



# NEWS RELEASE

## CENTRE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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### **Centre County Explorers Day**

***YOUR PASSPORT TO CENTRE COUNTY HISTORIC AND CULTURAL SITES***

**SUNDAY JUNE 4, 2:00—5:00 p.m., CENTRE FURNACE MANSION**

**RAIN OR SHINE!**

State College, PA - The Centre County Historical Society is holding a Centre County Explorers Day for visitors of all ages at the Centre Furnace Mansion on Sunday, June 4, 2:00-5:00 p.m. To celebrate the newly designed Centre County Explorers Passport, visitors will have the opportunity to pick up a passport for themselves or their family, tour the Centre Furnace Mansion, visit a 19th century building tool display and demonstration and meet representatives from other Centre County Passport sites.

Other sites that will be participating include Milesburg Museum, Rhoneymeade Arboretum and Sculpture Garden, Matson Museum of Anthropology, Boalsburg Heritage Museum, Pasto Agricultural Museum, Eagle Iron Works and Curtin Village, Penns Valley Area Historical Museum and others.

The Centre County Explorers Passport program, sponsored by the Centre County Historical Society, is designed to inspire you to explore the vast collection of historic and cultural treasures that exist in Centre County. Every corner of Centre County has its own unique story. It's the perfect staycation! Passports are free to participants and provide simple instructions and a journaling section where explorers can record their own experiences. This passport features over 40 unique sites in Centre County.

By learning about and visiting historic houses, museums, galleries, parks and exploring the places in Centre County that make it unique, you will gain an understanding of our county's historic, cultural and natural resources. In turn, you will be helping the communities that you visit by shopping, staying or enjoying the local cuisine.

More information on the Centre County Explorers Day or the Centre County Explorers Passport please visit <https://centrehistory.org/research-explore/passport>.

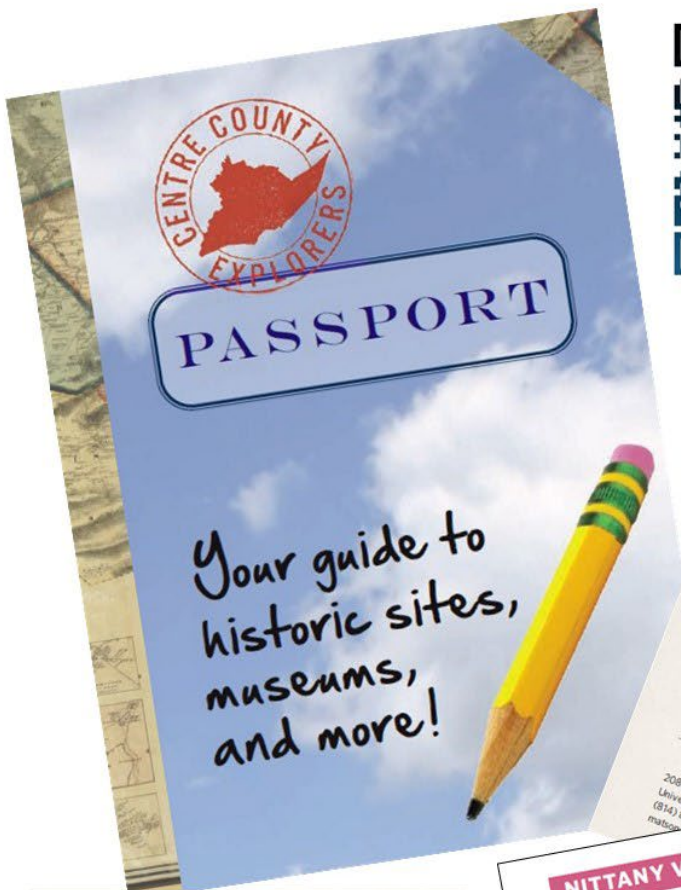
The Centre Furnace Mansion is located at 1001 E. College Avenue, State College. Event parking is available on the lower lawn along College Avenue, as well as in the Mansion lot off of Porter Road. For information, call (814) 234-4779, or visit [www.CentreHistory.org](http://www.CentreHistory.org).

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**CENTRE FURNACE MANSION**

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### CENTRE REGION Centre Furnace Mansion

National Register of Historic Places since 1979



Centre Furnace Mansion, home to Centre County Historical Society, is a beautifully restored and furnished 19th century ironmaster's mansion. The Mansion and iron furnace stack grace several acres of period inspired landscaped grounds and gardens. Established in 1791, Centre Furnace was the first charcoal iron furnace in the area that later became Centre County. In 1855, 400 acres of partially donated Centre Furnace land became home to The Farmers' High School of Pennsylvania, now the Pennsylvania State University. The Mansion hosts year-round programming and public tours.

### CENTRE REGION — PENN STATE Matson Museum of Anthropology — Penn State



Visit the most important destination in the region to learn about human history and world cultures! See our shared past told through fossil casts, experience ancient civilizations through archaeological materials, and appreciate contemporary creativity through ethnography.

DATE VISITED

### PENNS VALLEY REGION



### PARKS & NATURAL AREAS

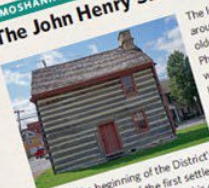
#### Bald Eagle State Park



Bald Eagle State Park features a 1,730-acre reservoir Foster Joseph Sayers Dam, that is surrounded by forests, wetlands. It features two campgrounds, boating, fishing, the Nature Inn, and excellent wildlife watching.

149 Main Park Road  
Howard, PA 16841  
(814) 625-2775

### MOSHANNON VALLEY & MOUNTAINTOP REGION The John Henry Simler House



The log cabin built around 1807 is the oldest building in Philipsburg — situated within the Philipsburg Historic District, and placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The house

...marks the beginning of the District's period of significance. It was one of the first settlers of Philipsburg. The house was restored in 2001 and is open for tours during the summer months and by appointment.

100 North Second Street  
Philipsburg, PA 16866  
For information, contact Borough:  
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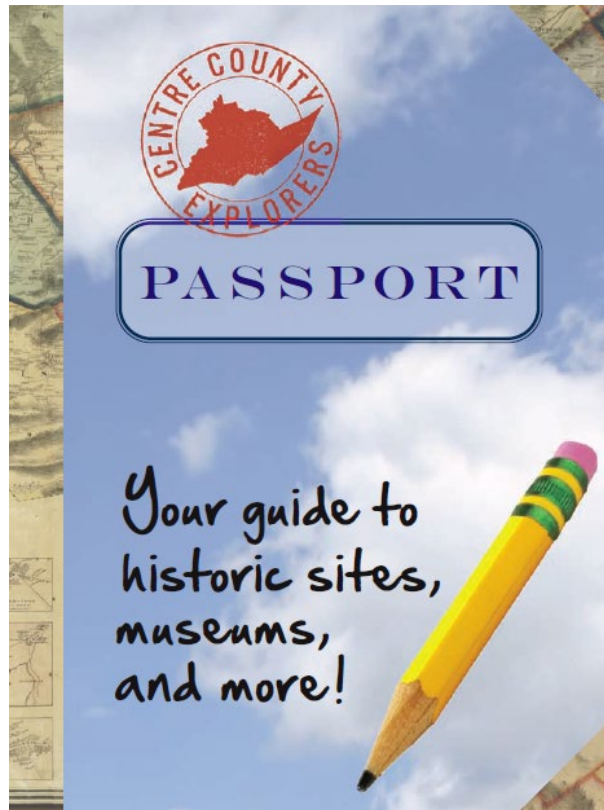
This project is made possible in part through a grant provided by the Centre County Board of Commissioners and The Happy Valley Adventure Bureau.



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Centre County Explorers Passport—A sampling of what is inside.



*Centre County Explorers Passport Journal Cover*



*Making pegs for log construction on a 19<sup>th</sup> century schnitzelbank.*



*Jackie's Joinery Early American woodworking tools exhibition.*



*Tour of the Centre Furnace Stack*



*Dining Room and Founders Room at the Centre Furnace Mansion*