



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 9, 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 9, 2:00-5:00 p.m. Visitors will have the opportunity to pick up a Centre County Explorers Passport booklet for themselves or their family and friends, tour the Centre Furnace Mansion, and visit a 19th century building tool display and demonstration. You will also be able to meet representatives from other Centre County Passport sites such as Advent Historical Society, Boalsburg Heritage Museum, Milesburg Museum, Discovery Space.

The Centre County Explorers Passport program, sponsored by the Centre County Historical Society, encourages exploration of 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 visiting historic houses, museums, galleries, and parks, and exploring the distinctive places that make Centre County special, participants will gain a deeper understanding of the county's historical, cultural, and natural resources. Additionally, visitors will support local communities by shopping, dining, and staying in the area.

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

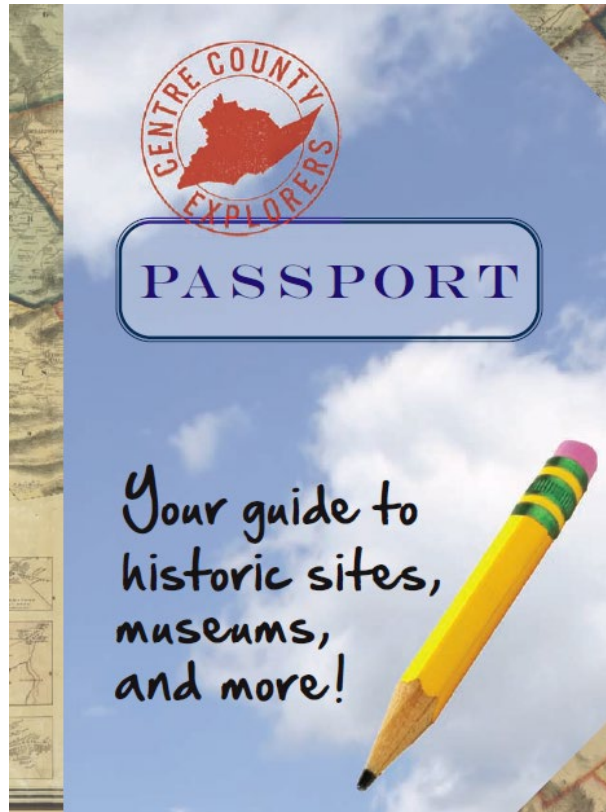
The Centre Furnace Mansion is located at 1001 E. College Avenue, State College. Event parking is available on the lower lawn along College Avenue, as well as in the Mansion lot off of Porter Road. For information, call (814) 234-4779, or visit www.CentreHistory.org.

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CENTRE FURNACE MANSION

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Centre County Explorers Passport Journal Cover



Making holes for pegs to be used in nineteenth century log construction.



Jackie's Joinery Early American woodworking tools exhibition.



Dining Room and Founders Room at the Centre Furnace Mansion



Tour of the Centre Furnace Stack



*Matson Museum of Anthropology at Penn State Display at the
2023 Centre County Explorers Day*



PASSPORT

Your guide to historic sites, museums, and more!



MOSHANNON VALLEY & MOUNTAINTOP REGION

Rowland Theatre

National Register of Historic Places since 1979



The Rowland Theatre is an historic single screen movie theater, built in 1917 by Charles Hedding Rowland. After Rowland's death, new owners did a major restoration in the Art Deco style in the 1930s making the Rowland the most ornate and elegant theater in Centre County. The theater shows current movies nightly.

PENNS VALLEY REGION



VISITOR RESOURCES

The Happy Valley Adventure Bureau



Stay up-to-date with everything happening in Happy Valley Pennsylvania at HappyValley.com. Visit any of our three visitor centers: Downtown State College at 204 West Beaver Avenue, Bellefonte at the Historic Train Station at 320 West Street, Philipsburg. Each location offers helpful insights to enhance your experience. Whether you're looking for local attractions, events, or hidden gems, our website is the perfect starting point for your adventure. Thank you for your visit to #HappyValleyPA!

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CENTRE REGION — PENN STATE

Pasto Agricultural Museum — Penn State

The museum features unusual farm and household items dating from 4,000 BC to the 1940s — more than 6,000 years of history. Visitors will learn about early farm life as our nation grew, while gaining hands-on experience with the history of agriculture and household equipment by turning the cranks and moving levers.



UPPER AND LOWER BALD EAGLE VALLEY

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Eagle Iron Works and Curtin Village



Go back in time to the nineteenth-century heyday of the longest operating charcoal iron plantation in central Pennsylvania: Eagle Ironworks, founded in 1810 by Irish immigrant Roland Curtin Sr. and operated by four generations of the Curtin family. Visitors may tour the Curtin family mansion, the iron furnace complex, the workers' village, and the remains of Canal Lock #11 on the Bald Eagle and Spring Creek Navigation Company Canal. The site is the birthplace of Pennsylvania's "Civil War Governor," Anson S. Curtin, managed by the non-profit Eagle Ironworks and Curtin Village.

CENTRE REGION

Centre Furnace Mansion

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The Centre Furnace Mansion is a beautifully restored and furnished home. The Mansion and adjoining iron furnace stack grace several acres of period-inspired grounds. Centre Furnace was the pioneering charcoal iron furnace in what is now Centre County. In 1855, land to locate the newly chartered Farmers' High School of Pennsylvania, now the Pennsylvania State University. The Centre County Historical Society is headquartered at the Centre Furnace Mansion and hosts year-round programming and public tours.

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