

Dutch Country Roads, Pennsylvania



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The south central area of Pennsylvania known as

Dutch County Roads is a region woven together by many strands, from its hearty cuisine to its artistic culture to its rich history.



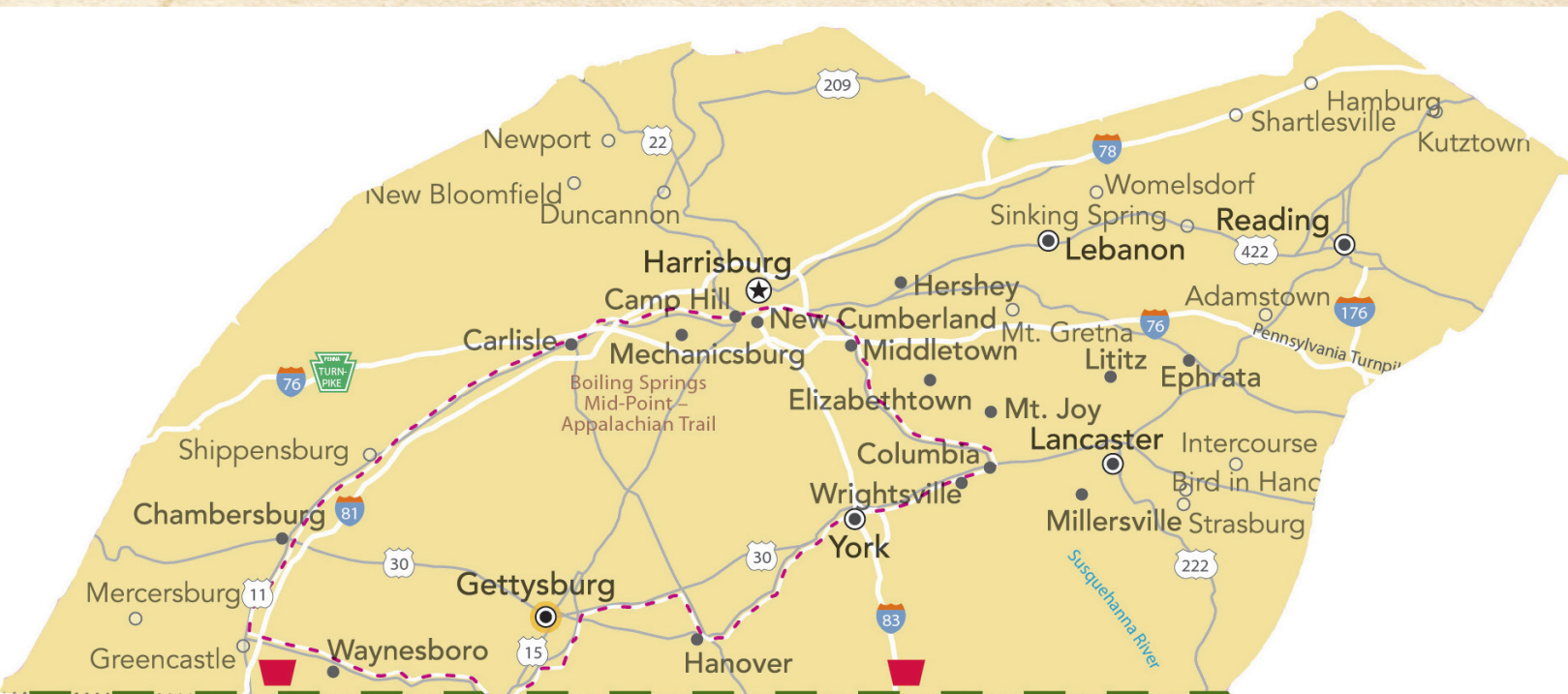
Yet this **deep-rooted tapestry** encompasses a refreshing mix of old and new, where the traditional ways of the Amish and heady scent of fresh-mown hay meet the thrilling sensation of a roller coaster and rhythmic sounds of symphonies and factory tours.

Delighting in this combination of the **comfortable and the contemporary**, it's no wonder that travelers have made Dutch Country Roads one of the leading tourist regions in the state, one that they enjoy returning to again and again.

Bounded by Chambersburg in the west and Reading in the East, visitors discover the essence of this land and the diversity of its offerings along roads that lead to towns and cities such as Hershey, Carlisle, Gettysburg, Lancaster, York and Harrisburg.

For more information, check out visitpa.com/regions/dutch-country-roads.

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ABOUT US

Just a hop, skip and a jump away from almost anywhere in the Mid-Atlantic, Greater Reading, PA offers easy accessibility, great affordability and an outstanding array of family friendly attractions.

Come explore our beautiful location, Pennsylvania Dutch heritage and wonderful attractions. Be wowed at Berks Jazz Fest, enchanted at Koziar's Christmas Village and impressed at GoggleWorks Center for the Arts. Enjoy the fast pace of Maple Grove Raceway or the leisurely stride of our horse-drawn buggies. The original "outlet" capital of the world, Greater Reading is more than just a shopping destination. We're home to World War II Weekend, Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, Kutztown Folk Festival, the Fightin Phils and so much more. Come discover your new favorite getaway, Go Greater Reading!

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STORY IDEAS

- The oldest bird sanctuary in the world, Hawk Mountain Sanctuary offers breathtaking views of hawks, especially in fall, when raptor migration occurs. Audubon Magazine designated Hawk Mountain as the #1 Hawk Watch in the Nation.
- Housed in the former Willson Safety Goggle Factory, The GoggleWorks Center for the Arts features studios, exhibits, galleries and classes, all under one roof. Ever dream of learning to belly dance or blow glass? Here's your chance!
- The Annual Berks JazzFest features world class musicians and new talent in ticketed and free concerts over ten days each spring.
- Follow our self-guided Hex Barn Art, Covered Bridge, PA Dutch, Civil War and Haunts and Hexes Ghost trails to learn the history, heritage and superstitious stories of our region.
- Koziar's Christmas Village stands testament to one man's love of Christmas. One visit and you might find you believe in Santa after all. Over 60 years old, this family run business is a must see, annual Christmas event.



ABOUT US

Lancaster County -- in the heart of Pennsylvania Dutch Country -- is a wonderful blend of urban style and rural splendor, with a rich culture stretching from the Amish to the arts.

You can take in our vibrant downtown city life – featuring galleries, great dining, specialty shops, and live music – or explore some of the surrounding towns and villages to get a sampling of the heritage, food, craftsmanship, and hands-on activities for which Lancaster is famous.

We're also an area long known for good value. In fact, your vacation dollars go further in Lancaster than in most other Northeast and Mid-Atlantic travel destinations.

And you can get even more for your visit when you stay over and start your day with us. So enjoy the pleasures of waking up in Lancaster County by calling 1-800-PA DUTCH or visiting www.padutchcountry.com.

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STORY IDEAS

- Discover our thriving city life in Downtown Lancaster featuring stylish art galleries, great dining, cool events, funky stores, tasteful lodging, and performing arts – 300+ venues in all.
- Lancaster County is home to the nation's original & largest Amish community, which you can explore through a buggy ride, interpretive attractions, and roadside produce stands & handcraft shops.
- Enjoy family fun at nationally-ranked Dutch Wonderland amusement park, yummy Kitchen Kettle Village, and Strasburg Rail Road (America's oldest short-line steam train).
- Lancaster County has the second largest – and most diverse – B&B community in the eastern U.S., with everything from private cottages to historic Victorians to working farms.
- Explore Our Creative Side – from handcrafted furniture and Amish quilts to fine art galleries, onstage extravaganzas, and even the chance to visit top artists in their studios.



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Captivating history, beautiful scenery and delightful discoveries await you in York County, centrally located in the heart of Pennsylvania's number one tourist region.

From invigorating outdoor adventures, fascinating free factory tours and authentic historical experiences, you'll be entranced by this remarkably affordable and singularly enjoyable vacation getaway. Plus, explore our Mason-Dixon Wine Trail's savory sipping and discover hoppy adventures on the new Susquehanna Ale Trail.

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- Learn how your favorite products are made during more than 20 factory tours. Go behind the scenes and find out why York County is known as the Factory Tour Capital of the World! From big-name attractions like Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Vehicle Operations and Utz Quality Foods to smaller, more unique tours such as Sunrise Soap Company and Family Heir-Loom Weavers, one thing is for sure- you've got it made in York, PA!
- Sip, savor and explore the art of winemaking along the Mason-Dixon Wine Trail. More than 20 family-owned wineries concentrated in south central Pennsylvania and northern Maryland around the historic Mason-Dixon Line have come together to develop a truly regional wine destination. The Mason-Dixon Wine Trail features year-round wine tasting and several Signature Events that give enthusiasts an insider's glance into the world of winemaking in the region.
- Bold hops, rich flavor and great beer is the philosophy behind the new Susquehanna Ale Trail –a collection of more than 10 establishments in the scenic Dutch Country Roads region all committed to creating great times and awesome brews. Participating breweries provide tours, tastings, educational opportunities and a look behind-the-scenes at the brewing process and craft beer industry.





ABOUT US

Get in touch with America's history with a trip to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Dating back to just a few short days after the last bullet was fired outside this small Pennsylvania town, Americans traveled to Gettysburg to learn more about the tragic Civil War battle engaged on the fields surrounding town and to pay respects to the brave men who sacrificed their lives for what they believed. But Gettysburg is much more than the site of such tragedy. It is a place of renewed hope, of which President Abraham Lincoln so eloquently spoke. This is the place where our 16th president reminded us of the hard work of our forefathers and challenged Americans to live that dream.

Beyond the battlefields, Gettysburg and its surrounding countryside are also home to outdoor adventure, antiques, wineries along with 20,000 acres of apple orchards, 25 farmers markets and an array of ways to enjoy the majestic scenery of Adams County.

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STORY IDEAS

- In the countryside north of Gettysburg lies one of the region's biggest gems – the heart of the Pennsylvania Fruit Belt, or so affectionately known as Apple Country. Here, more than 20,000 acres of apple trees dot the rolling hills making for great scenery and a delicious harvest.
- The Gettysburg region also boasts outdoor adventure, antiques and an array of bed and breakfasts, many of them that date back to those fateful days in July 1863.





ABOUT US

The Hershey Harrisburg Region (HHR) perfectly blends work and play as home to Pennsylvania’s capital in Harrisburg and “The Sweetest Place On Earth®” in Hershey. As a destination of distinctions, the region has become synonymous with both family-friendly and business-friendly travel.

The three ingredients that have made the HHR a popular family vacation destination for a century make it a hot spot today for hosting meetings and producing sports tournaments: accessibility, affordability, and versatility.

For those who have featured our popular tourism destination before, there is always something different to discover. The region’s vast inventory of unique attractions, new experiences, and local flavors creates endless options. Visitors can find more ways to work and play at www.VisitHersheyHarrisburg.org or 717-231-7788.

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- The Media Lounge is Open...
Media.VisitHersheyHarrisburg.org – Check out the HHR’s new online media resource center for the latest regional travel NEWS, find interesting THEMES in our vast inventory of experiences and attractions, customize your own MEDIA TOUR itinerary, get STORY IDEAS, view and download high-resolution photos from the IMAGE GALLERY, and link to our SOCIAL MEDIA channels.
- State Capitol Building – A National Historic Landmark – In 1906 President Theodore Roosevelt dedicated the building, inspired by the St. Peters Basilica in Rome, declaring it the most beautiful buildings of its kind. Free tours begin every half hour.
- The National Civil War Museum - Opened in 2001 atop one of the highest points in Harrisburg, this \$16 million museum showcases 24,000 artifacts and provides equal, bias-free attention to both Union and Confederate history of the Civil War.
- Hershey Harrisburg Wine Country – Uncorked in spring 2012, the trail of 15 award-winning, family-owned wineries situated in the heart of the region’s vistas features annual Signature Events in May, June, September and October.



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Cumberland Valley Pennsylvania is a collectors' paradise where historians, outdoor enthusiasts and car fanatics visit to explore their passion. The Valley is a mix of scenic outdoor beauty and quaint downtowns filled with award-winning dining, nostalgic shopping and attractions for the whole family. Only here can you pop off the highway and discover tranquil hiking and biking trails, and then drive a few minutes back to the center of one of our towns. A few of our specialty attractions included the premier facility for U.S. Army research, world-renowned auto shows in Carlisle, the midway point of the Appalachian Trail and the only hiking museum in the country. These experiences can be crafted into any vacation, just add comfy hotel or bed and breakfast, delicious dining and fun shops. Cumberland Valley is located just minutes from the Harrisburg International Airport and Amtrak, and within two to three hours of every major city on the Northeast Corridor including New York, Philadelphia, Washington D.C. and Baltimore. This destination is also accessible from connections via Interstate 81, I-83, I-76 and US 11/15.

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- The U.S. Army Heritage & Education Center houses more than 15 million military artifacts, including the largest collection of Civil War photography in the world and 350,000 unique military history volumes. The one-mile Army Heritage Trail features interactive military exhibits including Civil War winter cabins and a WWI trench system.
- Discover the world-renowned auto destination at the Carlisle Fairgrounds. Attend one of the large swap meets or a specialty show like Corvettes at Carlisle, Bike Fest or Truck Nationals. Coming 2013: First Annual Carlisle Sports & Outdoors Nationals
- Explore the Appalachian Trail. Cumberland Valley's portion of the 2,186-mile trail has been called a "hiker's dream" due to having the longest, flattest section. Hikers will appreciate the multiple access points, parking lots and signage. Discover hiker stories at the Appalachian Trail Museum.
- Cumberland Valley is home to two legendary limestone streams, LeTort Spring Run and Yellow Breeches Creek. Both are designated PA scenic rivers and internationally recognized fly-fishing destinations.
- Find out why Mike Rowe's Discovery Channel TV Show "Dirty Jobs" featured gourd-crafting company Meadowbrooke Gourds. Take a tour to see how they grow them, clean them and create works of art.





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Franklin County is Civil War Country.

Confederate troops marched through the area on their way to Gettysburg, and several stops along The Underground Railroad are still standing. Family-owned farmers' markets offer fresh fruits and vegetables while creameries sell delicious dairy products such as milk, cheese and ice cream. Wash it all down with a beer from Roy Pitz Brewing Company or a bottle of wine made at Tuscarora Mountain Winery.

A series of special events attract large crowds each year, including IceFest in January, "The Burning of Chambersburg" in July and AppleFest in October.

Franklin County...
your great moments are waiting.

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- Buchanan's Birthplace State Park is dedicated in honor of the 15th president of the United States and features a stone pyramid monument on the site of the original cabin where James Buchanan was born
- Whitetail Resort offers athletics and activities for four seasons including skiing, snowboarding, snow tubing, fly fishing and golf
- Tuscarora Mountain Winery, the only winery in Franklin County, features a wide variety of flavors made on-site from an assortment of grapes grown in the area

