

Welcome to the Frederick Douglass/City of Rochester

Black History Month



WINTER WALKING TOUR

February 2021

Much of this tour focuses on Frederick Douglass and the impact he made in the Rochester Area. Enjoy the first eight stops of this tour by foot if you choose, it should not take you more than an hour. Each of these historical locations in Downtown Rochester are close in proximity to each other and at many of them, you will find one of the thirteen Douglass statues sculpted by artist, Olivia Kim. Of course, your vehicle is an option as well. For parking purposes, our tour will begin at MLK Park, 353 Court Street and will end at Hochstein School of Music, 50 N. Plymouth Avenue. There is no charge for street parking after 6pm during the week and is FREE on the weekends and holidays. We encourage you to support any of the local businesses along the way and check out all that this beautiful city has to offer while you are downtown

Thank you so much for joining us, we are so excited to share this with all of you!

Your friends at Hilton Stand UP

A FEW OPTIONS ON YOUR WAY INTO DOWNTOWN



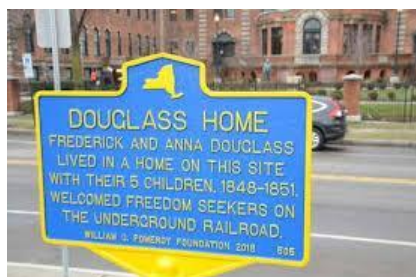
Cross the Frederick Douglass – Susan B. Anthony Memorial Bridge.



**You'll see lots of these murals throughout the city. This one we LOVE!
Amanda Gorman – Inaugural Poet**



Grab a bite to eat at Magnolia's Deli & Café where former president Barack Obama made a stop during his visit to Rochester in August 2013. (366 Park Ave)



300 Alexander St., near the site of The Douglass first home in Rochester at 297 Alexander St.

A GOOD PLACE TO START!

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MEMORIAL PARK, MANHATTAN SQUARE (353 Court St)



Many of the large-scale murals you will see throughout the city are the work of local black artist, Shawn Dunwoody. Check out more of his work on Instagram or find him at [dunwoode.design](https://www.instagram.com/shawndunwoody)



WE'RE GONNA HEAD WEST ON COURT STREET TO FD#1.



SUNY Rochester Educational Opportunity Center, The College at Brockport. Commemorating Douglass' commitment to education. (161 Chestnut Street)

NEXT STOP FD#2 (0.2 mile @ 4 minutes)

If you feel strongly about something you might find yourself here!

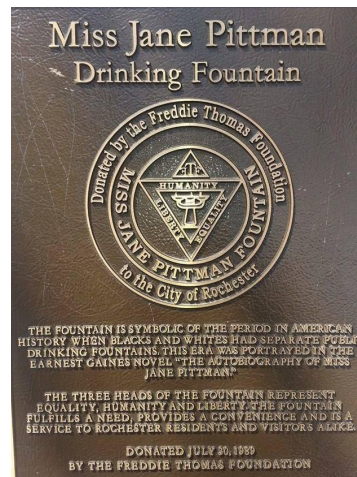


Washington Square Park bordered by Woodbury Blvd., Court Street, St. Mary's Place and S. Clinton Avenue. Site of Civil War "Soldiers and Sailors" monument.

Let's stay North on S. Clinton until we hit East Main. (0.4 mile @ 8 minutes) We'll check out the exciting things happening in Downtown on our way! Our journey is going to take us left on East Main Street, BUT if it were summertime we COULD turn right towards

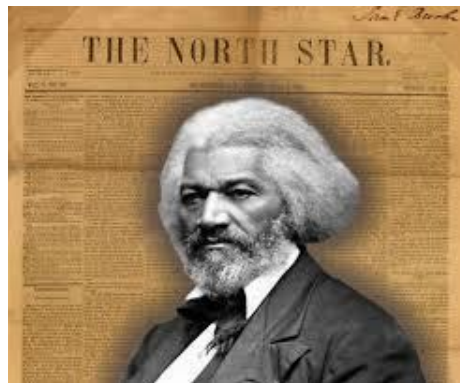
The Liberty Pole. There, you would find The Jane Pittman Drinking Fountain and pass the NEW Mercantile on Main in The Sibley Building & MORE fun Dunwoody art inside!

<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/news/black-history-month-jane-pittman-drinking-fountain-in-downtown-rochester/>



WE THOUGHT THIS WAS A FUN FIND!

Okay, back to heading left. Our next stop FD#3. (0.3 Mile @ 6 minutes)

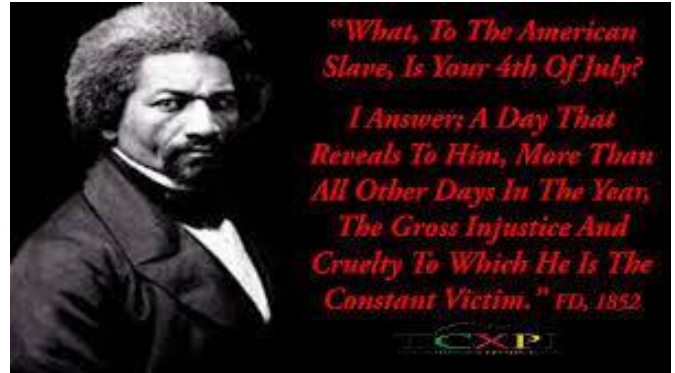


25 East Main Street, The Talman Building, where The North Star and The Frederick Douglass Newspaper were published. (Douglass monument located in neighboring Aqueduct Park)

<https://freethought-trail.org/trail-map/location:frederick-douglass-newspaper-office/>

GO WEST YOUNG MAN! (The rest of you too ☺)

WE'RE GONNA MAKE A RIGHT ONTO STATE ST TO FD#4. (0.5 Miles @ 9 minutes)



Corner of Corinthian Street and State Street, adjacent to the Holiday Inn parking lot. The site of Douglass' renowned Fourth of July speech. VIDEO: Frederick Douglass' Descendants Deliver His 'Fourth Of July' Speech –WAY COOL!

<https://www.npr.org/2020/07/03/884832594/video-frederick-douglass-descendants-read-his-fourth-of-july-speech>

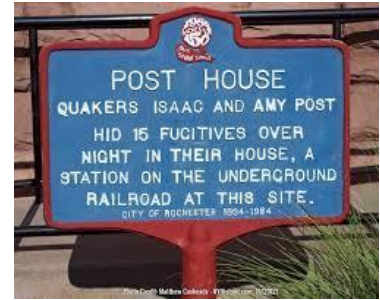
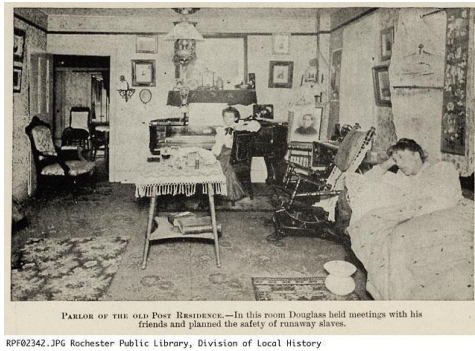
QUICK TRIP AROUND THE CORNER LEFT ON CHURCH ST. (469 ft. @ 2 minutes)



Four artists worked on the 3,000-square-foot mural, which is across State Street from the Kenneth B. Keating Federal Building. Titled, "I Am Speaking," it depicts the late Senator John Lewis delivering an impassioned speech in 1963 and is based on a photograph snapped by Danny Lyon.

ALL WE CAN SAY IS, "WOW!"

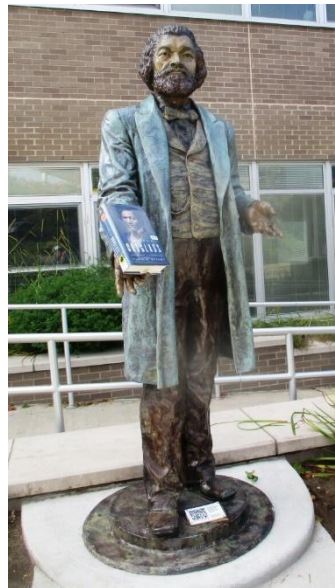
FINAL STOP ON THE WALKING PORTION OF OUR TOUR! ANOTHER LEFT AROUND THE CORNER. (0.2 miles @ 4 minutes)



50 Plymouth Avenue North (Hochstein School of Music and Dance) Hochstein is on the site of the Central Presbyterian Church, where funerals were held for both Frederick Douglass (d. 1895) and Susan B. Anthony (d. 1906). Also located near here, the residence of Isaac and Amy Post. They sequestered fugitive slaves as part of the Underground Railroad. Isaac and Amy became very close with Frederick Douglass.

<https://freethought-trail.org/trail-map/location:post-home-western-new-york-anti-slavery-society/>

DID YOU SAY YOU WANT MORE? CHECK OUT THESE OTHER HISTORIC SITES AROUND ROCHESTER!



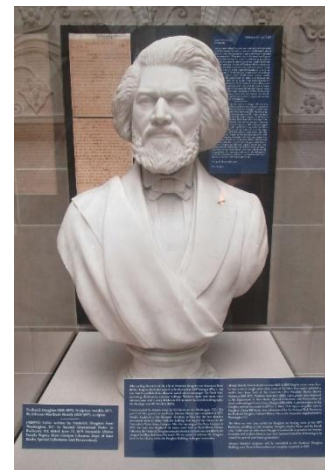
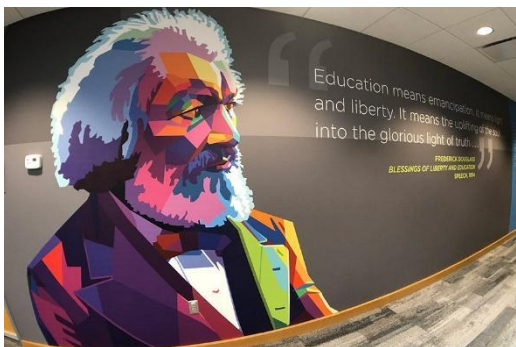
999 South Avenue (Across from Highland Hospital) site of Douglass family. Currently the Douglass R Center and Library. Pictured again far right, our new friend Shawn Dunwoody!



Frederick Douglass Memorial Plaza located in Highland Park, 180 Reservoir Avenue. The monument was the first in the U.S to memorialize an African American citizen.



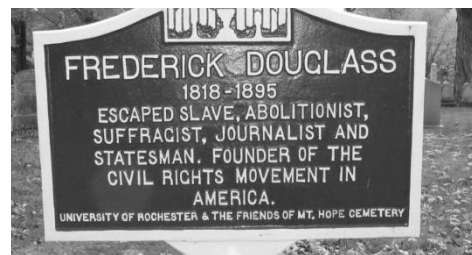
Kelsey's Landing Maplewood Park, 89 Maplewood Drive. Underground Railroad departure point.



University of Rochester Rush Rhees Library. Commemorating Douglass' work in Rochester.



The intersection of Central Avenue and St. Paul Street. The original location of the Douglass monument, currently located in Highland Park.



*1133 Mount Hope Avenue, Mt. Hope Cemetery.
Douglass and members of the Douglass Family's burial site.*



“Let’s Have Tea” statue Susan B. Anthony Square (39 King Street)

The park's focal point is a bronzed sculpture called "Let's Have Tea." The work portrays Ms. Anthony and Frederick Douglass, two early local champions of civil rights. The famous suffragist and abolitionist were close friends who shared the common goals of social justice and civil rights. Now they share a proud place in Rochester's history. For our younger friends! <https://youtu.be/A4NjLseamt8>

The members of Hilton Stand Up hope you have enjoyed exploring this significant piece of Black History that took place right here in Rochester, NY! We are strong believers in learning from the past and hope that you will take something with you from your experience today that you can share with your friends and family. We encourage you to take advantage of the many resources that are available to you and dig deeper into these stories, they are rich with so many interesting and important facts. Feel free to share with us any photos that you may have taken today, on Twitter @hilton_up or by email at hiltonstandup@gmail.com we would love to see them!

Thank you again for joining us!

