

Attractions, Museums & Historic Sites

JANUARY - MAY

COUNTY PARKS

BRADYS RUN PARK

Located in Brighton Township, just off Route 51, Bradys Run is the county's largest park with over 2,000 acres. It features the Indoor Recreation Complex that houses an ice arena, four tennis courts, and a walking/jogging track. Other recreational facilities at Bradys Run include a ballfield complex (1 baseball and 5 softball fields), two horse rinks, a dog park, 20 horse-shoe courts, trails, a 22-acre lake to fish year round, and picnic tables and playgrounds at various sites throughout the park. An outdoor action park center features an in-line skating rink, a skate board park, plus two basketball and four newly resurfaced tennis courts.

The Bradys Run Lodge and the park's 15 picnic shelters can be reserved for a fee from Memorial Day weekend through September. Special events and weddings can be scheduled at the Lodge. For more information and to make reservations, please call 724/770-2060.

BRUSH CREEK PARK

This park features three softball fields, two outdoor tennis courts, two soccer fields, plus eleven parking and picnic areas with barbecues. Brush Creek, located on Route 588 in North Sewickley and Marion townships, also has a lake for year-round fishing along with horse and walking trails. It is home to the only covered bridge in Beaver County. For more information, please call the park office at 724/846-3509.

OLD ECONOMY PARK

Home of the annual Beaver County World Championship Snow Shovel Riding Contest. Old Economy Park, located on Route 989 in Economy Boro and Harmony Township, features an Olympic-sized swimming pool with a baby pool, two outdoor tennis courts, sled-riding slopes, a nine hole disk golf course and walking trails. Six picnic shelters and the Barn (with ballfield) can be reserved for a rental fee from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. Each shelter includes playground equipment and barbecues. The Barn can be scheduled for special events and large social functions. For more information, please call 724/266-0456. For pool information, call 724/266-2200.



Bradys Run Park Recreation Facility
121 Bradys Run Road, Beaver Falls, PA 15010
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Raccoon Creek State Park

3000 State Route 18, Hookstown. This state park is located in southern Beaver County and offers recreational activities year-round. The park covers 7,572 acres with 44 miles of trails and includes the 101-acre Raccoon Lake. Camping permitted from the second Friday in April, to third Sunday in October. Ten modern cabins and a lakeside lodge are available to rent year-round. Call toll-free 1-888-PA-PARKS to reserve up to 11 months in advance. Park office open 8 A.M.-4 P.M., Mon.-Fri. For park information call 724/899-2200

Richmond Little Red School House

Park Road, Brighton Township. Built in 1844 and used until 1950. By appointment only during the months of January-May. Open Sundays, June-Aug, 2-5 P.M., or by appointment. All welcome. Donations accepted. 724/495-7489

Saint Nicholas Chapel

5400 Tuscarawas Road, Brighton Township. A replica of the wooden structures of the Carpathian Mountain region of Central Europe. The Chapel represents a new world re-creation of the old world's wooden churches. Its construction immortalizes the Carpathian region's lasting contribution of indigenous talent and expertise. Call 800/722-4428 for information and tours.

South Side Historical Village

Route 168, Hookstown. An interpretation of Early American life in the South Side region of Beaver County. The Village consists of a restored one-room schoolhouse and a working blacksmith shop, a 1800's log house and the conversion of a corn crib into a covered bridge. Open for tours and demonstrations. Tours by appointment. Future buildings to be added. For more information, visit www.shva.iwarp.com or call 724/899-4165.



The Vicary Mansion

1235 3rd Avenue, Freedom. An 1826 National Historic Register Mansion built by Captain William Vicary, a retired Philadelphia merchant sea captain and land speculator. Sitting atop a gentle knoll overlooking the Ohio River, the unusual construction and elegant style speaks of the wealth and status of its former owners. Headquarters of the Beaver County Historical Research and Landmarks Foundation. All ages/donations. Tours and educational programs are available. For more information, visit www.bchrif.org or call 724/775-1848.

Wildflower Reserve

Raccoon Creek State Park, Hookstown. The 314-acre Wildflower Reserve and its five miles of trails contain one of the most unique collections of wildflowers in western Pennsylvania. The park's Nature Center is also located at the Wildflower Reserve. General public interpretive programs are held from April-October. 724/899-3611



room, several Victorian era rooms; bells and notions to notions to name a few of the many items in this extensive collection. Open Sun., 1:30-5 P.M. June-Sept. Special hours for Darlington Days, May 29-30, open 9 A.M.-5 P.M., Sat. and Sun. Tours by appointment. All ages/free. 724/843-4361

McCarl Industrial & Agricultural Museum of Beaver County

Route 168 and Plumb Street, Darlington. Beaver County's newest museum offers displays demonstrating the history and development of manufacturing in Beaver County. In addition to static displays, a number of machines will be operating. A machine shop, a forge and a foundry will demonstrate some of the basics of manufacturing. Open June-Sept. Hours: Sun., 1:30-5 P.M. Special hours for Darlington Days, May 29-30, open 9 A.M.-5 P.M., Sat. and Sun. Tours by appointment throughout the year. Call 724/843-4361 for more information.



Merrick Art Gallery

1100 Fifth Avenue, New Brighton. Wonderful collection of 19th century oils including representations from the Hudson River School. All welcome/free. Guided tours, arranged in advance are \$2. Gallery hours: Tues.-Sat., 10 A.M.-4:30 P.M.; Sun., 1-4 P.M. Closed all holiday weekends and from Dec. 24-Jan.15. Call 724/846-1130 for more information.

Monaca Community Hall of Fame

Pennsylvania Avenue, Monaca. Historic memorabilia on the people, places and events of Monaca. For group tours and information, visit www.monacapa.net or call 724/775-3187.

Montgomery Locks & Dam

100 Montgomery Dam Road, Monaca. Tours include a video presentation, guided tour and open discussion. Observation area. Public parking. By appointment only. Call 724/643-8400 for more information.

Ohio Valley Lines Model Railroad, Library & Museum

1225 Merchant Street, Ambridge. The railroad features a depiction of western Pennsylvania from the Ambridge/Pittsburgh area to Wheeling, WV. The more than 400' HO gauge mainline track is operated by digital command control. Holiday shows on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Open to the public every Monday at 7:30 P.M. Call 724/266-4787 for more information.

Old Economy Village

270 16th Street (Visitors Center), Ambridge. Home of the Harmonists, a nineteenth-century Christian communal society. Open Mar. 1-Dec. 31. Closed Jan.-Feb. Hours: Tue., Sat., 9 A.M.-5 P.M.; Sun., noon-5 P.M. Closed Mondays and holidays except Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day. Adults 12-64, \$9; youths 3-11, \$6; seniors over 65, \$8; children under 3 no charge. Allow 1 1/2 hours per visit. Visit www.oldeconomyvillage.org or call 724/266-4500 for more information.

Edward L. Calland Arboretum

Shelter #12, Bradys Run Park, Brighton Township. A self-guided tour on a 3/4-mile trail gives visitors an opportunity to view and learn about trees and shrubs common to western Pennsylvania. Various environmental education programs offered. All ages/free. Group tours and special programming times are available by calling 724/774-3003.

Farmers' Markets

Weekly open air markets offering fresh locally grown fruit, vegetables and baked goods. Available at three locations: Ambridge - Route 65 and 6th Street, Thur., 4-7 P.M., May-Nov.; Beaver - Court-house Parking Lot, Sat., 10 A.M.-1 P.M., May-Dec.; Beaver Falls - parking lot behind Brodhead Apartments, 8th Avenue & 12th Street, Mon., 3:30-6:30 P.M., May-Nov.

Frankfort Mineral Springs Tour

Raccoon Creek State Park, Frankfort Mineral Springs parking lot, Hookstown. The historic Frankfort Mineral Springs complex was constructed in the early 1800's and thrived for over a hundred years as a popular resort, best known for its mineral water, believed to have "healing qualities." This guided tour will take a historic look back at the people and events that shaped the history of this once famous area. 724/899-3611.

Greensburg Academy

710 Market Street, Darlington. The oldest building in Beaver County and the oldest advanced education institution North of the Ohio River. William McGuffey and John Brown were educated there. Built in 1802 when Darlington was known as Greensburg. It features the history of the Underground Railroad in Beaver County from 1830-1860. Displays of all principle types of glass, pottery and china manufactured in the country; over 3,000 Indian and Ft. McIntosh artifacts; The Abner Lacoock room and railroad memorabilia. Hours: Sun. 1:30-5 P.M., June-Sept. Special hours for Darlington Days, May 29-30, open 9 A.M.-5 P.M., Sat. and Sun. Tours by appointment only. Admission free. Call 724/843-4361 for more information.

Historic Harmony/Harmony Museum

218 Mercer Street, Harmony. A National Historic Landmark District. The first home of the Harmonists. European in appearance, with guides in 19th century costume. Focus is on communal Harmony Society founded by German immigrants and subsequent of Mennonite settlement. Bus tours welcome with one-week notice. Handicap accessible, with some exceptions. Open year-round. Closed on holidays. Hours: 11 A.M.-4 P.M. Visit www.harmonymuseum.org or call 888/821-4822 for more information.

Lincoln Park Performing Arts Center

One Lincoln Park, Midland. Concerts, theater, art shows, dance performances, and home to the Beaver Valley Philharmonic. Visit www.lppac.org or call 724/642-9004 for more information.

Little Beaver Museum

Route 168 and Plumb Street, Darlington. Designed and constructed by Ira Mansfield, state legislator and entrepreneur in 1883 and in use until 1957. Features two floors of both local and Beaver County historical artifacts. They include primitive tools; a piano on which John Phillip Sousa composed many marches; A church room, a school

Beaver County Model Railroad Club & Historical Society

416 6th Street, Monaca. Located in a former freight station of the Pennsylvania and Lake Erie Railroad. The clubhouse features a display replicating a western Pennsylvania countryside with a 20' x 20' double track mainline HO gauge operating model railroad layout. Members of the club hand-crafted and built the display. Donations accepted. Open every Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. 724/775-8023

Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame

The Dome at Community College of Beaver County, 1 Campus Drive, Center Township. Showcases 335 inductees' plaques from 1976 to present including local and national stars as "Broadway Joe" Namath, Terry and Tito Francona, "Pistol Pete" Maravich, Larry Bruno, Mike Ditka and Tony Dorsett. Open during regular college hours and events. Visit www.bschof.org or call 724/869-9684 for more information.

Beaver County Genealogy & History Center

Carnegie Free Library, 1301 7th Avenue, Beaver Falls. The Center is a non-circulating library of local history used for historical and genealogical research. Mon., noon-4 P.M.; Tue.-Thur., 10 A.M.-4 P.M.; Fri. & Sat., 10 A.M.-3 P.M. 724/847-9253

Beaver Falls Historical Society & Museum

Carnegie Free Library, 1301 7th Avenue, Beaver Falls. Oldest historical society in Beaver County, featuring over 125 years of Beaver Falls history. Hours: Mon., Tues., and Thurs., 9:30 A.M.-2:30 P.M. Group tours welcome with notice. Additional hours by appointment. Handicap accessible. 724/846-4340

BeaveRun MotorSports Complex

201 Pennedale Road, Big Beaver Borough. A world-class facility that fulfills the desires of all motor-sports enthusiasts in a safe environment. BeaveRun contains a 1.6-mile road course that hosts a variety of races including sports cars, formula cars and motorcycles. The Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix has expanded to include BeaveRun the second weekend in July. BeaveRun has its own Championship Kart Race Series and hosts national races for the World Karting Association and the Stars of Tomorrow on its 8/10-mile Wilson Circuit. With their fleet of training vehicles and racing karts available for rental, programs exist for everyone from advanced drivers and law enforcement departments, to performance driving enthusiasts and racers who want to fine-tune their driving skills. For more information, visit www.beaverun.com or call 724/535-1000.

Buttermilk Falls

First Avenue, Homewood Junction. This all-natural area features a 40-foot scenic sandstone formation and waterfall. Geologically recognized as Homewood Sandstone used locally in bridge piers, tunnels, roadways, as well as the construction of the Western Penitentiary in Pittsburgh. 724/843-1246

Carnegie Free Library

1301 7th Avenue, Beaver Falls. Library hours Mon.-Tue., 9:30 A.M.-8 P.M.; Wed.-Sat., 9:30 A.M.-4:30 P.M.; closed Sun. Andrew's Attic Book Store features used books, tapes, records CD's and art reproductions. Hours: open the first Thur., Fri. and Sat. of each month. Call 724/846-4340 for more information.

Air Heritage, Inc., Museum and Aircraft Restoration Facility

Beaver County Airport, Chippewa Township. Vintage aircraft restoration facility. Aircraft from the past, featuring planes from WWII will guide you through the rich history of flight. Hours: Mon.-Sat., 10 A.M.-5 P.M.; Sun., by appointment only. Visit www.airheritage.org or call 724/843-2820 for more information.

Baker-Dungan Museum

Penn State Beaver, 100 University Drive, Monaca. Named for two of the first settlers in Beaver County. The museum overlooks the Brodhead Cultural Center's outdoor J. P. Giusti Amphitheater on the Penn State Beaver Campus. Located in a former residence on the campus, the museum contains an excellent display of home and farm tools, implements, furniture and artifacts of life from Beaver County's past. Staffed by volunteers from the Mill Creek Historical Association, the museum is open one hour prior to all performances at the Center and admission is free. Other times arranged by appointment. 724/773-3815



Beaver Area Heritage Museum

1 River Road Extension, Beaver. Celebrating the history of the people, places, and events of the Beaver Area. Voted Best Local History Museum by the American Association of State and Local History. Spring Exhibit, March 20-May 30, 2010: Celebration of 100 years of Boy Scouts of America. Celebrating the BSA's 100th anniversary and the history of scouting. Troops from the Beaver Area will be featured. Highlights will be a time line of scouting, Norman Rockwell prints, local scoutmaster histories, scout manuals over the years, patches, merit badges and a display of troop banners. Private tours available. All welcome/donations. Hours: Sat., 10 A.M.-4 P.M.; Sun., 1-4 P.M. Visit www.beaverheritage.org or call 724/775-7174 for more information.

Beaver County Conservation District Environmental Center

Route 151, Independence Township. The Beaver County Conservation District owns and operates an 18-acre wetland located in Independence Township. This wetland area is being used as an environmental education learning tool for any group, school or organization that would like to learn more about wetlands. Tours and visits to the wetland area should be scheduled in advance with the environmental educator by calling 724/378-1701.

Beaver County Recreation Facility & Ice Arena

121 Bradys Run Road, Brighton Township. Featuring public skating sessions, group lessons for children and adults. Group rates and birthday parties during public sessions by reservation. After hours ice time available for private functions. Home ice of the Beaver County Figure Skating Club, Beaver County Amateur Hockey Association, Beaver County Adult Hockey League and a number of high school hockey teams. Also includes an indoor 1/8 mile soft surface walking track and four indoor tennis courts. Call 724/770-2060 or click www.co.beaver.pa.us/recreation for more information. For skating lessons information visit www.bcfsc.org

