

Historic Philippi Tour
Tour from Adaland or
Covered Bridge Bed and Breakfast and return

First Stop- Covered Bridge and Barbour County Historic Museum

If coming from the Covered Bridge Bed and Breakfast, the bridge is an easy walk from Church Street to Main Street – turn right to the stop light and proceed to the Covered Bridge. If coming from Adaland, park at the Blue and Gray Park and view the information in the kiosk at the park about the battle of Philippi and then walk across the historic Covered Bridge that played an important part in the Civil War. The bridge was partially destroyed by fire in 1989 but is authentically restored and remains the only double barreled covered bridge in the US.

The Barbour County Historic Museum is located near the bridge and houses artifacts of the Civil War and local history items. A walking tour guide of the historic downtown area is available at the museum. The famous Philippi mummies are housed in the museum. There is no charge for admission but a \$1.00 fee to see the mummies goes to local projects.

Second Stop- Philippi Presbyterian Church and Barbour County Courthouse

As you proceed south to Main Street, you will see the Philippi Presbyterian Church at the stop light. The church was organized in 1867 and the building was constructed between 1873 and 1876. The original stained glass windows are dedicated to the first members of the congregation. The windows have been restored by the church. The Barbour County Court house is located on the public square on Main Street. The Court House was built in 1904 and the ornate court room with its stained glass dome has been restored. Inquire at the Court House for tour information.

Third Stop- Campus of Alderson-Broaddus College

Alderson-Broaddus College is located on the hill above Philippi. It is the site of the Union attack on Philippi on June 3, 1861. Soldiers came straight down the hill and onto the Covered Bridge and Main Street where the battle between Union and Confederate troops took place. Drive through the Covered Bridge and turn right onto US 219 North to the top of the hill and the campus entrance. Visit New Main for more information about the campus.

Return to the Main Street Historic District or Adaland

Several restaurants are available on Main Street along with some unique small shops. If returning to Adaland, cross the Covered Bridge and turn right on US 119 North for 3 miles. Turn left on WV 76 for one mile.