



SOME POPULAR SITES AND LANDMARKS

|                                  |      |                          |      |                               |      |
|----------------------------------|------|--------------------------|------|-------------------------------|------|
| "Bristol Beacon" Statue          | D6   | High School              | G4   | Municipal & Police Building   | D5   |
| Business Association             | C5   | Hospital                 | C3   | Museum                        | E6   |
| Canal Works                      | D/E4 | Jefferson Apartments     | F5   | Nature Preserve               | D1   |
| Clock Tower                      | E/F4 | King George II Inn       | C6   | Post Office                   | E4   |
| Cultural & Historical Foundation | D5   | Lagoon                   | F3/4 | Recreation Center (Ice Rinks) | D4   |
| District Justice Court           | C5   | Library                  | E6   | Senior Citizen Center         | D5   |
| Dutch Country Market             | G4/5 | Lincoln Track            | D5   | Theater                       | C6   |
| Elementary School                | D4   | Marsh                    | B/C5 | Train Station                 | E3/4 |
| Grundy Tower Apartments          | C/D5 | Mill Run Assisted Living | F4   | Wharf                         | C6   |

SCALE:

1/4 mile

(Distance between two white lines)

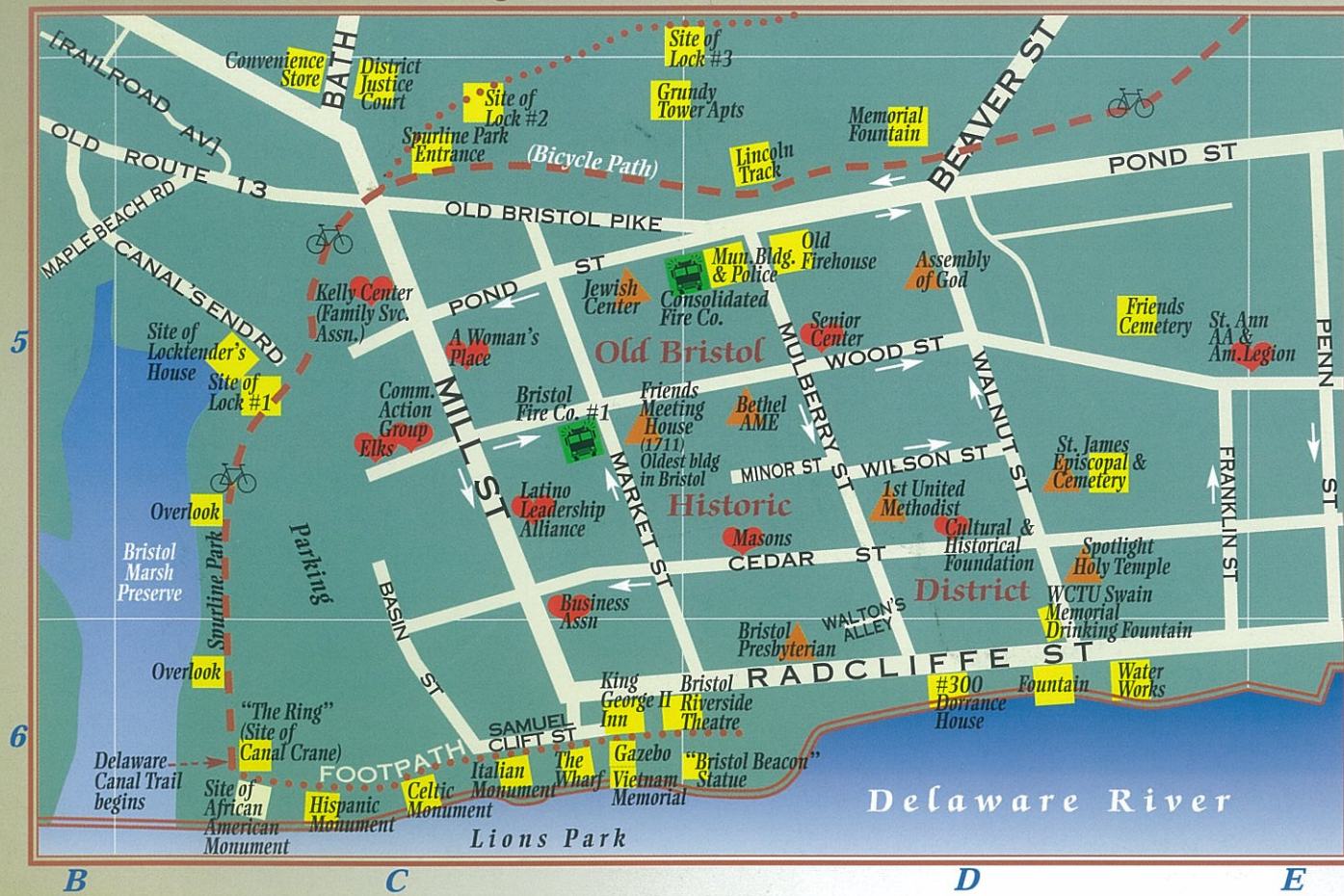
- HARRIMAN NEIGHBORHOODS**
- BOROUGH BOUNDARY
  - HIGHWAYS
  - MAIN ROADS
  - LOCAL ROADS
  - ALLEYS
  - ONE-WAY STREETS
  - PASSENGER RAILROAD
  - BICYCLE PATH
  - OLD CANAL (FOOTPATH)
  - SITES & LANDMARKS
  - FIREHOUSES
  - SCHOOLS AND LIBRARY
  - HOUSES OF WORSHIP
  - SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Borough of Bristol  
Pennsylvania 1907 USA

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## Bristol Borough, PA — Old Bristol and the Wharf Area



### ABOUT BRISTOL BOROUGH

Lenni Lenape (Algonkian) Americans lived in the area first; William Penn bought their land in 1681 and everyone co-existed peacefully (until years later). The first non-Native person to move to Bristol was Samuel Clift from Burlington, NJ (and before that, England), who started a ferry business between the two places in 1681 and had a ferryhouse built at the river's edge (continued today as the King George II Inn — most likely the oldest continuous inn business in the country). Settlers came, built homes near the wharf and farms just beyond, and the borough was incorporated in 1720.

For the next 150 years Bristol was a small, busy town whose main claims to fame were connected with the Delaware River. Travelers between Philadelphia and New York would take a boat between Philadelphia and Bristol, and board stagecoaches or trains (after 1834) between Bristol and points north. Commercially, when the Delaware Canal was opened in the 1830s between Bristol and Easton (60 miles north), Bristol became a major ship and train stop for coal that was mined in upstate Pennsylvania and burned in Philadelphia and elsewhere.

In the 1870s businessman Joshua Peirce started a major push to attract industry to Bristol with his "Bristol Improvement Company"; he built many of the large buildings that still stand in the Industrial Historic District of the Borough, and brought clothing mills as well as leather, wallpaper, and cast iron factories to the town. (Most notable

was the Grundy Worsted Mill, run by the family of Joseph Grundy, Bristol's most illustrious resident. He was appointed to the U.S. Senate in late 1929, and served one year.) During World War I the Bristol waterfront teemed with workers building ships (W. Averell Harriman's Merchant Shipbuilding Corporation), and during World War II some of these same sites constructed airplanes (Fleetwings/Kaiser). There was an airport just outside the Borough.

After the wars Bristol settled down to being a robust peacetime village. There were dozens of thriving stores on and around Mill Street in the 1940s and '50s; it was the "only [shopping] game in town" for many miles around. The creation of nearby commercial centers gradually shifted the focus away from Bristol, but the borough retains the look and feel of a picturesque hometown community.

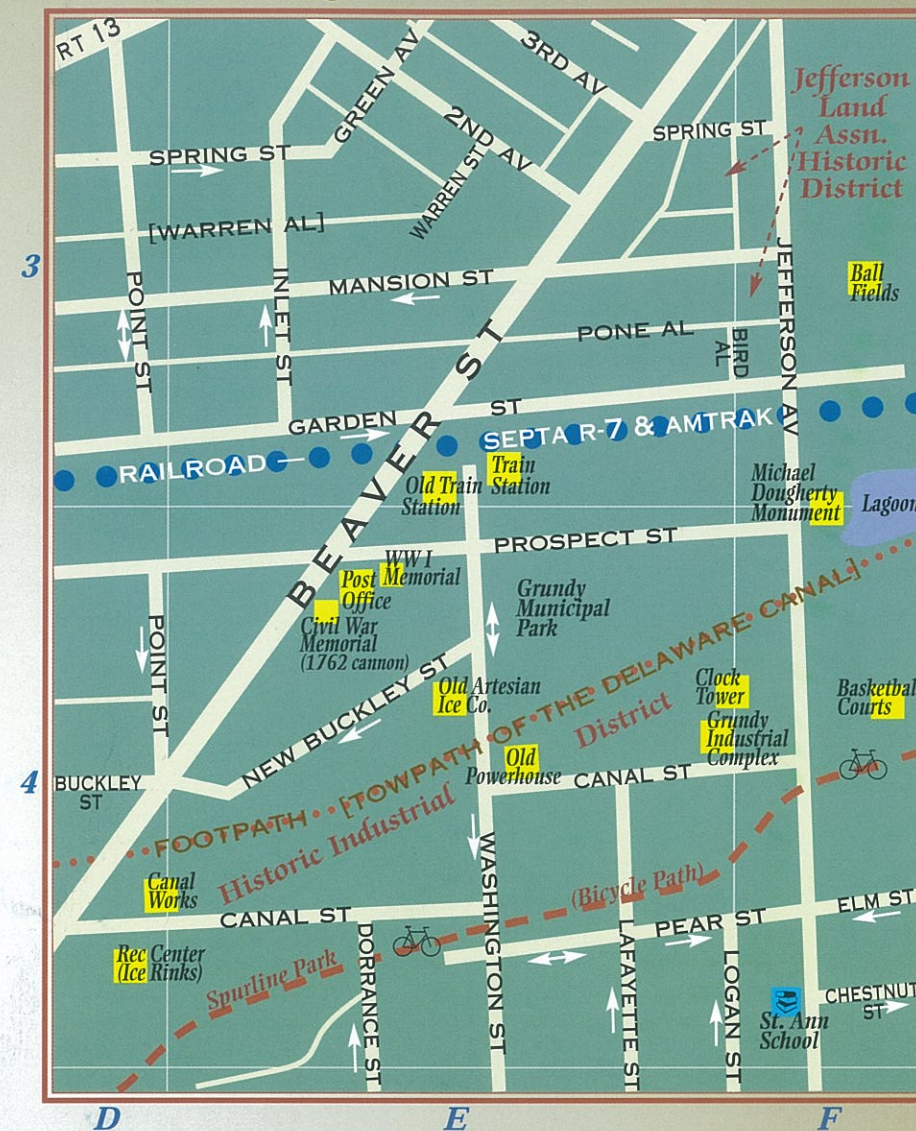
One of the best things about Bristol Borough is that remnants and reminders of each of its different phases remain here today, from preserved 18th- and 19th-century homes, to the unique historic industrial district, to the canal (last used for shipping around 1930, but much of it still here), to the King George, to the beautiful wharf area and riverfront. Oh—and remember "The Bristol Stomp" by The Dovells in 1961? It started here! Bristol is a town with a little bit of everything, and we hope you enjoy it.



Grundy

For a free self-guided tour booklet of 50 of Bristol's historic sites, contact the Bristol Cultural and Historical Foundation, P.O. Box 215, Bristol, PA 19007; (215) 781-9895. And plan to be in town on the third Saturday in October for Historic Bristol Day!

## Bristol Borough, PA — Historic Industrial District



### STREET FINDER

|                       |                       |                        |                         |                        |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 2nd Av.....E3         | Cherry St.....F5      | Headley St.....D3      | Mulberry St.....D5      | Race St.....C4         |
| 3rd Av.....E3         | Chestnut St.....F4    | Howell St.....C4       | Nelson Ct.....I3        | Radcliffe St.....E6    |
| 4th Av.....E2         | Cleveland St.....H3   | Hunter Rd.....I2       | New Brook St.....F5     | Railroad Av.....I3     |
| 5th Av.....E2         | Coolidge Pl.....G4    | Inlet St.....E3        | New Buckley St.....E4   | Roosevelt St.....H3    |
| 6th Av.....F2         | Corson St.....D3      | Jackson St.....G4      | New Rodgers Rd.....A2   | Route 13.....D3        |
| Adams St.....F4       | Clymer St.....C4      | Jefferson Av.....F3,F5 | No. Cedar St.....F5     | Route 413.....A3       |
| Ash Av.....I3         | DiGiuseppe Dr.....I3  | Lafayette St.....E5    | Old Bath Rd.....C4      | Samuel Clift St.....C6 |
| Barry Pl.....H3       | Dorrance St.....E5    | Lincoln A.....F5       | Old Bristol Pike.....C5 | Seabird Dr.....H5      |
| Basin St.....C6       | East Circle.....H3    | Linden St.....B4       | Old Route 13.....B4     | Spring St.....D3,E3    |
| Bath St.....C4        | E. Farragut Av.....H4 | Locust St.....B4       | Otter St.....B4         | Spruce St.....D4       |
| Beaver St.....E4      | Elm St.....F4         | Logan St.....E4        | Pear St.....E4          | Swain St.....C4        |
| Benson Pl.....G4      | Farragut Av.....G4    | Madison St.....G4      | Pine St.....E5          | Taft St.....I3,I4      |
| Bird Alley.....F3     | Fillmore St.....G5    | Mansion St.....E3      | Penna. Tpk.....I1       | Taylor St.....G5       |
| Bridlepath Rd.....I4  | Franklin St.....D5    | Maple St.....B4        | Pine St.....D4          | Walnut St.....D5       |
| Bristol Pike.....E2   | Garden St.....E3      | Maple Beach Rd.....B5  | Pine Grove St.....G5    | Walton's Alley.....D5  |
| Bristol St.....F6     | Garfield St.....G3    | Market St.....C5       | Plum Alley.....D4       | Warren Alley.....D3    |
| Brook St.....F5       | Grant St.....F5       | McKinley St.....H3     | Point St.....D3,D4      | Warren St.....E3       |
| Buckley St.....D4     | Green Av.....E3       | Mifflin St.....C4      | Pond St.....E5          | Washington St.....E5   |
| Canal St.....E4       | Green La.....I3       | Mill St.....C5         | Pone Alley.....E3       | West Circle.....F4     |
| Canal's End Rd.....C5 | Green St.....B4       | Minor St.....D5        | Porter Av.....F4        | Wilson Av.....H3       |
| Cedar St.....D5       | Hayes St.....H3,H4    | Monroe St.....G4       | Prospect St.....E4      | Wilson St.....D5,F5    |

### MISTAKES, OMISSIONS, AND THANKS

It is very important to me that this map of Bristol, based on driving or walking every road and consulting many older maps, be totally accurate and readable. If you notice something that's not right, has been left out, or could be improved, please contact me right away; it will be corrected in the next edition.

My deep gratitude goes to all the long-time Bristol people whose huge knowledge I have tapped to find out about various sites in their beloved village; Doris Ennis, Carol Mitchener, Harold Mitchener, and Alan Vogenberg are foremost among them.

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## A Complete Map of the Borough of

# Bristol

Pennsylvania USA

Founded 1681 — Incorporated 1720

SHOWING ROADS, ALLEYS, ONE-WAY STREETS, NEIGHBORHOODS, THE RAILROAD, SCHOOLS, FIREHOUSES, SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS, PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND ATHLETIC FIELDS, WALKING AND BIKING PATHS, CEMETERIES, HOUSES OF WORSHIP, STATUES AND MONUMENTS, HISTORICAL SITES AND OTHER PLACES OF INTEREST

### BRISTOL BOROUGH, PA

The emergency phone number is **911**  
The speed limit is **25** on all roads, unless otherwise posted  
The Area Code is **215**  
The ZIP Code is **19007**  
The curfew for people under 18 is **11:00 pm**  
The minimum drinking age is **21**  
The minimum age for buying tobacco is **18**  
The population is about **10,000** (2000 Census)  
The size is about **1.6** square miles  
The schools are in the **Bristol Borough School District**

### APPROXIMATE DRIVING DISTANCES (miles)

|                               |                        |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Albany, NY.....175            | Lancaster, PA.....80   |
| Atlantic City.....60          | New London, CT.....160 |
| Baltimore.....120             | New York City.....60   |
| Boston.....250                | Philadelphia.....20    |
| Easton, PA.....60             | Stamford, CT.....90    |
| Harrisburg.....110            | Washington, DC.....150 |
| Hempstead, Long Island.....70 | Wilmington, DE.....50  |

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