

Top 20 "Must Do" Off-Campus Experiences

Welcome Bucknell University Students to our Valley



When you're not studying hard, watching a cool performance on campus, attending a great reading, visiting the on-campus gallery, hearing a great guest speaker or cheering your team to victory, sometimes you wonder ... what else is there to do?

1. Get up-close-and-personal with lions, tigers, bears and monkeys at **T&D's Cats of the World**, located in Penns Creek, along scenic Route 104. All animals have been rescued and given a second lease on life.



2. Put your fanny in the Susquehanny! Enjoy some relaxing time on the river with **Bic's Watersports and Outdoor Adventures, LLC**, a kayak/canoe rental business that provides transportation to designated drop-off locations and when you return from your ride, relax on lounge chairs or hammocks located around on-site firepits.



3. Spend the day at Knoebels Amusement Resort, in Elysburg. This family-owned treasure lies in the middle of a pine and hardwood forest and was named one of TripAdvisor's best amusement parks in the country. Ride award-winning roller coasters; try the old-fashioned carousel where you can still catch the brass ring and win a free ride; and experience Flying Turns, the world's only wooden bobsled rollercoaster. Reach new heights on the StratosFear as you slowly rise to the top of this 148-foot-tall tower. Take in a scenic view of the entire park before your carriage is released into a free fall reaching speeds up to 147 mph! Try their award-winning amusement park eats, featured on the Food Network!



4. Explore the world of mambas, cobras, vipers and pythons, along with exotically colored poison frogs, gentle tortoises and curious lizards. Surround yourself with hundreds of colorful parakeets in the walk-through aviary at **Clyde Peeling's Reptiland**, located along Route 15, in Allenwood.

5. Try the fish sandwich and fresh cut fries (with vinegar!) at one of the Susquehanna River Valley's oldest and most loved drive-in restaurants. **The Fence**, located just ½ a mile south of the Lewisburg bridge has a spectacular view of the scenic Susquehanna as an added bonus.

6. In late April/early May, **Lewisburg Celebration of the Arts** takes center stage on Market Street. The two-week event includes art exhibits and workshops, a street festival that spans the entire length of Market Street and an entire night of live music at venues throughout the downtown called "Lewisburg Live."

7. Take a hike! Explore **R.B. Winter State Park**, which consists of 695 acres of wooded bliss, along with gorgeous scenic views, and tons of picnic areas, plus great mountain biking trails too. You can rent a bike from **Earl's Bicycle Store** in Lewisburg before you go. End the day with a (very chilly) dip in Halfway Lake. The park is located 18 miles from Lewisburg, on Route 192.

8. Check out the view of the River Valley from the **Shikellamy State Park Overlook** - you'll be able to view the towns of Sunbury and Northumberland and beyond. Then, head to the other part of the Park, the Marina, to rent boats and jet skis for an afternoon of fun on the water.

9. In early December, take a trip to the region's most authentic outdoor German Christmas Festival, **Christkindl Market**. Mifflinburg's Market Street is filled with authentic craftsmen, food vendors, and performances - all with a German flair.

10. Get lost in a corn maze. Visit **Ard's Farm** to take a trip to the pumpkin patch and then navigate your way through the corn maze. Ard's Farm is located 2 miles outside of Lewisburg on Route 45. While there, pick up a homemade whoopie pie. Or visit **Kohl's Stony Hill Tree Farm and Corn Maze** on Mexico Road in Milton. With almost 4 miles of trails there is a new adventure around every turn. Outside the maze play giant-sized board games on the lawn, shoot the pumpkin chunkin and corn cannons or enjoy a relaxing hayride on country roads, including a trip over a historic covered bridge and beautiful fall scenery surrounding the Farm.

11. Every Wednesday, beginning at 8 am and going until mid-afternoon, farmers from across the region flock to the **Lewisburg Farmers Market** to sell their produce and local products. Located on Fairground Road, not even 2 miles from the Campus, it's a sight to see. Do yourself a favor - get a hot sausage sandwich, some fresh cut fries and a crisp local apple!

12. Check out one of **Purity Candy's** two locations - downtown Lewisburg or Allenwood on Route 15, to see how chocolates are made. They've been in the region since 1907!

13. Spend some time at **Country Cupboard** - they have an acre of shopping, a greenhouse, bakery and amazing restaurant. Their specialties are lunch and dinner buffets, pot pie with homemade noodles and chicken & waffles.

14. Go to **Front Street Station**, a railroad eatery and while you're in Northumberland, walk through the **Priestley House Museum**. Dr. Priestley was a well-known theologian and philosopher...and he discovered oxygen for heaven's sake, so it's worth the trip!



15. View the Susquehanna from the **Hiawatha Paddlewheel Riverboat** in nearby Williamsport. Cruise aboard the riverboat and hear about boom rats, lumberjacks and the characters on the river that once made Williamsport the home of the most millionaires per capita. Enjoy a family cruise, concert, karaoke, brunch, dinner or wing night cruise.

16. Watch a classic movie, or a new release, in a classic art deco movie palace. Located in downtown Lewisburg, the **Campus Theatre**, built in 1941, is an excellent example of art deco architecture. From its 16-foot murals to its etched glass doors, nearly all the interior and exterior fixtures remain intact today. Open nightly, the theatre shows first-run, independent and classic films as well as specialized film festivals.

17. Pet and feed some friendly alpacas at **Country Vale Alpacas** in nearby New Columbia. Take home a cozy and ultra-soft sweater or scarf from their farm store. Country Vale Alpacas allows you to interact with and feed their super friendly alpacas. They host seasonal events including Alpaca Days and feature Alpaca products in their Farm Store.

18. Fall in the Susquehanna River Valley brings **unPAved**, a Premier Raw Road Adventure through forest hills and idyllic farm country of Central Pennsylvania. If the climbs don't take your breath away, the fall foliage will. unPAved comes in 3 different sizes: Full (120 miles), Plenty (90 miles), Half (54 miles), or get a taste of the gravelly goodness on FUNpaved (30 miles). Enjoy Lewisburg's Fall Festival and a host of other activities that same weekend.



19. Or take a leisurely bike ride on the **Buffalo Valley Rail Trail** in Lewisburg. You can rent a bike at **Earl's Bicycle Store** located right on the trail. Ride out to Mifflinburg and stop for a yummy treat at **Amy's Frosty Freeze**. You want rainbow sprinkles? Nuts? Fresh fruit sundaes? They've got 'em. But, keep in mind that they are closed from late fall through the winter.



20. For an afternoon of fun and excitement **Hoopla's Xtreme Family Fun** in Shamokin Dam is the Susquehanna River Valley's premier entertainment experience. Take a break from studying at this state-of-the-art fun complex offering trampolines, dodge ball, a sky rail rope course, mini bowling, mini golf, arcades and Snack Express.