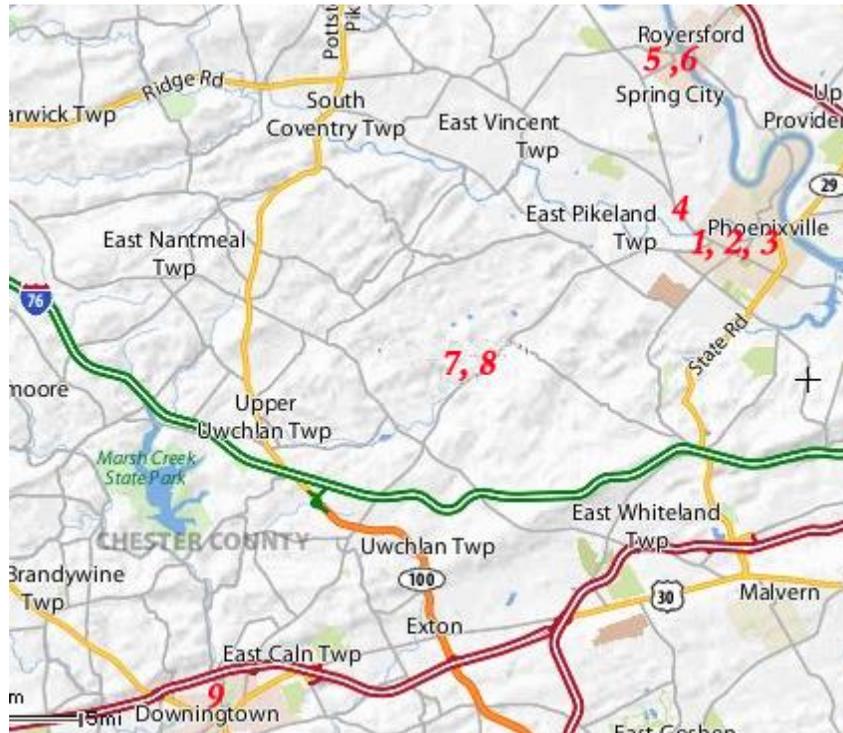


# THE COLONIAL THEATRE

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# BLOBFEST SELF-GUIDED DRIVING TOUR



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| 1. <b>Colonial Theatre</b>       | 227 Bridge Street, Phoenixville                |
| 2. <b>Doc Hallen's House</b>     | Main Street and Third Avenue, Phoenixville     |
| 3. <b>High School</b>            | 320 Second Avenue, Phoenixville                |
| 4. <b>Garage</b>                 | Rt 23 at Mowere Road, Phoenixville             |
| 5. <b>Mystery Street</b>         | Fourth Avenue and Main Street, Royersford      |
| 6. <b>Jerry's Market</b>         | Lewis Road and Oak Street, Royersford          |
| 7. <b>Yellow Springs Studios</b> | Rt 113 and Yellow Springs Rd., Chester Springs |
| 8. <b>Old Man Crosses Road</b>   | Art School Road at Yellow Springs Studios      |
| 9. <b>Downingtown Diner</b>      | 81 West Lancaster Avenue, Downingtown          |

## RECOMMENDED TOUR ITINERARY

There are four filming location areas for *The Blob*: Phoenixville, Royersford, Yellow Springs, and Downingtown. For a one-hour tour, hit the Phoenixville and Royersford locations. Adding Yellow Springs to your tour will add one additional hour. Downingtown adds approximately one more hour. For tech-savvy BlobFans, Latitude/Longitude coordinates are included

# PHOENIXVILLE



**START** at the (1) **Colonial Theatre** 227 Bridge Street, Phoenixville

From the Colonial, travel east on Bridge Street ½ block to Main Street and turn right. Continue south on Main Street 0.6 miles to 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. (Reeves Park will be on your left).



**DOC HALLEN'S HOUSE (2)** is at the NW corner on the right. NOTE: This is a private residence: please respect the privacy of the owners. Only exterior shots were used in the film. The enclosed porch is gone and the house has been repainted, but it is almost the same. One of the most beautiful houses in Phoenixville.

40-07'39.67"N 75-30'52.09"W

<http://theblobsite.filmbuffonline.com/Locations/DocHallensHouse.htm>.



Make a right at the stop sign. Continue several blocks on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. to Lincoln Ave. Turn right on Lincoln Ave. Then, take a right onto 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Barkley Elementary School is on your right. The entrance on the left was the one used as the **HIGH SCHOOL (3)** in *The Blob*. Not much has changed!

40-07'40.01"N 75-31'05.83"W

<http://theblobsite.filmbuffonline.com/Locations/HighSchool.htm>.



Make a right onto Quick St. and another right on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. In two blocks, make a right onto RT 23 (Nutt Rd.) Drive approx. 1.6 mi past shopping centers on left and right to Mowere Rd. JTP Auto Repair is on the far right corner (white garage with glass doors); it's where the **GARAGE (4)** scene was filmed. The mechanic under car is eaten by the Blob. It looks very much the same inside today; you can look through the glass if the doors are closed. The owner, Ladd, is Blob-friendly. If they are open, they may allow you in. 40-08'26.24"N 75-32'48.06"W

## ROYERSFORD



Continue west on RT 23 for 0.25 miles. Bear right onto RT 724 N (Schuylkill Rd). Continue 2.5 miles and turn right onto New St. Continue 0.7 miles to the dead end in Spring City. Turn left onto Main St. and continue 1/8 mile. Continue on Main St. by turning right and crossing the bridge. Follow Main St. another 0.4 mi to 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Annamarie's Place restaurant in Royersford is the site of the **MYSTERY STREET (5)**.



Make a left on 4<sup>th</sup> St. and park. Look down 4<sup>th</sup> St. towards Main St. and Annamarie's to see the staircase shown just before the run out ("...look, Dave, the theater!"). In this scene, several dozen people are running around the corner. The old Penn Theatre across and down Main St. to the right is supposedly where they were running from but is not shown in *The Blob* and no longer there. Happily, the actual run-out scene was filmed at the Colonial Theatre.

[40-11'06.84"N 75-32'21.54"W](https://www.google.com/maps/place/40-11-06.84-N+75-32-21.54-W)

<http://theblobsite.filmbuffonline.com/Locations/MysteryStreet.htm>



Turn left on Main St. Continue northeast 0.5 miles to S. Lewis Rd. and make a right. Continue on about 0.4 mi to Oak St. on your left, and pull in to the Park Towne Plaza shopping center on your right. You will see the Amelia's Grocery Outlet and a Dollar Store.



These are in the building that once was **JERRY'S MARKET (6)** where the teens, led by Steve, rally the town to action. Inside the entrance to the Dollar Store, you can still see (close to the ceiling) a small section of the stonework that is very prominent on the outside of Jerry's in the film. This is the entrance Steve and Jane go in, but it has been remodeled. Inside the Dollar Store, on the entrance side, Steve and Jane are filmed walking around. Next door, at Amelia's, is reportedly where Steve and Jane hide from the Blob in the refrigerated locker. [40-11'44.09"N 75-32'02.02"W](https://www.google.com/maps/place/40-11-44.09-N+75-32-02.02-W)

## HISTORIC YELLOW SPRINGS / CHESTER SPRINGS

Retrace your route back to the JTP garage to continue to Historic Yellow Springs. After leaving the shopping center, turn left on Lewis, right on Main, and drive past Annamarie's. Cross the bridge and turn left to continue on Main St. Turn right onto New St. at the Spring City Hotel. At the light turn left onto RT 724 and continue past JTP Garage on your left.



Continue on RT 724 0.8 miles. Turn right on RT 113 South. Continue on RT 113 approximately 5.5 miles and go PAST the Gulf Station (do not turn). Turn right on Yellow Springs Rd. at the Shoppes at Pickering Mill. Continue on Yellow Springs Rd. Be careful: the road is narrow and winding and there is a one-lane bridge. Bear right at the fork onto Art School Road and park. The building on the right is **YELLOW SPRINGS STUDIO A (7)**, recognizable by the large skylight in front. Some interiors were filmed here: Jane's parents' house, the bar scene and party.



Continue down Art School Rd. a few thousand yards and pull into the Township Building lot on the left, just before Art School Rd curves to the left. The large West Pikeland Township Building with a large skylight in the rear was **YELLOW SPRINGS STUDIO C (7)** during *The Blob* filming. The police station, old man's cabin (both the wide shot with forced perspective and the bigger porch and door), meteor crater, and Doc's office were all set here. This has been remodeled and entrance may not be allowed.

(BE CAREFUL OF TRAFFIC!!) Walk back onto Art School Rd. Where the road curves to the left (looking away from the studio) is the location where Olin Howlin, as the **OLD MAN, CROSSES ROAD (8)** and runs in front of Steve and Jane's car. **40-06'00.00"N 75-37'16.88"W**



Retrace your route back to RT 113 by going back Art School Rd. toward Studio A. Turn left onto Yellow Springs Rd. at the fork – the large house there was the Yeaworth family home. Almost immediately on the left will be the Spring House where scenes from *4D Man* were filmed. Continue on to the stop sign at RT 113. (Again, BE CAREFUL, the road is narrow).



## DOWNINGTOWN



At the stop sign, turn right onto RT 113 (Kimberton Road) and continue for 7.5 miles. Turn right onto RT 30 (East Lancaster Ave.) and continue for 0.8 miles to 81 West Lancaster Ave. On the right side at the Downing Ave. intersection, across from Rita's, is the location of Cadillac Diner, Home of the Blob.

Reportedly, the diner you see is not the one used in the movie – that was reportedly moved to Hollywood around 1960 to serve as a set in other films, including *Killer Instinct* (2000). The infamous basement remains. Once Chef's Diner, it is now the **DOWNINGTOWN DINER (9) and boasts a menu chock full of delicious Bloptions.**

See a current photo of the basement on [www.filmbuffonline.com](http://www.filmbuffonline.com).

40-00'14.70"N 75-42'29.69"W



### *Enjoy and drive safely!*

*This tour was put together by the Blobfest committee in 2008 in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of The Blob. Some updates have been made to the information since then, but please be aware that some businesses referenced above may have closed or changed names. Special thanks to Rich Drees at FilmBuffOnline.com for his assistance.*

An advertisement for the "The Colonial Theatre Blobfest APP". The background is black with red splatters. The text "The Colonial Theatre Blobfest APP" is written in large, white, bold letters. Below it, in smaller white text, is "For Up-To-Date Blobfest INFO". In the top right corner, there is a red circle with the text "Install July 9th". To the right of the circle are logos for "Google Play" and "Available on the App Store". In the bottom right corner, the "THE COLONIAL THEATRE" logo is displayed in white.