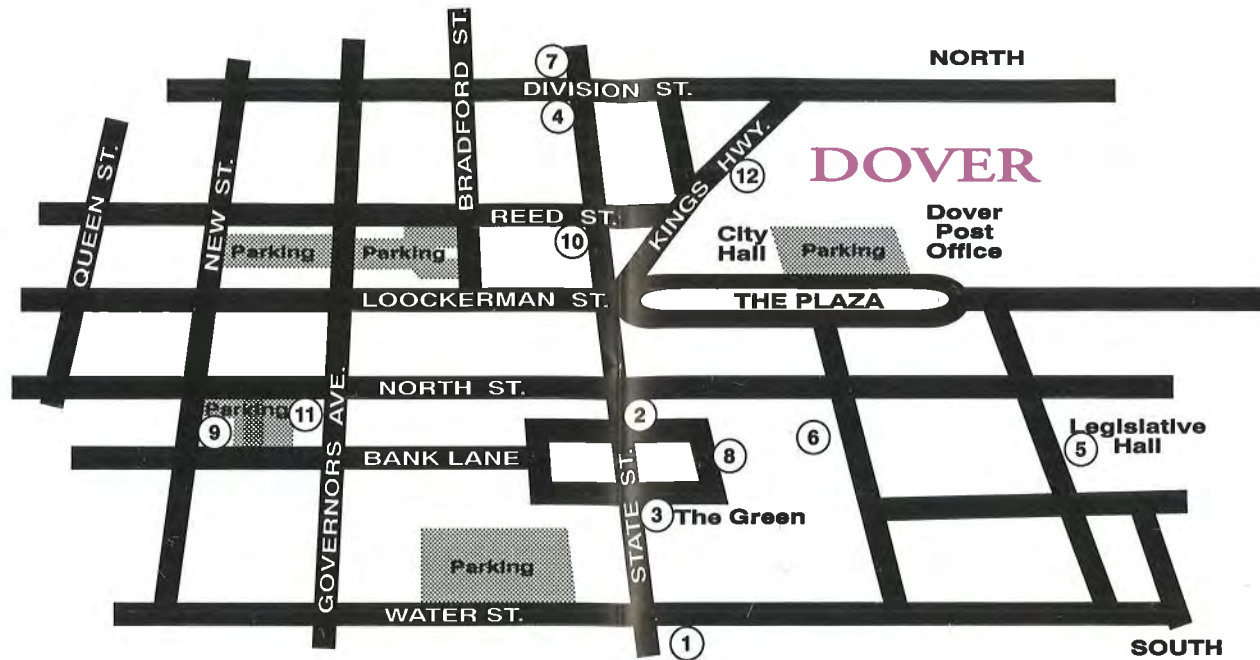
State Museums, see *Museums* section in this
brochure

Dover Public Library, 45 South State Street.

TOUR DOVER'S HISTORIC DISTRICTS.

Enjoy walking tours of the Old Dover or
Victorian Dover Historic Districts conducted by
certified guides of Dover Heritage Trails, Inc.
Tours for one person or a bus load. By
appointment. Call (302) 678-2040 or write to
Box 1628, Dover, DE 19903. Fees for students,
adults, senior citizens. Handicapped accessible.

HISTORIC PROPERTIES AND MUSEUMS



1. Christ Episcopal Church (1734)

State and Water Streets

Originally an Anglican mission, Christ Church has been the place of worship for a number of famous Delawareans including Nicholas Ridgely, ratifier of the United States Constitution. A monument to Caesar Rodney, signer of the Declaration of Independence, can be found in the graveyard. The church building evidences several architectural fashions of the last three centuries and is open daily for prayer and meditation.

2. Golden Fleece Tavern Site (c. 1740)

State Street and The Green

Delaware was the first state to ratify the constitution and did so on this site on December 7, 1787.

3. Kent County Court House (1874)

The Green

This is the third County Court House. Tricentennial celebrations were held in 1983.

4. Landmark (1896)

6 South State Street

This Second Empire home with Italianate features was built by Dr. Henry Ridgely, physician, farmer and organizer of the Delaware Railroad.

5. Legislative Hall (1932)

Legislative Mall

Delaware's General Assembly meets here. This and the other government buildings that line Legislative Mall are Georgian Revival.

6. Delaware State Visitors Center and Sewell C. Biggs Museum of American Art

406 Federal Street

The Visitors Center features visitor information and changing exhibits. The Biggs Museum features regional decorative arts and American paintings. A Delaware State Museums site.

7. Mifflin House (1885)

2 North State Street

The application of green serpentine stone makes this Queen Anne residence distinguished in Dover.

8. Old State House (1792)

The Green

The State House is the second oldest state House in continuous use in the country. This "official state capitol" contains the Governor's presentation and ceremonial office and 18th century courtroom and legislative chambers. A Delaware State Museums site.

9. Johnson Victrola Museum (1967)

Bank Lane and New Street

This museum features Delawarean, E.R. Johnson (founder of the Victor Talking Machine Company) victrolas, recordings and artists 1901-1929. A Delaware State Museums site.

10. Rose Cottage (1862)

Corner of State and Reed Streets

This Victorian Gothic cottage was built by Reverend Thomas B. Bradford, the namesake of the Victorian District north of Loockerman St. called Bradford City.

11. Meeting House Galleries I & II (1790-1880)

316 S. Governors Avenue

Gallery I features an exhibit on 12,000 years of Delaware archaeology. Gallery II "Main Street Delaware" features exhibits on small town Delaware including printing presses and a general store. A Delaware State Museums site. The Presbyterian cemetery is the burial site for many famous Delawareans.

12. Woodburn (1791)

Kings Highway

The official residence of the Governor of Delaware. Architecturally it is one of the State's finest houses and was a known stop on the Underground Railroad. A fine boxwood garden covers the spacious grounds.

DOWNTOWN DOVER BUSINESS DIRECTORY

ACCOUNTANTS

*Mitten and Winters
117-119 W. Loockerman Street

ANTIQUES

*Antiques, Art & Collectibles
329 W. Loockerman Street

R.A. Baker Jewelry
114 W. Loockerman Street

*Heart Strings

136 W. Loockerman Street

ARMY NAVY STORE

*Dover Army Navy Store
222 W. Loockerman Street

ART GALLERIES/PICTURE FRAMING

*Dover Art League
102 W. Loockerman Street

New Dimensions Frames
& Ruyters Art Studio
434 S. Governors Avenue

*Raubacher Gallery
106 S. Governors Avenue

AUTOMOBILES, NEW/USED

*Delaware Auto Sales, Inc.
319 W. Division Street

BAKERIES

*Fleischer's Bakery
149 S. Governors Avenue

BANKS

*PNC Bank
3 The Plaza, W. Loockerman Street

Beneficial National Bank
Bank Lane and New Streets

*Delaware Trust
101 W. Loockerman Street

*Mellon Bank
8 W. Loockerman Street

*Wilmington Trust
139 S. State Street

BARBER SHOPS

Colonial Barber Shop
151 S. Governors Avenue

Wayne & Sammy's Barber Shop
315 W. Loockerman Street

BEAUTY SALONS AND NAIL CARE

Agie's Hair Den
231 W. Loockerman Street

Ana & Co. Hair Design
32 Loockerman Square

Chris' Classinique Hair Studio
119 S. Bradford Street

Fresh Look Hair Studio
415 W. Loockerman Street

Head to Toe Nail Salon
108 W. Loockerman Street

Jackie's Ultimate Touch
33 W. Loockerman Street

Images Hair Styles
135 S. Bradford Street

Jimmy's Salon de Coiffure
329 W. Loockerman Street

Miriam's Hair Clinic
8 N. Governors Avenue

Nubian Hair Design
415 W. Loockerman Street

Sadie's & Co.
129 S. Bradford Street

BED AND BREAKFAST

*Inn at Meeting House Square
305 S. Governors Avenue

BOOKS

Book Bin
207 W. Loockerman Street

BRIDAL/FORMAL WEAR

Simon's Bridal Shoppe
215 W. Loockerman Street

Veils & Tails
213 W. Loockerman Street

CLOTHING

Ben's Mens Store and Tailor Shop
142 W. Loockerman Street

Beyond Basics
207 W. Loockerman Street

*Class, The Store for Gentlemen
118 S. Bradford Street

Kohn's Men's Wear
21 W. Loockerman Street

Simply You
239 W. Loockerman Street

COSMETICS

*Merle Norman Cosmetics
115 W. Loockerman Street

DRY CLEANERS/LAUNDRY

*Capitol Cleaners
217 S. New Street

*Harry Louie Laundry & Dry Cleaning
129 S. Governors Avenue

GIFT SHOPS

*Body Sense & Delightful Gifts
32 Loockerman Square

*Delaware General Store-
Home of Delaware Made
214 S. State Street

*Beyond Dimensions
59 S. Governors Avenue

*Porney's Too
140 W. Loockerman Street

HARDWARE STORES

*Dover Hardware
128 W. Loockerman Street

Larrivee Designer Hardware Center
505 S. Governors Avenue

JANITORIAL SUPPLIES

*Holt Distributors Co., Inc.
Reed & West Streets

*Dover Jewelry & Broker
201 W. Loockerman Street

*Forney's Ltd.
106 W. Loockerman Street

NEWS STAND

*Dover Newsstand
126 W. Loockerman Street

OFFICE PRODUCTS/FURNITURE

*Capitol Office Products
116 W. Loockerman Street

PHOTOGRAPHY

*Young's Studio
134 W. Loockerman Street

REAL ESTATE COMPANIES

* Chabbott Petrosky
Commerical Realtor Ltd.
2 N. State Street

Paramount Realty
32 Loockerman Square

Stoltz Realty
305 S. State Stree

*Woodburn Realty
64 S. Kings Hwy.

RESTAURANTS/BARS/PUBS

Angelo's Pizza
20 W. Loockerman Street

Bradford Street Cate
150 S. Bradford Street

C Moore's Place
24 W. Loockerman Street

Center City Restaurant
154 S. Governors Avenue

Food King
27 W. Loockerman Street

Junior's Bagels & Delicatessen
154 S. State Street

Market Sub & Steak
210 S. Governors Avenue

My Place Tavern
312 W. Loockerman Street

Irish Mikes Olde Towne Pub
107 W. Loockerman Street

W.T. Smithers
140 S. State Street

Spanky's Loockerman Street Lounge
132 W. Loockerman Street

*Webby's Cafe
25 W. Loockerman Street

SHOE STORES

*Kennett Shoes
147 S. Governors

SPORTS CARDS/COMICS

Comics, Cards & Collectibles
114 W. Loockerman Street

Superior Comics
214 W. Loockerman Street

TRAVEL AGENCIES

*Welcome Aboard Travel, Ltd.
206 S. State Street

* Members of Main Street Dover, Inc.
We are sorry that, because of space limitations,
we were not able to include all businesses in
the Main Street Dover district.

OTHER MAIN STREET DOVER, INC.
MEMBERS

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Dover Art League
Dover Arts Council

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