

## EXPLORE 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.

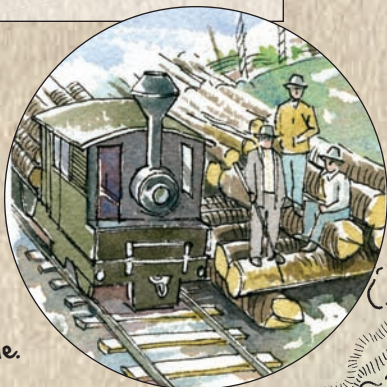
- Aaronsburg Historic District – 1980
- Ag Hill Complex, PSU – 1979
- Bellefonte Historic District – 1977
- Boalsburg Historic District – 1977
- Black Moshannon State Park / CCC Camp – 1987:
  - Day Use District
  - Family Cabin District
  - Maintenance District
- Farmers' High School / The Penn State College District – 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 for listing 1995
- Rebersburg Historic District – 1979
- State College:
  - College Heights Historic District – 1995
  - Holmes-Foster / Highlands Historic District – 1995
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**NR** Sites listed on the other side with this symbol are designated National Register.

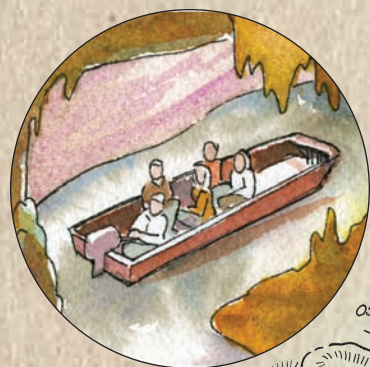
Bituminous coal mines dotted the Mountaintop Region. The Bellefonte and Snowshoe Railroad brought coal down a series of switchbacks to Wingate and farther railroad connections in the Bald Eagle Valley starting in 1859.



In 1821, Hardman Philips built the first screw factory in the United States in Philipsburg.



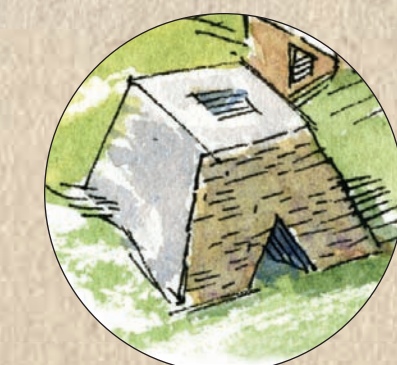
Weathered stumps at the south end of Black Moshannon Lake now mark where Beaver Mills Lumber Company turned a vast pine forest to lumber nearly 200 years ago. Much of the lumber went into a plank road built from Port Matilda to Tyrone.



Nearly 120 miles of Centre County's legendary and nationally recognized streams are classified as Class A Wild Trout Streams by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission.



Three of Boalsburg's citizens, Emma Hunter, Sophie Keller and Elizabeth Myers are credited with starting the Memorial Day tradition in 1864.



There were 19 iron furnaces and forges in Centre County. Iron was produced here from 1792-1921.

Iron ore banks and mines scattered in the State College area are still visible as rolling wooded slopes, rock faces, and deep pits on golf courses. High quality ore drew Andrew Carnegie to purchase the largest and build the town of Scotia on it.



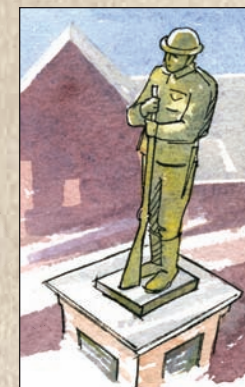
Aaronsburg was founded by Jewish immigrant, Aaron Levy in 1786. He donated land for Reformed and Lutheran churches and presented them with a pewter communion set. In 1949, a day-long event and pageant was held honoring this gesture of religious tolerance.

# CENTRE COUNTY

Centre Furnace was the first iron furnace in Centre County in 1792 and Eagle Iron Works at Curtin Village was the last to close in 1921.



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.

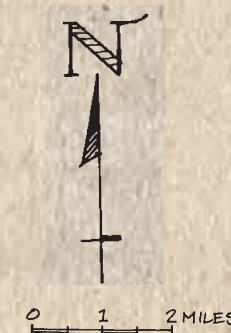


Wealth from the sale of Centre County iron fueled the County's political clout. Between 1851 and 1899, Centre County sent out 7 governors – 5 to Harrisburg and one each to California and Kansas.



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

The geographical center of Pennsylvania is in Centre County.



## 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 explore these and other Centre County museums, historic sites and parks, National Register Districts or Historic Markers. Visit: [centrehistory.org](http://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.

### 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
- 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
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- Scotia

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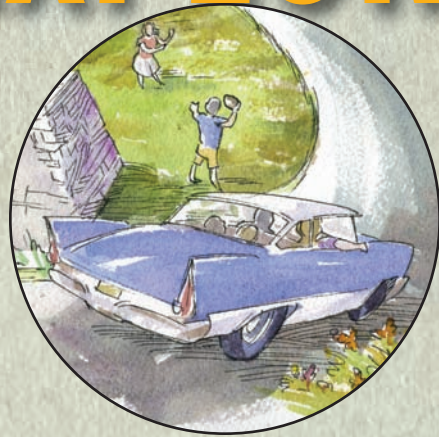


# VISIT



Centre County has a 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



Events, historic sites, galleries, programs, theatre, historical markers and vast woodlands, lakes and streams are all waiting to be explored!

# JOIN



Be a member of 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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## Centre Region



### Art Alliance of Central PA

Exhibits and classes for adults and children. A neighboring gallery shop features the work of local artists. 818 Pike St, Lemont 16851 • (814) 234-2740 • [artalliancepa.org](http://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](http://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](http://boalsburgheritagemuseum.org)

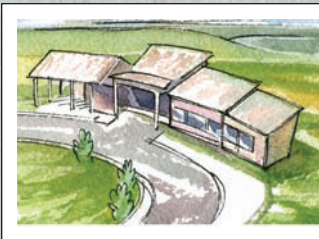
### The Centre Furnace Mansion <sup>NR</sup>

*National Register of Historic Places • 1979*  
The Centre Furnace Mansion is a restored and furnished ironmaster's residence that reflects the period of residency (1842–1891) of ironmaster Moses Thompson and his family. Enjoy tours, period inspired gardens and carefully landscaped grounds including the historic Furnace Stack all where the late 18th-century iron-making village once existed. 1001 East College Ave • State College, PA 16801 • (814) 234-4779 • [centrehistory.org](http://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 • [visitpennstate.org](http://visitpennstate.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](http://arts-festival.com)

### Columbus Chapel and Boal Mansion Museum <sup>NR</sup>

*National Register of Historic Places • 1978*  
The Boal Estate was home to the Boal family for eight generations. The Columbus Family chapel and artifacts were brought here from Spain in 1909 by a Boal family member who married a descendant of Christopher Columbus. 163 Boal Estate Dr • Boalsburg, PA 16827 • (814) 466-6210 • [boalmuseum.com](http://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 • (814) 234-0200 • [mydiscoveryspace.org](http://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](http://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 • [crpr.org/Millbrook/MMNC-Menu.html](http://crpr.org/Millbrook/MMNC-Menu.html)

<sup>NR</sup> Indicates a property listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

### 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 • [mntnity.org](http://mntnity.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](http://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](http://fishandboat.com/springcreekcanyon.htm)

### The State Theatre

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](http://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](http://pahikes.com/trails/scotia-barrens)

### PENN STATE

For a complete listing of Penn State museums, visit: [psu.edu/visitors-and-neighbors/museums](http://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](http://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](http://ems.psu.edu/outreach/museum)

### Matson Museum of Anthropology

Archaeological objects and items used by contemporary cultures from around the world. 409 Carpenter Bldg • University Park, PA 16802 • (814) 865-3853 • [anth.la.psu.edu/matsonmuseum](http://anth.la.psu.edu/matsonmuseum)

### The Nittany Lion Shrine

Sculpted from a large block of Indiana limestone by sculptor Heinz Warneke, the shrine was presented by the Class of 1940 as a class gift to Penn State in 1942. Located near the Recreation Building on the University Park campus. [psu.edu/ur/about/nittanyshrine.html](http://psu.edu/ur/about/nittanyshrine.html)

### Palmer Museum of Art

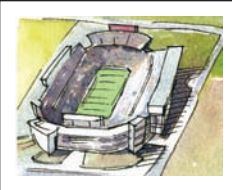
An ever-changing array of exhibitions and displays of its permanent collection • 11 galleries • outdoor sculpture garden. Curtin Rd • University Park, PA 16802 • (814) 865-7672 • [palmermuseum.psu.edu](http://palmermuseum.psu.edu)

### 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](http://agsci.psu.edu/pasto)

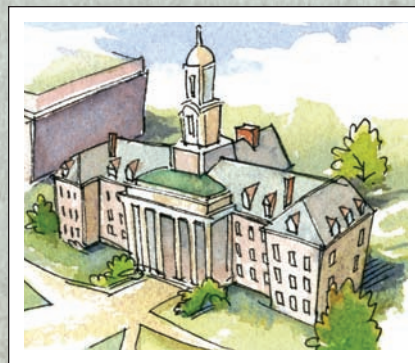
### Penn State All-Sports Museum

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 • [gopsports.com/museum](http://gopsports.com/museum)



### Penn State Old Main

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



## Bald Eagle Valley Region

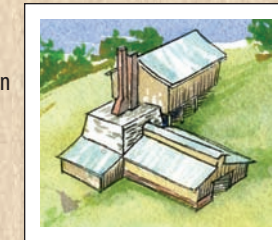


### Bald Eagle State Park

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/baleagle](http://dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/findapark/baleagle)

### Curtin Village at Eagle Ironworks <sup>NR</sup>

*National Register of Historic Places • 1971*  
One of Central Pennsylvania's unique and best preserved state-owned historical sites is part of a large iron plantation operated by Roland Curtin and his family from 1810 to 1921 The 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](http://curtinvillage.com)



### Milesburg Museum

Located in the Hannah Green Meeting House, circa 1793. Find artifacts and genealogy resources from the Milesburg area. 205 Market Street • Milesburg, PA 16853 • [milesburgmuseum.weebly.com](http://milesburgmuseum.weebly.com)

## Moshannon Valley & Mountaintop Region



### Black Moshannon State Park Historic Districts <sup>NR</sup>

*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. (814) 342-5960 • [dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/findapark/blackmoshannon](http://dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/findapark/blackmoshannon)

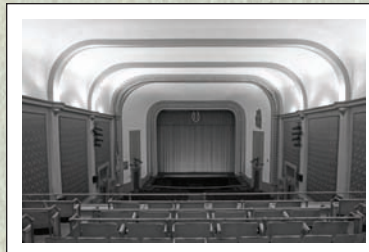


### Philipsburg Heritage Days

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 • [philipsburgheritage.org](http://philipsburgheritage.org)

### Rowland Theatre <sup>NR</sup>

*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](http://telcott.com)



### Union Church and Burial Ground/ The "Old Mud Church" <sup>NR</sup>

*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 Presque Isle St • Philipsburg, PA 16866 • [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Union\\_Church\\_and\\_Burial\\_Ground](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Union_Church_and_Burial_Ground)



## Nittany Valley Region



### Bellefonte Art Museum of Centre County <sup>NR</sup>

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](http://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](http://bellefontechamber.org)

### Miles-Humes House, Bellefonte

*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 St • Bellefonte, PA 16823 • (814) 355-1516, ext. 214 • [centrecountylibrary.org/library/historical-museum](http://centrecountylibrary.org/library/historical-museum)

### The Pennsylvania Match Company, The American Philatelic Society <sup>NR</sup>

*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](http://stamps.org)

### Bellefonte Historic District <sup>NR</sup>

*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. [bellefontears.org](http://bellefontears.org)



## Penns Valley Region



### The Centre County Grange Encampment and Fair

The Fair has been a Centre County annual event since 1874. Held each year in late August, it boasts amusement rides and over 7,000 exhibit items. Other highlights include tractor pulls, livestock and equine shows, concessions, and much more! The event includes an extensive encampment of RVs and tents and is now the largest encampment fair in America. 169 Homan Lane, PO Box 271 • Centre Hall, PA 16828 • (866) 236-3247 or 364-9212 • [grangefair.net](http://grangefair.net)

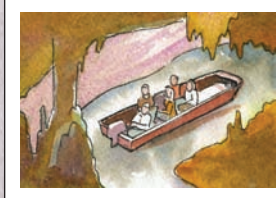


### Green Drake Gallery

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](http://greendrakeart.com)

### Penn's Cave & Wildlife Park <sup>NR</sup>

*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](http://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 • [dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/findapark/poevalley](http://dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/findapark/poevalley)

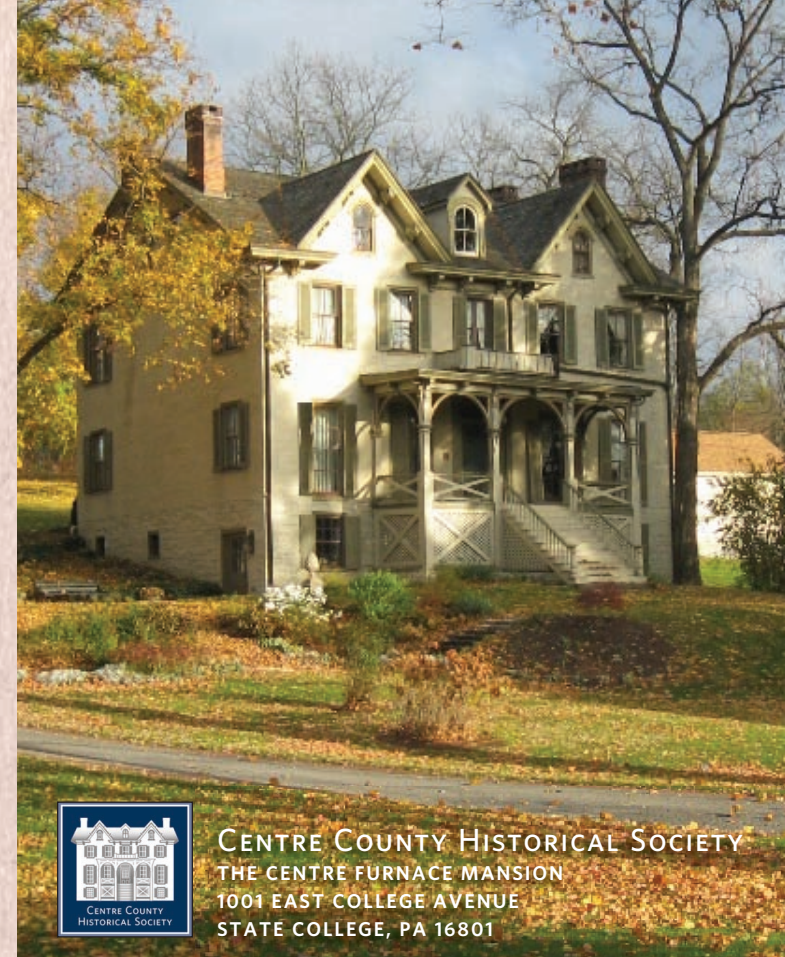
### Penns Valley Area Historical Museum/ Rudy-Corman Building

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](http://pennsvalleymuseum.org)



### Rhoneymeade Arboretum & Sculpture Garden/ The Leonard Rhone House <sup>NR</sup>

*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 • [rhoneymeade-usa.org](http://rhoneymeade-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.

[centrehistory.org](http://centrehistory.org) • 814-234-4779



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