A Self-Guided Mobile Tour through 325 Years of Americana

Evidence of nearly every stage of New Rochelle's remarkable 325+ year heritage and American history can be experienced in the city's downtown business district. The area that seems to physically radiate from the train station was actually settled nearly two centuries before the first train roared into town in 1848, making this downtown one of the country's earliest.

But the period most reflected in the exceptional architecture and building materials is the era straddling the turn of the 20th century–from late 1890s to just beyond the Depression. That time period, and the most recent years that have brought a regained glory to many of the buildings, resonates all along Main Street, particularly in the great number of Art Deco details.

Built by immigrants, beginning with the 17th century French Huguenot settlers to newcomers of modern times, downtown New Rochelle brims with compelling stories. Hear the tales, see snapshots of the past, and soak up the delicious tidbits about New Rochelle's fascinating path into the 21st Century.

NEW ROCHELLE DOWNTOWN BID HISTORY HOP

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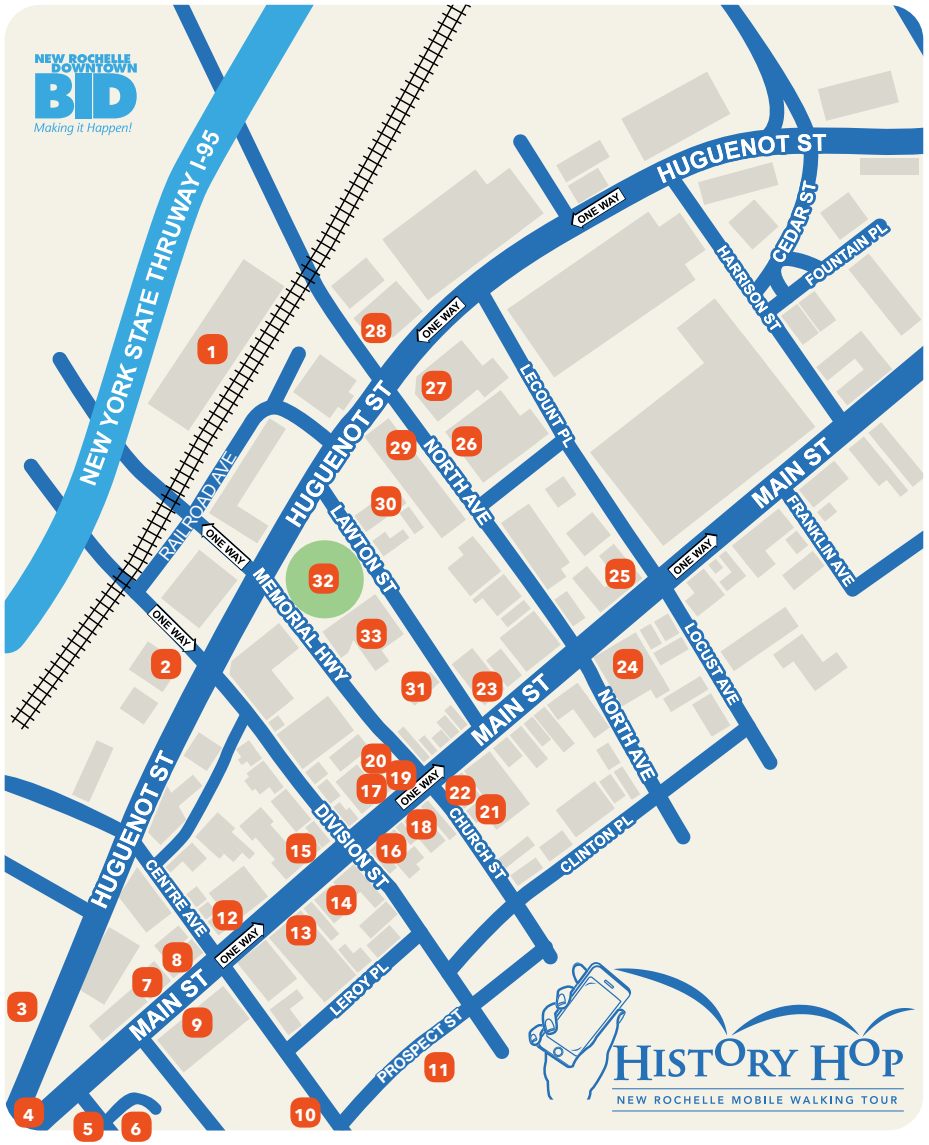
Thirty-three History Hop Stops are located throughout downtown and are identified by blue 12" X 9" signs located in a window or on a nearby post. Each signs features a specific QR code to scan or website address to enter, bringing the tour-taker to a page with a brief description of the site with links to archival photos, current websites, and audio clips.

Simply scan the QR code on the History Hop Sign!

Download a map at NewRochelleDowntown.com

1. **New Rochelle Train Station**
   Depot Plaza
2. **Trinity-St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Burial Grounds**
   11 Huguenot Street
3. **The "Mahlstedt Lumber Company" Building**
   415 Huguenot Street
4. **Soldiers Monument and Moulton Fountain**
5. **Former New Rochelle Public Library**
   662 Main Street
6. **The Presbyterian Church of New Rochelle and Pintard Manse**
   50 Pintard Avenue
7. **Former "Loew's Theater" Building**
   585-599 Main Street
8. **571 - 579 Main Street**
9. **The "Proctor's-RKO Theater" Building**
   574-590 Main Street and 87-101 Centre Avenue
10. **Blessed Sacrament Church**
    15 Shea Place
11. **Site of a Norman Rockwell Studio**
    40 Prospect Street
12. **Leonard Talner Building**
    565 Main Street
13. **The "Ware's Department Store/ Bloomingdale's" Building**
    554 Main Street
14. **The "Bank of New Rochelle" Building**
    542 Main Street
15. **The Arcade Building**
    541 Main Street
16. **The Lambden Building**
    530 Main Street
17. **The "I. B. Cohen" Building**
    525 Main Street
18. **The "Palace" Building**
    518 Main Street
19. **517-519 Main Street**
20. **Memorial Plaza**
21. **"Original New Rochelle Fire Department Headquarters"**
    12 Church Street
22. **Liebman's Children's Apparel Store**
    510 Main Street
23. **The "National City Bank of New Rochelle" Building**
    491 Main Street
24. **The "Arnold Constable" Building**
    466 Main Street and North Avenue
25. **The "Masonic Lodge" Building**
    451-453 Main Street
26. **The "Standard Star" Building**
    251 North Avenue
27. **New Rochelle Post Office**
    Corner of Main Street and Huguenot Street
28. **The "K" Building**
    271 North Avenue
29. **The Former Westchester Federal Savings Bank Building**
    (Current HSBC Bank) 250 North Avenue
30. **The "Trolley Turn-Around" Building**
    45 Lawton Street
31. **The Pioneer Building**
    14 Lawton Street
32. **Ruby Dee Park at Library Green**
33. **The New Rochelle Public Library**
    1 Library Plaza