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Gettysburg Parking Guidance



Downtown Gettysburg is definitely worth visiting -- it's full of opportunities for shopping and dining, and you can even take in a movie or a show. So don't let parking deter you.

You'll rarely have trouble parking. But realize you might

need to walk a couple of blocks.

Unless you are a Gettysburg resident, and unless you park in the parking garage, your metered parking will be limited to three hours in one place.

Meters are easy to use. There are over

300 of them in the business district around the Gettysburg Square. If you drive a bit around the blocks near the square you'll almost certainly find an open metered space.

The meters on the square and within one block of it are the most expensive, \$2.00 per hour. Meters more than one block from the Square are \$1.50 per hour, and you need only walk one block.

If you're in a non-metered space farther from the Gettysburg Square, parking is free but you are limited to two hours unless you have a permit.

You can use the parking app to pay at the meters, and you can also use nickels, dimes and quarters. You'll need 16 quarters to park for two hours near the square, however. Many locals keep a stash of quarters in their car. You can also pay on the Pay by

Phone app. View each meter for more detailed information.

Parking Tips:

There is a parking garage, located at 74 East Racehorse Alley, just behind the Gettysburg Hotel between Carlisle Street and North Stratton Street where you can park all day and not worry about the three-hour limit.

And the parking garage rates are cheaper: only \$1.00 per hour. The garage requires head-in only parking, and you must park within the lines of one space.

There is no grace period for borough meters, and they are enforced. If your time is expired, you will likely get a ticket.

How to pay a ticket:

If you do get a ticket for overtime parking, it's really not that expensive. Tickets are \$25 if they are paid

within one week; \$40 after that.

Payment can be made online at www.gettysburgpa.gov, or you can send a check or money order, payable to "Borough of Gettysburg," to the Gettysburg Borough Office: 59 E. High St. Gettysburg, PA 17325

There is also a drop-box at the borough office where you can leave your check.

It's easy to park in Gettysburg, but consider walking or cycling when you can.

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Gettysburg Film Festival



President Dwight D. Eisenhower wasn't much interested in seeing himself on the screen in films about World War II. After all, he had been there, done that. And in the process as Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Force in Europe, he had preserved democracy.

"I remember being at the farm and my brother David and I were in a back room watching a World War II film," said his granddaughter, Susan Eisenhower of the farm at the Eisenhower National Historic Site, which Eisenhower and his wife Mamie purchased in 1950 and visited frequently during his presidency. "We're watching the film in one room. He was in another room thinking about the future and solving problems."

This year's third annual Gettysburg Film Festival focused on the theme of World War II, a concept supported by Eisenhower, who serves on the film festival's advisory board. Her grandfather may have preferred to watch Westerns at the nearby Majestic Theater with his wife and Susan's grandmother, Mamie, when he was in town, but his granddaughter knows the value of the films that told his story and the story of WWII.

"I think it's up to all of us to try and make sure that America's fully

aware of the consequence of this war and what we fought for," said Eisenhower, an author and policy strategist.

"History is the best possible teacher we have," said Ken Burns, award-winning filmmaker and Advisory Board Chair for the festival and festival participant.

The Film Festival kicked off on May 8, marking the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (V-E) Day. The festival included special guests Burns and Eisenhower as well as actor Martin Sheen, among others. The event screened films about the war and included talks by Burns on "Victory in Europe: 80 Years Later" and "Reflecting on Ike" by Eisenhower, among other speakers and topics. There were also musical guests, with Judy Collins singing "Amazing Grace" and Trace Adkins, a staunch supporter of veterans, performing the national anthem.

Burns said he found it quite fitting that the festival would begin on the anniversary of V-E Day. "They weren't getting paid," he said, speaking of Americans who chose to fight and whose story he told in his documentary "The War." "There was not loot or stuff. They were doing it for an idea. We're here to celebrate

the importance of that idea," he said.

Since its inception three years ago, the festival has continued to grow in popularity. Andrew Dalton, president and CEO of the Adams County Historical Society and Gettysburg Beyond the Battle Museum as well as Festival Producer, said there were 41 events, 43 speakers and moderators and 7,000 people attending, coming from all across the United States and as far away as the Netherlands. Dalton said attendance had doubled from last year's event.

With its own significant history, "Gettysburg is just the perfect place to highlight the American story," said Dalton.

And it is unique in doing so. "When we started this project," said Dalton, "we looked for another example of an American history film festival, and it doesn't seem to exist anywhere. So, this is really the first and only festival that brings these stories to the big screen."

The idea of the festival came about in 2020 when local documentary filmmaker Jake Boritt, Festival Director, was working with Burns on a video for the campaign to raise money for what would become the Gettysburg Beyond the Battle Museum.

During their conversations by way of email, "I had this crazy idea," said Boritt. "I said to him, 'You know what Gettysburg really needs is a Ken Burns Film Festival.'" To Boritt's shock, Burns replied with, "Love it."

"I turned to my wife and said, 'I think that's a yes,'" said Boritt. "This is someone who is booked up for the next 10 years and is incredibly busy."

The response from Burns in many ways was not surprising. "Gettysburg is the Grand Canyon of my historical life," says Burns,

whose films include the groundbreaking documentary "The Civil War" and whose latest project is on the Revolutionary War.

The first Gettysburg Film Festival was held in 2023. The following year the festival would include such participants as actor Martin Sheen who played General Robert E. Lee in the movie "Gettysburg."

"It's good to be back here," Sheen said at the time.

Perhaps so much so, that he returned this year to talk about a different war and screen his 1974 film, "The Execution of Private Slovik," which is the true story of the only American soldier executed during World War II for desertion, and the first since the Civil War. Coming out around the time as such movies as "Patton," "The Execution of Private Slovik" tells a different kind of story, but one no less significant, said Sheen.

"At the time we did it," he said, "there was a plea in the United States to end the death penalty and the general belief that it was a deterrent to crime."

In the case of Slovik, "Even the soldiers that were ordered to participate," said Sheen, "had a feeling of reserve. It really destroyed the morale of the community at the time."

General Eisenhower would cancel the next one. "There was a guy right behind Eddie Slovik that was ready for execution," said Sheen.

Sheen, a committed advocate for social justice, said he hoped the film would inspire "mercy and compassion."

Sheen said that at the time "there were wholesale executions in practically every state. The main focus of our production was to say, maybe we should pause

and think about this because there were so many people being executed who were later proven innocent, you know?"

"I think what this festival is doing is bringing people into town and bringing people whose involvement is not just the Battle of Gettysburg, not just the Civil War," said Jeff Shaara, film festival advisory board member and New York Times best-selling author of such books as "Gods and Generals" and more recently "The Old Lion" about Theodore Roosevelt. "It's about history and the importance of history and the characters, the people of history."

For those like festival attendee Tom Rogers, it is something even more. "Listening to Martin Sheen, Ken Burns, it's almost like they're giving us guidance," says Rogers, who traveled from North Carolina with his two brothers-in-law for the festival. "It's about how we should live and the way we should be as Americans. We're really learning about citizenship. And I think that is so important."

And Gettysburg's own history has not been confined to the battle itself. There is the "unfolding" of history as Eisenhower likes to put it. "My grandfather brought the greats from World War II here to Gettysburg," she said. "Everyone from Winston Churchill to Charles de Gaulle."

And sometimes world leaders were known to accompany Ike and Mamie to a movie at the Majestic Theater. The theater, which opened its doors in 1925, was also the place where Eisenhower held press conferences when he was in town.

By Lisa Gregory
Photo by Rick Gregory

Painted Turtle Farm



Set on three-quarters of an acre at the northwest edge of Gettysburg College’s campus, the Painted Turtle Farm (PTF) is more than just a garden — it’s a vibrant intersection of sustainability, cultural heritage, and community empowerment.

Since its inception in 2006 as an Environmental Studies capstone project by Freya Gibbon, class of 2007, PTF has blossomed into a Certified Naturally Grown campus-community hub for food justice, thanks to the collaborative efforts of students, faculty, and local families.

“What I love most about the Painted

Turtle Farm is how it brings people together; families, students, and volunteers all working side by side,” said program coordinator Yashima Adhikari. “It’s been incredibly meaningful to help build these connections between the campus and local community. I’ve learned so much about sustainability, teamwork, and the power of shared purpose, and I’m grateful to be part of a space where everyone feels welcome and valued.”

The farm’s name was inspired by the discovery of painted turtles at the site, symbolizing its deep connection to nature. In 2013, a transformative grant enabled the addition

of essential infrastructure, including a water system and a shed, solidifying PTF’s role as a community garden. Today, it serves as a collaborative space where 29 immigrant families, primarily from Michoacán, Mexico, cultivate culturally significant crops like peppers and cilantro in raised beds.

PTF thrives on student involvement, offering two full-time summer internships and three part-time positions during the academic year. Students engage in all aspects of organic farming — from seed starting and transplanting to weeding and pest control. Notably, student Brandon Fee recently redesigned the

composting system, enhancing soil health and sustainability.

The farm also operates a 20-week Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program, providing fresh produce to the campus and local community.

Monday nights are designated as community nights, fostering connections and language exchange between English and Spanish speakers.

PTF integrates Indigenous agricultural practices by cultivating the “Three Sisters” — corn, beans, and squash — using native seeds like Hopi blue corn and Iroquois skunk beans. This method not only enriches the soil but also honors the land’s Indigenous heritage. The farm begins each shift with a land acknowledgment, recognizing the historical and ongoing presence of Indigenous peoples in the region.

In 2022, PTF’s shed became a canvas for a community mural project led by Nicaraguan artists Marlon Moreno and Allan Lindo Muñoz, in collabora-

tion with Gettysburg College students and local families. The mural, featuring elements like monarch butterflies and Mayan pyramids, celebrates the cultural heritage of the immigrant community and the farm’s role in their lives.

Under the guidance of the Center for Public Service (CPS), directed by Jeff Rioux, PTF exemplifies the college’s commitment to community-engaged learning. CPS initiatives address issues such as food insecurity, educational equity, and climate justice, leveraging student passion and institutional resources to effect positive change in the local community.

The Painted Turtle Farm stands as a testament to the power of collaborative, community-driven efforts in creating a more equitable and sustainable future.

For more information or to get involved, visit the Painted Turtle Farm website or contact them at farm@gettysburg.edu.



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La Michoacan Paleteria



Residents of Gettysburg and surrounding areas have a new destination to satisfy their sweet cravings, as La Michoacan Paleteria opens its doors in the West St. Plaza on the corner of West St. and Springs Ave.

This Mexican ice cream and popsicle parlor, inspired by traditional flavors and techniques from Michoacán, Mexico, offers a unique experience that sets it apart from typical ice cream shops.

Owned and operated by Karen Lua and her father Homero Lua, the family business first took root in York, PA, where they began selling their home-made ice cream treats at the Central Market on weekends. After

five successful years, the Luas expanded to New Oxford and have now added a vibrant new location in Gettysburg.

Homero, who has 22 years of experience in the ice cream industry in Mexico, brings a wealth of knowledge and passion to the venture. “I started learning this craft at the age of 15, working as an apprentice with my uncle,” he said. “It’s more than just making ice cream; it’s about preserving a family tradition.”

The shop prides itself on using fresh, natural ingredients sourced directly from Mexico. “Everything we offer is homemade, from the ice cream to our specialty popsicles,” said

Karen, who manages the new Gettysburg location. The focus on authentic, quality ingredients and artisanal methods resonates with customers looking for a genuine taste of Mexican culture.

La Michoacan Paleteria is more than just an ice cream shop; it’s a place where the Lua family’s passion for ice cream meets a commitment to sharing joy with the community.

“We love what we’re doing and seeing the enjoyment it brings to others,” the Luas remarked. The shop, characterized by its colorful decor and serene atmosphere, provides a relaxing space for visitors to indulge

in a wide assortment of refreshing treats.

The Luas pride themselves on their extensive menu, which includes specialties like Mangonada, a spicy mango ice cream, Michelagua, a dairy-free concoction with lemonade and chamoy, and the indulgent Waffle Bowl Banana-Fresa, among others.

Even those with a preference for savory over sweet will find something to relish, from Doritos — a Doritos-based snack topped with chamoy and veggies — to the traditional Esquites, a creamy, spicy corn dish.

Open seasonally from March to October, and sometimes into November depending on the weather, La Michoacan Paleteria invites locals and visitors alike to experience a slice of Michoacán in the heart of Gettysburg. Whether you’re a long-time resident or just passing through, a three-block walk west from the Gettysburg Square on Chambersburg St. is sure to leave you with a sweet and lasting impression.



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Gettysburg Community Theatre



Located in the heart of historic Gettysburg, the Gettysburg Community Theatre has been a cornerstone of the local arts scene since its inception in 2009. Operating as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, the theatre is dedicated to providing year-round opportunities in performance, education, and volunteerism for individuals of all ages and abilities. Its mission is to inspire creativity and confidence, promote cultural enrichment, and instill a love of the theatre arts through quality education and performance.

Located at 49 York Street, the theatre operates out of an intimate black box space with an 80-seat capacity. This setting fosters a close connection between perform-

ers and audiences, creating a unique and engaging theatrical experience. The venue is fully handicap accessible, ensuring that all community members can enjoy the performances.

The driving force behind the theatre is Founding Executive/Artistic Director Chad-Alan Carr. A seasoned theatre professional with over 30 years of experience, Carr's vision was to create a space where the transformative power of theatre could be accessible to everyone. Carr's extensive background includes performances in over 200 productions nationwide and collaborations with Broadway veterans. His commitment has shaped the theatre's programs

and outreach initiatives.

Since its grand opening gala, "Any Dream Will Do," in 2009, the theatre has staged an impressive array of productions for performers at all age levels. From beloved classics like "Disney's Beauty and the Beast Jr." and "The Sound of Music" to thought-provoking dramas such as "The Diary of Anne Frank" and "The Crucible," the theatre has showcased a diverse repertoire. Each season is carefully curated to offer something for everyone, reflecting the community's rich cultural fabric.

Education is at the heart of the theatre, which offers classes and camps throughout the year, including acting, voice, dance,

improvisation, and technical theatre arts. These programs ensure that both children and adults can explore and develop their theatrical talents.

One of the theatre's hallmark programs is The Penguin Project, launched in 2014. This initiative provides a platform for youth with special needs to participate in full-scale productions, supported by peer mentors. It's a testament to Carr's commitment to inclusivity and the belief that theatre should be accessible to all.

The impact extends beyond the stage. In 2017, Carr organized Gettysburg's first-ever Pride Fest, promoting LGBTQ+ awareness and inclusion in the community. His efforts in fostering diversity

and acceptance have been widely recognized, earning him accolades such as the Key to the Borough of Gettysburg in 2019.

The theatre's involvement with the American Association of Community Theatre (AACT) further underscores its prominence in the national arts scene. In 2019, Gettysburg hosted the AACT National Festival, drawing community theatre artists from across the country. The theatre played a pivotal role in organizing this event, highlighting its leadership in the broader theatre community.

As the theatre continues to grow, its commitment to inclusivity, education, and community engagement remains steadfast. With a robust lineup of performances, educational programs, and outreach initiatives, the Gettysburg Community Theatre is poised to inspire and enrich the lives of countless individuals in Gettysburg and beyond.

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<https://www.gettysburgconnection.org/summerfest>

May 26, 2025 - Gettysburg Memorial Day Parade
Lefever St to Gettysburg National Cemetery, Gettysburg
One of the oldest Memorial Day parades in the country, honoring military service.
<https://www.gettysburgpa.gov/community-events/events/119666>

May 31-June 1, 2025 - Hollabaugh Bros. Strawberry Festival
Hollabaugh Bros Farm, 545 Carlisle Rd, Biglerville, PA 17307
Celebration of the strawberry harvest with pick-your-own, desserts, and family fun.
<https://hollabaughbros.com/events>

August 14-17, 2025 - Gettysburg Bluegrass Festival
Granite Hill Camping Resort, 3340 Fairfield Rd, Gettysburg
Biannual bluegrass festival with top national and regional artists.
<https://gettysburgbluegrass.com>

May 31, 2025 - Gettysburg Pride
Lincoln Square, Gettysburg
Annual celebration promoting diversity and inclusion with vendors, entertainment, and community engagement.
<https://www.gettysburgpride.org>

June 4-8, 2025 - Brass Band Festival
Gettysburg College & Lincoln Square, Gettysburg
An annual celebration of brass music with performances from bands across the nation.
<https://gettysburgbrassbandfestival.com>

June 6-7, 2025 - Dig My Earth Festival
A two-day music festival celebrating local talent at the South Mountain Fairgrounds.
https://www.facebook.com/people/Dig-My-Earth-Festival/100093085437244/?_rdr

June 9-14, 2025 - York Springs Carnival
York Springs Fire Co Grounds, 312 Main St, York Springs, PA 17372
Annual carnival with rides, games, food, and family-friendly entertainment.
<https://destinationgettysburg.com/event/york-springs-carnival>

June 13, 2025 - Gettysburg Library Funfest
Gettysburg Rec Park, 545 Long Ln, Gettysburg
Free event kicking off SummerQuest with activities for children and families. 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
<https://www.adamslibrary.org/funfest>

June 14, 2025 - PA Cider Fest
South Mountain Fairgrounds, 615 Narrows Rd, Biglerville, PA 17307
Features over 100 ciders from Pennsylvania cideries, food trucks, and live music. <https://www.paciderfest.com>

June 20-22, 2025 - Latimore Valley Fair
Latimore Valley Fairgrounds, 314 Latimore Valley Rd, York Springs, PA 17372
Family-friendly fair with tractor parades, vintage race cars, crafts, and live music.
<https://emmr.org/latimorevalley-fair>

July 4, 2025 - Fourth of July at the Gettysburg Rec Park
Gettysburg Rec Park, 545 Long Ln, Gettysburg
An Independence Day celebration featuring live music, food trucks, and fireworks.
<https://www.gara-recpark.info/>

July 4-6, 2025 - Gettysburg Battle Reenactment
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<https://www.danielladyfarm.com>

July 10-13, 2025 - Gettysburg Bike Week
The Barn Resort, 75 Cunningham Rd,
Gettysburg Motorcycle rally with national music acts, historic rides, and community events.
<https://gettysburgbikeweek.com>

July 19-20, 2025 - Annual Gettysburg National 19th Century Base Ball Festival
Schroeder Farm, 965 Pumping Station Rd, Gettysburg
The 15th Annual Gettysburg National 19th Century Base Ball Festival features teams playing by 1864 rules with period equipment and uniforms in a family-friendly setting.
<https://www.gettysburgbaseballfestival.com>

July 22-26, 2025 - South Mountain Fair
South Mountain Fairgrounds, 615 Narrows Rd, Biglerville, PA 17307
Adams County’s only agricultural fair with animal exhibits, crafts, food, and entertainment.
<https://www.southmountainfair.com>

July 31 - August 2, 2025 - Bendersville Carnival
Bendersville Fire Co, 144 Park St, Bendersville, PA 17306
Annual carnival with games, food, entertainment, cash prizes, and live bands.
<https://bendersvillefireco.com/>

August 4-9, 2025 - Littlestown Carnival
Alpha Fire Co Grounds, Maple Ave & Locust St, Littlestown, PA 17340
Community carnival with rides, games, food, and live entertainment.
<https://www.alpha20fire.org>

August 9-10, 2025 - Hollabaugh Bros. Peach Festival
Hollabaugh Bros Farm, 545 Carlisle Rd, Biglerville, PA 17307
Weekend festival dedicated to peaches with fresh treats, music, and activities.
<https://hollabaughbros.com/events>

August 15-17, 2025 - Heildersburg Carnival
Heidlersburg Fire Co, 2720 Heidlersburg Rd, Gettysburg
Community carnival featuring rides, games, food, and live entertainment.
<https://www.heidlersburgfire.com>

September 6-7, 2025 - Gettysburg Wine & Music Festival
Granite Hill Camping Resort, 3340 Fairfield Rd,
Gettysburg Wine tastings from Pennsylvania wineries, live music, and local food vendors.
<https://www.gettysburgwineandmusicfestival.com/>

September 21, 2025 - Adams County Heritage Festival
Gettysburg Rec Park, 545 Long Ln, Gettysburg
Celebrates the diverse cultures of Adams County with food, music, and family activities.
<http://icpj-gettysburg.org/festival/>

October 4-5 & 11-12, 2025 - Biglerville Fall Festival
Biglerville, PA 17307
A community event featuring local vendors, food, live music, and family-friendly autumn activities.

October 4-5 & 11-12, 2025 - National Apple Harvest Festival
South Mountain Fairgrounds, 615 Narrows Rd, Biglerville, PA 17307
Celebration of the apple harvest with crafts, food, entertainment, and orchard tours.
<https://www.appleharvest.com>

October 11-12, 2025 - Blaze for the Brave
A fall festival honoring first responders with live music, food vendors, and family-friendly activities.
The Barn Resort, 75 Cunningham Rd Gettysburg, PA
<https://destinationgettysburg.com/event/blaze-for-the-brave>

October 4 & 5 and 11 & 12, 2025 - Hollabaugh Bros. Apple Harvest Festival
Hollabaugh Bros Farm, 545 Carlisle Rd, Biglerville, PA 17307
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<https://hollabaughbros.com/events>



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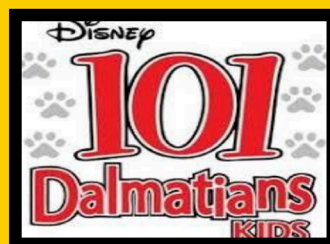
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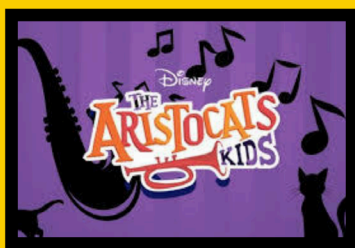
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Located on 35 York St, Gettysburg, The Lucky Paw pet store offers a wide array of dog and cat supplies, food, and treats. Many of the products are locally owned and manufac-

tured. The store opened in December 2019, just before COVID-19, with the ongoing goal of creating a communi-ty for pet lovers and

promoting donations to local rescues and shelters.

“I just wanted to do something to help the rescue animals and the shelters that really need money,” said store owner Stacey Beshore. “I wanted to have a facility where animal lovers could get cat and dog supplies and gifts, and have local art and products, and also so the shel- ters can bring the dogs here on the weekends so people can meet the dogs that are up for adoption.”

When it comes to the products in their store,

many of their items are exclusive to their shop. The Lucky Paw makes its own nose and paw balm as well as its own treats, wooden signs, bowls, and more. “The more we go, the more we want to have products unique to our store,” Beshore says.

The Lucky Paw also hosts monthly nail trims for dogs, as well as an dog painting events. The fee for these events covers all of the supplies to make the painting, as well as a photo of your dog and a frame.

Beshore emphasized that the community

can donate to their local rescue animals through The Lucky Paw. The shop recently raised \$1,100 for the local Forever Love Rescue.

So, whether you’re stopping in to meet animals, looking to browse for cat or dog supplies, or marking your calendars for fun activities for your pets, The Lucky Paw is the way to go!

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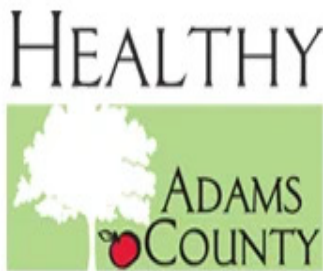


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for adventure.

In early July, thousands of history buffs converge to mark the anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, the Civil War’s best-known engagement. This year commemorates its 162nd anniversary.

Visitors can experience history by taking a drive through the national park, or by joining the hikes, walks, and talks led by national park rangers. The famous Little and Big Roundtops have re-opened after months of repairs and improvements to make access

easier and safer.

Visitors can gain insights into Gettysburg’s history and the pivotal battle by taking a double-decker bus tour and visiting our diverse museums and historical sites. Or perhaps you might want to discover the ephemeral side of Gettysburg by taking a ghost tour.

Just a short drive from downtown, Adams County’s countryside is ripe with fresh produce. Enjoy picking your own cherries and peaches, or visit the Adams County Farmers

Market on Saturdays in the Gettysburg rec park. Summer festivals include blueberry, strawberry, peach, and apple festivals, as well as a famous Bluegrass festival.

Explore more outdoor activities by hiking under the tree canopies at nearby state parks or taking a guided horseback tour across the battlefield, followed by a sweet treat at a local ice cream shop.

A leisurely walk from Steinwehr Ave. to Lincoln Square unveils a myriad of unique shops and eateries.

The new mini-golf course, Lincoln Links, located on Steinwehr Ave. is a great family-friendly activity.

Gettysburg will host Juneteenth activities on June 19, 21, and 22.

Gettysburg’s Underground Railroad tours provide a look into

local history.

After a day full of adventure, relax with an ice-cold beer or cider at a brewery or cidery, or try a specialty cocktail at one of our bars and restaurants.

You can see a list of our craft beverages offerings on the back cover of this magazine

As night falls, you might want to enjoy a movie at the Gettysburg Majestic Theater or listen to the nightly rendition of Taps at the Lincoln Cemetery -- a different bugler plays every night.

Whether you’re drawn by our rich history or the charming allure of modern-day Gettysburg, your visit is sure to be unforgettable.

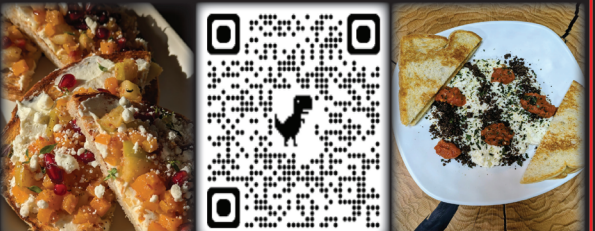
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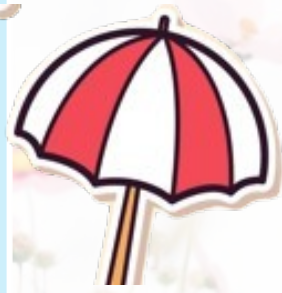


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Live Music Scene



After a long day hiking, visiting historical sites, or learning about the Battle of Gettysburg, what could be better than an evening at a local winery, cidery, or brewery listening to live music?

Gettysburg and Adams County are full of opportunities, and here are some suggestions.

The **Arts Oasis Stage** on the Gettysburg Square is a popular venue for performances by solo artists and bands. Stop by and pull up a folding chair on weekend nights, 7:00-10:00 p.m. <https://adamsarts.org/>

[event-schedule/](#).

Ploughman Cider Taproom on the Gettysburg Square features PA-made ciders, beers, and distilled liquors. Original live music by local and traveling artists is featured 7-9 p.m. every Thursday evening. Open mic evenings are on Wednesdays, 6-9 pm. <https://www.ploughmancider.com/thetaproom>

Ploughman also hosts four concerts at the **National Apple Museum in Biglerville**. If you're lucky, you might catch a set from one of the county's most popular bands, *Chuck Darwin & The Knuckle*

Draggers. <https://www.nationalapplemuseum.com/events/>

The **Garryowen Irish Pub**, 126 Chambersburg St., Gettysburg, offers live music every Friday and Saturday from 8-10 pm, featuring mostly traditional and contemporary Irish and Scottish songs. <https://garryowen-irish-pub.square.site/music>

O'Rorke's Family Eatery and Spirits, located at 44 Steinwehr Ave., Gettysburg, offers live music on Saturdays. <https://www.ororkes.com/events.html>

Gettysburg Eddie's, at 217 Steinwehr Avenue, presents live music every first and third Thursday.

Reid's Orchard and Winery, located at 400 Baltimore Street, hosts live music every Friday and Saturday. The Open Mic with Frank N Bob, Sundays at 2 p.m. is hosted by veteran musicians Frank Davies and Bob Flurrie. The

set draws a sophisticated audience that loves to listen and the set ends with a rousing open jam session. <https://www.reidsorchardwinery.com/>

Pilger Ruh Taproom, located behind the Ragged Edge Coffee House at 110 Chambersburg St., offers live entertainment on the weekends. Enjoy a local brew in the bucolic outdoor garden setting. <https://pilger-ruh-brewing.square.site/>

Sign of the Buck, a bar/restaurant at 29 Chambersburg St. Gettysburg, hosts live music on Mondays from 7-9 pm. <https://signofthebuck.com/events/>

Waldo's and Co, a coffee bar and arts studio located at 17 Lincoln Square, Gettysburg, hosts an Open Mic every last Friday of the month, in addition to its artist exhibitions and poetry readings. <https://www.waldosandco.com/>

[events](#).

The **Gettysburger Company**, 35 Chambersburg Street, Gettysburg, periodically offers live music on certain Saturdays. Check online for new events: <https://www.facebook.com/thegettysburgercompany/about>

For a full live music schedule, please check our events calendar at <https://gettysburgconnection.org/live-music-in-adams-county-pa/>

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Lincoln’s historic visit will be recreated



Citizens and visitors to Gettysburg will have an opportunity to walk in President Abraham Lincoln’s shoes and immerse themselves into the 1863 dedication of Soldiers National Cemetery during the event’s 163rd anniversary in 2026.

Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania Board President Wendy Allen and Gettysburg National Military Park Chief Interpreter Christopher Gwinn said the two organizations are preparing a real-time

re-enactment of Lincoln’s historic visit to Gettysburg.

The special event is being billed as Gettysburg’s signature America 250 event. To mark the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, towns and National Parks across the country are being encouraged to host events that highlight their place in American history.

A Lincoln impersonator will arrive in

town via steam train on Nov. 18 as occurred in 1863, Allen said. People will be invited to converge on the town’s square in preparation for the next day’s activities.

The next day, the Lincoln impersonator, people playing his guests, and anyone wishing to join will walk the approximately one mile from Lincoln Square to Soldiers National Cemetery. A ceremony similar to the

1863 event will occur there.

Gwinn said the National Park Service is in full cooperation with the event. It annually supports the Lincoln Fellowship’s Dedication Day Ceremony.

“It’s by far my favorite community event,” Gwinn said. “At the same time, the format is very much like the Bill Murray movie *Groundhog Day*, where it is the same thing year after year.”

In 2026, Dedication Day will be almost identical to the event in 1863. However, it is unlikely that the person playing American politician Edward Everett will recite the entire two-hour speech Everett delivered before Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address.

Allen said the event will be an immer-

sive experience for guests.

“If Lincoln wants to take a selfie with someone, it’s going to happen,” Allen said.

She also said the Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania plans to capture content during the two days that it can share with educational institutions that study the Gettysburg Address.



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Fine food and live entertainment at the Lodges of Gettysburg are attracting fun-loving locals to escape to nature in its pristine setting overlooking Gettysburg’s hallowed ground.

On 63 acres atop one of Gettysburg’s highest ridgelines with views of Little Round Top and Big Round Top, the Lodges — once the site of Camp New Dawn — was conceived as a corporate retreat entitled “Gloryridge at Gettysburg” almost 30

years ago. According to Director of Events Beth Senseney, corporate and wedding events began there in 2011, but recently the Lodges started adding events tailored to the local community.

Ovation Dinner Theatre began performing interactive murder mystery comedy shows there three years ago. Owners Carreen Kouts and Lenne Sirasky (who handle tech and often perform) partnered with the Lodges as an entertainment source

at a mutual meeting in April of 2022.

The Ovation shows are not typical to the theater scene in Gettysburg. A small cast of thespians (which, for the purpose of disclosure, may include me) are tapped from a talent pool of ~170 professional actors and joined by volunteer audience members who read small comedic roles.

Audience interaction is up-close and personal — actors have been known to plop into pa-

trons’ laps for a laugh. The comedy and the food prepared onsite at the Gloryridge Tavern and Grill are geared to adults, the bar remains open, and the laughter is loud.

Improv is a popular part of the loosely scripted performances that patrons are welcome to join in. And at least one main character dies dramatically by the end of Act 1, leaving audience members to fathom “who dunnit” by show’s end. Gift certificates will be awarded to one person who guessed correctly and to another voted “best actor” by their peers.

Preshow, guests may fill out a form in the program registering interest in joining Ovation’s talent pool to perform in Gettysburg and/or at other locations (see Ovation Dinner Theatre). (After attending “Dials S for Santa” at the Lodges

last July, Gettysburg resident Christie Lanasa will make her debut performance on Feb. 1 in the role of Lilly Paparazzi.)

Ovation has three dinner theatre nights scheduled in Gettysburg at the Lodges in 2025: “Til Death Do Us Part,” Feb. 1; “Dancing to Death – Murder at Studio 79,” July 19; and “Murder at the Long Branch Saloon,” Nov. 7. Attendance is by reservation only; for details, see The Lodges of Gettysburg Dinner Theatre.

The Lodges of Gettysburg is a 63-acre scenic retreat offering private lodging overlooking Hunter Lake at 685 Camp Gettysburg Road, (717) 408-1688. In the main lodge, the Gloryridge Tavern and Grill, (717) 642-2500, is serves a full menu.

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Kitty Corner



Forever Love Rescue (aka “Kitty Korner”), a volunteer-powered nonprofit located off Steinwehr Avenue in Gettysburg, brought in \$4,625 in donations as at its welcomed visitors to a grand reopening in April.

The event, which celebrated major renovations to the facility, provided an opportunity to interact with a room full of felines, as well as a bake sale, silent auctions, and a home-made lemonade stand.

The mission of the non-profit is to find homes for cats who need them and reduce the feral cat population through its Trap, Neu-

ter, and Release (TNR) program.

“It’s rewarding,” said co-owner Stephanie Baum, reflecting on a decade of cat rescue work. “It feels good to watch them get a happy home — and to see the pictures come back later, showing them right where they belong.”

Stephanie and her husband Jeff Baum run the shelter, which houses 130 to 150 cats at any given time, with capacity rising to 200 during peak kitten season. The work is accomplished with the help of one full-time and one part-time employee as well as more than 100 volunteers who clean, foster, transport, and

promote adoptable cats online.

Stephanie said the organization started by rescuing dogs, but realized that in our area there was a bigger need for helping cats. “This is more than just a hobby,” she said. “It’s a labor of love, and we’re seeing real change.”

Last year, the rescue placed 443 cats in adoptive homes and performed 860 TNR procedures on outdoor cats. Stephanie credits the TNR program — offered for only \$40 per cat, with some cats being subsidized for free — for helping stabilize feral cat populations.

“We’ve really seen a delay in kitten season starting around here,” she said. “It used to

feel like scooping the ocean with a teaspoon. Now, it’s more manageable.”

TNR involves trapping free-roaming cats, sterilizing them, and returning them to their home territory. The process protects the colony from over-population which leads to fighting and disease, while allowing the cats to live out their lives outside.

“It’s good for the health of the colony,” said Stephanie. We make sure that they have their basic vaccinations and treat any sicknesses that we find that they come in with. You’re left with a happier, healthier colony.

Forever Love Rescue works with trained trappers who respond to colony reports and coordinate with residents to ensure safe and effective care. The group also partners with local vets and animal welfare organizations to make TNR accessible and efficient.

Though Jeff focuses on his neighboring computer repair business, Stephanie calls him “my rock” in support-

ing the shelter’s daily efforts.

Originally housed across from the Gettysburg post office, Forever Love moved to its current location in 2019 and nearly relocated again — until the Baums decided to invest in remodeling instead. The new space, said Stephanie, better reflects the dedication behind the mission.

“We’re not just giving cats a second chance,” she said. “We’re giving people the joy that comes with finding a new companion.”

Crossword Puzzle

A Gettysburg-themed puzzle

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1 Union general who led forces at Gettysburg

4 Small battery

6 Actress Gardner

7 Popular theme in Gettysburg nighttime tours

8 Eve's partner

9 Suitcases

12 Main firearm used by infantry

14 NFL six-pointers

16 Bro's sibling

17 Footwear worn by soldiers

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1 "Mamma ___!"

2 Appliance brand

3 Border

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Adams County Library Seeks New Home



The Adams County Library System is moving forward with plans to construct a new library building near the Gettysburg YMCA. The proposed move, expected to cost \$20 million or more, is a major step in addressing accessibility, efficiency, and future growth.

According to library Executive Director Miranda Wisor, the new building will blend modern amenities with classic design elements to reflect the character of Gettysburg while meeting contemporary needs.

The vision was informed by community feedback gathered

through public surveys and listening sessions. Residents expressed a desire for a library that fits into the architectural aesthetic of the area while providing the functional advantages of a modern facility.

The design process is being led by HBM Architects, an Ohio-based firm that specializes exclusively in library design. During a visit to Gettysburg, HBM architects studied local architecture and collected ideas from the community, including visual preferences as assessed through inter-

active voting on library images.

The proposed site, roughly 4.5 acres, sits on land currently owned by the Gettysburg Seminary. The library is under contract to purchase the property, but the sale cannot be finalized until a subdivision approval process is completed by both Gettysburg Borough and Cumberland Township. Much of the site lies within Gettysburg, with a portion extending into Cumberland Township.

The proposed library will sit on the site of three existing seminary

dorms, which will be razed.

While some residents have expressed disappointment at the move away from the historic downtown location, Wisor says the decision is driven by long-term sustainability and improved service.

“The current site is beautiful from the outside, but it’s not a space where we can provide a modern library,” said Wisor. “It’s been a mixed reaction. Some people loved the existing building. But we’ve done a good job of explaining the move to people, and I’m seeing a lot fewer questions. The message is getting out.”

The new one-story building will prioritize accessibility, expanded programming space, and other features the current library lacks. Plans include meeting rooms, group work areas, and even a space for audio recording—ideal for podcasts and music. Library staff emphasized that community needs, especially

for flexible and creative spaces, are shaping the building’s layout.

Wisor said most library patrons already drive to the current location, and that the new site will offer better parking and easier access. Rabbit Transit has a stop at the YMCA, and library leaders hope to further explore transportation options.

The project is still in its early stages. Final architectural plans have not been completed, as progress is dependent on the subdivision approval. Once finalized, library leaders will launch a capital campaign to fund the move. Some funding is expected to come from state and federal grants, and the county has already expressed support for the initiative.

While a construction timeline has not yet been set, library leaders see this project as an opportunity to meet the growing needs of the community with a space that is both functional and inspiring.

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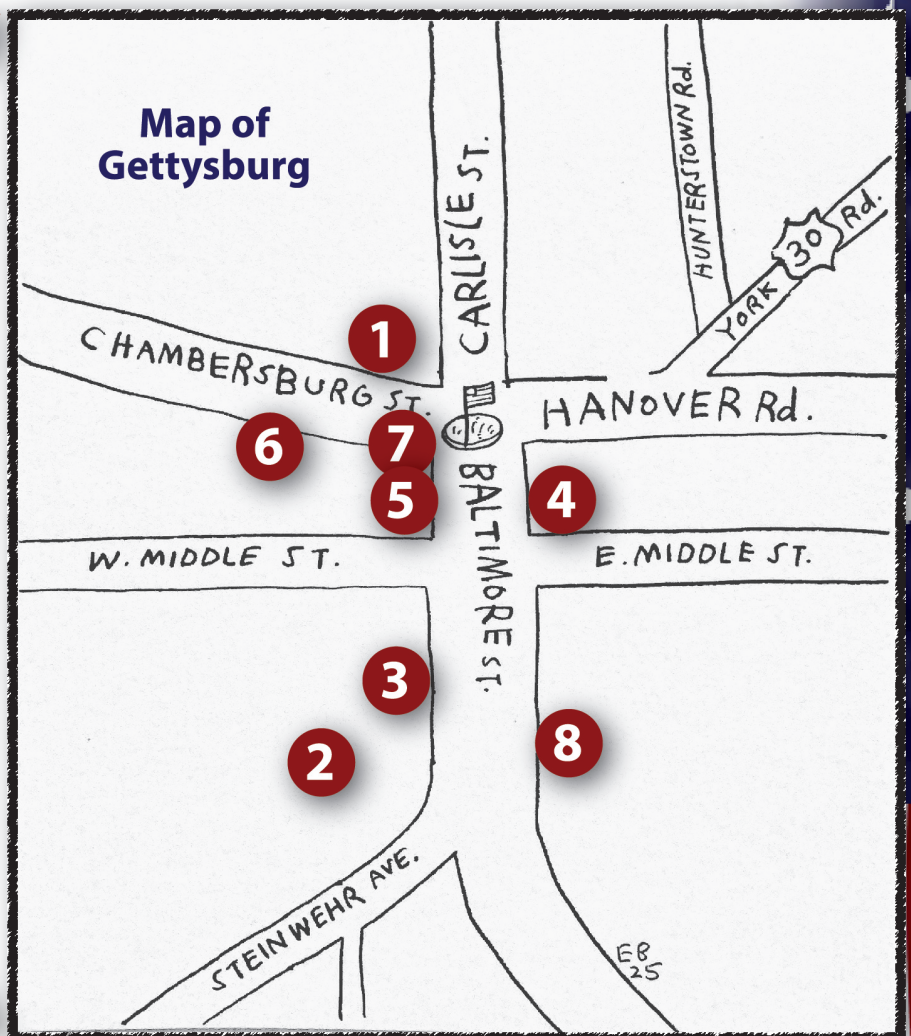
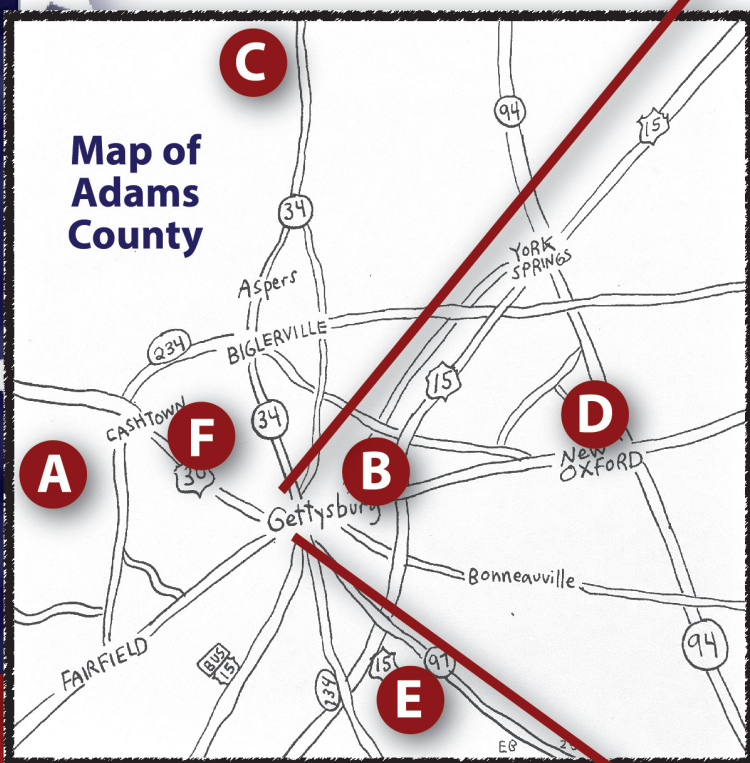


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Join thousands of other locals and visitors as they sample the fine wines, beers, ciders, and distilled liquors at Adams County's premier Craft Beverage Vendors.



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- A Adams County Winery**
251 Peach Tree Road, Orrtanna, PA
- B Battlefield Brew Works**
248 Hunterstown Road, Gettysburg, PA
- C Big Hill Cider Works**
338 Georgetown Road, Gardners, PA
- D Brookmere Wine & Tasting Room**
2 Lincoln Way East, New Oxford, PA
- E Chicken Hill Distillery At Gettysburg**
1863 Gettysburg Village Drive, Gettysburg, PA
- F Thirsty Farmer Brew Works**
290 Cashtown Road, Biglerville, PA

- 1 Adams County Winery: Gettysburg Wine Shop**
25 Chambersburg Street, Gettysburg, PA
- 2 Forescore Beer Co.**
603 S. Washington Street, Gettysburg, PA
- 3 Gettysburg Moonshine Co.**
271 Baltimore Street, Gettysburg, PA
- 4 J & P Vineyard**
48 Baltimore Street Gettysburg, PA
- 5 Michaux Brewery**
15 Baltimore Street, Gettysburg, PA
- 6 Pilger Ruh Brewing Taproom & Beer Garden**
110 Chambersburg Street, Gettysburg, PA
- 7 Ploughman Cider Taproom**
14 Lincoln Square, Gettysburg, PA
- 8 Reid's Winery: The Cider House**
400 Baltimore Street, Gettysburg, PA