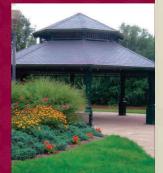# Things to see and do in Milton

- The Historic Downtown Walking tour offers a capsule history of Milton. Among the 14 kiosks along the way are the Veterans Memorial and the site honoring Governor James Pollock, a Milton native who suggested the phrase "In God We Trust" on US coins.

- The Milton Post Office on North Front Street has notable artistic features both inside and out. It is part of an 11-stop Central PA "Post Office Art Road Trip."

- Milton's Architectural Walking Tour features over 40 examples of Milton's diverse architectural styles. Homes, churches, and commercial buildings celebrate historic Milton.

- Lincoln Park, on the banks of the Susquehanna River, boasts Milton's signature gazebo. The site hosts the summer Music in the Park series and many other community gatherings.

- The Milton Model Train Museum provides fun and nostalgia for young and old alike. The O-gauge trains let visitors take their imaginations on a ride through history.

- Cameron House, home of the Milton Historical Society, is a three-story brick Federal style farmhouse unusual to this region. It was named for James Cameron, who lived here after 1841 and was killed at the First Battle of Bull Run in 1861.

- Murals bring history to life in visual form. Milton's first mural depicts the town's Transportation History, including canal boats, trolleys, rail, and trucks. The Capitol Theatre is the subject of the second mural.

- The replica of the world's first rail tank car sits outside the modern ACF Industries building on Arch Street. ACF was originally Milton Car Works, the town's oldest industry.

- Rose Hill will soon be home to the Milton Public Library and the site of many cultural and civic events. It was originally built on a 6-acre tract in the 1880s by Charles Dickerman, a Pennsylvania Congressman and President of the First National Bank of Milton.

- Milton State Park sits on an 82-acre island in the Susquehanna River between Milton and West Milton. Home to migrating song birds and waterfowl, it also features soccer fields, picnic areas, and hiking trails.

How to find Milton

From I-80 east or west: Take the Route 147 exit south toward Milton. Take the Broadway exit; turn right at the end of the exit ramp. Follow Broadway Avenue into downtown Milton.

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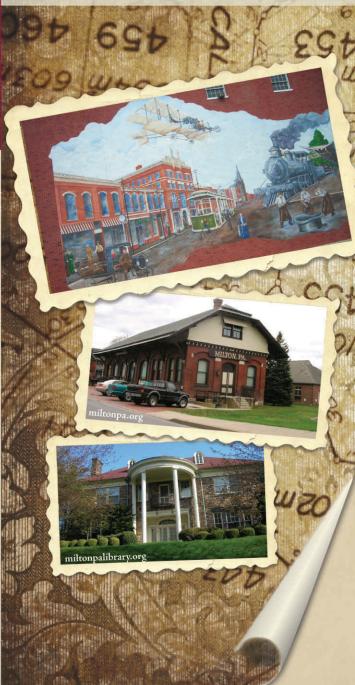(570) 286-4083
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Historic Milton

The story of Milton revolves around its industrial heritage and the people who have met the challenge of keeping the historic town moving forward. The narrative is preserved in the diverse architectural styles of its Front Street homes and post office, its Historic Downtown Walking Tour, and its new library at Rose Hill. Façade murals bring history to life, and buildings that survived fire and flood have been refurbished to house modern enterprises and a Model Train Museum.

Milton Heritage

Milton's development as an industrial power relied on its proximity to forests and waterways. Andrew Straub, who founded the town in 1791, was a millwright and miller. Other industries, including a tannery, lumber and grist mills, carriage works, and a flynet factory developed in the early 1800s. Abundant streams and the Susquehanna River provided energy for factories and a means to move goods. The West Branch Canal, opened in 1830, provided even greater access to markets. Trains replaced canal boats, and Milton became a transportation hub for the Reading and Pennsylvania Railroads, and home to steel and knitting mills. It is also home to ACF Industries that built the world's first railroad tank car. "Chef Boy-Ar-Dee," Hector Boiardi, started manufacturing Italian style foods here in the 1930s; the company has expanded and continues operation today as ConAgra. Trucking replaced rail transportation, and this industry remains well represented in Milton today.

MILTON MODEL TRAIN MUSEUM

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Milton's Transportation History

The Milton Model Train Museum and the History of Transportation Mural, located at the Moose Family Center, represent Milton's long association with industry and transportation. The museum recreates Milton in the 1950s to 60s complete with handmade replicas of many landmark borough structures. The museum, mural, and post office are all stops along the mile-long Historic Downtown Walking Tour. The Tour promotes historic preservation, education, and fitness while filling in the details of borough life throughout its history.

Extraordinary Architecture

Rose Hill and the Milton Post Office are two of the many extraordinary structures in Milton. The original Rose Hill mansion was destroyed by fire in the 1920s, but it was rebuilt using the original stone by the Hastings family. The Straub and Kramm families maintained the property as a residence until 2008. The structure will begin a new life in 2010 as the Milton Public Library. The mansion, along with its carriage house and adjacent 6 acres, are slated to be used for many community events. The post office, built in 1935, is a gem of Art Deco architecture. Local artisans carved its bas-relief façade. A cast bronze panel represents the Susquehanna River, and the interior houses Art Deco brushed aluminum chandeliers and terrazzo flooring.