

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 Hill 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 Register.

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.



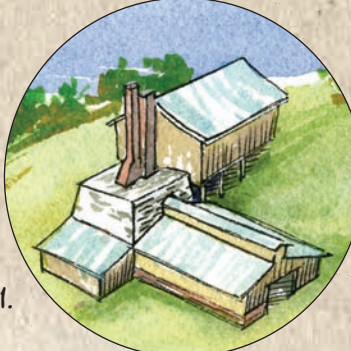
Bituminous coal mines dotted the Mountaintop Region. The Bellefonte and Snowshoe Railroad brought coal down a series of switchbacks to Wingate and further railroad connections in the Bald Eagle Valley starting in 1859.



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

CENTRE COUNTY

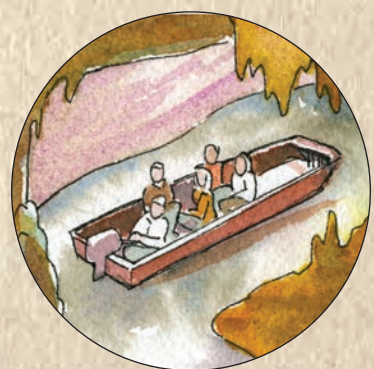
Centre Furnace was the first iron furnace in Centre County in 1792 and Eagle Iron Works at Curtin Village was the last to close in 1921.



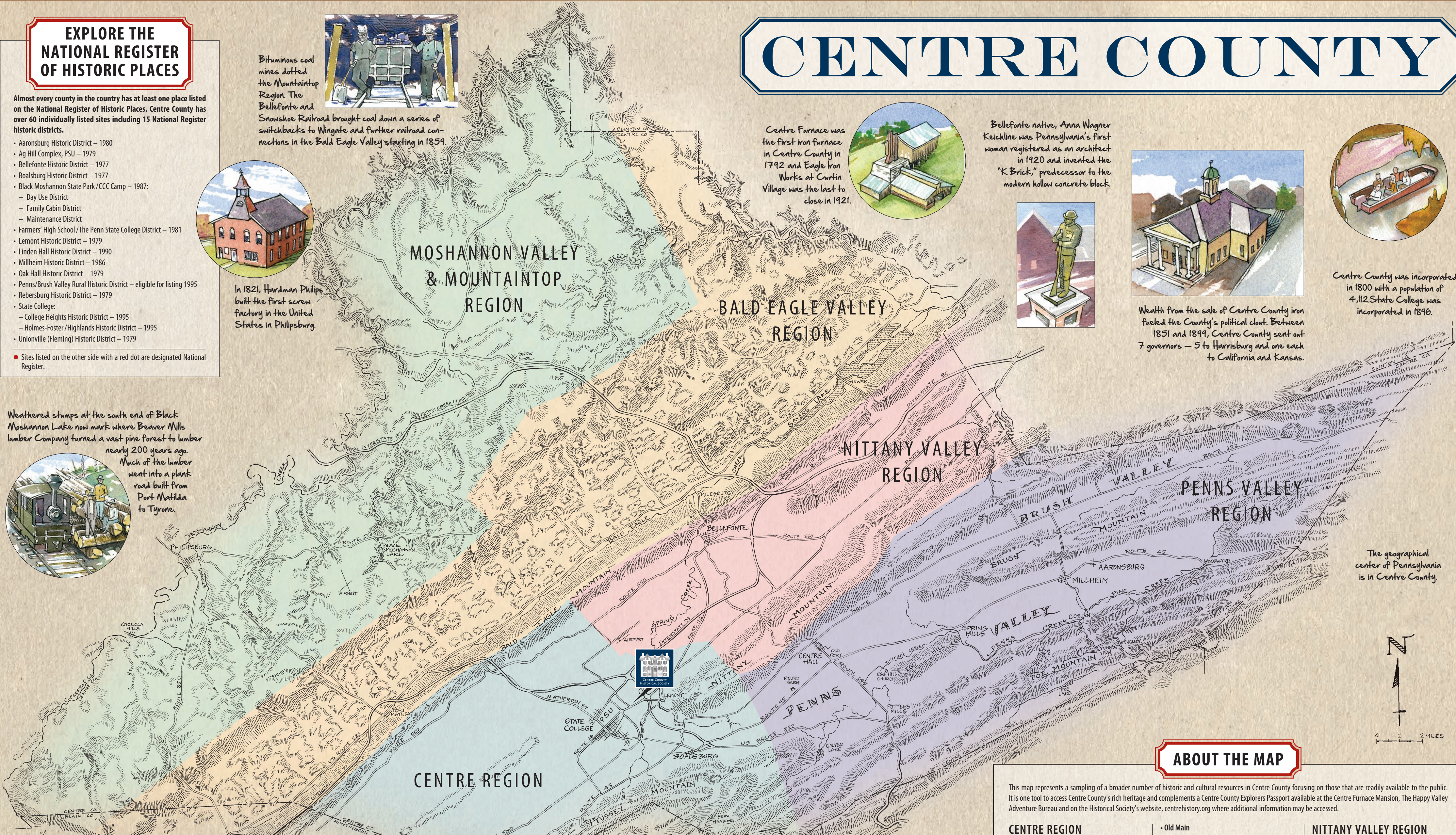
Bellefonte native, Anna Wagner Keichline was Pennsylvania's first woman registered as an architect in 1920 and invented the "K Brick," predecessor to the modern hollow concrete block.



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.

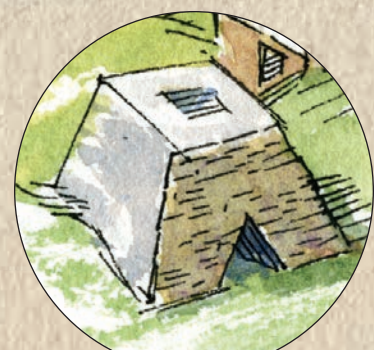
Nearly 120 miles of Centre County's legendary and nationally recognized streams are classified as Class A Wild Trout Streams by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission.



The first recorded exploration of Centre County was by Captain James Potter, a British army officer in 1759.



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.



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



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.



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

- 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
- Millbrook Marsh Nature Center
- Mount Nittany/Mount Nittany Conservancy
- Pennsylvania Military Museum
- Scotia
- Spring Creek Canyon
- The State Theatre

PENN STATE:

- The Arboretum at Penn State
- Earth and Mineral Sciences Museum and Art Gallery
- Matson Museum of Anthropology
- The Nittany Lion Shrine

BALD EAGLE VALLEY REGION

- Advent Church and Cemetery
- Bald Eagle State Park
- The Crooked House at Homecoming Park Visitor Center
- Curtin Village at Eagle Ironworks
- Milesburg Museum & Historical Society

MOSHANNON VALLEY & MOUNTAINTOP REGION

- Black Moshannon State Park Historic Districts
- The John Henry Simler House
- Lions David House Heritage Museum
- Moshannon Valley Heritage Center
- Philipsburg Heritage Days
- Philipsburg Historical Foundation Museum
- Rowland Theatre
- Union Church & Burial Ground

NITTANY VALLEY REGION

- Bellefonte Art Museum of Centre County
- Bellefonte Historic District
- Bellefonte Train Station & Visitors Center
- Centre County Library & Historical Museum
- Miles-Humes House,
- Pennsylvania Match Factory — American Philatelic Society
- Union Cemetery

PENNS VALLEY REGION

- The Centre County Grange Encampment & Fair
- Penn's Cave & Wildlife Park
- Poe Valley — Poe Paddy State Park
- Penns Valley Area Historical Museum — Rudy-Corman Building
- Rhonemyade Arboretum & Sculpture Garden — The Leonard Rhone House

