

WASHINGTON COUNTY
**History & Heritage
Field Trip Guide**
Opportunities for Schools, PTAs,
PTOs & Clubs



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Washington County has many stories to tell and we believe it is important that we share our history with educators, PTAs, PTOs, organizations and most importantly, students. To share our stories, the Washington County Tourism Promotion Agency has partnered with our county's historical assets to offer unique educational programming and field trips that meet your expectations and budget.

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In 1794, David Bradford led frontier farmers in protest of the high federal whiskey excise tax in what became known as the Whiskey Rebellion. Bradford's house, built in 1788, is preserved as a museum. Step back in time in this National Historic Landmark, Washington County's finest 18th century home.

- Trained docents in 18th Century attire will guide your group through the house, garden and kitchen cabin.
- Adapted to your curriculum goals and any grade level. Younger students focus on 18th Century living, with hands-on experience with toys, games, lessons and chores. For older students and adults, the focus is on David Bradford and the Whiskey Rebellion.
- Allow 1 – 1.5 hours for a guided tour.
- Can accommodate groups up to 100.
- A combined tour with the nearby LeMoyne House, a walking tour of historic downtown Washington or a tour of the Washington County Courthouse can be arranged.



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LeMoyne House

LeMoyne Crematory, Frontier History Center & Schneider's Fort
Washington, PA



Since the 1870s, the Washington County Historical Society (WCHS) has been the repository responsible for preserving and promoting the history of Washington County. The WCHS owns and operates the Francis J. LeMoyne House, an 1812 home, doctor's office, and

National Historic Landmark of the Underground Railroad. In addition to the LeMoyne House, the WCHS also owns and operates the LeMoyne Crematory, the first crematory in the U.S., Madelaine's Garden at the LeMoyne House, a 19th Century herb and plant garden, and the Frontier History Center and Schneider's Fort, an 18th Century recreation of a frontier fort.



- The LeMoyne House tour offers the history of the LeMoyne family, which were prominent in Washington County for 131 years. The tour provides a heavy focus on the history of the Underground Railroad in Washington County.
- The LeMoyne Crematory tour discusses the history of cremation in the United States, Dr. LeMoyne's reasoning for starting the crematory, and the practice of cremation.
- The Frontier History Center and Schneider's Fort tour will introduce students to life on the frontier for both settlers and soldiers. Students will learn about the roles of both men and women while they encounter not only buildings of the frontier, but also artifacts and weapons of the 18th Century.
- The most popular LeMoyne House tour lasts approximately one hour. If combined with multiple locations, the tour can last as long as a full day. However, tours can accommodate the needs of each group.

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Meadowcroft Rockshelter & Historic Village

Avella, PA



Imagine standing in the footsteps of our region's earliest inhabitants. Take in the views of our archaeological excavation as you explore their lives, and the Meadowcroft Rockshelter's place in the archaeological pursuit of the First Americans. Hands-on educational programs at Meadowcroft allow students to explore the history of life on the land in the upper Ohio Valley from prehistory to the 19th Century.

- Discover why prehistoric people camped at the Meadowcroft Rockshelter and learn about their hunter-gatherer lifestyle when staying at this site more than 16,000 years ago.
- Travel 400 years into the past to explore a recreated, palisaded Eastern Woodland Indian Village and the forest-centered lifestyle of pre-contact American Indians in the Upper Ohio Valley.
- Explore rural life in the upper Ohio Valley with a visit to the 19th Century village. Students will visit historic log houses and learn what life was like before modern conveniences.
- Facilities are also available for Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and other youth groups for overnight camping experiences.



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Pennsylvania Trolley Museum

Washington, PA



The Pennsylvania Trolley Museum's mission is to communicate the story of Pennsylvania's Trolley Era to a diverse audience through the preservation, interpretation, and use of its collection of electric railway and railroad equipment, associated artifacts and photo/document archives, and to ensure that its visitors have an enjoyable and rewarding educational experience. The Museum offers a variety of educational field trips and will work with your group's needs, abilities and levels. Field trips are available seven days a week, April through December.

Our field trips include:

- An exciting multimedia visual introduction to the history of trolleys and their role in transportation
- Hands-on experience with actual trolley artifacts
- A guided tour of the vast collection of trolleys in our Trolley Display Building
- A scenic four-mile round-trip trolley ride!
- Field trips usually take about 1.5 hours.



We work with:

- Pre-school through university students
- Homeschool groups and play groups
- Your curriculum goals to provide a unique education experience
- Scout packs and troops on badge and patch requirements

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Washington County Courthouse

Washington, PA



The Washington County Courthouse is rich in history, full of fascinating stories and stunning architecture and surrounded by beautiful landscaping. Learn its story, all the way from the first courthouse, a log cabin built in 1787, to today's facility. Free tours of the historic Washington County Courthouse are arranged through the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum.

- A walking tour of the Courthouse, early Washington County history, interior and exterior architectural history talk, details on the specific offices housed at the Courthouse and a visit to a courtroom (when available) are included.
- Tours are available on a limited schedule and must be booked four weeks prior to the requested date.
- 30 students are permitted at a time, from third graders and up.
- Tours last approximately 45 minutes.
- Other Washington attractions such as The David Bradford House, LeMoyne House and Pennsylvania Trolley Museum tours can be paired together with this tour.



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