Things to see and do in Selinsgrove

- Stroll along the banks of the river or launch your boat from the river access on the Isle of Que.

- Join the crowd at the Selinsgrove Speedway.

- Shop at unique boutiques and specialty shops or dine at a quaint eatery or coffee shop.

- Support local farmers at the seasonal Farmers Market.

- Attend a hometown celebration: Hops, Vines, & Wines Beer and Wine Festival, Antiques on the Isle, or the Market Street Festival.

- Visit the home and monument of PA's only three-term governor, Simon Snyder.

- Enjoy New Deal Era Post Office Art in the Selinsgrove post office.

- Discover antique and local artisan treasures in historic shops.

- Take a mini vacation—spend a night or weekend at the Potteiger House or Selinsgrove Inn.

- Play at Kidsgrove and inside the 'mini' downtown.

How to find Selinsgrove

From north: Take exit 210A from I-80, approximately 18 miles on Route 15 south. Avoiding the 11/15 bypass, stay straight, going over the bridge, and head south onto Market Street into downtown Selinsgrove.

From south: Take 11/15 north, and then exit 35-Selinsgrove Business District. At stop sign, make a right, and head north on Market Street into the downtown.
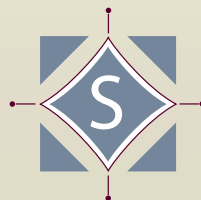
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SIMON SNYDER
(1759-1819)
Three-term governor of the Commonwealth, 1808-1817, and member of the General Assembly, 1797-1807. Pennsylvania's first governor of German descent. Built this home in the early 1800's, and resided here until his death. Buried in First Lutheran Church cemetery nearby.

Historic Selinsgrove

Like many communities in the Susquehanna River Valley, Selinsgrove suffered from major fires in 1872 and 1874. The razed wooden structures were replaced, in many instances, by larger multi-purpose, brick buildings. Today, many of those buildings are still in use and house some of the town's most significant and important businesses, shops, and restaurants.

Selinsgrove Heritage

Selinsgrove became an important Susquehanna River community since George Gabriel established a trading post on the Isle of Que in 1754. At the time, Native Americans were the main inhabitants of the area. John Snyder laid out the town not long after. Snyder died, and Anthony Selin, a Swiss soldier of fortune who fought in the Revolution, augmented Snyder's plan of the town.

Trade was conducted along the banks of the river, as it was the only means of transportation. In the 1820s, the Pennsylvania Canal was opened and further enhanced Selinsgrove (spelled Selin's Grove originally) as a business hub. In 1871, the Sunbury & Lewistown Railroad increased local commerce even more.

An early census shows the following occupations of town residents: wagon-maker, tailor, doctor, distiller, cabinet-maker, boatman, cooper, tinker, sadler, mason, and carpenter. With an abundance of small manufacturing plants, service-related operations, and specialty businesses, Selinsgrove remains a thriving, bustling community.

Governor Snyder Mansion

The stately limestone mansion on North Market Street was built in 1816 by Simon Snyder—Pennsylvania's only three-term governor. The popular microbrewery, Selin's Grove Brewing Co., is located in the basement of the governor's mansion.

A handsome monument of Snyder—to be refurbished—stands at his gravesite behind Sharon Lutheran Church.

Susquehanna University's Seibert Hall

Seibert Hall on Susquehanna University's broad campus was dedicated in 1902. To this day, it remains—arguably—the most beautiful building in Selinsgrove. Susquehanna became one of the nation's first co-educational colleges in 1905. The original building—Selinsgrove Hall, built in 1858, housed the entire university in its early days. It still stands near the main entrance to Susquehanna. Legend has it that Jackson Gaugler provided bricks for the building in exchange for a four-year music scholarship for his daughter.