

A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO

Bradford County

PENNSYLVANIA



Experience an
unforgettable journey
through over two
centuries of history.

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PASSPORT THROUGH HISTORY

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LEARN ABOUT OUR HISTORY THROUGH OUR FASCINATING MUSEUMS



The museums of Bradford County invite you to experience the diverse history of the second largest county in Pennsylvania. Settled in the late 18th century and formed as Bradford County in 1812, our history recounts the adventures of explorers, missionaries, Native Americans, and early pioneers. Over the years it attracted immigrants from other states and countries who came to work in coal mines and lumber camps. It contained highly productive farms, textile and leather industries. It was crossed with a canal system and covered by railroads. It was home to famous politicians, war heroes, songwriters and stage and screen actors. When you visit the museums of Bradford County, you will find fascinating stories passed down through over 200 years of history. Begin your journey today!



PLAN YOUR DAY TRIP

Plan a single or multi-day trip through Bradford County history by visiting two or three museums each day. Choose a topic you're interested in, and visit the museums that cover those particular subjects:

Native Americans / Colonial

BRADFORD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
TIOGA POINT MUSEUM
WYALUSING VALLEY MUSEUM
FRENCH AZILUM HISTORIC SITE

Military

BRADFORD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
BRADFORD COUNTY HERITAGE ASSOCIATION
TIOGA POINT MUSEUM
WYALUSING VALLEY MUSEUM
SAYRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
LEROY HERITAGE MUSEUM
TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Railroad / Canal

SAYRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
TIOGA POINT MUSEUM
LEROY HERITAGE MUSEUM
WYALUSING VALLEY MUSEUM

Coal / Lumber

LEROY HERITAGE MUSEUM
BRADFORD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Agriculture

BRADFORD COUNTY HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

Famous Residents

P.P. BLISS GOSPEL SONGWRITERS MUSEUM
LEROY HERITAGE MUSEUM
BRADFORD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
TROY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Village Layout / Living History

BRADFORD COUNTY HERITAGE ASSOCIATION
MANLEY-BOHLAYER FARM
HOME TEXTILE TOOL MUSEUM
FRENCH AZILUM HISTORIC SITE

THIS BROCHURE FEATURES QR CODES

Scan the QR codes on each museum page using your phone's QR code reader app to easily access the museum's website. The free app can be downloaded from your favorite app store.

BRADFORD COUNTY HERITAGE ASSOCIATION



The Bradford County Heritage Association houses an extensive collection of rare farm implements, tools, and artifacts reflecting 200 years of local agricultural heritage. The Heritage Village includes an 1822 inn, Sugar Shack, Carriage House, Children's Church, One Room School, Barber Shop, Doctor's Office and more. Displays of large and small machinery, general store, blacksmith shop, tin shop, organizations, and Revolutionary War items.

Planning Your Visit:

Open April through October. Also open by appointment. For exact hours, please call 570-297-3410 or refer to the museum website at www.theheritagevillage.org. Handicapped accessible.

Location:

Rt. 14, .5 miles north of
Rt. 6, Troy

GPS Coordinates:

LAT: 41.800403
LNG: -76.776085

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BRADFORD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Bradford County Historical Society museum and research center is located in the former county jail, built in 1871. Exhibits depict life in Bradford County over the past 200 years. Much of the jail has also been preserved such as iron doors, the dungeon cell, the exercise yard where executions were performed and the Sheriff's living quarters, giving visitors an understanding of 19th century jail design. The research center is located on the third floor.

Planning Your Visit:

The museum is open Memorial Day through Labor Day and by appointment. Research Center is open all year. For exact hours, please call 570-265-2240 or refer to the museum website at www.bradfordhistory.com. Handicapped accessible.

Location:

109 Pine Street, Towanda

GPS Coordinates:

LAT: 41.766238

LNG: -76.443826

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FRENCH AZILUM HISTORIC SITE



French Azilum is the site of a planned settlement along the Susquehanna River built for the refugees as well as for Queen Marie Antoinette fleeing the French Revolution. John Laporte, born at Azilum in 1798, built the Laporte house in 1836 which serves as the museum. Guided tours of the Laporte house and a walking tour of the site are offered. Weddings, primitive camping, and other events can be scheduled by contacting them.

Planning Your Visit:

Open May through October. For exact hours, please call 570-265-3376 or refer to the museum website at www.french-azilum.com. Handicapped accessible.

Location:

469 Queens Road,
3 miles off Rt. 187, Wysox

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GPS Coordinates:

LAT: 41.735907
LNG: -76311742

HOME TEXTILE TOOL MUSEUM



HTTM is dedicated to the understanding of textile production in the rural home in the 19th century. A variety of programs and workshops are offered using tools and techniques of early America for spinning wool and flax, weaving, natural dyeing, basket making, and other homestead skills. Escorted tours. See 40 spinning wheels and many timber frame looms from the 1800s. Rotating special exhibits.

Planning Your Visit:

Open May through August. For exact hours, please call 570-247-7175 or refer to the museum website at www.httm.org. Handicapped accessible.

Location:

1819 Orwell Hill Road, 2 miles off
Rt. 187, Rome

GPS Coordinates:

LAT: 41.88235

LNG: -76.269637

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LEROY HERITAGE MUSEUM



LeRoy Heritage Museum actively preserves the history of southwestern Bradford County and the abandoned towns on Barclay Mountain. The exhibits, housed in a restored 1876 Grange hall, tell the story of life in the local coal, lumber and agricultural communities. Other exhibits include residents who were nationally acclaimed actors and circus performers; military history; Civilian Conservation Corps; wildlife conservation; and many other local pieces not typically found in a small museum.

Planning Your Visit:

Open Memorial Day weekend through October. Also open by appointment. For exact hours, please call 570-364-5003 or refer to the museum website at www.leroy-heritage.org. Handicapped accessible.

Location:

257 Mill Street,
off Rt. 414, LeRoy

GPS Coordinates:

LAT: 41.674579
LNG: -76.707161

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MANLEY-BOHLAYER FARM



The Manley-Bohlayer Farm is the home of the Pennsylvania Apple & Cheese Festival and the South Meadow Village. The Village has a working blacksmith shop, the c. 1860 Wilson/Bristol Cider Press, the c. 1900 Hoagland School and the c. 1896 Community Hall which houses a small museum. Other major events and arts/humanities programs are held at the farm during the year for all ages. The c. 1860 Farmhouse and grounds are available for events.

Planning Your Visit:

Open on specific dates during the year. For exact hours, please call 570-673-5500 or refer to the museum website at www.rekindlethespirit.com. Handicapped accessible.

Location:

141 East Canton Cross
Road, off Rt. 414, Canton

GPS Coordinates:

LAT: 41.652838

LNG: -76.791289

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• MAP OF BRADFORD COUNTY MUSEUMS •

GPS coordinates for each site are located on each museum's individual page.



Bradford County Department of Community Planning & Mapping Services

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141 East Canton Road, off Rt. 414, Canton</p> | <p>7 P.P. Bliss Gospel Songwriters Museum
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| <p>2 LeRoy Heritage Museum
257 Mill Street, off Rt. 414, LeRoy</p> | <p>8 Home Textile Tool Museum
1819 Orwell Hill Road, off Rt. 187, Rome</p> |
| <p>3 Troy Historical Society
59 Fenner Avenue, Troy</p> | <p>9 Bradford County Historical Society
109 Pine Street, Towanda</p> |
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Rt. 14, Troy</p> | <p>10 French Azilum Historic Site
469 Queens Road, off Rt. 187, Wysox</p> |
| <p>5 Sayre Historical Society
103 South Lehigh Avenue, Sayre</p> | <p>11 Wyalusing Valley Museum
28 Homer Lane, off Route 6, Wyalusing</p> |
| <p>6 Tioga Point Museum
724 South Main Street, Athens</p> | <p>12 Tuscarora Township Historical Society
2298 Underhill Road, Suite #1, Laceyville</p> |

P.P. BLISS GOSPEL SONGWRITERS MUSEUM



Born in a log cabin in 1838, Philip P. Bliss composed over 300 sacred works, many of which can still be heard in churches to this day. Bliss purchased this house for his parents in 1864 and also stayed here when in Rome, Pennsylvania. Tour the historic 19th century Bliss family home and learn about the local musicians and gospel song composers, such as P.P. Bliss, D.B. Towner, and James McGranahan, who became known around the world.

Planning Your Visit:

Open two Saturdays each month from mid-May through early-September. Also open by appointment. For exact hours, please call 570-247-2228 or refer to the museum website at www.ppbmuseum.org. Handicapped accessible.

Location:

969 Main Street, Rome

GPS Coordinates:

LAT: 41.858077

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SAYRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The Sayre Historical Society, located in the historic Lehigh Valley Railroad station in downtown Sayre, is an organization formed to preserve historical information and artifacts relating to Sayre and the Lehigh Valley Railroad, to publish the story of the people of Sayre, and to educate the public about the importance, influence and development of the community of Sayre and its people.

Planning Your Visit:

Open April through December. For exact hours, please call 570-882-8221 or refer to the museum website at www.sayrehistorical-society.org. Handicapped accessible.

Location:

103 South Lehigh Avenue,
Sayre

GPS Coordinates:

LAT: 41.981179

LNG: -76.514207

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TIOGA POINT MUSEUM



Located on the second floor of the Spalding Memorial Library building, built in 1897 near the site of Fort Sullivan and across from the location of the Athens Academy attended by Stephen Foster in 1841, the museum has exhibits of local Native American artifacts, Revolutionary and Civil War, early Bradford County history, canal and railroad history, an American Indian collection, folk art paintings and an extensive map collection.

Planning Your Visit:

Open all year. For exact hours, please call 570-888-7225 or refer to the museum website at www.tiogapointmuseum.org. Handicapped accessible.

Location:

724 South Main Street, Athens

GPS Coordinates:

LAT: 41.951004

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TROY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The Troy Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) organization formed to record and preserve the history of Troy, Pennsylvania and Western Bradford County by collecting, preserving, exhibiting, and interpreting that history and its relationship to audiences of all ages. At this time, we are in the process of remodeling the Old VanDyne Oil Company building to house the collection and to provide programs.

Planning Your Visit:

Construction in progress. Please call to confirm hours before traveling. For more information or to donate to the project, please call 570-297-4458 or refer to the museum website at www.historyoftroy.com.

Location:

59 Fenner Avenue, Troy

GPS Coordinates:

LAT: 41.786917

LNG: -76.787216

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TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Located adjacent to the Tuscarora Township Municipal Office, the Tuscarora Township Historical Society features exhibits, family histories, photos, early maps and road files, Veteran's records and military gear, newspapers, scrapbooks, organizational records and examples of handiwork, all of which tell the story of communities throughout this Northeastern Pennsylvania region.

Planning Your Visit:

Open all year. Also open by appointment. For exact hours, please call 570-869-2427 or refer to the Historical Society Facebook page at www.facebook.com/tuscarora-twp-historical-society. Handicapped accessible.

Location:

2298 Underhill Road,
Suit #1, Laceyville

GPS Coordinates:

LAT: 41.701059
LNG: -76.148289

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WYALUSING VALLEY MUSEUM



The museum's focus is the Wyalusing Valley and contiguous area of the southeastern corner of Bradford County. The collection includes canal items, a linotype machine, Native American artifacts, agricultural implements, military gear, schoolhouse memorabilia and 19th century carriages and fire equipment.

Planning Your Visit:

Open May through October. Also open by appointment year round. For exact hours, please call 570-746-3979 or refer to the museum website at www.wyalusingmuseum.com. Not handicapped accessible.

Location:

28 Homer Lane, .2 miles off Rt. 6 at the end of Grovedale Lane, Wyalusing

GPS Coordinates:

LAT: 41.661401

LNG: -76.257669

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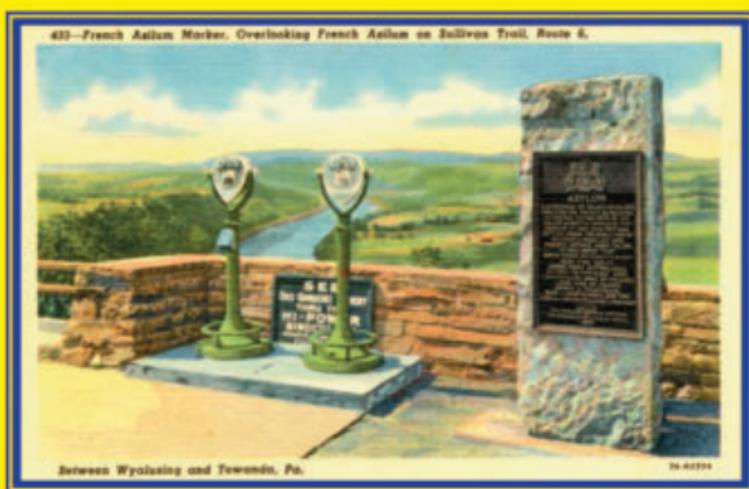


A Traveler's Guide to

BRADFORD COUNTY

HISTORICAL MARKERS & MONUMENTS

Bradford County Historical Society, Towanda, Pennsylvania
www.bradfordhistory.com



*Featuring Over 80 Markers Complete with Interesting
Details, GPS Coordinates, and Historical Photographs.*

**Native Americans, Music, French Asylum, Medicine,
Military, Notable People, Transportation and much more!**

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COMPLETE YOUR TRIP BY VISITING OUR INTERESTING HISTORICAL SITES

Pick up your free copy of “A Traveler’s Guide to Bradford County Historical Markers & Monuments,” available at the Bradford County Historical Society and several museums, or available as a free pdf download at www.bradfordhistory.com under “Historic Markers” on the “Plan A Visit” page. Over 80 different markers are featured with GPS coordinates, historical information and photos.

PASSPORT THROUGH HISTORY

Participate in our annual "Passport through History" challenge by visiting each museum in the county during one summer season and getting your passport punched at each location. When you have visited all 12 museums and have each box punched, turn in your Passport for a chance to win a local history prize. Details and contest rules can be found at any of the museum locations.



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