

ABOUT THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Almost every county in the country has at least one place listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Centre County has over 60 individually listed sites including 15 National Register historic districts.

- Aaronsburg Historic District • 1980
- Ag Hill Complex, PSU • 1979
- Bellefonte Historic District • 1977
- Boalsburg Historic District • 1977
- Black Moshannon State Park / CCC Camp • 1987:
 - Day Use District
 - Family Cabin District
 - Maintenance District
- Farmers High School / The Penn State College • 1981
- Lemont Historic District • 1979
- Linden Hall Historic District • 1990
- Millheim Historic District • 1986
- Oak Hall Historic District • 1979
- Penns/Brush Valley Rural Historic District • eligible 1995
- Rebersburg Historic District • 1979
- State College:
 - College Heights Historic District • 1995
 - Holmes-Foster / Highlands Historic District • 1995
- Unionville (Flemming) Historic District • 1979



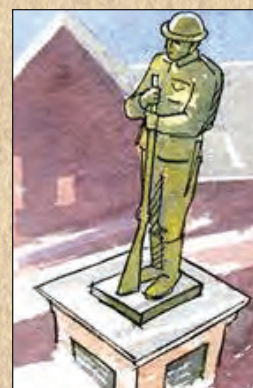
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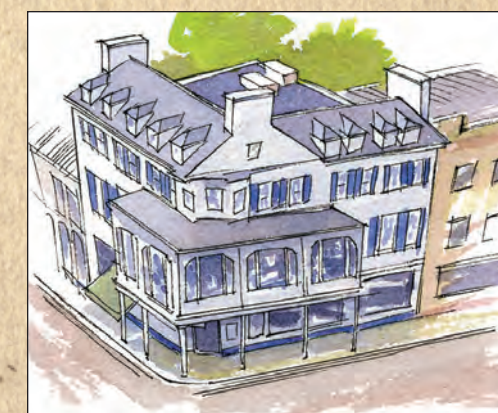


CENTRE COUNTY

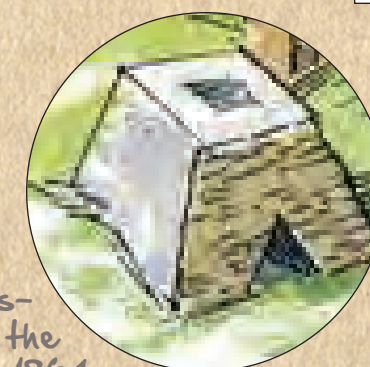
Bellefonte was home to seven Governors.



Bellefonte native, Anna Wagner Keichline was Pennsylvania's first woman registered as an architect in 1920 and invented the "K Brick," predecessor to the modern hollow concrete block.



Centre County was incorporated in 1800 with a population of 4,112. State College was incorporated in 1896.



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CENTRE REGION

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- Boalsburg Heritage Museum/The Sarah Sweet House
- The Centre Furnace Mansion
- Centre County/Penn State Visitor Center
- Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts
- The annual Central PA Festival of the Arts
- Columbus Chapel and Boal Mansion Museum
- Discovery Space Children's Science Museum
- The Granary — John I. Thompson Grain Elevator and Coal Sheds
- Millbrook Marsh Nature Center

The geographical center of Pennsylvania is 2 1/2 miles southwest of Bellefonte in Centre County.

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ABOUT THE MAP

This map represents a sampling of a broader number of historic and cultural resources in Centre County focusing on those that are readily available to the public. It is one tool to access Centre County's rich heritage and complements an interactive online map on the Historical Society's website where additional information may be accessed. The

interactive map can help you decide if you are interested in Centre County museums, historic sites and parks, National Register Districts or Historic Markers. Visit:

centrehistory.org

Click on "Centre County Historic Resources Map"

Both maps provide a way for visitors to quickly access information and links to publicly accessible historic and cultural sites.

Iron fact



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VISIT



Centre County's rich diversity of over 40 historic and cultural sites and museums. When planning your visit, remember to check ahead for individual site hours, admission fees and group reservation information!

EXPLORE



Museums, sites, programs and events, and National Register Historic Districts. Enjoy outdoor activities in scenic woodlands, lakes, and streams.

JOIN



The Centre County Historical Society to receive discounts for special events and museum store purchases, quarterly newsletter, notification of year-round programs and events. Business memberships available. Visit "SUPPORT" on our website to learn more.



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1. Centre Region



Art Alliance of Central PA Gallery

The gallery features shows and a shop where you can find fine art and crafts from regional artists. 818 Pike St, Lemont 16851 • (814) 234-2740 • artalliancepa.org

Bear Meadows Natural Area

National Natural Landmark • 1965

Located within the Rothrock State Forest in the Appalachian Mountains, the area contains a bog surrounded by steep mountains and hiking trails. The bog, which covers 320 acres has been forming since the end of the last glacial period 10,000 years ago and is surrounded by an old-growth forest of boreal species typically found much farther north. nature.nps.gov/nnl/site.cfm?Site=BEME-PA

Boalsburg Heritage Museum

The Sarah Sweet House, home to the Museum, was built in 1825 in the Pennsylvania German architectural style in the Boalsburg National Register District. 304 East Main St • Boalsburg, PA 16827 • (814) 466-3035 • boalsburgheritagemuseum.org

The Centre Furnace Mansion

National Register of Historic Places • 1979

Headquartered at the Centre Furnace Mansion, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Mansion and Furnace Stack are available for tours. They stand testament to the beginnings of the area's charcoal iron industry, and are considered the birthplace of the Pennsylvania State University. 1001 East College Ave • State College, PA 16801 • (814) 234-4779 • centrehistory.org



Centre County/Penn State Visitor Center

Home to the Central PA Convention and Visitors Bureau, a great first stop in Centre County! Learn about nearby lodging, restaurants and regional activities. Access large brochure and information area • exhibit gallery • wireless internet • ATM • retail shop • vending
800 East Park Ave • State College, PA 16803 • (800) 358-5466 • visitpenstate.org



Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts

The annual Central PA Festival of the Arts is a professionally juried Sidewalk Sale and Exhibition in the Borough of State College, PA and adjacent campus of Penn State. Enjoy a variety of musical and other events 5 days, Wednesday–Sunday in early July. 403 South Allen St #205A • State College, PA 16801 • (814) 237-3682 • arts-festival.com

Columbus Chapel and Boal Mansion Museum

National Register of Historic Places • 1978

The Boal Estate was home to the Boal family for eight generations and over 200 years. Original buildings and many of the furnishings remain. The Columbus chapel was brought in 1909 by a descendant of Christopher Columbus. 163 Boal Estate Dr • Boalsburg, PA 16827 • (814) 466-6210 • boalmuseum.com

Discovery Space Children's Science Museum

Interactive exhibits and hands-on programs designed to provide valuable informal science education in a fun learning environment. 112 West Foster Ave #1 • State College, PA 16801 • mydiscoveryspace.org

The Granary

The John I. Thompson Grain Elevator and Coal Sheds are located in the Lemont Village National Register District. Built in 1885 by Moses Thompson, the Granary helped distribute locally grown agricultural products by way of the railroad. Lemont, PA • lemontvillage.org



Millbrook Marsh Nature Center

Unique marsh ecosystem, walking trails, wildlife viewing areas, beautiful views, and a relaxing natural setting. 548 Puddintown Rd., State College, PA 16801 • (814) 235-7819 • crrp.org/Millbrook/MMNC-Menu.html

Mount Nittany/ Mount Nittany Conservancy

Over 800 acres preserved on beautiful Mount Nittany. 9 miles of volunteer-maintained trails • scenic views • vigorous hike to a great overlook of State College and the PSU campus and Beaver Stadium. Lemont, PA • mtnittany.org

Pennsylvania Military Museum

This state-owned museum is dedicated to the military history of Pennsylvania and recounts the story of Commonwealth citizens who served the U.S. in defense of the nation with a focus on the Spanish American War to the present. 51 Boal Ave • Boalsburg, PA 16827 • (814) 466-6263 • pamilmuseum.org



Spring Creek Canyon

Located in rock formations created over 500 million years ago is a site rich in natural, agricultural and industrial history • hiking and bike trails • some of the finest wild brown trout fishing in Pennsylvania. Benner Township, PA • Info & trail guide: fishandboat.com/springcreekcanyon.htm

The State Theater

High drama to children's musicals, from rock 'n' roll to live broadcasts from the Met, the historic State Theatre is in the cultural heart of downtown State College. 130 West College Ave • State College, PA 16801 • (814) 272-0606 • thestatetheatre.org

Scotia

Once the site of a 19th century iron-mining village founded by Andrew Carnegie, it has reverted back to a forested area with bike and walking trails located within State Game Lands. pahikes.com/trails/scotia-barrens

PENN STATE

For a complete listing of Penn State museums, visit: psu.edu/visitors-and-neighbors/museums

The Arboretum at Penn State

Stroll several acres of beautifully landscaped educational gardens, including a children's garden that is a microcosm of our regional landscape. Park Ave & Bigler Rd • University Park PA 16802 • (814) 865-9118 • arboretum.psu.edu

Earth and Mineral Sciences Museum and Art Gallery

Collection of fine minerals, rocks and fossils — over 22,000 specimens, including the country's most extensive collection of paintings and sculpture depicting mining and related industries. 16 Deike Building • University Park, PA 16802 • (814) 865-6336 • ems.psu.edu/outreach/museum

Matson Museum of Anthropology

Archaeological objects from around the world including a collection of 100-year-old pottery. 409 Carpenter Bldg • University Park, PA 16802 • (814) 865-3853 • anth.la.psu.edu/matsonmuseum

Palmer Museum of Art

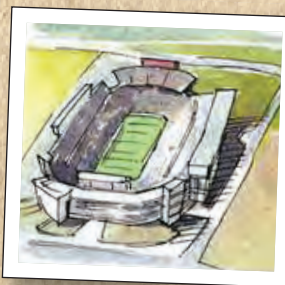
An ever-changing array of exhibitions and displays of its permanent collection • 11 galleries • outdoor sculpture garden. Curtin Rd • University Park, PA 16802 • (814) 865-7672 • palmermuseum.psu.edu

Pasto Agricultural Museum

Agricultural and household items dating from 4,000 BC to the 1940s • Learn about early farm life as our nation grew. Gate K, 2710 W Pine Grove Rd • Pennsylvania Furnace, PA 16865 • (814) 863-1383 • agsci.psu.edu/pasto

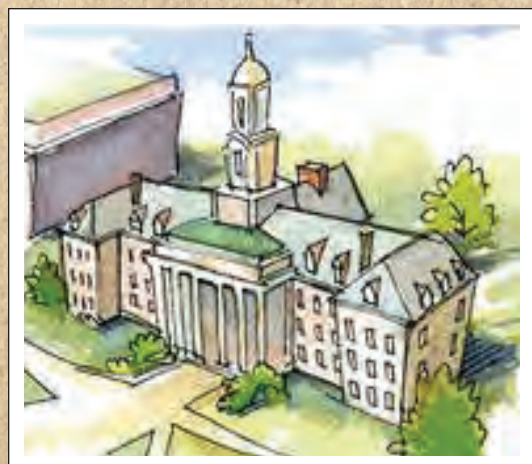
Penn State All-Sports Museum

Explore the athletic history and heritage of one of the greatest universities in the nation, located at Penn State's Beaver Stadium. 1 Beaver Stadium • University Park, PA 16802 • (814) 865-0044 • gopsusports.com/museum



Penn State Old Main

Old Main is Penn State's administrative hub and a distinctive landmark. Federal Revival style • gallery featuring the famous Land-Grant Frescoes that depict the University's founding and history. University Park, PA 16802 • psu.edu/ur/about/oldmainhistory.html



2. Bald Eagle Valley Region



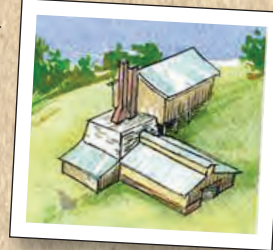
Bald Eagle State Park

A 1,730-acre lake on the Bald Eagle Mountain surrounded by forests, fields and wetlands • the Nature Inn • campgrounds, boating, fishing, swimming, and excellent wildlife watching. 149 Main Park Rd • Howard, PA 16841 • (814) 625-2775 • dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/findapark/baldeagle

Curtin Village at Eagle Ironworks

National Register of Historic Places • 1971

One of Central Pennsylvania's unique and best preserved state-owned historical sites. Part of a large iron plantation operated by Roland Curtin and his family from 1810 to 1921 Curtin Family Mansion and workers' village and is managed by the Roland Curtin Foundation. 215 Curtin Village Rd • Howard, PA 16841 • (814) 355-1982 • curtinvillage.com



3. Moshannon Valley & Mountaintop Regions



Black Moshannon State Park Historic Districts

National Register of Historic Places • 1987

At the top of the Allegheny Plateau, the Black Moshannon State Park Historic Districts offer visitors a lake for swimming and canoeing, hiking trails and a boardwalk to help people explore the birds and plants of the bog and surrounding forests. Extend your stay in either modern cabins or rustic cabins built by the Civil Conservation Corps during the Great Depression of the 1930s. dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/findapark/blackmoshannon



Philipsburg Heritage Days

Held in mid-July • Concerts • car show • parade • flower show • fireworks — celebrate the rich, historic community of the Philipsburg. P.O. Box 631 • 4 North Centre St • Philipsburg, PA 16866 • (814) 342-3440 • philipsburgheritagedays.com



Rowland Theatre

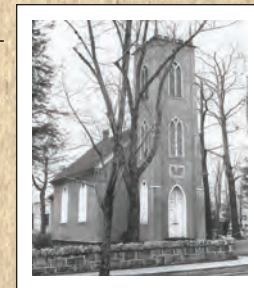
National Register of Historic Places • 1979

Enjoy a modern movie in the beautifully restored Rowland Theatre in the Philipsburg National Register Historic District. 127 North Front St • Philipsburg, PA 16866 • (814) 342-0477 • telcott.com

Union Church and Burial Ground/ The "Old Mud Church"

National Register of Historic Places • 1978

A fine example of simplified American Gothic architecture, the church and cemetery are located within the Philipsburg National Register Historic District. East Presqueisle St • Philipsburg, PA 16866 • http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Union_Church_and_Burial_Ground



4. Nittany Valley Region



Bellefonte Art Museum of Centre County

Housed in the historic Linn House, built in 1810 and listed in the National American Buildings Survey and the National Historic Registry • works of local artists, cultural art (art with historical and cultural context) and local collections. 133 North Allegheny St • Bellefonte, PA 16823 • (814) 355-4280 • bellefontemuseum.org

Bellefonte Train Station & Visitors Center

Home to the Bellefonte office of the Central PA Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Bellefonte Intervalley Area Chamber, the Station was built in 1889. Free information about Bellefonte's attractions, businesses, organizations, services and events. Talleyrand Park, 320 West High Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823 • (814) 355-2917 • bellefontechamber.org

Miles-Humes House, Bellefonte Library and Historic Museum

National Register of Historic Places • 1976

Located in the early 19th-century Georgian style Miles-Humes house, the Pennsylvania Room houses specialized historical and genealogical collections, original Centre County records, church and cemetery records. 203 North Allegheny Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823 • (814) 355-1516, ext. 214, centrecountylibrary.org/library/historical-museum

The Pennsylvania Match Company, The American Philatelic Society

National Register of Historic Places • 2001

Where history and stamp collecting meet! The American Philatelic Society and Research Library is located in a nineteenth-century complex of interconnected buildings, once the home of the Pennsylvania Match Company. Tours available. 100 Match Factory Pl • Bellefonte, PA 16823 • (814) 933-3803 • stamps.org

Victorian Bellefonte

National Register of Historic Places • 1977

Find fine examples of Victorian architecture • bed & breakfasts • a self-guided walking tour • premier fly fishing. Home to seven governors, five of Pennsylvania's, all commemorated in a monument overlooking scenic Talleyrand Park along Spring Creek. bellefontearts.org



5. Penns Valley Region



The Centre County Grange Encampment and Fair

The Grange Fair began in 1874 when local Grange members, encouraged by Leonard Rhone, gathered for a picnic and to launch the Grange Organization. Since then it's grown into the largest encampment fair in the country annually in late August. Since then, it's grown into a Centre County tradition. 169 Homan Lane, PO Box 271 • Centre Hall, PA 16828 • (866) 236-3247 or (814) 364-9212, grangefair.net



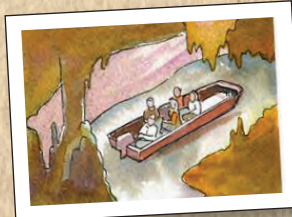
Green Drake Gallery

Located in the Millheim National Register Historic District, the gallery includes a collection of artist studios, music venue, and creative center for learning. 101-B W. Main St • Millheim, PA 16854 • (814) 349-2486 • greendrakeart.com

Penn's Cave & Wildlife Park

National Register of Historic Places • 1978

Penn's Cave, the only all-water cavern in the country, features glittering stalactites and stalagmites seen on a 45-minute tour of the water cavern by boat. 222 Penn's Cave Rd • Centre Hall, PA 16828 • (814) 364-1664 • pennscave.com



Poe Valley/Poe Paddy State Park

Poe Valley State Park is nestled in a rugged mountain valley in Centre County. The vast Bald Eagle State Forest, surrounds the 25-acre Poe Lake providing a scenic backdrop for picnicking, swimming, fishing and hiking. 136 Poe Valley Park Circle • Coburn, PA 16832 • (814) 349-2460, stateparks.com/poe_valley.html

Penns Valley Area Historical Museum / Rudy-Corman Building

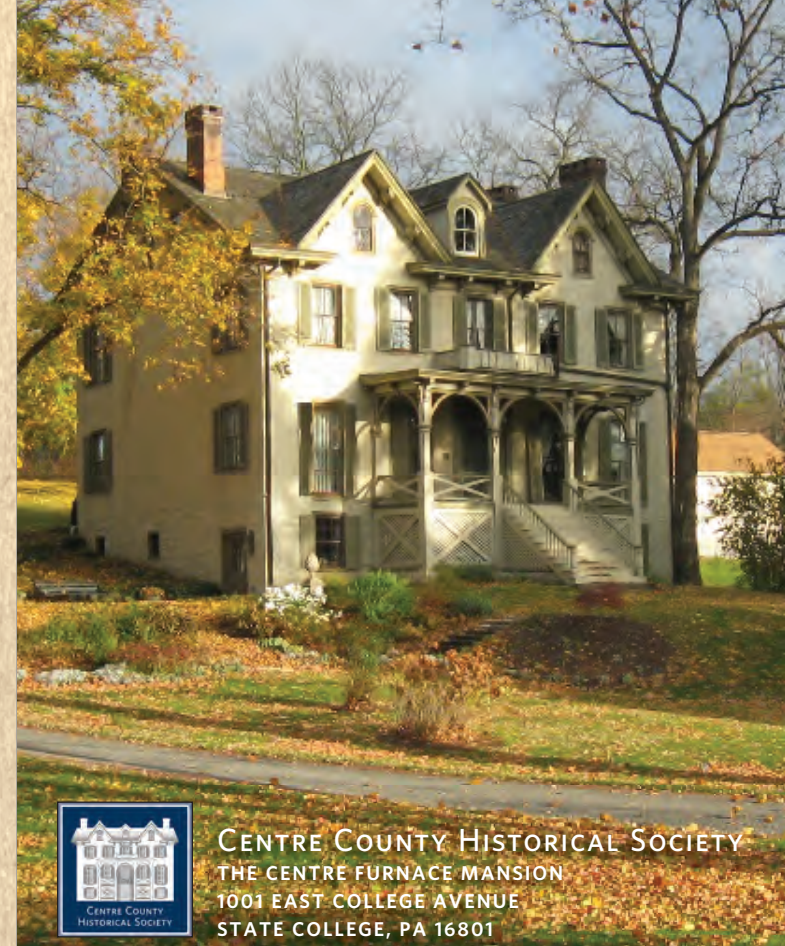
Home to the Penns Valley Area Historical Museum Association, the museum features a collection of artifacts, research and genealogical resources, educational programs, and publications to preserve the heritage of the people of the Penns Valley and Brush Valley regions. 244 West Aaron Square • Aaronsburg, PA • 814-349-4811 • pennsvalleymuseum.org



Rhoneymeade Arboretum & Sculpture Garden/The Leonard Rhone House

National Register of Historic Places • 1985

Built by Leonard Rhone, acknowledged as the father of the Grange Fair, the Leonard Rhone House is surrounded by an arboretum and sculpture garden overlooking the scenic Penns Valley. Rimmey Road • Centre Hall, PA 16828 • rhonemeade-usa.org



CENTRE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
THE CENTRE FURNACE MANSION
1001 EAST COLLEGE AVENUE
STATE COLLEGE, PA 16801

The Centre County Historical Society is the oldest and largest of the county's historical organizations and has celebrated the rich heritage of Centre County since 1904.

Headquartered at the Centre Furnace Mansion, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Mansion and Furnace Stack are available for tours and stand testament to the beginnings of the area's charcoal iron industry, and the birthplace of the Pennsylvania State University.

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