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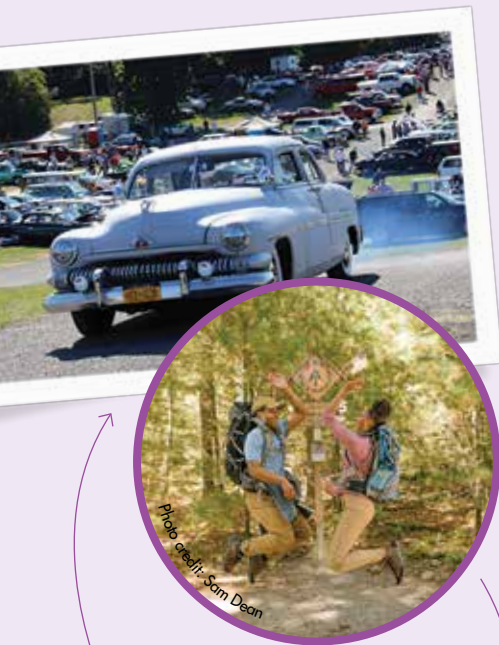
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WELCOME TO CUMBERLAND VALLEY: YOUR WEEKEND IS CALLING

Visitors to Cumberland Valley can dine, play, explore, and discover the perfect place to get away from it all. Nestled in the quiet natural beauty of south-central Pennsylvania, Cumberland Valley is the ideal backdrop for a weekend getaway featuring a rich collection of vibrant downtowns, delectable dining and distinctive craft beverages, plentiful outdoor recreation, an eclectic mix of year-round festivals, and more.



Downtowns — Take a relaxing stroll through our inviting downtowns brimming with welcoming storefronts offering just the right mix of shopping, dining, relaxation, and fun.

Eat & Drink Like a Local — Delight in the palate-pleasing cuisine of local restaurants where you can sample inspired craft beverages and find delicious food that will tempt the taste buds.

VISITORS CENTER

Find brochures, maps, and guides to help you uncover authentic Cumberland Valley experiences.



Located adjacent to History on High-The Shop, 33 W. High St., downtown Carlisle.



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TRAVERSE OUR TOWNS

Put on your walking shoes and stroll through charming downtowns where you will uncover unique boutiques, local restaurants, art galleries, and historical attractions. Treat yourself to one-of-a-kind finds, take a self-guided walking tour, purchase local wine and coffee, delve into history at a museum, or, if the timing is right, find a festival or holiday-themed celebration.

TIP: Start your journey at the Cumberland Valley Visitors Center, located adjacent to History on High-The Shop in historic downtown Carlisle, the center point of the Valley. From here, you can reach all of our downtown destinations in no more than 30 minutes along the highway, but you might want to enjoy a more leisurely drive and take the scenic routes instead.

Carlisle

Carlisle is Cumberland Valley's largest town and features picturesque, tree-lined streets with a diverse assortment of galleries, shops, and restaurants.

- 1. ANTIQUE SHOPPING:** You'll find unique treasures with several places to visit and shop in downtown Carlisle. The Northgate Antique Mall offers over 80 quality dealers featuring various vintage collectibles or wander through the 35,000-square-foot Carlisle Antique Mall featuring primitives, mid-century items, restored products, and more.
- 2. LOCALLY-CRAFTED BEVERAGES:** You will find a wide selection of locally-crafted wine, ciders, spirits, and microbrews in the heart of the historic downtown. Many locations feature musical entertainment or spend a fun evening with family and friends at Grand Illusion Hard Cider's two escape rooms.
- 3. CUMBERLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** Learn more about the rich history of the area during a visit to this award-winning museum. Highlights include the Carlisle Indian Industrial School, folk art, and decorative arts galleries.
- 4. THE TROUT GALLERY/DICKINSON COLLEGE:** This hidden gem, on the campus of Dickinson College, houses an impressive collection of art, from ancient through contemporary, and features rotating exhibits. Afterwards, take some time to walk the beautiful, tree-lined campus, which was founded in 1783.
- 5. PALATE-PLEASING CUISINE:** Downtown Carlisle restaurants offer authentic dining experiences with a wide range of eclectic cuisines including Belgian, Caribbean, Thai, Japanese, Indian, Mexican, Nepalese, and more.

NOTEWORTHY: Harvest of the Arts, held annually on the fourth Saturday of September, features 120 artisans selling their crafts, plus entertainment, family-friendly fun, and great food.

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Mechanicsburg



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Mixing the old with the new, Mechanicsburg's history blends seamlessly with casual dining and specialty gift shops.

- 1. MECHANICSBURG MUSEUM ASSOCIATION:** Uncover Mechanicsburg's heritage with a visit to four historic buildings that offer a particular focus on the Cumberland Valley Railroad.
- 2. GET CREATIVE:** The Gleeful Candle, Central PA's first DIY candle-making company, and Board & Brush provide guests with tools and directions to create their own unique masterpieces.
- 3. ROLLS ROYCE FOUNDATION & MUSEUM:** Located just a short drive from downtown Mechanicsburg, guests will enjoy a hands-on experience as they open doors and explore the interiors of an ever-changing collection of Rolls Royce and Bentley motorcars.
- 4. THE ROSEMARY HOUSE & SWEET REMEMBRANCES:** The Rosemary House offers bulk dry herb botanicals, culinary herbs & blends, delicious tea blends & tea supplies, essential oils, and more. The gardens behind the shop are open daily from dawn until dusk. Sweet Remembrances hosts afternoon tea, herb classes, and workshops in conjunction with The Rosemary House.
- 5. CIVIL WAR AND MORE:** This small store is chock full of Civil War merchandise and is the perfect location to brush up on your knowledge of local Civil War history.

NOTEWORTHY: Jubilee Day, held annually on the third Thursday of June, is the largest one-day street fair on the East Coast.

New Cumberland

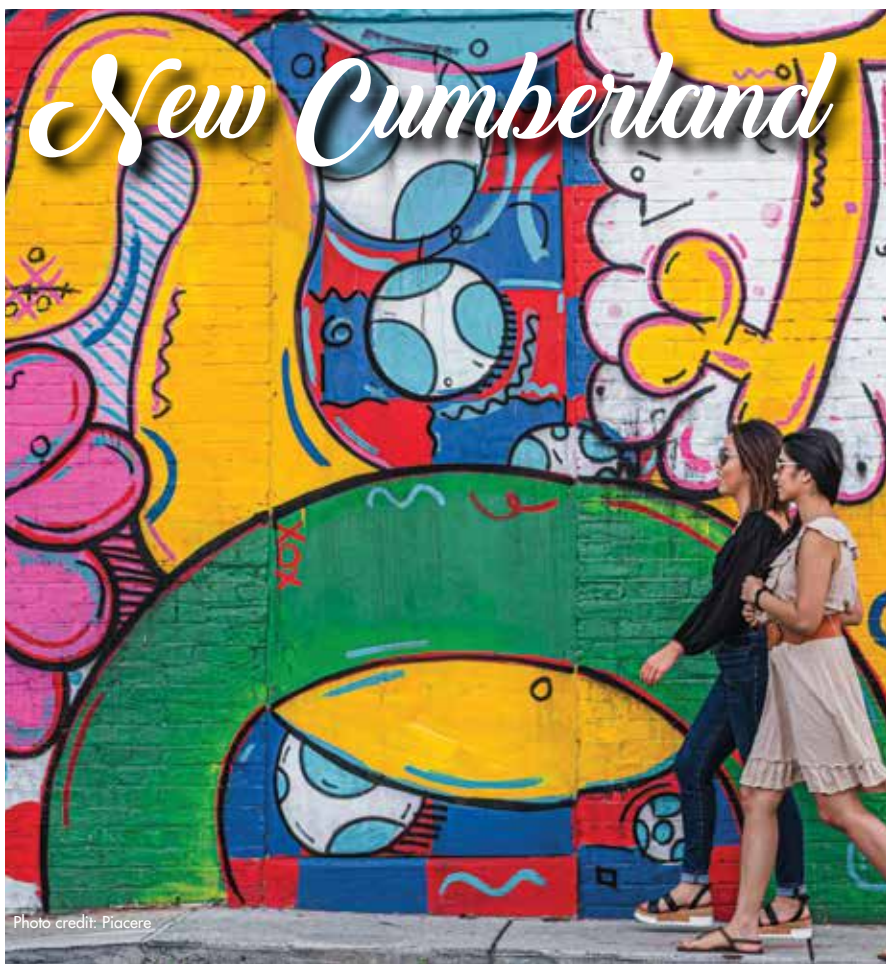


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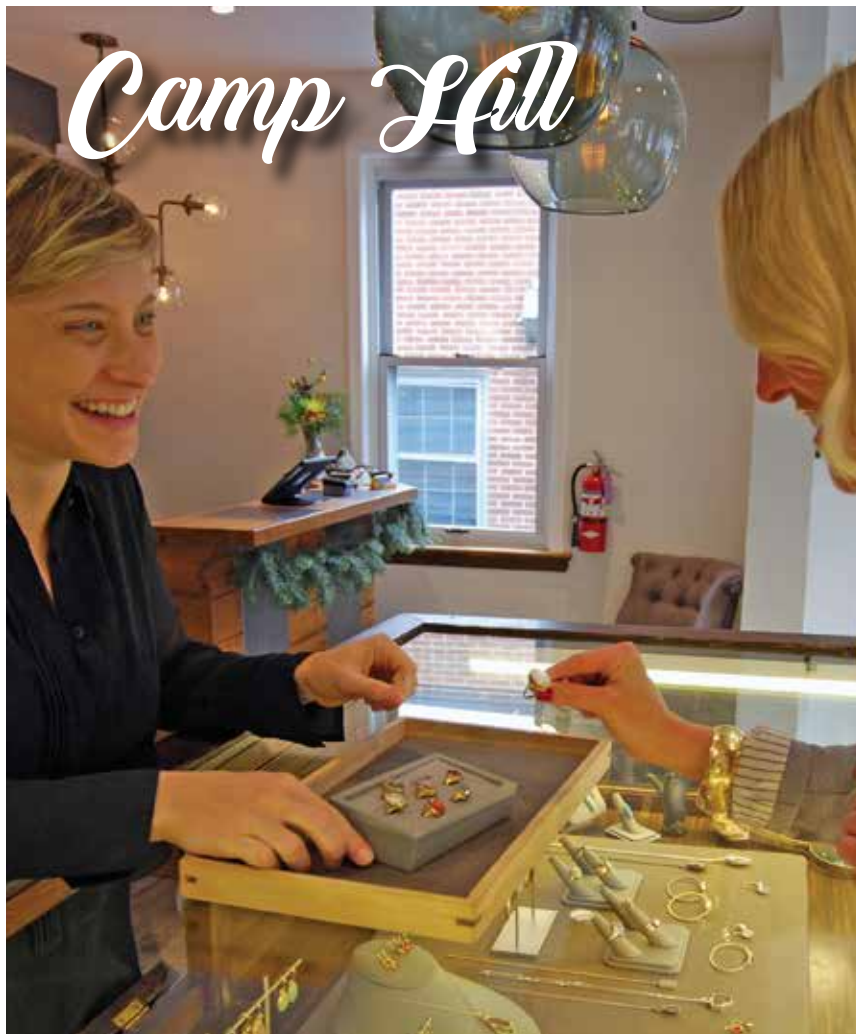
New Cumberland has a collection of shops and restaurants you can't find anywhere else.

- 1. BREW CRUMBERLAND'S BEST:** Start your day with custom-blended coffee exclusively available at Brew Cumberland and mouth-watering pastries made fresh daily.
- 2. OXFORD HALL CELTIC SHOP:** Celebrate the luck of the Irish with a full selection of Irish and Celtic imports including food, jewelry, clothing, home goods, and Guinness pub ware.
- 3. TICKLE MY SENSES:** Pick out a one-of-a-kind piece of artwork at this gallery which showcases unique treasures handcrafted by top artisans from around the country.
- 4. WEST SHORE THEATRE:** This recently-renovated cinema house and performing arts venue offers affordable, high-quality entertainment in the heart of downtown New Cumberland.
- 5. NOSTALGIC VIBES:** Find vintage toys, video games, and other pop culture items from the 80s and 90s at Retro & Rad and then enjoy dessert in the cool, retro 50s vibe of Hanna's Ice Cream Shoppe.

NOTEWORTHY: Apple Festival, held annually on the last Saturday of September in New Cumberland Borough Park, includes more than 70 food vendors, 200 craft vendors, entertainment, and activities for all ages.



Camp Hill



The vibrant town of Camp Hill is bursting with boutique stores for shopping and spas that will leave you feeling refreshed and inspired.

- 1. 1801 MARKET STREET:** You'll find everything you need at Camp Hill's newest shopping complex. Shop for gourmet food, culinary treats, loose teas, and specialty coffee roasted in small batches at One Good Woman. Sift through fashion-forward designer clothing at Little Black Dress and designer footwear at Plum Bottom. Complete your ensemble with quality lingerie from Underneath It All. Show your home some love with upcycled furniture and more at Live in Color Boutique. Treat yourself to delectable and delicious handcrafted French macarons at Sweet Velvet Macarons. Then, relax and nurture your body, mind, and soul at Moxy Salon.
- 2. DISSOLVE FLOAT SPA:** Decrease stress and promote inner peace as you float effortlessly in your private float pod containing 900 pounds of Epsom salt.
- 3. MEEKA FINE JEWELRY:** This elegant store offers an exceptional selection of custom-made jewelry by the owner as well as several other artisans.
- 4. HOLMES CYCLING:** Browse a great selection of recreational, road, mountain and kids' bikes.
- 5. CORNERSTONE COFFEEHOUSE:** Get your caffeine fix at Cornerstone Coffeehouse, where you can also enjoy delicious sandwiches, pastries, and other goodies.

NOTEWORTHY: Shops and businesses offer specials, refreshments, music, and more during quarterly Open House celebrations in downtown Camp Hill.

» More Must-Stop Towns



Adams-Ricci Community Park



West Shore Farmers Market



Mt. Holly Marsh Preserve

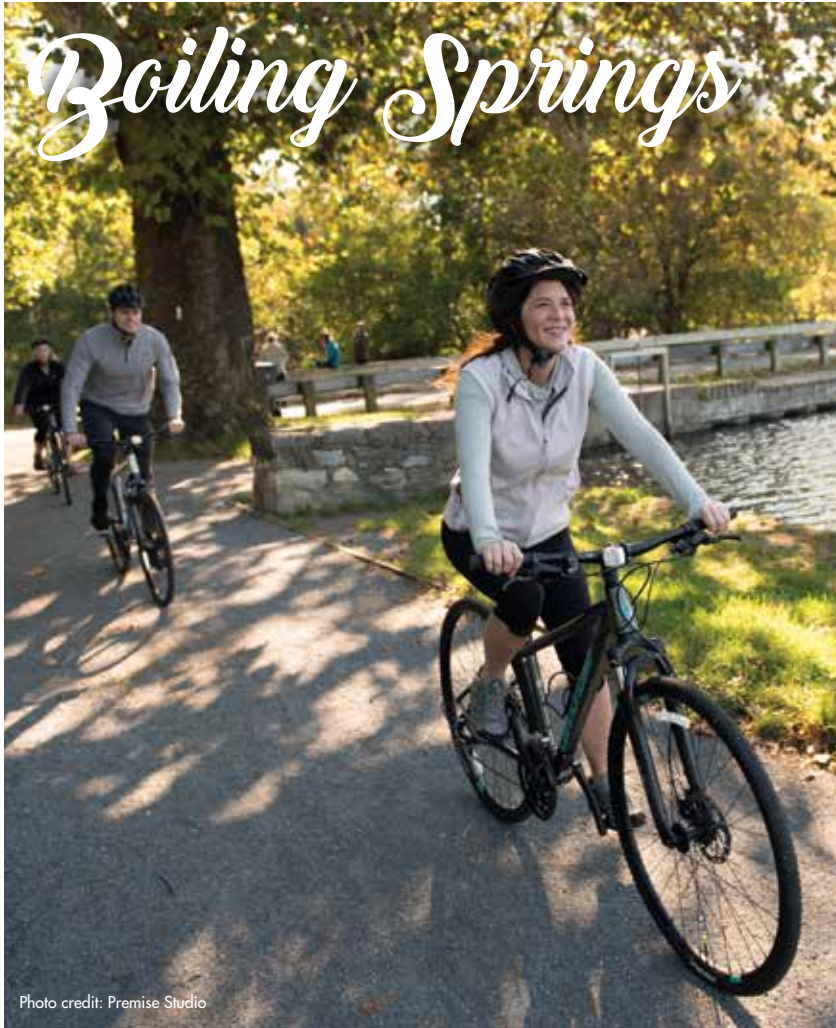


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Boiling Springs

The picturesque, historic district of Boiling Springs is brimming with world-renowned fly-fishing, access to the famous Appalachian Trail and more, all nestled around a lake that literally bubbles.

- 1. VILLAGE ARTISANS GALLERY:** Housed in a renovated circa 1875 brick church, this shop offers a wonderfully eclectic selection of contemporary fine American crafts from over 200 artisans.
- 2. TCO OUTDOORS:** Ideally situated along Children's Lake, this shop stocks their shelves with quality fishing equipment, tying materials, and clothing. With its proximity to the Appalachian Trail, the store also integrates hiking and trail supplies.
- 3. ALLENBERRY RESORT:** This Orvis-endorsed fly-fishing lodge, nestled on 57-acres along the Yellow Breeches Creek, is a premiere destination for relaxation and tranquility. With comfortable and luxurious rooms, the grounds offer a number of amenities including access to the Appalachian Trail, outdoor pool, on-site dining, and The Playhouse.
- 4. EXPLORE BOILING SPRINGS HISTORY:** See traces of the town's history as an iron industry settlement, a haven for runaway enslaved persons during the Civil War, and a recreational area in the 19th century. Download a Walk Around Boiling Springs Self-Guided Tour at VisitCumberlandValley.com.
- 5. CHILDREN'S LAKE:** Stroll, picnic, paddle, or fish along the banks of this seven-acre man-made lake that is fed by some 30 natural springs which bubble to the surface from subterranean caves.

NOTEWORTHY: Foundry Day is a juried fine art and craft show held on the first Saturday of June on the streets of Boiling Springs along Children's Lake.



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Newville

Cumberland Valley Rail Trail



Shippensburg

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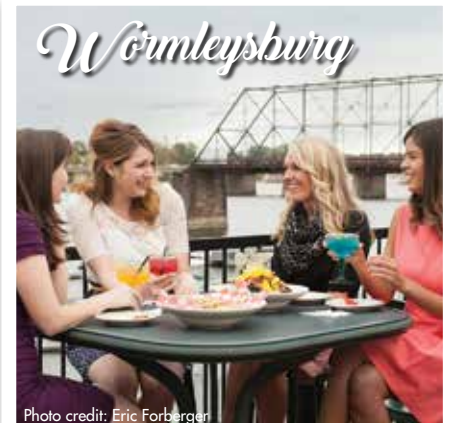


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Wormleysburg

Duke's Bar & Grille

FOLLOW OUR TRAILS

Whether you embark on a tasty tour along the Beer Trail, satisfy your sweet tooth on the Ice Cream Trail, encounter enticing aromas and tastes on the Coffee & Chocolate Trail, or discover a bounty of fresh produce on the Farm Fresh Trail, you'll find a fulfilling adventure that will leave you with cherished memories and a longing to return for more.

Local Libations

Cumberland Valley is bursting with craft beverages and we want to share these local flavors with you. Sign up for the free digital Cumberland Valley Beer Trail passport and begin your journey to the best breweries, wineries, cideries, and distilleries in the region. Seek out new flavors or try old favorites. Either way, take a slow, refreshing sip and enjoy the perfect mix of relaxation and fun. The pass is re-launched every April.

VisitCumberlandValley.com/BeerTrail

Sprinkle On Some Fun

Cumberland Valley is a dream destination for ice cream lovers and there are plenty of places to find this cooling treat! Indulge in every conceivable ice cream concoction as you top off your Cumberland Valley adventure with a stop (or two) along the Cumberland Valley Ice Cream Trail. The free digital passport runs from June through November.

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Sign up for a mobile-exclusive passport for each Cumberland Valley trail, check in at participating locations, and earn prizes.

Cozy & Caffeinated Adventure

Sip, savor, and try a bite on our seasonal Coffee & Chocolate Trail. Coffee connoisseurs can get their caffeine fix and recharge as they sip aromatic drinks made with stellar java and chocolate enthusiasts can indulge in delicious goodies at unique local shops where the alluring scent of homemade chocolate tempts you to sample every confection. With a number of locations conveniently near each other, it's easy to combine these two everyday pleasures into a delightful and delicious adventure as you explore the charming towns of the Cumberland Valley. The trail passport runs from February through late spring.

VisitCumberlandValley.com/Coffee-Chocolate



Celebrate the Beauty & Bounty of Fall

Cumberland Valley's rich agricultural heritage offers a delightful escape for those seeking to enjoy their weekends and spend time with loved ones. Immerse yourself in our charming countryside as you explore farmers' markets, orchards, and more, along our scenic backroads. Sample local produce, taste delicious baked goods, pick a bouquet of fresh flowers and find other diverse offerings that make Cumberland Valley truly special. The free digital Farm Fresh Trail passport starts in late spring/early summer, and runs through the late fall.

VisitCumberlandValley.com/FarmFresh

Elevate Your Culinary Experience

In addition to our trails, don't forget to check out Cumberland Valley's 250+ local restaurants. From the exquisite flavors of places such as Sophia's at Walden, One 13 Social, and Aura Mediterranean and the tasty menus at Yum Yum Mini Pancake Bar and El Rodeo Mexican Restaurant to the craft brews at Back Porch Brewing and the estate wines at the Winery at the Long Shot Farm, each venue promises a gastronomic adventure.



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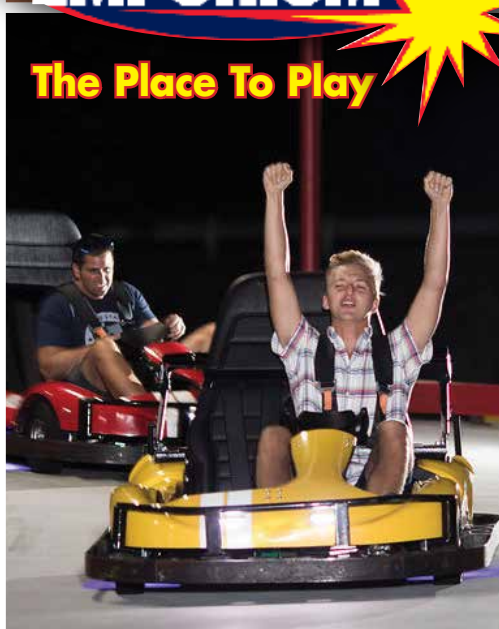
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Thrilling car shows, exciting speedways, pulse-pounding drag ways, unique antique car museums, and exhilarating go-kart racing make Cumberland Valley a year-round destination for high-octane fun.

2024 CAR SHOW SEASON SCHEDULE

Cumberland Valley welcomes guests from around the world during 8 different car shows hosted annually by Carlisle Events, a staple in the automotive community since 1974. Each year, Carlisle becomes the "Automotive Hometown" to more than 100,000 visitors who converge on the region to share their love and commitment to this hobby. We look forward to seeing you during the 2024 season.

SPRING CARLISLE April 17-21, 2024

One of the largest automotive flea markets in the world.

IMPORT & PERFORMANCE NATIONALS May 10-11, 2024

An international wonderland with 2,300+ unique and stunning imported vehicles as well as domestics, kit cars, motorcycles, trucks, and high-end performance vehicles.

FORD NATIONALS May 31-June 2, 2024

Come to the largest all-Ford show in the world featuring Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, and Euro Fords on the 3,200+ showfield.

GM NATIONALS June 21-22, 2024

All General Motors vehicles are welcome – from vintage and classics to the modern 6th generation Camaro.



CHRYSLER NATIONALS July 12-14, 2024

The largest Mopar event in the world featuring over 2,900 vehicles from all eras of the Chrysler brand – including classics, muscle cars, and high-performance new models.

TRUCK NATIONALS August 2-4, 2024

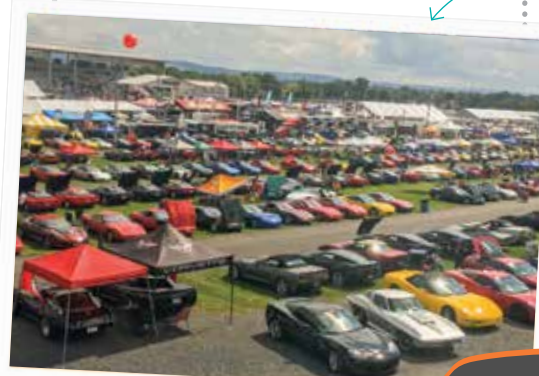
One of the largest and most action-packed truck events in the world with lifted, lowered, classic, antique, modern, two- or four-wheel drive, Jeep, big rig, or mini.

CORVETTES AT CARLISLE August 22-24, 2024

One of the largest and most fun-filled Corvette events in the world with thousands of Corvettes representing all generations of America's classic sports car.

FALL CARLISLE October 2-6, 2024

This massive auto flea market marks the end of the Carlisle-based show season.



YOUR WEEKEND WITH MORE HORSEPOWER



Looking to plan a weekend getaway?

Cumberland Valley hosts some of the best auto experiences in the country. Whether you are a regular visitor or you are making your first trip, hop in your car, rev the engine, and take the scenic route to see all we have to offer.

From March to October, **Williams Grove Speedway** offers some of the best 410 Sprint Car racing in the country. Racing greats such as Mario Andretti and A.J. Foyt have raced at the Grove so don't miss your opportunity for a revved up night of racing. Kids under 12 are FREE for all events.

On Sundays, at the **South Mountain Raceway**, from early spring through late October, experience a variety of vehicles that scream down the one-eighth mile drag strip which has been in operation for over 50 years.

The **Rolls Royce Museum** is a unique museum focused on Rolls Royce and Bentley motorcars. This hidden gem also has an extensive research library and functioning garage. Take a short self-guided tour to see classics such as a 1929 Springfield Phantom I or a 1956 Bentley S1. Guests are welcome to open the doors and check out the interior of the cars in order to see and appreciate the quality craftsmanship of these vehicles.

Located in nearby Hershey, **The Auto Museum at Hershey** offers a world-class automotive experience through interactive exhibits and a wide variety of vehicles on display from the 1890s–1980s. Enjoy luxury motorcars, muscle cars, motorcycles, buses and more in picturesque settings that will take you back in time.

Plan a visit to the **27th Annual All Breeds Jeep Show** at the Carlisle Fairgrounds on July 20-21, 2024.

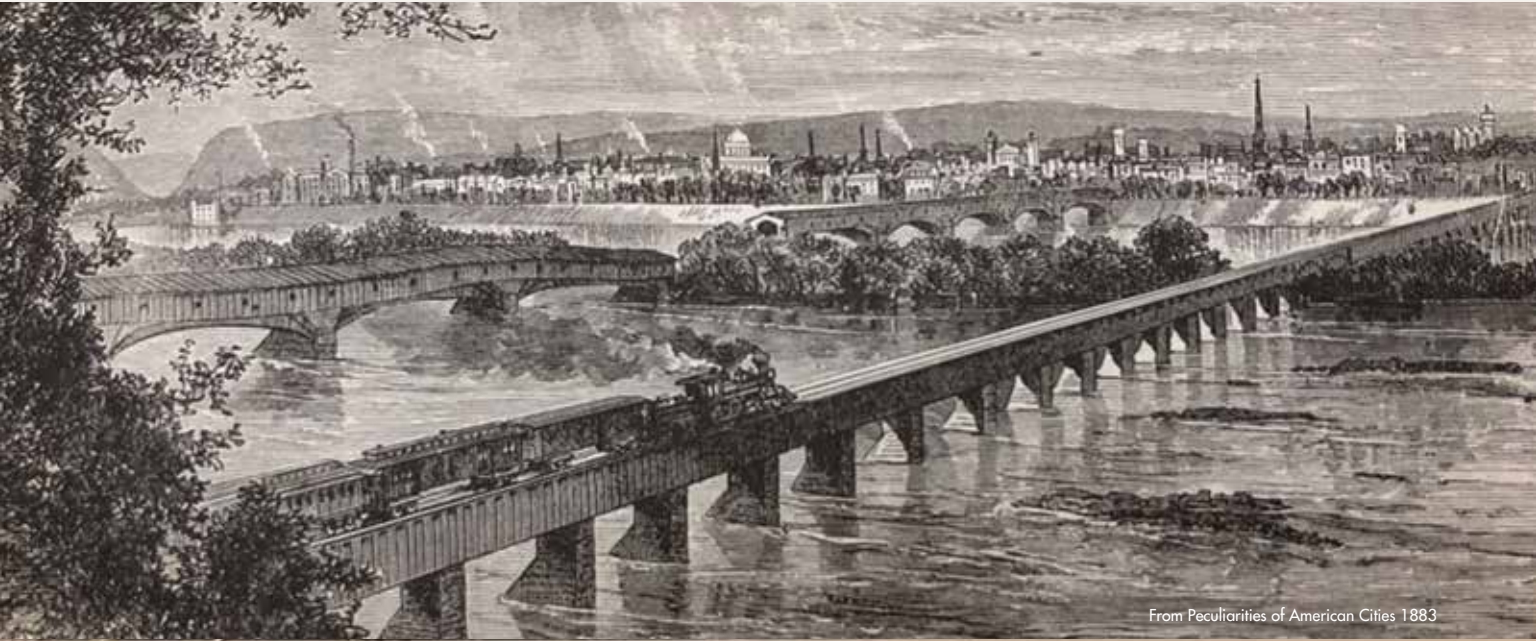
Interested in Racing?

The unique, high-speed electric Italian pro-karts at **Autobahn Indoor Speedway** are easy to handle, durably designed, offer responsive steering, and have electric motors that deliver nearly instant acceleration up to 50 mph. The professionally designed Grand Prix-style tracks at this indoor go-karting facility in Lemoyne can race up to 10 karts each and have a high-tech timing system.



Carlisle Sports Emporium is located just minutes from the Carlisle Fairgrounds and historic downtown Carlisle. Here, kids and adults can experience the thrill of driving exceptional LED go-karts on one of three go-kart tracks at this state-of-the-art entertainment complex. FastTrack is the high-performance and high-speed racing track for adults age 16 and older. This banked oval indoor track requires braking for sliding around the turns and offers the ultimate racing experience. The 1/4-mile Outdoor Grand Prix and Outdoor Clover Leaf tracks are family-friendly, with banked corners and turns ideal for competitive racers.





From Peculiarities of American Cities 1883

HARRISBURG AND BRIDGE OVER THE SUSQUEHANNA.

STEP BACK IN TIME

Founded in 1750, Cumberland Valley is steeped in history. As you explore, you'll find museums and historical sites where you can interact with the past in new ways and uncover why the Valley is as passionate about history as it is about making it.

Here are a few fascinating historical facts to help you start planning your journey.



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- » The **Old Cumberland County Courthouse** (pictured) was built in 1846 and sits on the square in historic downtown Carlisle. It still bears the marks of an artillery barrage from Confederate forces prior to the Battle of Gettysburg. Guests can view the old courtroom if it is not reserved for a private event.
- » There are 10 cemeteries throughout Cumberland Valley that serve as the final resting places for Civil War veterans, including **Locust Grove Cemetery** in Shippensburg and **Lincoln Colored Cemetery** (aka Chestnut Hill Cemetery), both home to African-American Civil War veterans.
- » **Thirty-one markers** in downtown Carlisle highlight the town's rich history dating back to the 1700s. Explore on your own or follow the self-guided walking tour. Download the tour at VisitCumberlandValley.com or pick up a printed copy at the Visitors Center.
- » **Carlisle Theatre**, originally called The Comerford, opened in May 1939. The Art Deco theatre flourished through the 1960s, declined in the 1970s and closed in 1986. The restored theatre was reopened in 1993 and a visit to Carlisle would not be complete without stopping there to see a movie or musical performance.
- » Daniel Kaufman, responsible for laying out the village of Boiling Springs in 1845, was an abolitionist and one of three men in charge of the **Underground Railroad** station at Boiling Springs. A hiding place for runaway enslaved people was Island Breeches, located on the south side of Yellow Breeches, about half a mile from the village.

Top 10 Historical Sites

Fully immerse yourself in historical explorations with an insightful glimpse into the past at these museums and historical sites.

1 The **U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center** is dedicated to "Telling the Army story... one Soldier at a time." Key features of the expansive campus include the interactive and interpretive exhibits and the mile-long Army Heritage Trail highlighted by a Huey helicopter, Civil War encampment cabins, WWI trench systems, and M-18 Tank Destroyer.



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2 The **Cumberland County Historical Society** features 16 galleries that serve as a visual guide to Cumberland Valley's past. Noteworthy permanent exhibits include the Carlisle Indian Industrial School and folk art. The Historical Society offers lectures, guided walking tours, book signings, and hosts numerous special events throughout the year.



3 **Camp Michaux**, located near Pine Grove Furnace State Park, has been a church camp, Civilian Conservation Corps Camp, a secret POW camp during WWII, and a working farm with links to the iron industry. Download a self-guided walking tour at VisitCumberlandValley.com to learn more about this quiet location along the ridges of the South Mountain.

4 The **Appalachian Trail Museum** portrays and preserves the history and the physical, emotional, and spiritual human experiences of the Appalachian Trail. The only museum in the country dedicated solely to hiking is located inside a 200-year-old grist mill. It features exhibits devoted to early founders of the trail; a thru-hiker photo display; and a research library.



5 **Carlisle Barracks**, established in 1757, is the second oldest Army post in the United States. A Hessian Powder Magazine, built in 1777, is still on site. The site was burned by the Confederate Army in 1863 and later was the home of the controversial Carlisle Indian Industrial School. Famed athlete, Jim Thorpe, and 10,000 other American Indian children attended this school from 1879-1918. Carlisle Barracks is now home to the prestigious U.S. Army War College. The grounds are available for self-guided tours.

6 **Dill's Tavern** is a 12-room stone structure erected from 1794 to 1819. Originally situated on a 500-acre farm that was also home to a huge distillery operation, the tavern currently hosts numerous special events and is open for guided tours on Sunday afternoon.

7 The **Molly Pitcher Statue and Grave** in Carlisle's Old Public Graveyard commemorates Mary Ludwig Hayes (better known as Molly Pitcher) who is renowned for her bravery during the Revolutionary War. The Graveyard is also the final resting place of Dr. Charles Nesbit, first president of Dickinson College; 95 Revolutionary War veterans; and a Civil War drummer boy.

8 The **Fashion Archives and Museum of Shippensburg University** maintains, preserves, and exhibits apparel and accessories ranging from the 18th-century to the present in order to enhance our understanding of society through the study of dress. The oldest American piece in the library is a pair of wedding shoes from 1737.



9 The **Cumberland Valley Railroad Museum** and the adjacent **Conrail Museum** depict the impact of railroads on the region's economy and growth. The focal points of the Shippensburg Station trailhead of the Cumberland Valley Rail Trail, both are located in renovated boxcars.



10 The **Mechanicsburg Museum** preserves four 1800s buildings from the Cumberland Valley Railroad and offers changing exhibits that reflect Mechanicsburg's history and heritage.



JOURNEY TO DISCOVER & EXPLORE

Take a weekend journey to discover and explore the serene and stunning landscape of the beautiful Cumberland Valley. Whether you are seeking out breathtaking views or looking to recharge with a stroll along a quiet path, you will return home feeling refreshed and inspired.

With over 54,000 acres, 200 miles of trails, three state parks, two state forests, and scenic waterways, it's hard to describe all the hidden gems waiting for you to explore. After a full day of outdoor adventure, Cumberland Valley's accommodations promise the perfect home base. Luxurious lodging, conveniently located brand hotels, intimate and unique bed and breakfasts, and well-run campgrounds, provide all the comforts and amenities you need to relax.



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Photo credit: Sam Dean

TIP: Be sure to check fishing and boating rules and regulations on the PA Fish and Boat Commission website before your trip.

BOATING

Discover our river trails, lakes, and creeks. Susquehanna Outfitters and Blue Mountain Outfitters both offer boat rentals and guided tours while Pine Grove Furnace State Park rents kayaks, canoes, and paddle boats for use on Laurel Lake.

Here are some of our best boating locations.

- » The idyllic 59-acre Opossum Lake has three access points. Boating is limited to boats powered by electric motor and unpowered boats.
- » Enjoy the mountain scenery while floating on the calming waters of the 25-acre Laurel Lake in Pine Grove Furnace State Park.
- » A scenic canoe or kayak trip along the Conodoguinet Creek or Yellow Breeches Creek (a PA Designated Scenic River) is the perfect way to unwind and cool down on a hot summer day.



FISHING

Cumberland Valley is a fly-fisher's paradise with three of the world's premier fly-fishing destinations. Bring your own equipment or buy or rent what you need when you get here. TCO Outdoors is the place to shop for all your fly-fishing needs.

- » The world-renowned Yellow Breeches Creek originates on South Mountain and meanders through farmland, forested areas and suburbs before joining the Susquehanna River. The most popular catch and release section is a mile long and runs through Allenberry Resort in Boiling Springs. Designated as a "Pennsylvania Scenic River", Yellow Breeches never has a shortage of trout (mix of stocked and wild trout).
- » LeTort Spring Run is one of the finest limestone trout streams in the country, known for large wild browns. Copious reed beds and taxing currents make this spot a challenge.

Big Spring Creek Greenway is a world-famous limestone creek that flows through woodland and farmland for six miles before emptying into the Conodoguinet Creek. With a consistent flow of cool, fertile water, it is filled with some stream-bred rainbows and brown trout and the population of stream-bred brook trout is also on the rebound. There is a one-mile catch and release fly-fishing only section. Below that is open regulated water.



Cumberland Valley's reputation as a premier fly-fishing destination is enhanced by the Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Museum in Carlisle, a one-of-a-kind museum packed with fly-fishing memorabilia, photos and history.

HIKING

Easy Hikes

Check out these spots to enjoy nature and explore at a leisurely pace.

The Mansion at Kings Gap offers a quiet oasis with panoramic views of the whole Cumberland Valley. You will find this 100-year-old building at the end of a four-mile winding drive through Kings Gap Environmental Education Center. Spend some time in the peaceful Mansion garden or choose from more than 25 miles of hiking trails. The Mansion is open for weekend stays from June through mid-November.



Find a few hours of peace along the charming and scenic Children's Lake in Boiling Springs. This lake literally bubbles due to a naturally fed spring. Follow the path of the Appalachian Trail along the lake or feed the ducks and watch the swans glide across the water. The lake is also stocked with trout and is open to all ages for fishing.



Following the same path as the historic Cumberland Valley railroad corridor, the 13-mile Cumberland Valley Rail Trail features a flat surface ideal for biking and horseback riding. The corridor of woods and shrubs adjacent to farms and grasslands is also the perfect spot for bird watching. Nearby Winsome Farm offers year-round trail rides with direct access to the Rail Trail.



Challenging Hikes

Wear good hiking boots and bring snacks and drinks because you will be challenged on these trails.

Flat Rock Trail is 2.5 miles (one way) leading from Colonel Denning State Park to the top of Blue Mountain in Tuscarora State Forest. The trail climbs over 900 feet in elevation with rocks and loose gravel. At the top is a natural rock outcrop where hikers are rewarded with a spectacular 180-degree view of Cumberland Valley.

Waggoner's Gap Hawk Watch is one of the best sites in the Cumberland Valley to see Golden Eagles and one of the best locations in Pennsylvania to watch the fall hawk migration. Choose from two trails to reach the top of the rocky outcrop which consists of tumbled boulders.



Pole Steeple's steep but rewarding .75-mile climb takes you to a beautiful white and maroon-colored quartzite rock outcropping with sweeping vistas of Pine Grove Furnace State Park. If you are looking for a more moderate climb, a second longer trail heads out around the cliffs so you can avoid climbing on the rocks.

Whiskey Springs and White Rocks Trail offer the opportunity for those looking to combine hiking and rock climbing. As hikers ascend White Rocks Trail they will encounter increasing amounts of rocks and plenty of opportunities for rock scrambling. At the summit, hikers are treated to a sprawling view of the valley below. At Whiskey Springs, following the steep ¼-mile trail until you reach the first outcrops. The boulders range in size and skill level.



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THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL: AN ICONIC HIKING PATH

The Appalachian Trail is the most famous hiking trail in the U.S., extending 2,198 miles from Georgia to Maine. 46 miles of the A.T. meander through Cumberland Valley, including a 13-mile section that is the longest, lowest and flattest section on the entire trail and one of the most accessible portions to park and take a short day trip or a weekend getaway.

Cumberland Valley's Appalachian Trail Fun Facts

1

The village of Boiling Springs is a designated Appalachian Trail Community and is a great location to start your day hike.

2

Visit the **Appalachian Trail Museum**, located in Pine Grove Furnace State Park, for an enthralling deep dive into the history of this iconic hiking path and its founders. It is the only museum in the country dedicated to hiking.

3

Hike to the midway point of the entire trail, also located in Pine Grove Furnace State Park. The length of the trail changes yearly so the midpoint slightly moves from year-to-year.

4

Stop by the Pine Grove General Store, where thru-hikers attempt to eat a half-gallon of ice cream to celebrate reaching the midway point.

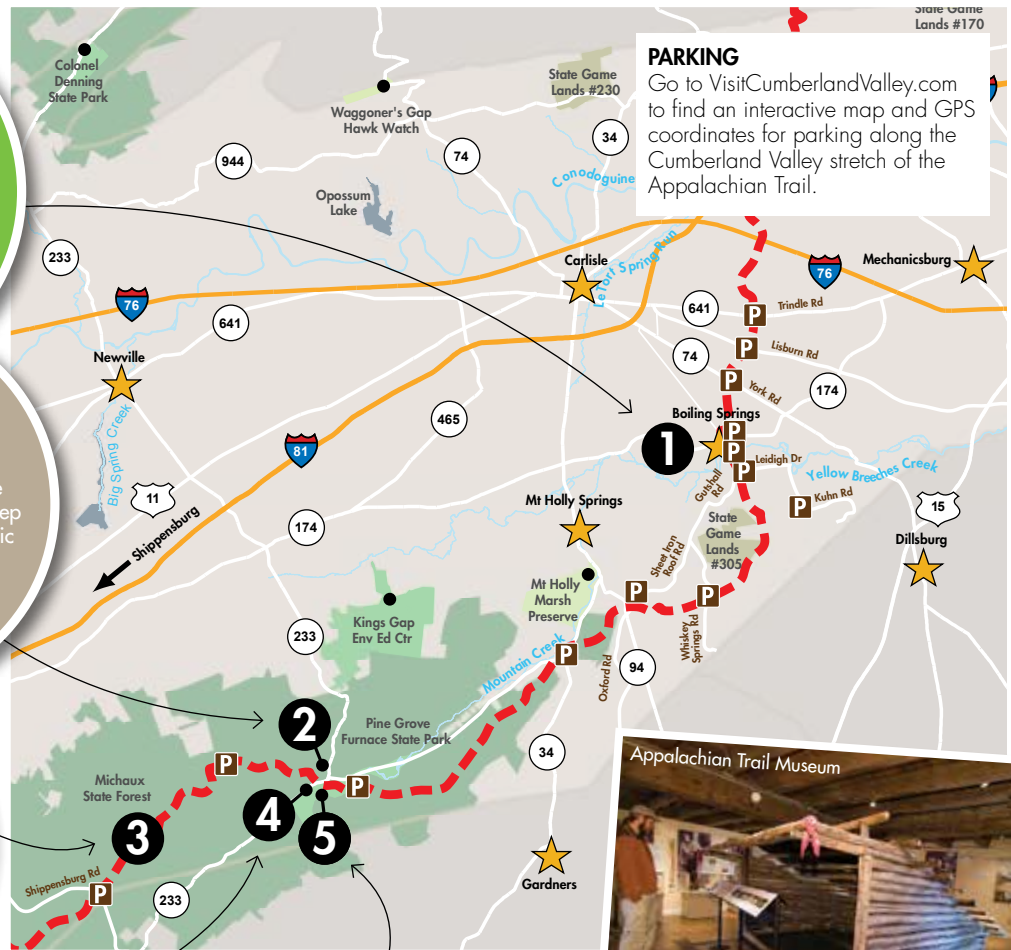
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MAKE IT A WEEKEND

Extend your trip and stay like an A.T. thru-hiker at the Ironmaster's Mansion, an historic building now serving as a hostel; enjoy a rustic weekend of camping at the Valley's state parks, campgrounds and RV parks; or a luxurious stay at Allenberry Resort in Boiling Springs.

TIP: Overnight Camping

Are you interested in overnight camping along the trail? Be sure to register your camping plans at ATCamp.org. A registration is not a reservation, but is a way to ensure a better hiking experience and help you avoid overcrowding at shelters and campsites.



PARKING

Go to VisitCumberlandValley.com to find an interactive map and GPS coordinates for parking along the Cumberland Valley stretch of the Appalachian Trail.



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NEVER A DULL MOMENT

There is never a dull moment at these hot spots for family fun! Whether you like movies, arcade games or bowling, Cumberland Valley has something for every member of your family to enjoy during your visit.

» All kids under 12 will love jumping, sliding and bouncing at **Monkey Joe's** year-round indoor inflatable park! With wall-to-wall colorful inflatable slides, jumps, games, puzzles and obstacles, your little one will have the time of their life.

» More indoor fun can be found at **Midway Bowling Center**. Restored bowling lanes, a sports simulator and axe-throwing lanes make Midway an ideal location for great family entertainment at affordable prices.

» If it's a beautiful, sunny fall day and you want to play outside, **Paulus Farm Market** has barnyard animals to feed and a fun play area for kids 1-10. Climb around in the hay, take a hayride, get lost and found in a corn maze or a mini straw maze, pick your own pumpkins, sift through a soybean box and more. Parents can shop at the farm market and during the warmer months pick a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

» **Create-a-Palooza** is an art and activity studio for all ages with "paint your own" pottery, canvas painting, and more. The studio offers a mix of open studio time, which is ideal for drop-in visits, and scheduled classes for those wanting a little bit more structure.

» Experience old-fashioned fun at **Cumberland Drive-In Theatre**. This theater, one of only approximately 300 drive-in theatres remaining in the United States, operates every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evening through the summer. The second feature is always included in the admission price.



» **Coliseum Megaplex** keeps everyone entertained with a 12-lane bowling alley, billiards room, arcade and games, and 88 plasma TVs plus an on-site restaurant for casual dining.

» **Georgie Lou's Retro Candy** makes you feel like a kid again and has just about every retro candy you can think of. Reminisce and share your childhood stories of saving your pennies to get Swedish Fish and Turkish Taffy.

» For a quieter activity, explore a little piece of the Savannah Desert in Cumberland Valley at the **Oakes Museum of Natural History** on the campus of Messiah University. The 10,000-square-foot museum is devoted to natural history and features 75 full mounts, including a zebra, giraffe and elephant.

» If the kids love wildlife, you can find animals, reptiles and birds from around the world at **Lake Tobias**, a short drive from Cumberland Valley. Monkeys, tigers, ostriches and other animals educate and entertain visitors in the 50-acre zoo setting. Safari tours take you into herds of wild and exotic animals on 150 acres of rolling land.

» At **Destiny Dairy Bar**, visitors are always welcome to venture into the calf barn, watch the afternoon milking, or hang out in the petting area. Guided tours are also available. The on-site farm offers dairy products, including A2 Creamline flavored milk and 14+ flavors of ice cream.

» Experience an immersive adventure at **Grand Illusion Hard Cider's** two themed Escape Rooms, located on the third floor of their building in historic downtown Carlisle. Combined with Grand Illusion's delicious ciders and delectable food, this is an ideal way to spend an evening with family and friends.



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» In the picturesque town of Boiling Springs, you will find the best of American craftsmanship and artistry at **Village Artisans Gallery**. Housed in a renovated circa 1875 brick church, this shop offers a wonderfully eclectic selection of traditional and contemporary fine American crafts and art along with Folk Art carver Gay Foltz' working studio.

» **Brain Vessel (The Gallery)** features investable art and unique gifts including playing cards, dice, coasters, prints, framed artwork, and jewelry.

» You'll find the perfect pieces of artwork among the ever-changing mix of beautifully crafted items at **Goldcrafter's Corner**, **The Garden Gallery**, and **Nancy Stamm's Galleria**, all located in historic downtown Carlisle.

» **Carlisle Arts Learning Center** offers a fabulous visual experience with a unique sales gallery featuring hand-crafted items and fine art and jewelry by local artists. It also showcases an ever-changing variety of exhibits.

» **Carlisle Creative Vibes** features artwork from an eclectic group of 30+ local artisans and creators, a holistic healing room, and a metaphysical showroom. Here you'll find crystals, witchcraft items, jewelry, food, clothing, candles, and more.

» **Earth Artisan & Outfitter** in downtown Carlisle features earth-based and nature-inspired fine art and photography, goods, and gear to connect people to the planet.

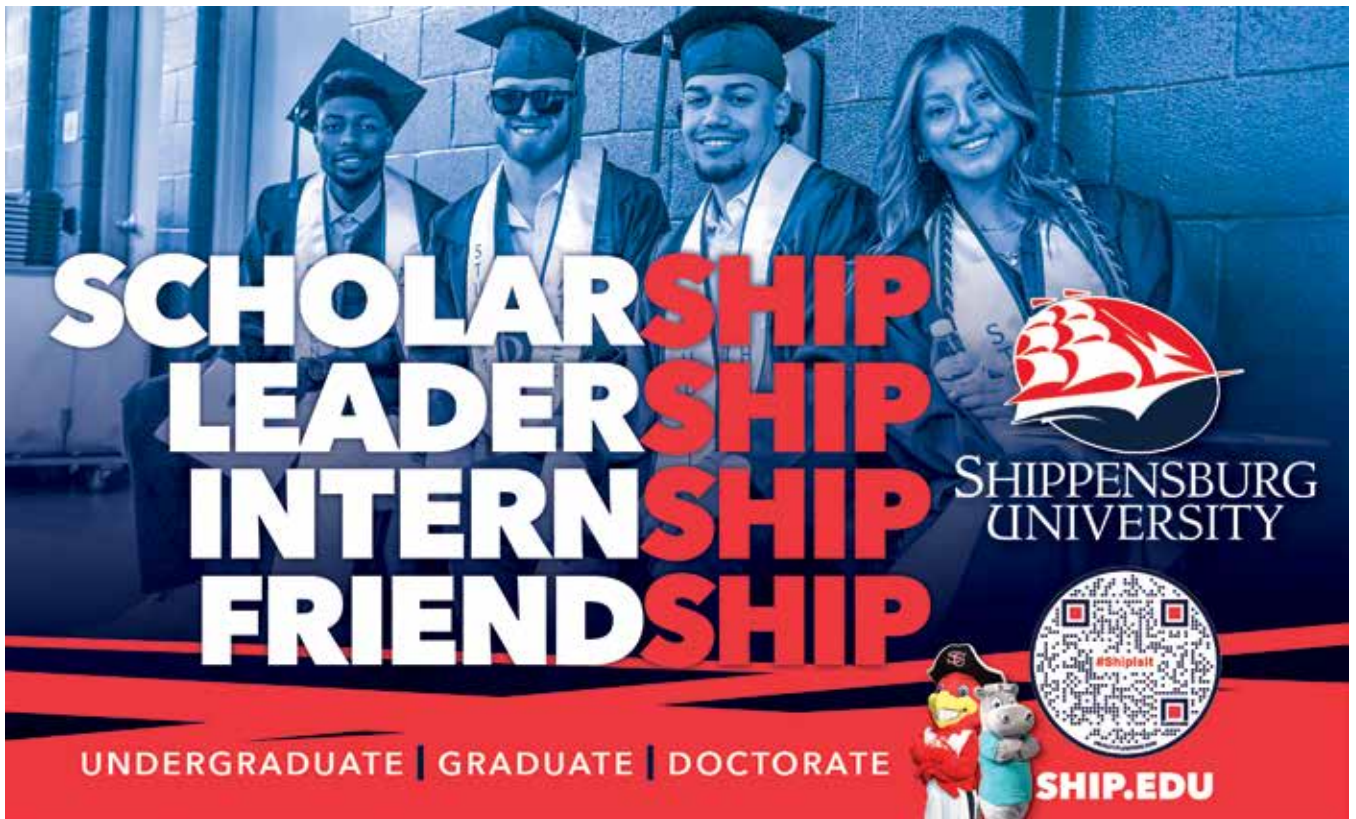
» **The Cumberland Shop** in Shippensburg promotes and sells the work of artisans with ties to Cumberland Valley. You'll find an ever-changing inventory of unique creations from over 40 local craftspeople.

» Add spark and sizzle to your own creative endeavors at **Half Moon Handwerks** in Camp Hill, where you'll find quality quilting and needlework products to help you make one-of-kind gifts that will be cherished by the recipients.

» Purchase beautifully-painted handmade gourds at **Meadowbrooke Gourds**, located about 15 minutes from downtown Carlisle. During your visit to the country's largest gourd manufacturer, take a tour or join in on the fun during special event weekends and create-your-own classes.

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- 3 Attend Spring Carlisle which marks the beginning of the Carlisle-based car show and swap meet season. It has been named as one of the top five automotive swap meets in the world.
- 4 The beginning of spring marks the start of trout season and Cumberland Valley's famous fly-fishing streams include the Yellow Breeches, LeTort Spring Run, and Big Spring Creek. Our pristine waters are a rare gem.



Highlighted Events

- Earth Day Celebrations
- PA Greek Fest
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Summer

- 1 Cumberland Valley's breathtaking views and scenic vistas are on full display during the summer months. Find a relaxing respite with an abundance of hiking opportunities along our more than 200 miles of trails.
- 2 Cumberland Valley may be land-locked but there are still plenty of opportunities to get out on the water. Swim, canoe, kayak, or tube on our serene lakes or along our scenic streams.
- 3 Enjoy an evening of entertainment at the Cumberland Drive-In, one of only about 300 drive-in theatres remaining in America.
- 4 There is no better season to shop for fresh foods and farm products in Cumberland Valley. Browse roadside stands, markets, and greenhouses dotting the countryside.



Highlighted Events

- Foundry Day
- Bluegrass on the Grass
- Corn Festival

Fall

- 1 Waggoner's Gap Hawk Watch is a premier location for watching the fall raptor migration along the Kittatinny Ridge. Bring a picnic and enjoy a meal with one of the best views of Cumberland Valley.
- 2 Mid-to-late October sees peak color in Cumberland Valley. A short drive or hike along our scenic roads easily takes you from our downtowns to the natural beauty right on our doorstep.
- 3 Fall means festival season is in full swing with celebrations of tea, apples, art and American crafts, pumpkins, sunflowers, and more.
- 4 Cumberland Valley's picturesque and walkable downtowns are the crossroads for art, fashion, food, and history. With a diverse collection of galleries, specialty shops, restaurants, and museums, fall is the perfect time to meander and discover hidden gems.



Highlighted Events

- Uprise Fest
- Pennsboro Pumpkin Festival
- Fall Furnace Fest

Winter

- 1 The magic of Christmas comes alive, and to the stage, in the Cumberland Valley with a variety of special holiday performances guaranteed to put you in the holiday spirit.
- 2 Being inside doesn't have to be boring. Come experience the Cumberland Valley Beer Trail with specialty tastings, live music, entertainment, and unique pairings.
- 3 Learn something new with a skiing or snowboarding lesson at Roundtop Mountain Resort.
- 4 Attend a Valentine's Day-themed cooking class at The Kitchen Shoppe or the Culinary Kitchen at Cornerstone Coffeehouse.



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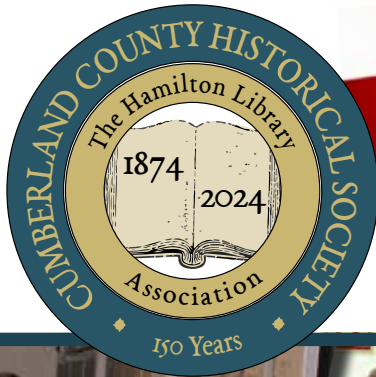
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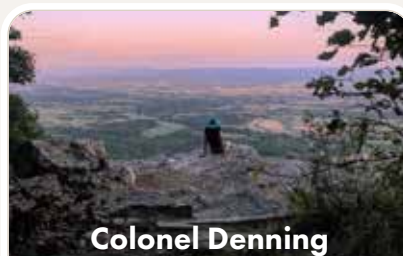
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