Things to see and do in Sunbury

- Take the Self-Guided Historic District Walking Tour.
- Visit the Hunter House Museum at the former site of Fort Augusta.
- View the birds and flowers at Keithan's Blue Bird Gardens.
- Visit the Amateur Softball Association of Pennsylvania Hall of Fame.
- Boat, water ski or fish at the Adam T. Bower Dam and Lake Augusta.
- Stop by the Sunbury Market House, a farmers market located on the main street.
- Attend Sunbury's River Festival, which takes place each year in August.





How to find Sunbury

From Routes 11/15: Take the Sunbury exit onto PA-61. Take the left ramp onto PA-147 north towards Sunbury/PA-61 S/Front Street. From Front Street: turn right onto Market Street at the first traffic signal to access the City's center and downtown area.



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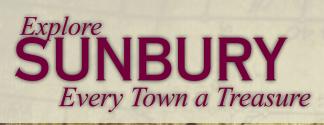


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Historic Sunbury

Founded in 1772, the City of Sunbury has a rich history, from its days as a Native American village and frontier fort to today. Due to its location at the confluence of the North and West Branches of the Susquehanna River, the City has long served as a regional transportation and industrial hub. Its picturesque downtown, historic district and vibrant neighborhoods make Sunbury a unique place to visit.





Strategically located near the confluence of the Susquehanna River, Fort Augusta protected the upper Susquehanna Valley from the days of the French and Indian War to the end of the American Revolution. The fort gradually deteriorated and Colonel Samuel Hunter, the fort's last commander, became the owner of the fort site. His grandson built the Hunter House there in 1852. Two original elements of the fort, the powder magazine and the well, remain at the site as well as the Hunter and Grant family burial plots.

The Northumberland County Historical Society's headquarters are located in the Hunter House. The Society operates a historical and genealogical research center that contains extensive records for Northumberland and surrounding counties, a museum devoted to the history of Fort Augusta, collections pertinent to Northumberland County history, and a book shop that sells a wide range of Pennsylvania historical publications.

Self-Guided Historic District Walking Tour

Beginning at the Northumberland County Courthouse at Market and Second Streets, the Self-Guided Historic District Walking Tour gives the opportunity to learn about the history of Sunbury. The architecture of the City reflects the more than 225 years that the City has been in existence. Some stops along the way include historic hotels, railroad stations and houses of worship, as well as the Edison Hotel, the first building in the world to be lighted with incandescent electric lights using the three-wire system, which were installed by Thomas Edison in 1883. Sunbury's Historic District has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1983. A brochure and map of the Walking Tour is available at the Northumberland County Historical Society and the Sunbury's Revitalization office.



Sunbury Heritage

The City of Sunbury evolved from an important Native American center to a British built frontier outpost and then in 1772 became a proprietary town; the last one designated and laid out in Pennsylvania. John Lukens surveyed the land and planned the town for the heirs of William Penn who owned the property and sold the original lots. Sunbury serves as the county seat of Northumberland County, Pennsylvania's 10th county, also formed in 1772.

A port on the Pennsylvania Canal and a major railroad center, Sunbury bustled with the activity of many successful industrial ventures, which also spawned a thriving business district as well as residential growth.

More than 20 houses of worship are located in the City, some with congregational history dating back to the mid-1780s. Sunburians have always had a strong sense of civic engagement and developed volunteer fire departments, recreation areas, and a public library and continue to serve their community through various fraternal and service organizations.

