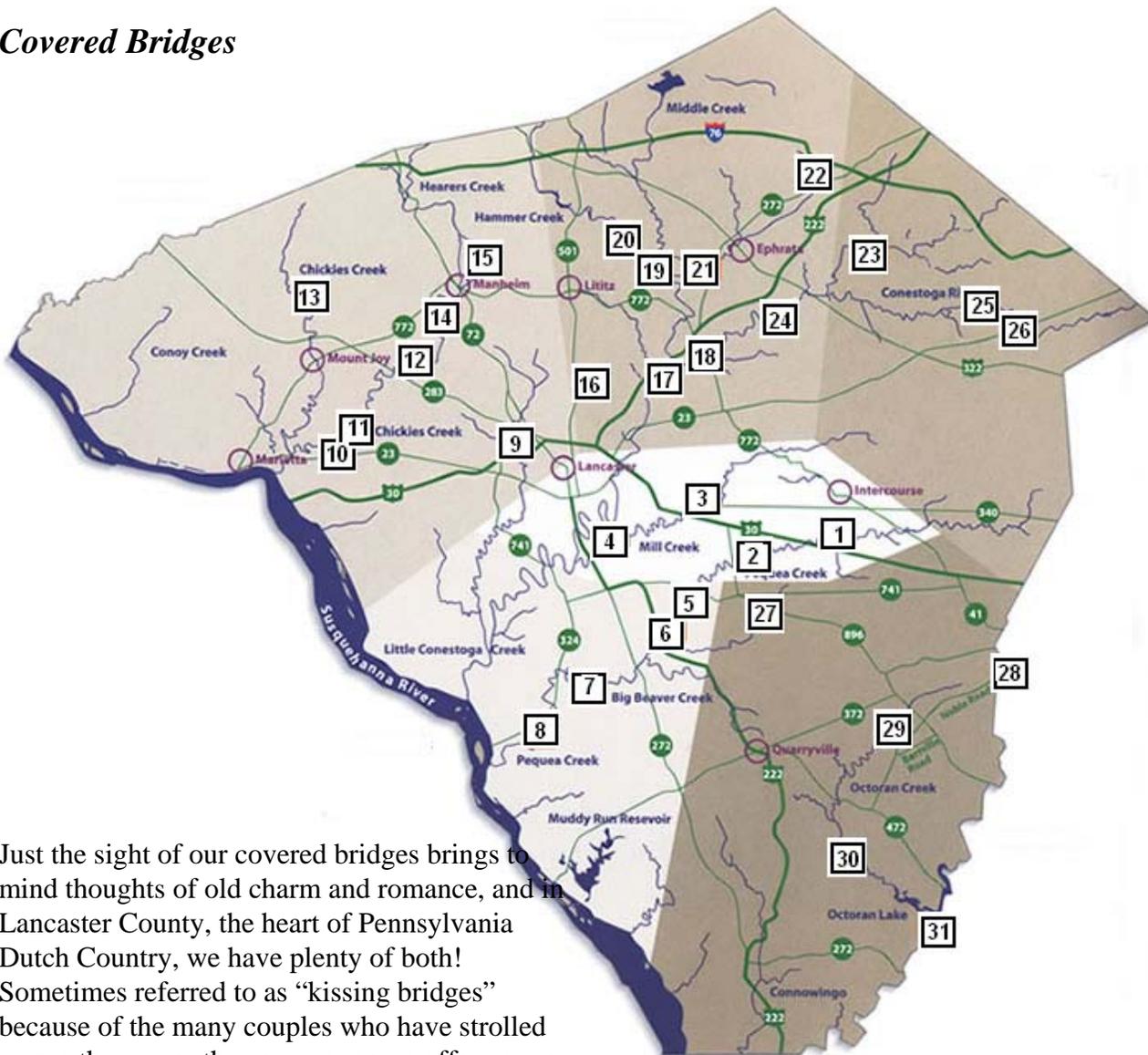


# Our World



## *Covered Bridges*



Just the sight of our covered bridges brings to mind thoughts of old charm and romance, and in Lancaster County, the heart of Pennsylvania Dutch Country, we have plenty of both! Sometimes referred to as “kissing bridges” because of the many couples who have strolled across them over the years, our area offers more than two dozen of these architectural beauties – each with its own inviting story.

Map	#	Name	Alternate names	stream	lgth	built	Lat	Long
W-11	1	<b>Eshleman's Mill</b>	Leaman's Place, Paradise, Pequea #4	Pequea	113'	1845	40.012	-76.108
T-11	2	<b>Herr's Mill</b>	Soudersburg Bridge	Pequea	178'	1844	40.01	-76.162
R-10	3	<b>Willow Hill</b>		Mill	72'	1962	40.02431	-76.2018
L-9	4	<b>Kurtz's Mill</b>	Baer's, Keystone Mill Covered Bridge	Mill	94'	1876	40.015	-76.283
P-13	5	<b>Neff's Mill</b>	Pequea 7 Bridge	Pequea	102'	1875	39.979	-76.2261
P-14	6	<b>Lime Valley</b>	Strasburg Bridge, Pequea #8 Bridge	Pequea	103'	1871	39.961	-76.235
L-4	7	<b>Baumgardener's</b>	Pequea #10 Bridge	Pequea	120'	1860	39.93096	-76.29501
H-15	8	<b>Colemanville</b>	Martic Forge Covered Bridge	Pequea	170'	1856	39.89862	-76.34236
J-7	9	<b>Landis Mill</b>	Little Conestoga #1 Bridge	Little Conestoga	53'	1873	40.06866	-76.34521
D-7	10	<b>Forry's Mill</b>	Big Chickies #7 Bridge	Chickies	103'	1869	40.06638	-76.4785
D-7	11	<b>Siegrist's Mill</b>	Big Chickies #6 Bridge, Moore's Mill Bridge	Chicques	70'	1885	40.07601	-76.4713
E-5	12	<b>Schenck's Mill</b>	Big Chickies #4 Bridge	Big Chiques	96'	1846	40.11559	-76.4254
E-5	14	<b>Kaufman's Distillery</b>	Sporting Hill Bridge, Whiskey Distillery Bridge, Big Chickies #1	Chicques	96'	1874	40.148	-76.41
F-4	15	<b>Shearer's Mill</b>		Chicques	89'	1856	40.172	-76.39
L-5	16	<b>Eichelberger's mill</b> (private drive)	Abram Hess' Mill; moved to Buck Hill farm in 1966	pond	58'	1844	40.13178	-76.30428
N-6	17	<b>Hunsecker's Mill</b>		Conestoga	180'	1843	40.087	-76.248
N-6	18	<b>Pinetown</b>		Conestoga	133'	1867	40.10557	-76.24767
P-5	19	<b>Zook's Mill</b>	Wenger Bridge, Rose Hill Bridge, Cocalico #7 Bridge	Cocalico	89'	1849	40.13	-76.232
N-4	20	<b>Erb's Mill</b>	Hammer Creek #1 Bridge	Hammer	80'	1887	40.1676	-76.2441
R-4	21	<b>Keller's Mill</b>	Guy Bard Bridge, Rettew's Bridge, Cocalico #5 Bridge	Cocalico	74'	1891	40.1643	-76.2328
U-3	22	<b>Bucher's Mill</b>	Cocalico #2 Bridge	Cocalico	64'	1892	40.208	-76.135
X-4	23	<b>Red Run</b>	Oberholzer's Covered Bridge	Muddy	107'	1865	40.17556	-76.08109
U-5	24	<b>Bitzer's Mill</b>	Eberly's Cider Mill Bridge, Fiand's Bridge	Conestoga	98'	1846	40.14	-76.15
Y-5	25	<b>Weaver's Mill</b>	Isaac Shearer's	Conestoga	88'	1878	40.14176	-75.99764
Z-5	26	<b>Pool Forge</b>		Conestoga	99'	1859	40.12899	-75.97636
	27	<b>Brubaker's Farm</b> (privately owned)		Little Beaver	28'	1969		
Z-14	28	<b>Mercer's Mill</b>	Mercer's Ford Bridge, East Octoraro #2	Octorara	86'	1880	39.931	-75.982
X-15	29	<b>Jackson's Sawmill</b>		Octorara	143'	1878	39.89639	-76.0803
X-18	30	<b>White Rock Forge</b>	White Rock Bridge, West Octoraro #2	Octorara	113'	1847	39.825	-76.09
X-18	31	<b>Pine Grove</b>		Octorara	198'	1884	39.794	-76.045

## Lititz and its Countryside

A visit to charming north central Lancaster County and the town of Lititz

*Gather some travel tips at the PA Dutch Visitors Center and then depart for a journey to four historic covered bridges, meandering through Lititz and the surrounding area. You'll finish up in the town of Lititz itself for a delicious lunch, gallery strolling and lots of sweet and salty treats!*

- 1) Exit the Visitors Center parking lot using the driveway by the picnic tables and turn left
- 2) At the light, turn left onto Greenfield Rd.
- 3) At the next traffic light turn right on to US route 30 westbound

**Covered Bridge:** Hunsecker's Mill Covered Bridge, (#17) built in 1848, is the longest single-span covered bridge in the County at 180 feet. It was rebuilt in 1973 after rising waters from Hurricane Agnes lifted it from the abutments and carried it downstream. The approaches to this bridge were washed out in flooding, Sept. 2011. The tour will bypass this site until repairs are made

- 4) Proceed 1.8 miles to the exit for US-222 northbound. Take this exit.
- 5) Proceed 3.0 miles to the Oregon Pike exit..
- 6) At the stop sign turn left on Butter Rd. and proceed 0.5 mile.
- 7) Turn right on Pinetown Rd. crossing the small bridge

**Covered Bridge:** Built in 1867, the Pinetown Covered Bridge (#18) was washed off its base by the flood waters of Hurricane Agnes in 1972. The following spring, nearby Amish workers rebuilt the bridge, raising it to 17.5 feet above the average water level to avoid future damage. The bridge was severely damaged in floods, Sept. 2011. The bridge is currently closed. You can pause at the entrance of the bridge to see it.

- 8) Proceed 0.4 mile on Pinetown Rd.
- 9) Turn left on Bushong Rd. and proceed 0.4 mile
- 10) Turn right onto highway 272 and proceed for 0.8 mile.
- 11) Turn left onto Rose Hill Rd. and proceed for 0.5 miles.
- 12) Turn left onto Log Cabin Rd. and proceed to covered bridge.

**Covered Bridge:** Also known as Wenger's Mill Bridge, Zook's Mill Covered Bridge (#19) was built in 1849. During the flooding of Hurricane Agnes, the water rose 6 ½ feet above the bridge floor, but did not damage the bridge itself. The bridge sits 11 feet above the creek.

- 13) Proceed on Log Cabin Rd. for 1 mile.
- 14) Turn right onto Church Rd. and proceed for 1.1 miles.
- 15) Turn right onto highway 772/Newport Rd. and proceed for 0.5 mile.
- 16) Turn left onto Rothsville Rd. proceed for 1.1 miles.
- 17) Turn left on Middle Creek Rd. and proceed 0.5 mile to covered bridge

**Covered Bridge:** Keller's Mill Covered Bridge (#21) was built in 1891, a short distance away on Rettew Mill Rd. The bridge was dismantled and replaced with a modern concrete bridge. It was rebuilt at its present location in 2010.

- 18) Proceed on Middle Creek Rd. for 0.9 mile
- 19) Turn left on Erb's Bridge Rd. and proceed 0.5 mile to covered bridge

**Covered Bridge:** Erb's Mill Covered Bridge (#20) was built in 1849, during the time period when thousands of people were rushing to find gold in the California Hills. The bridge was later rebuilt in 1887.

- 20) Proceed on Erb's Bridge Rd. which turns into Picnic Woods Rd. and proceed 1.4 miles
- 21) Turn right onto 772/Main St. and proceed for 0.2 miles.
- 22) Bear left onto highway 772/Rothsville Rd..and follow into the town of Lititz.

### **Town: Lititz**

Stroll around the charming town of Lititz and explore its rich culture, unique shops and boutiques. Stop and savor the sweets at Café Chocolate of Lititz, which features a variety of soups, salads, sandwiches, specialty drinks and—of course—chocolates. That's just the beginning of sweet-and-salty attractions in this Foodie Town. Visit Wilbur Chocolate Factory Store to learn the history of this favorite local confection, or Julius Sturgis Pretzel Bakery for a hands-on pretzel twisting history lesson. Lots of samples and goodies to take home at both!

## Northern Amish Countryside

Exploring northeast Lancaster County farmland and the town of Ephrata

*Begin your journey in Ephrata and travel through Amish countryside, past five historically-preserved covered bridges. You'll journey across back roads, past Amish farms and schools and find many things to do on the way. Enjoy a hearty meal at a popular smorgasbord, stroll around a farmers' market and experience a trip through time to learn about a 1700s religious community.*

- 1) Beginning in downtown Ephrata, take highway 322 to the west end of town; this will turn into Main St.

**Point of Interest:** On W. Main St., you'll find the Ephrata Cloister, one of the country's earliest communal societies. Here, discover the history and heritage of a group best known for its art, music and medieval German architecture.

- 2) Turn onto highway 272 / N. Reading Rd. and proceed for 3.1 miles.

**Point of Interest:** Along 272 on the left hand side is Ten Thousand Villages Store, Restaurant and Oriental Rugs, which offers a wide variety of unique, handcrafted items from 35+ third world countries.

**Point of Interest:** Further north on the right is the Green Dragon Farmers' Market and Auction, which is open on Fridays. This market features Amish-made items, crafts, toys, food, holiday items, home furniture and much more. To proceed on trail, continue north on Rt. 272 to Cocalico Creek Rd.

- 3) Turn right on Cocalico Creek Rd. and proceed for 0.3 miles.

**Covered Bridge:** Bucher's Mill Covered Bridge, (#22) built in 1881, is nestled among the trees hidden on Cocalico Creek Rd. Unfortunately, the original bridge was destroyed in 1881, but it was rebuilt the following year, and today is the second shortest covered bridge that is still open to traffic.

- 4) Proceed on Cocalico Creek Rd. for 0.1 miles.
- 5) Turn right onto Creek Ln., which has no street sign, and proceed for 0.3 miles.
- 6) Turn left onto Reamstown Rd. and proceed for 1.8 miles.
- 7) Turn right onto East Church St. and continue proceed for 1.2 miles.
- 8) Turn left onto Red Run Rd. and proceed for 1.9 miles.
- 9) Turn left onto Martin Church Rd.

**Covered Bridge:** Unfortunately, Red Run Covered Bridge (#23) is privately owned and no longer open to traffic, but it still holds its historical value, having been built in 1866. This bridge is also known as Run Red Grist Mill Bridge, and Red Bank Bridge. In 1961, a new concrete bridge was built to bypass the older covered bridge.

- 10) Turn around on Martin Church Rd. and turn left onto Red Run Road, continuing for 1.5 miles; follow the road as it turns sharply to the left.
- 11) Turn right onto Maple St. and proceed for 0.2 miles.
- 12) Turn left onto West Main St. and proceed for 3.8 miles. You'll cross the intersection of Reading Rd. and highway 625. This road will turn into Union Grove Rd., and then into Churchtown Rd.
- 13) Turn right at Weaverland Rd. and proceed for 0.6 miles.

**Covered Bridge:** Once called White Hall Mill Bridge, Weaver's Mill Covered Bridge (#25) was built in 1878 and is frequently used by the Amish and their horse and buggies.

- 14) Turn around and proceed on Weaverland Rd. for 0.6 miles.
- 15) Turn right on Churchtown Rd. and proceed for 1 mile.

**Detour/Point of Interest:** If you continue driving on Churchtown Rd, it will lead you into quaint, historic Churchtown, which dates back to the pre-Revolutionary era and today is set among Amish and Mennonite farms. For a nice break to relax and stretch your legs, stroll along the streets lined with antique shops, bed and breakfasts and historic inns. To return to the trail, re-trace Churchtown Rd. until you reach Pool Forge Rd.

- 16) At Pool Forge Rd., turn right and proceed for 0.2 miles. (Note: If you took the detour, you will be turning left.)
- 17) Turn right onto highway 23/Main St.
- 18) Make a quick left onto Pool Forge Rd.

**Covered Bridge:** Pool Forge Covered Bridge (#26) has a unique history, for it supposedly was the bridge where President James Buchanan met his fiancé, as historical records explains, but she died before they could marry, and he remained a bachelor. Built in 1859, this bridge is also known as Yohn's Mill Bridge.

- 19) Turn around and re-trace Pool Forge Road to Rt. 23/Main St.; turn left and proceed for 4 miles.

**Point of Interest:** For a hearty lunch, take a break to enjoy the buffet at Shady Maple Smorgasbord, presenting 200 feet of a variety of delicious food prepared Pennsylvania Dutch style. Also on site are Shady Maple's extensive gift shop and farmers' market. The complex is along Rt. 23 on your left—you can't miss it!

**Point of Interest:** Interested in purchasing furniture? Country Home Furniture, also on Rt. 23, carries the finest, handcrafted hardwood furniture for every room, built by local and regional Amish and Mennonite craftsmen.

To proceed on trail, continue on Rt. 23 until you reach Rt. 322

- 20) At the intersection with highway 322, make a hard right and proceed for 4.3 miles.

- 21) Turn left onto Farmersville Rd. and proceed for 0.3 miles.
- 22) Turn right onto Goods Dr. and proceed for 1.5 miles. After a few sharp turns, turn right again onto Goods Road.
- 23) Bear right onto Cats Back Rd. at the stop sign.

**Covered Bridge:** Bitzer's Mill, (#24) also known as Martin's Mill Bridge, Eberly's Cider Mill Bridge and Fiantz's Mill Bridge from previous mill owners, was built in 1846, making this the county's oldest covered bridge still in use. In fact, because this bridge is so old, and because it rests over a shallow creek, steel "I" beams were installed under the floor to help support the foundation.

- 24) Continue on Cats Back Rd. for 0.4 miles; this road will turn into Cider Mill Rd.
- 25) Turn right onto Willis Pierce Rd. at the "Y" intersection and proceed for 0.2 miles.
- 26) Turn left onto Pleasant Valley Rd. and proceed for 1.4 miles.
- 27) Turn left onto Rt. 322 and proceed for 0.9 miles to return to town of Ephrata.

**Point of Interest:** Back in Ephrata, check out the Doneckers Community, located on N. State Street. Here, browse a wide selection of stores dedicated to fashioning the family and home, including elegant dresses, sportswear for men and women, fine furniture, artwork and more!

## Southern Amish Countryside

Visit southeastern Lancaster County and its rolling farmland, plus the towns of Strasburg and Christiana

*Beginning in Strasburg, travel across the Amish countryside to explore four historic covered bridges, passing Amish one-room schoolhouses and farms along the way. Discover an area that's quiet and relaxing, twisting and turning through back roads that lead to the open landscape. Along your journey, stop in Christiana and learn about its history and role in the Underground Railroad.*

- 1) Starting in Strasburg on West Main St., drive east on highway 741/Main St. for 0.4 miles.
- 2) Bear right on highway 896 and proceed for 4.5 miles.
- 3) Turn left onto White Oak Rd. and proceed for 3.4 miles.
- 4) Turn left onto highway 372 and proceed for 2.8 miles.

### **Town: Christiana**

Turn left onto Bridge Street and continue into town. Discover the quaint, small town of Christiana, known for its role in the Underground Railroad. At the Christiana Underground Railroad Center, take a self-guided tour through the museum and learn about the Christiana Riot. If you're in the mood for theater, take a break and head over to the Freedom Chapel Dinner Theatre on N. Bridge St., known for its original plays and Broadway hits.

- 5) Turn right onto highway 372 East/Bridge St. and proceed for 0.3 miles.
- 6) Follow the road as it bears to the right and proceed for 0.8 miles.
- 7) Turn left when the road turns sharply to the right (there will be no road sign) and proceed for 0.2 miles.
- 8) Bear right along with the road as it curves by the bridge and proceed for 0.4 miles.
- 9) Bear to the left when the road curves again and proceed for 0.1 miles.

**Covered Bridge:** Built in 1880 and located just south of Christiana, Mercer's Mill Covered Bridge (#28) is one of the only two remaining bridges shared with Chester County. Interestingly, this bridge is photographed best in the spring.

- 10) Turn around and re-trace your steps for 0.6 miles.
- 11) Upon reaching the original intersection from step #7, follow the road to the left and proceed for 3.5 miles.
- 12) Turn left onto highway 896 and proceed for 3 miles.
- 13) Turn right onto Maple Shade Rd. and proceed for 2.1 miles.
- 14) Turn left onto Rosedale Rd. and proceed for 1 mile.
- 15) Turn right onto Sproul Rd. and proceed for 1.2 miles.
- 16) Turn left onto Morrison Mill and proceed for 0.5 miles.
- 17) Turn left onto highway 472/Kirkwood Rd. and proceed for 1.5 miles.
- 18) Turn right onto Mount Eden Rd. and proceed for 0.9 miles.
- 19) At the approaching "T" intersection, turn left onto Liberty Ln., which will have no road sign, and proceed for 0.6 miles.
- 20) Turn right onto Spring Grove Rd., which eventually becomes Spruce Grove Rd., and proceed for 1.5 miles.
- 21) Turn left onto Ashville Rd. and proceed for 1.8 miles.

**Covered Bridge:** The Pine Grove Covered Bridge (#31) is the only double-span, double-arch bridge in use in the County, at 204 feet. Originally built in 1816, it was later rebuilt in 1846 and 1884 because it was destroyed by flood water. The bridge is jointly owned by Lancaster and Chester Counties, and officials from both counties are discussing the need for the repairs, but it remains open.

- 22) Turn around and proceed on Ashville Rd. for 3 miles.
- 23) Turn right onto King Pen Rd. (at the brick pillars) and proceed for 1.4 miles.
- 24) Turn right onto Academy Rd.

**Covered Bridge:** As the county's second oldest bridge, White Rock Forge Covered Bridge (#30) was originally built in 1847 and rebuilt in 1884. It is Lancaster County's second oldest covered bridge still open to traffic and has been washed away and rebuilt twice.

- 25) Proceed on Academy Rd. for 0.1 mile.
- 26) Turn left onto White Rock Rd. and proceed for 1.1 miles.
- 27) Bear right onto Nobel Rd., which does not have a road sign, and proceed for 3.8 miles.
- 28) Follow the road as it turns sharply to the right, turning into Bartville Rd., and proceed for 0.5 miles.
- 29) Turn left onto Noble Rd. again, which will be another sharp turn.
- 30) Turn left onto Mount Pleasant when the road makes another sharp turn (you'll be driving down a steep hill). Proceed for 0.9 miles.
- 31) Turn right for Jackson's Sawmill Covered Bridge.

**Covered Bridge:** Jackson's Sawmill Covered Bridge (#29) was built in 1878, but was destroyed by a flood in 1988. The county rebuilt the bridge and raised it an additional three feet to keep safe from future floods.

- 32) Proceed on Mount Pleasant Rd. for 5.7 miles.
- 33) Turn right onto Iva Rd. (across from the Amish school) and proceed for 0.8 miles.
- 34) Turn left onto Peach Ln. and proceed for 0.2 miles.
- 35) Turn left onto highway 896 and proceed for 2 miles; it will bring you back to the town of Strasburg.

#### **Town: Strasburg**

Explore this historic village by simply strolling its charming streets and shops, stopping in the Strasburg Creamery for a tasty treat and the Strasburg Country Store for some more unique goodies. Head east on Rt. 741 to find a variety of train attractions such as the Strasburg Rail Road and Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania. Follow Rt. 741 west for more family fun at Village Greens Miniature Golf's picturesque, garden-filled course and on-site Snack Shoppe.

## **Historic Rivertowns and Western Villages**

Meander through the towns of western Lancaster County: Marietta, Columbia, Mount Joy and Manheim

*Travel through the historic towns of Marietta, Columbia, Mount Joy and Manheim while exploring five unique covered bridges throughout western Lancaster County. Soak in the heritage of Marietta and Columbia (known as the Rivertowns for their location adjacent to the Susquehanna River), visiting a museum packed with clocks and a farmers' market filled with fresh delicacies. Then venture to Mount Joy, stopping for a dining experience in a historic brewery and a game of laser tag. The surrounding Manheim area holds more fun, by way of a renaissance village and dairy farm tour!*

- 1) From the center of Marietta, head west on Market St. to highway 441.
- 2) Turn right onto Rt. 441 and proceed for 2.3 miles, heading into the town of Columbia.

#### **Town: Columbia**

In Columbia, be sure to visit the National Watch and Clock Museum, where you'll find more than 12,000 items dedicated to time. At the Columbia Market, which is open Thursdays and Fridays, peruse the aisles filled with fresh produce, baked goods, sweets and more – and find the perfect snack to munch on during the remainder of the trail!

- 3) After exploring the town, follow signs for highway 462 and head east for 3.3 miles.
- 4) Turn left onto Prospect Rd. and proceed for 2.3 miles.
- 5) Turn left onto highway 23 and proceed for 1 mile.
- 6) Turn right onto Bridge Valley Rd. and proceed for 0.2 miles.

**Covered Bridge:** Forry's Mill Covered Bridge (#10) was built in 1869, which was the same year the first transcontinental railroad was completed. Minor repairs were made to the floor and sides in 1925.

- 7) Proceed on Bridge Valley Rd. for 1.2 miles

**Covered Bridge:** Siegrist's Mill Covered Bridge (#11) was built in 1885. It was originally called Michael Moore's Mill Bridge, but was renamed after the Siegrist family when they purchased the bridge in 1895. This bridge was washed downstream in flooding, Sept., 2011. It will be returned to its original site. The tour will bypass this site.

- 8) At Pinkerton Rd. proceed straight onto Longenecker Rd. and proceed for 2.2 miles.
- 9) Turn left onto highway 230/East Main St., Mount Joy.

#### **Town: Mount Joy**

Stroll through the streets of Mount Joy, a small town dedicated to providing a lasting experience to those who travel through the area. Located in town, Bube's Brewery, a 19th century brewery, offers delicious food for lunch and dinner, with a choice of three restaurants that range from casual fare to fine dining. Also enjoy high-quality drinks, entertainment and if you're prepared, learn about the Brewery's history and take a ghost tour.

10) To continue the trail, take 772 East/Manheim St. and follow for 3.3 miles.

11) Turn right onto Esbenshade Rd., and proceed for 0.8 miles.

12) Make a sharp left onto Auction Rd., right before the highway 283 overpass, and proceed for 1.2 miles.

**Point of Interest:** Located on Auction Rd., the Laserdome features amazing high-tech family entertainment, including laser-light shows, multi-floor laser tag, arcades, virtual reality games and more. To return to trail, proceed on Auction Rd. to Erisman Rd.

13) Turn right onto Erisman Rd. and proceed for 0.3 miles.

**Covered Bridge:** Shenck's Mill Covered Bridge (#12) was originally built in 1847, but because of extensive flood damage, it was rebuilt in 1855. This bridge is the third oldest covered bridge in the county that is still open to traffic.

14) Turn around and continue back on Erisman Rd. for 0.1 mile.

15) Turn right at Auction Rd. and proceed for 1.3 miles.

16) Turn left onto Colebrook Rd. and proceed for 1.1 mile.

17) Turn right onto highway 772/Mount Joy Rd. and proceed for 0.6 miles.

18) Turn right onto Sun Hill Rd. and continue for 0.1 miles.

**Covered Bridge:** Kaufman's Distillery Covered Bridge (#14) was first built in 1857 and later rebuilt in 1874. Kaufman's Distillery Mill was actually one of 130 distilleries in the county in the 1800s.

19) Turn around and continue on Sun Hill Rd., proceeding for 0.2 miles.

20) Turn right on 772/Mount Joy Rd. and proceed for 1.1 mile.

21) At the light in the center square of Manheim, bear right onto High St. and continue to next light.

22) Turn left onto Main St. and proceed for 0.2 miles.

23) Turn right onto Gramby Rd. and proceed for 0.7 miles.

24) Turn left onto Laurel St. and proceed for 0.3 miles.

25) Turn right onto Adele Ave. and proceed for 0.3 miles.

**Covered Bridge:** Originally built in 1847, Shearer's Mill Covered Bridge (#15) was damaged by a flood nine years later and had to be rebuilt. It was also scheduled to be replaced with a concrete bridge, many local residents negotiated its transfer to this spot, Memorial Park.

26) If you're interested in extending your journey, return to Main St., / Rt. 72 and head north or south to these family attractions:

**Point of Interest:** Travel south on Rt. 72 and experience the Kreider Farm Tour for a unique behind-the-scenes dairy tour unlike any other! With the company of a step-on guide, you'll drive in your car through a farm operation from start to finish, observing a 54-cow carousel milking parlor, calves, a loafing barn and field crops. Adjacent to the tour facility is a family-style restaurant with hearty, home cooked food to satisfy everyone.

**Point of Interest:** Travel north on Rt. 72 to Mount Hope Estate & Winery, home of the Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire. The estate is home to award-winning specialty and sparkling wines, as well as seasonal events and activities that take place all year round.

## Scenic Parks & Preserves

Explore southern Lancaster County's beautiful landscapes, plus Strasburg and Downtown Lancaster

*Starting at the Pennsylvania Dutch Visitors Bureau, explore seven historic covered bridges, all the while journeying through picturesque countryside, past Amish farms and one-room school houses, through the twists and turns of Lancaster County's back roads. Continue into the relaxing backdrop of nature by touring through our beautiful woods and natural preserves. Along the trail are plenty of opportunities to stretch your legs. Browse the shops at two large outlet centers filled with name brand items, enjoy dinner and a comedic show, stroll through Strasburg's quaint shops, explore a nature preserve and scenic overlook and enjoy the sites of downtown Lancaster.*

- 1) Turn left out of the Visitors Center parking lot.
- 2) At the light, turn left into Greenfield Rd. and continue over the bridge.
- 3) Turn left to merge onto highway 30.
- 4) Continue on Rt. 30 for 3.8 miles.

**Point of Interest:** Along Rt. 30 on the right is Tanger Outlet Center. For great deals and discounts on designer merchandise, this is the perfect place to spend a few hours looking around for gifts for loved ones or even a treat for yourself.

**Covered Bridge:** After you pass the light at Witmer Rd, Willow Hill Covered Bridge (#3) is directly on your left, located on the property of Amish Farm and House, which is an operational Pennsylvania Dutch farm with that is open for guided house tours and self-guided farm tours. Willow Hill Covered Bridge is one of the youngest covered bridges in Lancaster County, built in 1962 from material that was salvaged from other farms' bridges.

- 5) Continue on Rt. 30 for 4.8 miles.

**Point of Interest:** Rockvale Outlets Lancaster, another great spot for discount shopping on name-brand items, is just ahead along the right-hand side of Rt. 30. Here, you'll surely find a store for every need.

**Point of Interest:** A few miles further east on Rt. 30, on your left, is Rainbow Dinner Theatre, which welcomes guests for a delicious dinner and comedic theatrical performances guaranteed to fill the room with laughter.

To proceed on the trail, continue east on Rt. 30 to London Vale Rd.

- 6) Turn left onto London Vale Rd. and proceed for 0.6 miles.
- 7) At the stop sign, turn left onto Belmont Rd. and proceed for 0.2 miles.

**Covered Bridge:** Eshleman's Mill Covered Bridge (#1) was originally built in 1845, rebuilt in 1893, and is sometimes referred to as Paradise Bridge.

- 8) Turn around and drive back on Belmont Rd. for 0.5 miles.
- 9) At the light, turn right onto Rt. 30 and proceed for 2.8 miles.
- 10) Turn left onto Soudersburg Rd. and proceed for 0.5 miles.

**Covered Bridge:** Herr's Mill Covered Bridge, (#2) also known as the Soudersburg Bridge, was built in 1844. At 178 feet in length, this bridge is one of the few double-span, double arch covered bridges left in the United States. Unfortunately, like Willow Hill Covered Bridge, it is not a bridge able to be driven.

- 11) Turn left at the stop sign onto Ronks Rd. and proceed for 0.8 miles.
- 12) At the stop sign, Ronks Rd. will turn into Fairview Rd., which has no street sign; proceed for another 1.5 miles. Follow the road as it bears right at an intersection.
- 13) Turn right at the intersection of Fairview Rd. and highway 741/Gap Rd.; proceed for 0.5 miles.

### Town: Strasburg

Explore this historic village by simply strolling its charming streets and shops, stopping in the Strasburg Creamery for a tasty treat and the Strasburg Country Store for some more unique goodies. Head east on Rt. 741 to find a variety of train attractions such as the Strasburg Rail Road and Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania. Follow Rt. 741 west for more family fun at Village Greens Miniature Golf's picturesque, garden-filled course and on-site Snack Shoppe.

- 14) From the square in Strasburg, continue driving west on 741/Main St. for 1.5 miles. Follow the signs for 741 as it bears to the left at a "Y" intersection, and then to the right.
- 15) Turn left onto Penn Grant Rd. and proceed for 0.2 miles.
- 16) At the stop sign, turn right onto Hagers/Penn Grant Rd. and proceed for 1.2 miles.

**Covered Bridge:** Neff's Mill Covered Bridge (#5) was originally built in 1824, but later rebuilt in 1875. With an 11-foot opening, it is the county's narrowest covered bridge. In the winter of 2001, the mill was torn down and the stones were used to make a fence on the residing property.

- 17) Proceed on Penn Grant Rd. for 0.2 miles.
- 18) Turn left onto Pequea Ln. and proceed for 1.1 miles.
- 19) Turn right at the stop sign onto Lime Valley Rd. and proceed for 0.3 miles.
- 20) Turn left onto Brenneman Rd.

**Covered Bridge:** Lime Valley Covered Bridge (#6) was built in 1871, originally known as Huntzinger's Mill Bridge. It is also known as a twin bridge to an earlier one built in 1857, just 200 feet west of the existing bridge.

- 21) Continue driving on Brenneman Rd. for 0.9 miles.
- 22) Cross over Route 222, bearing right onto Main St., and proceed for 0.3 miles.
- 23) Turn left onto Refton Rd. and proceed for 0.3 miles.
- 24) Turn right onto Smithville Rd. and proceed for 0.9 miles.
- 25) At a “Y” intersection, bear right on Byerland Church Rd. and proceed for 0.4 miles.
- 26) Turn left onto highway 272 and proceed for 0.8 miles.
- 27) Turn right onto Pennsy Rd. and proceed for 3.3 miles.
- 28) Pennsy Rd. will turn into highway 324 at an intersection with a stop sign. Proceed on Rt. 324 for 2 miles.
- 29) Make a sharp left onto Fox Hollow Road and proceed for 0.2 miles.

**Covered Bridge:** Colemanville Covered Bridge (#8) was originally built in 1856 and partially rebuilt in 1938 and 1973 because of flood damages. Because of the severe flooding in the area, the county completely rebuilt the bridge in 1992, several feet west of its original site, as well as six feet higher to avoid more weather-related damages. At 170 feet in span, Colemanville Covered Bridge is the county’s second longest single-span bridge still in use. At this point of the trail, choose to continue the trail or try a detour that will lead you through the county’s parks and nature preserves:

**Option #1: Continue the trail**

- a) To follow the trail without any variations, turn around and exit the campground.
- b) Turn right onto Rt. 324 and proceed for 2 miles.
- c) Turn left at the “Y” junction and follow Marticville Rd. for 1.1 miles. Go to step #30.

**Option #2: See the Susquehanna River overlook:**

- a) From Colemanville Covered Bridge, continue 0.7 miles up the hill.
- b) Turn right onto Bridge Valley Rd. and proceed for 0.6 miles.
- c) Turn left onto West View Rd. and proceed for 0.6 miles.
- d) Bear right onto River Rd. and proceed for 2.1 miles.
- e) Turn right onto Pinnacle Rd. and proceed for 1.2 miles to the overlook.
- f) Re-trace your steps from Pinnacle Rd. to River Rd.
- g) Turn left onto River Rd. and proceed for 6.3 miles to get back onto 324/Marticville Rd.
- h) Turn right onto Rt. 324/Marticville Rd. and proceed for 2.3 miles.
- i) At the “Y” junction, follow Marticville Rd. to the left and proceed 1.1 miles. Go to step #30.

**Option #3: Visit the Susquehanna River Marina and view the river**

- a) Drive back to Rt. 324 and turn left, follow for 2 miles.
- b) To return to the trail, turn around on Rt. 324 and follow 4 miles until the “Y” junction at Marticville Rd., bearing left to follow Marticville and proceeding 1.1 miles. Go to step #30.

- 30) Turn right onto Frogtown Rd. and proceed for 0.5 miles.
- 31) Turn left when you see signs for the covered bridge. There is no street sign, but this is Byerland Church Road.

**Covered Bridge:** Because of its hidden location, Baumgardener’s Covered Bridge (#7) receives fewer visitors than most covered bridges. Like Colemanville Covered Bridge, Baumgardener’s was also rebuilt by the county in 1987 because of damages resulting from flooding in 1986. When it was rebuilt, the bridge was raised 4 feet and lengthened 9 feet.

- 32) Proceed on Byerland Church Rd. for 0.7 miles.
- 33) Turn left at Mount Hope School Rd. and proceed for 0.7 miles.
- 34) Turn left at a “T” intersection, which does not have a street sign, and proceed for 1 mile. This is Rawlinsville Rd.
- 35) Turn right onto Baumgardener Rd. and proceed for 0.7 miles.
- 36) Turn right onto highway 272/Willow St. and get into the left lane as soon as possible. At the first median turn-off, turn left to travel north on Rt. 272 for 1.6 miles.
- 37) At Beaver Valley Rd., turn right and proceed 0.2 miles.
- 38) Turn left onto Eshleman Mill Rd. and proceed for 4.3 miles. You’ll pass Lancaster Central Park.
- 39) Turn left onto Golf Rd. and proceed for 0.2 miles.
- 40) Turn left onto Kiwanis Rd. and proceed for 0.2 miles.

**Covered Bridge:** Built in 1876, Kurtz’s Mill Covered Bridge (#4) was originally known as Isaac Bean’s Mill Bridge and built over the Conestoga River. Unfortunately, Hurricane Agnes destroyed the bridge in 1972, so it was relocated and rebuilt in Lancaster County Central Park.

- 41) Turn around and follow Kiwanis Rd. for 0.2 miles.

42) Turn left onto Golf Rd. again and proceed for 1.4 miles.

43) At the intersection of Highway 222/Queen St., turn right and it will lead into downtown Lancaster.

**Downtown Lancaster:** There are many activities to partake in and places to visit in downtown Lancaster. Tour art galleries, eclectic shops, historical attractions and museums. Stop by Central Market for seasonal produce, meats and fresh baked goods. Stroll through unique boutiques and antique shops. Hungry after your day of touring? Downtown Lancaster is full of a variety of restaurants to please all palettes.