What You Should Know

⇒ Tickets provide free admission for up to four people.
⇒ Each kit contains tips and suggestions for your trip!
⇒ Do not relinquish the ticket to the site. It must be returned with the admission pass kit to avoid replacement charges.
⇒ Admission pass kits check out for one week. You will receive a phone call on Monday* when the kit is ready, but you may pick it up at any time during the week. *Except for holidays when the library is closed.
⇒ Admission pass kits must be returned by Sunday to the Whitehall Public Library only. After-hours returns can be placed in the library book drop.
⇒ Fines $0.25 a day / No renewals

PLAN / REQUEST FORM

SITE

Date(s) Desired

The David Bradford House

Harmony Museum & Historic District

Old Economy Village

Heinz History Center

Quecreek Mine Rescue Site

2019

Check individual sites for days/hours of operation.

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Free

Passes are reserved for one week at a time...

Monday to Sunday

Sign up for...
FREE MUSEUM ADMISSION for four guests!

Call or stop in to reserve admission passes to any one of five Western Pennsylvania museums or historical destinations!

You can even schedule your trip in advance!

Save up to $65 per site!
THE DAVID BRADFORD HOUSE
175 South Main Street, Washington, PA 15301
724-222-3604
http://www.bradfordhouse.org

Hours
April through November
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Wednesday—Saturday

With advance notice, tours can be scheduled 7 days/week throughout the year

Check website for special tours and events!

Complimentary Admission
for up to four people

DESCRIPTION

David Bradford was a successful lawyer, businessman and Deputy Attorney General of Washington County. The construction on his house began in 1786 and was completed in 1788. His home reflected his high social standing, not only because of its size but also because of its construction. It was an architectural showpiece, especially for the time period, and its rustic surroundings.

The Bradford family lived in the house from 1788 to 1794. However, their residence was cut short because of David’s leadership role in the Whiskey Rebellion, which was an uprising of farmers and distillers in Western Pennsylvania who opposed a whiskey tax enacted by the federal government. When 13,000 troops were sent to end the protest, David fled south to present-day Louisiana to avoid being arrested.

Over the years, the house sustained much damage. In 1959, the PA Historical and Museum Commission took control of the property and supervised a complete restoration of the home, a log kitchen building, and the Sign of Seven Stars tavern exhibit.

In addition to tours of the house, many special tours and programs are offered during the year:

- Taste of Tavern Tour
- School Tours
- Combination Tour with the LeMoyne House
- Weddings
- Boy Scout Workshops
- Outreach Programs
- Symposiums
- Whiskey Rebellion Dinner

An affiliate of the Heinz History Center, the David Bradford House enables visitors to witness and experience the architecture, events, and atmosphere of Western Pennsylvania during the 18th century.
The Quecreek Mine Rescue took place in Somerset County, PA, when nine miners were trapped underground from July 24-28, 2002. It was caused by an accidental breach of a flooded neighboring mine, and was first reported by miners who had escaped from another part of the mine.

Rescue operations started immediately and continued for four days, while the world anxiously watched the rescue efforts on television. Although there were complications that occurred during the rescue, all nine miners were eventually rescued after the four-day ordeal. Since then, books, songs, and documentaries have been written about the event.

Construction for a memorial park was begun in March, 2003 at the Dormel Farm field where the drilling rescue operations took place, and a Monument for Life is being built to honor rescue workers and to serve as a tribute to coal miners. When completed, it will be a five-acre site that will contain a Welcome Center featuring information and artifacts from the rescue. It is supported by donations to the Quecreek Mine Rescue Foundation, a non-profit charitable organization.

An affiliate of the Heinz History Center, The Quecreek Mine Rescue Site works to educate visitors, preserve the site, and celebrate this inspirational story.
HARMONY MUSEUM & HISTORIC DISTRICT

218 Mercer Street, Harmony, PA 16037
724-452-7341
http://harmonymuseum.org

Hours
Tuesday—Sunday
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Other tour times by appointment
Check website for special tours and events!

Complimentary Admission
for up to four people

DESCRIPTION

Harmony, PA was founded in 1804 by Johann Georg Rapp and his religious community. Known as the Harmony Society or Harmonists, Rapp and his followers fled Germany in search of religious freedom. There were about 400 Harmonists who lived communally. They were very industrious and built a strong economy.

However, as the group grew, they needed more land, so they sold the community to a Mennonite, Abraham Ziegler, and moved to Indiana.

One of the primary stops in Harmony is the Harmony Museum, which was built in 1809. It tells the story of the Harmony Society, the Mennonites who came after them, and those who have contributed to the community since then. The museum also features information on George Washington’s 1753 visit to the area and the Ball collection of 19th century sporting rifles.

In addition to the Harmony Museum, Historic Harmony Inc. owns seven other properties in the area, including a Mennonite log cabin from the early 1800’s and a Mennonite Church and graveyard. A visitor strolling around this quaint village will discover additional historic buildings, some of which house current businesses. The Harmony Historic District is Western Pennsylvania’s first National Landmark District.

Monthly events are also offered by the Harmony Museum, including Harmoniefest, their Quilt and Coverlet Exhibit, Winefest, the Herb and Garden Show, Sleepy Hollow, and the museum’s primary annual fundraiser, their German-style Christmas Market.

An affiliate of the Heinz History Center, the Harmony Museum and the entire Harmony Historic District has something for everyone, so come and immerse yourself in 250 years of Western Pennsylvania’s history.
The Heinz History Center has been in continuous existence since 1879, which makes it one of Pittsburgh’s oldest cultural organizations. The museum is Pennsylvania’s largest history museum and a proud affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution. The Heinz History Center also facilitates its own affiliate program, working with over 200 historical organizations in our tri-state area. It is devoted to the history and heritage of Western PA and contains six floors of long-term and changing exhibits with hands-on activities, as well as a multitude of events and programs. There is something for everyone! The museum system also includes the Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum, the Detre Library and Archives, and the Museum Conservation Center.

In addition, the Heinz History Center operates the Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village in Avella, PA and the Fort Pitt Museum at the Point in Pittsburgh.
OLD ECONOMY VILLAGE

270 Sixteenth Street, Ambridge, PA 15003
724-266-4500
http://oldeconomyvillage.org/

Hours
April 1 through December 31
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday—Saturday
12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday
Closed Monday & Tuesday

Closed Holidays

Check website for special tours and events!

Complimentary Admission
for up to four people

DESCRIPTION

Old Economy Village strives to preserve and present the life, thought and material culture of the Harmony Society, a 19th century religious community. The Society, led by George Rapp, endeavored to create a utopia, inhabited by German Lutheran separatists. At Economy they waited for the second coming of the Messiah.

The Village was organized and planned for efficiency, with the church and leaders' houses in the center of town, which were surrounded by a store, post office, a Feast Hall, and several businesses. The members' houses were then built around those buildings. Finally, at the edges of the community were the barns, stables, tannery, blacksmith shop, etc.

The community was economically successful and remained in operation for 100 years, from 1805-1905 by creating, adapting, and adopting the new technologies of their day. They were involved in manufacturing wool, cotton and silk textiles, plus in the production of wine and beer. In addition, they had financial investments in railroads, river travel, coal, oil, and timber.

Visitors of Old Economy Village can tour the Visitor Center, and many of the settlement's buildings such as the Carriage House, Mechanics Building, Wine Cellar, Store, Post Office, Baker House, Bake Oven, Community Kitchen, Cabinet Shop, Blacksmith Shop, and Granary. In these buildings, visitors can observe artifacts on display and learn about the daily life of the Harmonists.

A variety of programs and speakers are offered, such as “Saturday Spotlights,” which includes The Art of Blacksmithing, 19th Century Food Ways, 19th Century Trades and Crafts, Woodworking and Children’s Games, Meet the Gardeners, and Textiles. Check their website for the monthly schedule. School tours are also offered for every age of student.

An affiliate of the Heinz History Center, Old Economy gives us a glimpse into this fascinating culture from the past.
**ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE KITS!**

Call or stop by today to reserve our Experience Kits. Kits contain a collection of mixed materials, including books, DVDs, and music along with other surprising non-traditional items based upon a specified theme.

*Come see them in the library!*

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All in a convenient tote bag!