Hammondsport, a village founded in 1856, has been known by a variety of different names: Pegtown, Grape Bowl of the East, the Cradle of Aviation, and the American Rhineland. In keeping with its unique assortment of nicknames it also has a very unique heritage. The “Vine City” is most famous today for its wineries and vineyards, where over one hundred different types of grapes are grown. In years past it was known for its steamboats, the B&H Railroad, and flying inventions. Over the course of the century and a half that Hammondsport has been thriving it has featured its own newspaper, telegraph shop, opera house, marching band, lunch car, and Orchestrian Hall. Today the village continues to be home to a variety of events and organizations that help to make Hammondsport a beautiful and unique place to visit and to live.

1. **CURTISS BICYCLE SHOP**
   - Glenn Curtiss' bicycle shop, located where the Post Office parking lot is today, is where Curtiss' path to fame began. He started out selling bicycles from this shop, and eventually went on to race motorcycles.
   - He claimed his first title in 1907 when he raced his motorcycle on Ormand Beach in Florida, breaking the land speed record and earning the title of “The Fastest Man on Earth.”

2. **REGINALD WOOD MEMORIAL TO SCOUTING**
   - The memorial scout house was built after the death of Reginald Wood, to whom the building was dedicated after his aircraft was shot down over Italy in WWII. The building was so named to honor this Troop 18 Boy Scout, who earned his Eagle Award in 1941. Today it remains open and active, a place where Girl and Boy Scouts still hold their meetings.

3. **MALLORY MILL**
   - Mallory Mill, the imposing stone structure that looms over Hammondsport’s Glen Brook Flume, was built in 1856. It was, at that time, the 2nd largest free-standing stone building in New York.
   - Over the years it has been used as a mill, winery, and storage facility, which remains its primary function today. In 1999 it was officially listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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5. **OLD MUNICIPAL BUILDING**
   - The former Hammondsport Municipal Building was first constructed in 1858, and has since functioned as a school library, museum, and town and village offices, and is today a residential apartment complex. In 1909 a Civil War monument was constructed in the middle of the intersection in front of the building. After two relocations it now stands in Liberty Park.

6. **THE DEPOT**
   - Over 90 years old, the Train Depot located on the shores of Keuka Lake was once home to the Bath & Hammondsport Railroad. This railway was nicknamed the “Champagne Trail,” largely due to the item it most frequently transported.
   - Today, the Depot is open to the public and has been refurbished into village offices, meeting rooms, and public restrooms.

7. **OPERA HOUSE**
   - The Opera House is a four-story brick building built in 1901 by Godfries Frey. During the first decade of the 1900s many performances took place on the Opera House stage, filling it to its capacity of 500-600 people. Traveling road shows were frequently booked. The Opera House even hosted a circus, complete with a baby elephant lifted up to the third floor stage through a stage door on the alley side with block and tackle.

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TRAIL MAP

LEGEND
- Walking Trail
- Point of Interest
- Church
- Visitor’s Center

- Ambulance
- Library
- Post Office
- Police Dept.
- Village Offices

Follow these trail markers as you walk the trail!

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