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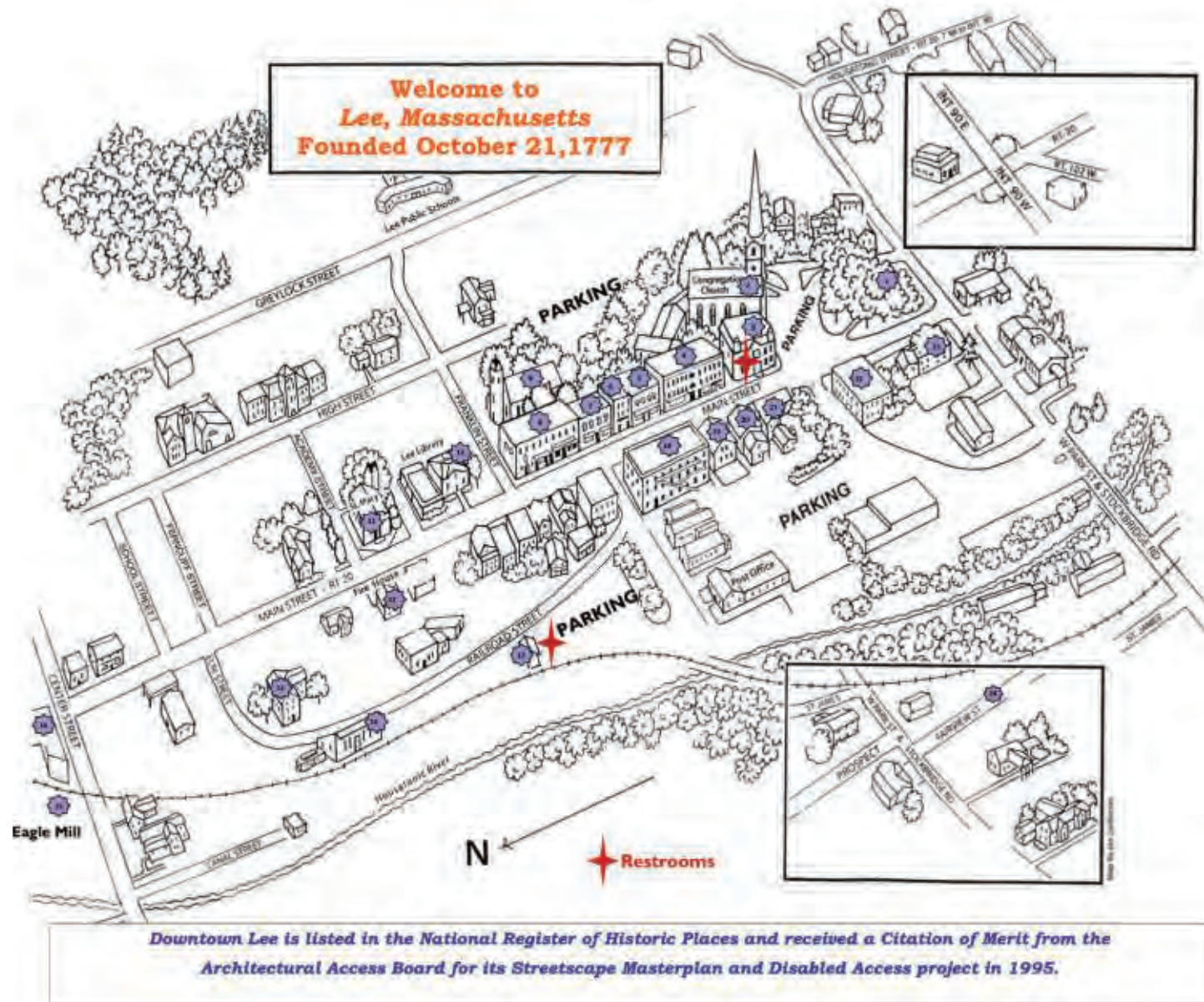
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## Downtown Lee





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# Welcome

All around the valley where Lee lies, you will find breathtaking views of the Berkshire Hills and landscape. Every season provides something special. From world class music and theatre, to endless outdoor activities, incomparable dining and lodging options, Lee provides a perfect base for your Berkshire vacation. The location is central to all of the offerings of the area. Every local you ask will have a different answer to, "What is the best part of Lee?"



Our town is where history and progress converge. The Berkshires remains constant in its character- unhurried and culturally rich, and Lee is the quintessential New England village it has always been for over 100 years.

Just named by USA TODAY as one of the top 10 Best small towns in the Northeast, Lee is made up of friendly, community oriented, and hardworking people. While the town retains the paper

and marble industries that it was built upon historically, it also hosts many small to midsize companies offering an attractive environment committed to economic growth. It also allows small business owners to flourish with the constant flow of visitors passing through year around.



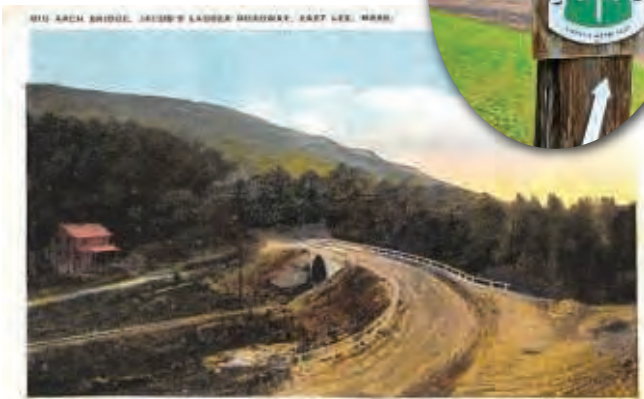


# e to Lee!!

Outdoor activities abound in our area. Starting with numerous hiking trails which includes a section of the Appalachian Trail to meandering walks through the woods, there is something for every level.



In fact this year, Lee is on its way to being designated as an Appalachian Trail Community. Visitors will also find pristine lakes to swim, paddleboard or fish as well as bike trails and scenic drives to the northern and eastern edges of Massachusetts.





If shopping is what you desire on vacation, our various little shops downtown, Saturday Farmers market, and the Lee Premiums Outlets fit that bill too. Lee offers many dining options to suit all tastes and budgets. And when it's time to call it a day, rest easy in Lee in an historic inn, a small motel, or sprawling resort.





Not a best kept secret anymore, Lee is the perfect place to visit and an even better place to live. Where kids still ride their bikes downtown to get an ice cream and play in the athletic field, people greet each other on the street and still don't lock their cars downtown, Lee is a special place we know you'll fall



in love with too. Welcome to our quaint village - we're here to share the magic with you!!



# Lee

## SEASONAL HIGHLIGHTS

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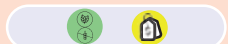


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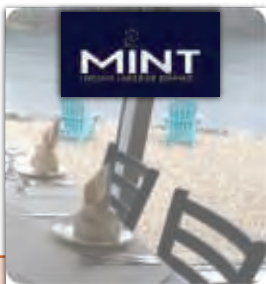


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266 Main Street





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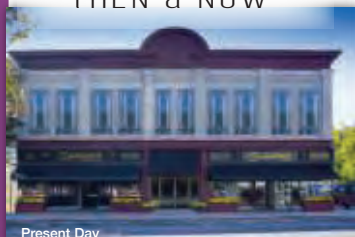
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53 Main Street

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15 Main Street



ca. 1950

Zabian's Fine Jewelers is located in Lee's Park Building; built in 1914, it is an excellent surviving example of a historic 19th century New England town center. The entire area is now part of the Lower Main Street Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places.

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PO Box 702

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<https://leelandtrust.org/>

**To preserve and safeguard the rural character, natural resources and open spaces of the Town of Lee. We work with the Town and the appropriate Boards to encourage thoughtful and scenic development for the future growth of Lee.**

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Lee, MA 01238

413-243-3323

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Kiwanis Club of Lee, Inc. <https://k17.site.kiwanis.org/about/clubs/division-17/>  
PO Box 283  
Lee MA 01238

**Kiwanis is a global organization dedicated to changing the world one child and community at a time.**

### Lee Historical Society

413-243-1797

PO Box 170 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/815311791903874/>  
Lee MA 01238

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PO Box 19 [https://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/lee\\_ma/](https://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/lee_ma/)  
Lee MA 01238

### Lenox Chamber of Commerce

413-637-3646

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### Lee Library

413.243.0385

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Lee, MA 01238

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413-298-5200

50 Main Street <https://stockbridgechamber.org>  
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413-243-1222

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413-243-0117



Lee Library

ca. 1900

Reproduction of architect's rendering of Lee Library

Henry S. Moul, Architect, Hudson, NY.

October 3, 1974  
Tree planting in front  
of Lee Library





John F. Kennedy


April 1956

Lee Court Room, Main St. Lee, MA.  
Sen. Kennedy became 35th President.

# Walking Tour of Historic Lee

 **CHURCH PARK:** In the very center of town, the park features a marble drinking fountain designed by the famous sculptor **Daniel Chester French**. The fountain, dedicated in 1899, is a memorial to Miss Kilbon, a member of the Loyal Temperance Legion; the design includes a bas relief of **Chief Konkapot**, tribal leader of the Stockbridge Mohican Indians. There is also a monument to the first ancient campsite of the area's Native Americans supplied by the DAR. The park includes a time capsule to be opened in the year 2077, and the Lee Chamber of Commerce Visitor Information Center.

 **FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH:** The 195-foot tall steeple is the tallest timber-frame steeple in New England. The cornerstone for the building was laid in 1857 and has a 141-year-old clock system built by *Turret and Marine Clock Co.* of Boston and a Seth Thomas Clock Movement to drive the four dials that strike the bell. The clock is hand-wound and is designed to run for seven days. The church is a fine example of Romanesque architecture. The interior was decorated by German artists using a technique called *trompe l'oeil* [fool the eye]. It is regarded as one of the finest examples of this work in the United States. The church is on the National Register of Historic Places.

 **MEMORIAL HALL:** The Town of Lee erected this hall in honor of her 38 sons who died of wounds or disease in the Civil War. Their names are listed on three tablets inside the building. Included are three names representing the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, Company A. These honored soldiers were members of the famed **54th Massachusetts Regiment**, Afro-American soldiers who proved their valor in the attack on Battery Wagner, SC in 1863, as depicted in the film *Glory*.

*Memorial Hall* also houses town offices and the Lee Police Station. At the rear of Memorial Hall young **Arlo Guthrie** was put on trial for littering in 1965. "Blind Justice" James Hannon's law offices are still at 184 Main Street. Other Guthrie sites are in Stockbridge and Great Barrington. These events are memorialized in the song and movie *Alice's Restaurant*.

## *Main Street Architecture*


 **40-52 Main - BAIRD and BENTON BLOCK:** Built in 1879; high Victorian Italianate style.

 **54-56 Main - PHELAN BLOCK:** Built in 1912 of Lee marble; Victorian. The interior was furnished with maple floors and pressed tin ceilings; ceiling beams are cast iron.

 **60 Main - OMAN BLOCK:** Built in 1879 the front is faced with Lee marble; Victorian Commercial style.

 **62-66 Main - MOREY BLOCK:** Built in 1879 of brick after fire destroyed the original wood frame building.

 **68-78 Main - BAIRD BLOCK:** Built in 1857; Renaissance Revival; home of Lee's newspaper, **THE VALLEY GLEANER**, until the paper finally ceased publication in the 1940s.

 **ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH/SPECTRUM PLAYHOUSE:** The Episcopal Society was formed in Lee in 1856 and its first wood frame church was built in 1858. The wood frame church burned to the ground on December 24, 1861. It was rebuilt, in 1865, of Lee marble. In February 1879, a great fire destroyed much of the business district adjacent to the church. The church roof and some of the contents were lost, but the stone withstood the fire and the roof was rebuilt. The architectural style is Gothic Revival. Today the *Spectrum Playhouse* occupies this space; it is a performing arts center offering programs for both children and adults.



**LEE LIBRARY:** Built in 1907 using Lee marble in the Beaux-arts style, paid for with a generous **Andrew Carnegie** grant and local funds. Marble from the Lee Quarry was also used in constructing the 1977 addition. The library sits on the site of Peter Wilcox's log cabin, the first downtown building. The first town meeting was held here in 1777. Veterans Park fronts the building with plaques honoring **James M. Burt**, winner of the **Congressional Medal of Honor** in World War II.

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH:** This Roman Catholic Church was built in 1856. The cornerstone was laid on September 21, 1856 by Father Cuddihy. Father Cuddihy celebrated the first Mass on Sunday, March 15, 1857 in the unfinished church. A picket fence was built to enclose the property. In 1873, the fence was removed and a marble stone wall and ornamental fence were erected to enclosed the property. A 1235 pound bell was purchased and installed in 1914.

**CENTRAL FIRE STATION:** The first fire engine in Lee was the "Water Witch" purchased in 1856. The "Water Witch" was housed on Academy Street and the second floor of the building was used for meetings. In 1859, the town voted to establish a Fire District. The fire house was moved to School Street in 1888. At a meeting of the Lee Fire District in 1911, it was voted to purchase this property on Main Street. The Building was to be of Lee marble designed by Henry S. Moul. It was completed in 1912. A bell, purchased by Lee citizens for the old fire station on School Street, was moved to the tower of this building. In 1939, while on parade in a national competition at **New York World's Fair**, the department received an award for the best appearing Fire Company.

**ST. MARY'S PAROCHIAL SCHOOL/CHAMBERY INN:** The *Chambery Inn* is the original St. Mary's School building, built in 1885. Five nuns from the **Order of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Chambery** (France) came to staff the school. It was the first parochial school in Berkshire County and marked the Order's first endeavor in the United States. The building was purchased by the Toole family for \$1 in 1989 to save it from demolition, and on May 23, 1989 the building was moved from Academy Street to its present location.

**JOE'S DINER:** A small local eatery that may have been the inspiration for the setting of **Norman Rockwell's** painting "The Runaway." Photos of visiting politicians, performers and athletes dating back to the 1950s line the walls. "Good Morning America" with Diane Sawyer, Robin Roberts and Chris Cuomo broadcast from here in 2008.

**EAGLE MILL:** At the north end of downtown, the Eagle Mill served as a paper producer for about 200 years. Current plans are to redevelop the mill as housing and commercial space.

**LEE RAILROAD STATION/SULLIVAN STATION:** The station was built in 1893 by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad. Prior to the construction of the passenger depot, passengers boarded and disembarked from a wooden building located across the tracks from the present building. At the turn of the 20th century crowds of curious onlookers often gathered here to watch exotic wildlife unloaded from cars onto wagons for the trip up October Mountain to **William C. Whitney's** wildlife preserve.

**DRESSER HULL:** The original Dresser store was built on this street in 1883. In 1904, two leading coal and grain concerns of Lee, the David Dresser store, mill and yard and the business possessions of the *Hull Coal and Grain Co.* formed a new corporation called *Dresser Hull Company*. Eventually, the company expanded into the lumber and building supply business.


**51-59 Main - NORTHUP BLOCK:** Built in 1857; Federal style. A fourth floor with a mansard roof was added in 1879; destroyed by fire in the 1920s.


**47 Main - LEE NATIONAL BANK/GREYLOCK FEDERAL CREDIT UNION:** The *Lee National Bank* was incorporated in 1835 and this building was built the same year. *Lee Savings Bank* shared quarters with the *Lee National* until 1904 when an act of the legislature officially separated national and savings banks. The architecture is a Greek revival brick building altered to Italianate style in 1858. The interior of the building was remodeled in 1998 to its original 19th century design. The building now houses the *Greylock Federal Credit Union*. *[Not to be missed!]*


**43 Main - PEASE BLOCK:** Occupied in 1864 until the late 1940s by Pease's Drugstore! Greek revival with a recessed Greek temple front.



# Walking Tour Continued

 **THE MORGAN HOUSE:** Built in 1817, The Morgan House was a private residence for Esquire William Porter and his family. Edwin Morgan, the first settler of the city of Springfield, purchased and enlarged the home in 1853 and opened its doors to visitors arriving on incoming stagecoaches. Mr. Morgan served as a stone cutter and was commissioned by his firm to look for stone to build the west wing of the Capitol in Washington, D.C. He recognized the beauty of Lee marble and induced his firm to use it in the addition to the Capitol building. As early as 1861, many traveling theater groups stayed here. Other famous guests were **Ulysses S. Grant**, **Ted Shawn** and **George Bernard Shaw**. In the 1970s, the *Morgan House* was owned by Maria Cole, wife of **Nat King Cole**. The present owners maintain it as an inn, tavern and restaurant. The architecture of the building is of the Federal style.

 **15-19 Main - PARK BUILDING:** Built in 1914, this building is another fine example of the use of Lee marble. It is designed in the style of Boston architect Louis Henry Sullivan and has what was then a "modern" look typical of his style. He personally designed and built high rise "skyscrapers" that were about eight levels high.

 **WELLINGTON SMITH HOUSE/ KELLY FUNERAL HOME:** The building style of architecture used here is Second Empire French mansard. There is a full veranda in the Italianate style. The house was built in 1830 and had different owners until 1857 when it was purchased by John R. Smith; Wellington Smith was his son. In 1864, his uncle Elizur Smith, took Wellington and his cousin Dewitt into business creating the *Smith Paper Co*. This company became the first in America to commercially produce paper from wood pulp using the Berkshires' poplar trees for raw material. Wellington was the first president of the *American Paper and Pulp Association*. In 1872 Wellington remodeled the house. This was the first house in Lee to be supplied with water from a reservoir and the first with indoor bathrooms.

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## WITHIN DRIVING DISTANCE

### Monument to a Cow:

Take West Park Street, near Church Park, to Fairview Street (across from the golf course). Drive along Fairview Street until you reach the 700 numbers. The marble monument will be on your left-hand side just before Davis Street. The monument is on property that was once the *Highfield Farm* owned by John G. Ellis.

The cow, **Highfield Colantha Mooie**, in her 18 years, produced 205,928.5 pounds of milk. Colantha was born, lived and died on that farm. (1919-1937)

**Lee, Massachusetts** - The southern half of Berkshire County was purchased from the Stockbridge Indians for 460 pounds sterling, three barrels of cider and 30 quarts of rum. From this purchase 14,237 acres became the Town of Lee. Lee was incorporated on October 21, 1777 - becoming the 21st town in Berkshire County.

The town is named after Revolutionary War era **Major General Charles Lee**, a rank that placed him second in command to Gen. Washington. Lee also served earlier in the British Army during the Seven Years War. After that war he sold his commission and served for a time in the Polish army of King Stanislaus II. Lee was court martialed after leading the disastrous **Battle of Monmouth** against British forces in 1778. Charles Lee was born in Cheshire, England and died in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (1732-1782).

## INDUSTRY

### PAPER

Paper making has been an important industry in Lee since 1806 when Samuel Church built the first paper mill in South Lee. The Housatonic River provided ample water power. In the 1920s Church's mill was sold to Owen and Hurlbut who converted it into a factory that produced fine writing paper. The first paper produced from ground wood pulp was made in Lee at the *Smith Paper Company*.

### MARBLE

In 1852, Mr. Charles Heebner came to Lee from Philadelphia and opened the Heebner Marble Quarry. Tests had proven that Lee marble could withstand a much greater pressure than any other in the country and was more durable than Italian marble. Lee marble has been used throughout the world; it was used to build the *Customs House Annex* in Boston, the base of the Washington Monument in Washington, DC and for thousands of headstones at Arlington National Cemetery. In addition, thousands of tons have been shipped to grave sites around the United States and abroad for American graves on foreign soil.

You will see the many uses of Lee marble as you take this walking tour. Lee lime is also sold throughout the world.



**LEE MARBLE?** Not really. This image is from the *trompe l'oeil* painted interior of the Lee Congregational Church!



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# LEE CHAMBER of COMMERCE

The mission of the Lee Chamber of Commerce is to promote our local businesses within that information and to advance the economic, civic, and social welfare of Lee and the Berkshire region. The Lee Chamber of Commerce works to support and foster community prosperity. We could not accomplish all that we do without the tireless work of our Board of Directors who volunteer their time to support our mission.

## Lee Chamber of Commerce

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