



EVERY town holds its fascinations for all who look close enough. Each has its own story of how it came to be and where it is heading. These signs tell some of the episodes in the story of Athol, Massachusetts. Our hometown glimpses make up the bigger picture of America.

The Athol Bicentennial Commission undertook the "Athol History Trail" project in 1975-1976 in the belief that the more one knows a town, the more he or she is likely to appreciate it and do things for it.

Most of these sites are on private property so please respect them and do not trespass.

A SUGGESTION

Athol's road system is complex because the town was born as twin villages, divided by a river. The trail mapped in this paper, therefore, is zigzag. There is no way to simplify it while taking in all 24 sites.

You may not want to tackle the entire route in one trip. You may prefer making your own simple route. One way is to stay on Pleasant St., Main St., and up No. Orange Rd. and add side trips later.

There's plenty to see.... Happy Exploring!

PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY

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Total Length: 16 Miles
Leisurely Driving Time: 1 Hour

