The tour starts at the Visitor Center, 201 South Main Street. Park your car in the Visitor Center parking lot, on foot head north to Historic Downtown Hendersonville.

- Downtown Hendersonville was entered into the National Register of Historic Places in March of 1988. The serpentine street features planter boxes brimming with seasonal flowers and trees. Thriving businesses such as specialty shops, antique stores and restaurants offer something for all ages.

Walk one block to the Historic Henderson County Courthouse, located between First & Second Avenues.

- Historic Henderson County Courthouse - Richard Sharp Smith, the supervising architect of Biltmore House, designed the 1905 Historic Henderson County Courthouse. It was built of brick in a neoclassical revival style featuring six Corinthian columns on the front and four columns for each of the two side porticoes. The focal point of the Courthouse is atop of the copper dome, a 6-foot statue of “Lady Justice.” The statue is the Greek goddess Themis (“The Greek Goddess of Divine Justice and Law”) who is without a blindfold, holding a sword in her right hand and scales in her left. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on May 10, 1979.

- Henderson County Heritage Museum - housed in the Historic Henderson County Courthouse on Main Street. It offers public displays, artifacts, lectures, collections, archives, libraries, demonstrations, a replica of a turn of the century county store and other exhibitions relating to the history, culture, and heritage of Henderson County. Open Wednesday - Saturday from 10am - 5pm and Sunday 1pm - 5pm.

Continue north two blocks to the Mineral & Lapidary Museum of Henderson County, located on the east corner of Fourth Avenue.

- The Mineral & Lapidary Museum of Henderson County houses exhibits from North Carolina, the Smithsonian, English minerals, Indian artifacts, a specialty of a single mineral, fossils, fluorescent minerals and gems. Open Monday-Friday 1pm-5pm and Saturday 10am-5pm. Admission is free. Located at 400 North Main Street, on the lower level of the Henderson County Genealogical & Historical Society building.

Proceed north to the next block to Team ECCO Ocean Center and Aquarium, located on between 5th – 6th Avenues, located near Mast General Store.

- The Aquarium offers a public aquarium with 20+ displays showcasing eels, sting rays, sea horses, bamboo sharks and a touch tank. Hours are Wednesday - Saturday 1-5 pm, closed on Sunday and Monday. 511 North Main Street

En route back to the Visitors Center (South), at Second Avenue turn right and go one block to Church Street; the Henderson County Farmers Curb Market is located on the opposite corner

Henderson County Farmers Curb Market is a unique farmers market requiring sellers to be residents of Henderson County. All items sold at the market must be either hand-made or locally grown. Vendors offering a variety of goods such as: crafts, baked goods, jellies, plants, flowers, toys, and produce. The market has been in continuous operation since 1924. Hours are 8am-2pm Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from April-December, and 8am-1pm Saturday January-March

Travel back to Main Street and turn right (south) two blocks to the Visitors Center.

We hope you enjoyed your Main Street tour.