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

- 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
- 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
- Unionville (Fleming) Historic District 1979
- Sites listed on the other side with a red dot are designated National

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

the Mountaintop Region. The

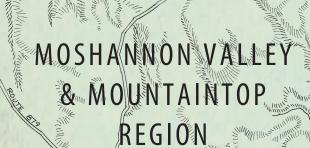
In 1821, Hardman Philips

built the first screw

factory in the United

States in Philipsburg.

Snowshoe Railroad brought coal down a series of switchbacks to Wingate and further railroad connections in the Bald Eagle Valley starting in 1859.

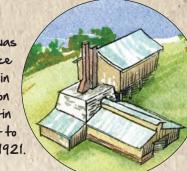


(CENTRE COUNTY)

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

BALDEAGLEWALLEY

REGION



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.

PENNSVALLEY



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

MITTANY VALLEY REGION

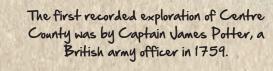
The geographical center of Pennsylvania is in Centre County.

CENTRE REGION

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.







STATE A COLLEGE

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 Vewish 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.

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 a Centre County Explorers Passport available at the Centre Furnace Mansion, The Happy Valley Adventure Bureau and on the Historical Society's website, centrehistory.org where additional information may be accessed.

CENTRE REGION

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- Art Alliance of Central Pennsylvania
- Boalsburg Heritage Museum
- Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts • Centre Furnace Mansion
- Columbus Chapel and Boal Mansion Museum Discovery Space Children's Science Museum
- The Granary & Lemont Historic District
- The Happy Valley Adventure Bureau **Visitor Center**
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- Mount Nittany/Mount Nittany Conservancy
- Pennsylvania Military Museum
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- The State Theatre
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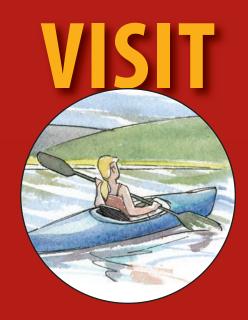
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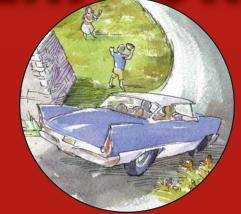
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Centre County has a rich diversity of over 40 historic and cultural sites and museums. When planning your visit, remember tocheck ahead for individual site hours, admission fees and group reservation information!

EXPLORE



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



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.



Help preserve history, be a Centre County Explorer! centrehistory.org

Share your stories!









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, PA 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. www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateForests/FindAForest/ Rothrock/Pages/Wild_NaturalAreas.aspx.

Boalsburg Heritage Museum

The Museum captures the history of the village of Boalsburg through exhibits, historic furnishings and artifacts, publications, events and presentations. Includes a summer kitchen and historic Light House that supplied electric light to Boalsburg from 1914 to 1930. 304 East Main St • Boalsburg, PA 16827 • (814) 466-3035 • boalsburgheritagemuseum.org

• NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES • 1979

The Centre Furnace Mansion

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 ironmaking industry in Centre County began. 1001 East College Ave • State College, PA 16801 • (814) 234-4779 • centrehistory.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 Wednesday-Sunday in early July. 403 South Allen St #205A • State College, PA 16801 • (814) 237-3682 • arts-festival.com



• NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES • 1978

Columbus Chapel and Boal Mansion Museum

The Boal Estate was home to the Boal family for eight generations. and over 200 years. In the 1890's, the 4th generation, Col. Theodore Davis Boal, married Mathilde, a descendant of Christopher Columbus and heir to the Columbus Chapel. She brought it to Boalsburg from Spain in 1909. 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. 1224 North Atherton St • State College, PA 16803 • (814) 234-0200 • discoveryspace.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. 133 Mt. Nittany Rd • Lemont, PA • lemontvillage.org The Happy Valley Adventure Bureau — Visitor Center

Stay up-to-date with everything happening in Centre County at HappyValley.com. 204 West Beaver Ave • State College, PA 16801 • (814) 231-1400 • (800) 358-5466 • happyvalley.com

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-marsh-nature-center



• Indicates a property listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the

Mount Nittany/Mount Nittany Conservancy

Over 800 acres preserved on beautiful Mount Nittany include nine miles of volunteer-maintained trails, scenic views, and a 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 Ameri-



can 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, and some of the finest wild brown trout fishing in Pennsylvania. Benner Township, PA • Info & trail guide: centredoutdoors.org/visit/spring-creek-canyon-trail

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 • the state the atre.org



Scotia

Once the site of a19th 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/blogs/scotia-barrens

PENN STATE

For a complete listing of Penn State museums, visit: psu.edu/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 • museum.ems.psu.edu

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 • matson.psu.edu

The Nittany Lion Shrine

Sculpted from a large block of Indiana lime stone 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. www.psu.edu/this-is-penn-state/nittany-lion-shrine

Old Main

Old Main is Penn State's administrative hub and a distinctive Federal Revival style landmark. The rotunda features the famous Land-Grant Frescoes that depict the University's founding and history. University Park, PA 16802 •



Palmer Museum of Art at Penn State

Through its world-class collections, exhibitions, and programs, the free-admission Museum is an inclusive and vibrant venue for authentic arts experiences. The innovative new museum at the Arboretum opens in spring 2024. Bigler Rd • University Park, PA 16802 • (814) 865-7673 • 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

Bald Eagle Valley Region

• NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES • 2022

Advent Church and Cemetery

The church and adjacent Advent Cemetery document the families of farmers and iron workers who settled the area in the 1800s. The society hosts weddings, funerals, and special events including a Memorial Day celebration and music series. Tours can be arranged by appointment. 1303 Moose Run Rd • Milesburg, PA 16823 • (717) 585-3226 • adventhistorical society.org

Bald Eagle State Park

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

The Crooked House at Homecoming Park

The Crooked House is a life-size concrete sculpture of a historic house on a main street in Milesburg, PA — bringing a piece of contemporary art to the everyday life of local residents. 204 Market Street • Milesburg, PA 16853 • (814) 933-5204 · thecrookedhouse.net

• NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES • 1971

Curtin Village at Eagle Ironworks Curtain Village at Eagle Ironworks is one of Central Pennsylvania's best preserved stateowned historical sites. It is part of a large iron plantation that was operated by Roland Curtin and his family from 1810 to 1921. 215 Curtin Village Rd • Howard, PA 16841 • (814) 355-1982 • curtinvillage.com



Located in the Hannah Green Meeting House, circa 1793. Find artifacts and genealogy resources from the Milesburg area. 205 Market Street • Milesburg, PA 16853 • milesburg.org

Moshannon Valley & Mountaintop Region

• NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES • 1987 **Black Moshannon State Park Historic Districts**

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. (814) 342-5960 • dcnr.pa.gov/stateparks/findapark/ blackmoshannonstatepark

The John Henry Simler House

Built by John Henry Simler, one of the first settlers of Philipsburg, the beautifully restored log cabin built in 1807 is the oldest structure in the Philipsburg Historic District. 100 North 2nd St • Philipsburg, PA 16866 • facebook.com/ PhilipsburgHistoricalFoundation

The Lions David House

Restored late 1880s historic house originally built by the Lehigh Valley Coal Company to provide housing for its workers. A preserved parlor features furnishings from the David's family. 206 North Fourth St • Snow Shoe, PA 16874 • 814-387-4200, david-house-museum.org

Moshannon Valley Heritage Center

Learn about Moshannon Valley's rich history and attractions at the Moshannon Valley Heritage Center presented by The Happy Valley Adventure Bureau in partnership with Visit Clearfield County. 22 North Front St • Philipsburg, PA 16866 • (814) 355-2917 • happyvalley.com

Philipsburg Heritage Days

Held in mid-July — concerts, car show, parade, flower show, fireworks, and more. Celebrate the rich, historic community of the Philipsburg. P.O. Box 631 • 4 North Centre St • Philipsburg, PA • info@philipsburgheritagedays.com • philipsburgheritagedays.com

Philipsburg Historical Foundation Museum

See Civil War, Native American and other early artifacts related to Philipsburg history. 203 North Front St • Philipsburg, PA 16866 • (814) 342-1310 • facebook.com/pg/PhilipsburgHistoricalFoundation

• NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES • 1979 **Rowland Theatre**

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 •

• NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES • 1978

Union_Church_and_Burial_Ground

rowlandtheatre.com

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/The "Old Mud Church"

Nittany Valley Region

Bellefonte Art Museum of Centre County

The Museum is housed in the historic Linn House, built in 1810 and listed in the National American Buildings Survey. It includes works of local artists, 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 Happy Valley Adventure 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 St, Bellefonte, PA 16823 • (814) 355-2917 • bellefontechamber.org

• NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES • 1976

Centre County Library and Historical Museum. **Miles-Humes House**

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

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES • 2001

Pennsylvania Match Factory, **American Philatelic Society**

The American Philatelic Society and Research Library is located in a 19-century complex of interconnected buildings, once the home of the Pennsylvania Match Factory. Tours available. 100 Match Factory PI • Bellefonte, PA 16823 • (814) 933-3803 • stamps.org

• NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES • 1977 **Bellefonte Historic District**

Find fine examples of Victorian architecture, bed & breakfasts, a self-guided walking tour, and 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

Bellefonte Union Cemetery

The Bellefonte Union Cemetery had its origins in 1806 when the co-founders of Bellefonte, James Harris and James Dunlop, set aside what they called, "The Bellefonte Graveyard." Notable burials are listed on the website. Open daily dawn to dusk. 362-392 East Howard St • Bellefonte, PA • bellefonteunioncemetery.com · bellefonteunioncemetery@gmail.com

Penns Valley Region

The Centre County Grange Encampment and Fair

Beginning in 1874 as the "Grangers' Pic-nic," the Centre County Grange **Encampment and Fair is the only** tenting fair in America. 169 Homan Ln, PO Box 271 • Centre Hall, PA 16828 • (866) 236-3247 or 364-9212



• NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES • 1978

Penn's Cave & Wildlife Park

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 the vast Bald Eagle State Forest. It 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 • www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/PoePaddyStatePark

Penns Valley Area Historical Museum/Rudy-Corman Building 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

• NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES • 1985 Rhoneymeade Arboretum & Sculpture Garden/ **The Leonard Rhone House**

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. 177 Rimmey Rd • Centre Hall, PA 16828 •





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 • info@centrecountyhistory.org • 814-234-4779



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