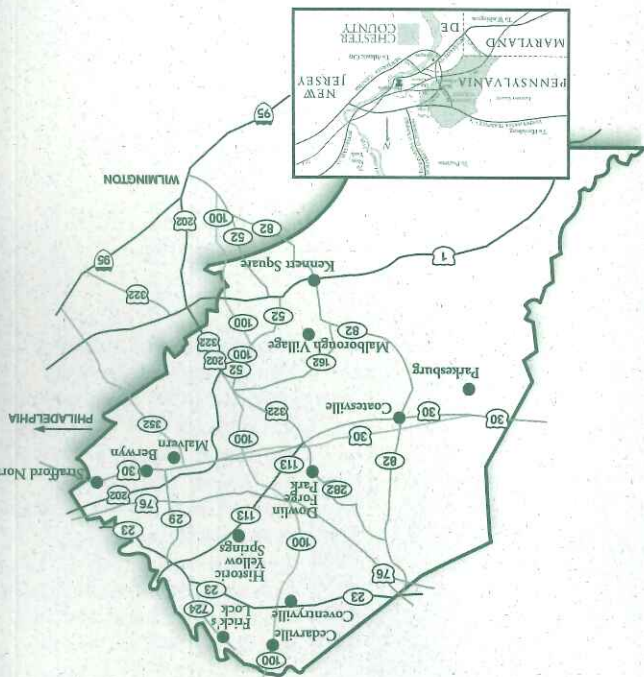
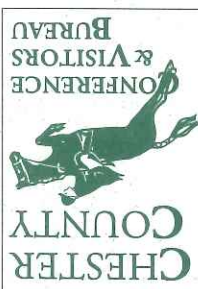


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- June 1 Marlborough Village
- June 8 Kennett Square
- June 15 Malvern
- June 22 Coventryville
- June 29 Berwyn
- July 13 Coatesville
- July 20 Dowlin Forge Park
- July 27 Cedarville
- August 3 Historic Yellow Springs
- August 10 Strafford North
- August 17 Parkesburg
- August 24 Frick's Lock

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In Pennsylvania, Chester County is second only to Philadelphia in the number of sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Many of these, along with designated Historic Districts, are part of this summer's new tour itineraries. Observe the preservation and adaptive reuse of our period architecture; it will give you ideas for your own lifestyle.

Discover how our waterways and mills - French Creek, the Schuylkill and branches of the Brandywine - influenced life in our valleys and along our early toll roads. Tales told of the characters, great and small, who lived here will intrigue and amuse the entire family!

For years, local citizens have researched old records to learn about the historic buildings in their neighborhoods. Not only are they learning 18th and 19th Century construction methods, but how the Industrial Revolution changed their streetscapes. Descendants of founding families tell amusing anecdotes about their ancestors' coping with "modern" 19th Century technology. Partnerships have been established to take fact out of fling cabinets and share stories and folklore with neighbors and all the visitors we welcome to our FREE summer-long program.

For exact starting times and locations,
 please call the number listed with each weekly
 tour. Light refreshments follow each walk.
 Don't forget to wear comfortable shoes!

Early Quaker families continue to play a part today, just as do those of later arrivals who came to live, work and make important contributions to Pennsylvania's diverse cultural heritage. Here, homes are lovingly restored and show the charm of small town life in the Colonial, Federal, Greek Revival, Victorian and pre-war eras.

one of William Penn's first named counties. domestic, social and industrial life in our region, business, revealing the fabric of three centuries of who lived and worked along the streets you'll travel. Your guides, some in period dress, are experts in local history and architecture. They bring to life the people and worked along the streets you'll travel.

The nostalgic delights of our historic villages are yours to discover as you spend lovely summer evenings on any, or all, FREE one-hour evening Town Tours & Village Walks. Designed to evoke memories of life in simpler times, they're an experience to share with family and friends.

**Town Tours
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MARLBOROUGH VILLAGE - JUNE 1, 2000

TOUR RESERVATION NUMBER:
610-347-2237

SPONSOR:
East Marlborough Historical Commission

TOUR DESCRIPTION:
Fortunate in its off-the-beaten path location, Marlborough has kept much of its mid-nineteenth century look. One hundred fifty years ago this quiet village was busy with shops, schools, a post office, blacksmith, carriage-maker, and various tradesmen



MARLBOROUGH MEETING

serving the surrounding farms. Most redolent of the past is the 1801 Friends Meeting with its burial ground - long ago the scene of conflict over the problem of slavery, now an acre of tranquility.

KENNETT SQUARE - JUNE 8, 2000

TOUR RESERVATION NUMBER:
610-444-6020

SPONSOR:
Kennett Square Historical Commission

TOUR DESCRIPTION:
Nestled in southern Chester County's Brandywine Valley, Kennett Square was first settled in 1705. Incorporated as a borough in 1855, this one square mile had been the location of over 15,000 British and Hessian troops encamped prior to the Battle of the Brandywine in September of 1777. Enjoy a leisurely stroll along cool, tree-lined streets highlighted with a variety of 19th and early 20th century architecture.



BASEBALL MUSEUM

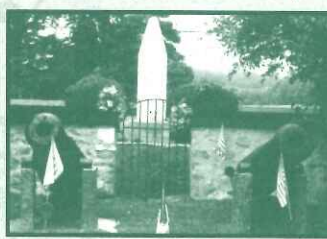
Delight in the beautiful and ornate details that reflect the talent of long-ago builders and carpenters. A special surprise is The Baseball Museum, located in Burton's Barber Shop, a third generation business established in 1892.

PAOLI BATTLEFIELD IN MALVERN - JUNE 15, 2000

TOUR RESERVATION NUMBER:
610-644-2602

SPONSOR:
Malvern Historical Commission

TOUR DESCRIPTION:
The Battle of Paoli was not a massacre and it was only partially a surprise attack. Malvern's walking tour this year will be this recently saved Revolutionary War Battlefield that has been in the news so much. Come hear the details about "The Night of September 20 - 21, 1777." Guides positioned at key locations on the



PAOLI MEMORIAL GROUNDS

battlefield will interpret the action that occurred that fateful night. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this important historical site has not changed as a cornfield for almost 225 years.

COVENTRYVILLE - JUNE 22, 2000

TOUR RESERVATION NUMBER:
610-469-0444

SPONSOR:
South Coventry Township and Historic Coventryville

TOUR DESCRIPTION:
Coventryville, a quiet village of 18th and 19th century homes near French Creek in its earliest days was a hub of industry and derring-do with the Coventry Forge turning out both useful and decorative iron works, and later ammunition for the Revolutionary War. Rebecca Grace, wife of ironmaster Robert Grace and close friend of Benjamin Franklin, entertained



COVENTRYVILLE

officers of the Continental Army at Coventry Hall where the first Franklin stove had been installed in 1742. The world-famous Coventry Forge Inn is the site of the old Rising Sun Inn which had opened for business in 1750.

BERWYN - JUNE 29, 2000

TOUR RESERVATION NUMBER:
610-644-0138

SPONSOR:
Berwyn - Devon Business and Professional Association
Tredyffrin - Easttown History Club

TOUR DESCRIPTION:
Despite vigorous growth surrounding it, the Main Line village of Berwyn today looks and operates much the same as it did a century ago, as it straddles the Philadelphia-Lancaster Turnpike (America's first toll road), today's Route #30. Skillfully restored and



BERWYN FRAME SHOP

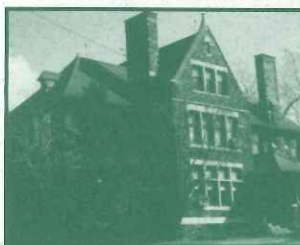
lovingly maintained Victorian houses endure as residences, antique shops and family-owned businesses. In earlier times, farmers of the countryside found needed services in the village. Today, Berwyn serves the sprawling suburbs.

COATESVILLE - JULY 13, 2000

TOUR RESERVATION NUMBER:
610-384-9282

SPONSOR:
Graystone Society and the Coatesville Historical Commission

TOUR DESCRIPTION:
This city so influenced by iron and steel straddles the original Philadelphia and Lancaster Turnpike constructed between 1792 and 1794. The tour begins at the impressive Graystone Mansion on South First Avenue, the home of the Huston Family, owners of



GRAYSTONE MANSION

the Lukens Iron and Steel Works. Listen to the costumed guides, 1850 millworkers, descendants of Rebecca Lukens, representatives of black history, and early merchants and entertainers who will tell you the stories of the city's history.

DOWLIN FORGE PARK - JULY 20, 2000

TOUR RESERVATION NUMBER:
610-363-9450

SPONSOR:
Uwchlan Township Historical Commission

TOUR DESCRIPTION:
For much of the 19th century, John Dowlin and his descendants owned and operated the Mary Ann Forge, blacksmith shop, grist mill, saw mill and company store in the industrial site known as Dowlin Forge. By the 20th century, most of the community had disappeared. Surviving buildings and traces of



STRUBLE TRAIL

many landmarks associated with the iron forge can now be found along park trails in western Uwchlan Township. Visitors will be shuttled from Shamona Park.

CEDARVILLE - JULY 27, 2000

TOUR RESERVATION NUMBER:
610-323-1694

SPONSOR:
North Coventry Township Historical Commission

TOUR DESCRIPTION:
Cedarville, a country village in North Coventry Township, was settled about 1840 and called Stumptown. Because there were so many cedar trees, the name was changed to Cedarville in 1878. Stroll with us to see a 120-year-old church; the buildings that housed a country store from 1850 to 1995; plus a school that was the first high school in North Coventry and is now beautifully preserved as a residence. See the



CEDARVILLE SCHOOL HOUSE

Farmer's Union Hall built around 1870 as a meeting place for area farmers that later became the Grange Hall in the 1920s.

HISTORIC YELLOW SPRINGS - August 3, 2000

TOUR RESERVATION NUMBER:
610-827-7414

SPONSOR:
Historic Yellow Springs, Inc.

TOUR DESCRIPTION:
Join us as we walk through the village of Yellow Springs and visit the painting sites most frequently used by students and instructors of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts Country School at Chester Springs (1916-1952). Guides will discuss the historic structures and life in the village for the artists, as well as detail the creative interpretations by artists in their work. Learn how artists were afforded "fine-art instruction in the open air, with all the beautiful



DIAMOND SPRING

surroundings of nature herself." Discover this art colony right in Chester County where art instruction and appreciation continues today.

STRAFFORD NORTH - August 10, 2000

TOUR RESERVATION NUMBER:
610-644-3625

SPONSOR:
Tredyffrin Township Historic Architectural Review Board

TOUR DESCRIPTION:
Upper Gulph Road is quite literally "the high road", situated at the ridgeline on one side of the Great Valley. As it makes its way through Strafford it passes civic, commercial, residential, and agricultural sites. Strafford North is the Main Line in microcosm, 18th through 20th centuries. Picking up where last year's



NATHAN FOLWELL RESIDENCE

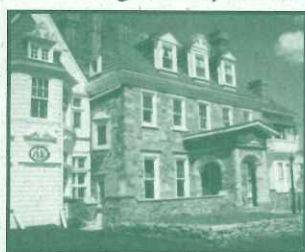
Strafford Station tour left off, this walk explores the riches north and west of the railroad, from buildings dating from the colonial origins of the township, through its transformation to a railroad suburb, and continuing vitality as a close knit, walkable neighborhood today.

PARKESBURG - August 17, 2000

TOUR RESERVATION NUMBER:
610-857-1458

SPONSOR:
Parkesburg Area Business Association

TOUR DESCRIPTION:
Parkesburg's history evolved around its role in transportation. The native Americans traveled the natural highway through Parkesburg enroute to their fishing and burial grounds along the Chesapeake Bay. The Philadelphia and Columbia Railroad located its rail shops in the village and a main street developed. When the Main Street Merchants prohibited a trolley right-of-way for fear of scaring their customers' horses,



PARKESBURG

a "New Town", 1st Avenue was built, the area of this year's tour. The prosperity of Parkesburg Iron, the world's largest manufacturer of boiler tubes for steam engines and ships, supported both "Old Town" and "New Town."

FRICK'S LOCK - August 24, 2000

TOUR RESERVATION NUMBER:
610-495-5443

SPONSOR:
East Coventry Township Historical Commission

TOUR DESCRIPTION:
The Frick's Lock District comprises approximately 18 acres of a farming hamlet with domestic and agricultural architecture spanning the period from 1757-1937. The tour includes the remains of locks 54 and 55 of the Schuylkill Navigation Co.'s Girard Canal which extended 22 miles from Lewis Dam, below Reading to Parker Ford, a short distance



FRICK'S LOCK

downstream from Frick's Lock. A lockkeeper's residence and locks date from the canal's initial construction, and the area was the site of a 1930's WPA Project. Currently, it is in an unrestored state within the Schuylkill River Heritage Corridor.