

ADVISOR/CEC/GUEST TOURS of CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA



Monday, July 23, 2012

Coal Region Tour

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Tour Fee: \$50.00 -- minimum of 25, maximum of 53 people

Spend the day observing coal region culture. The first stop will be at an **Acid Mine Drainage (AMD) treatment system**, known as site 15. The local volunteer watershed group will explain their involvement with this project and how the system improves water quality before it enters Shamokin Creek. Next, you will travel to the ghost town of **Centralia**, famous for its mass exit because of an underground mine fire that started in 1962 and still burns today. The third stop will take you to **America's Oldest Brewery, Yuengling**. Founded in 1829 by David G. Yuengling, this brewery exists in the original town of Pottsville, PA and is still run by the Yuengling family. For lunch, wander through the town of Pottsville using the walking tour map and observe unique murals as you find your preferred eating establishment. Finally, the tour will stop at the **Pioneer Coal Mine Tunnel** where you will learn of the challenging work of the early coal mine industry by riding into a real anthracite coal mine. Note: There can be no open toe shoes on the Brewery tour; also coal mine temperatures are between 48 & 52 degrees, please bring a sweater or jacket.



Williamsport Area Tour

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Tour Fee: \$65.00 – minimum of 26, maximum of 48 people

Williamsport was once known as the Lumber Capital of the World but now boasts the title of Little League Baseball's hometown. The first stop will take you to the **Thomas T. Taber Museum** where you can explore the history of north central Pennsylvania and discover the major events of this region's history including frontier life, the lumber industry, and a display of old tools, machines, and implements. Next, travel to the **Little League Museum** where you can stroll through rooms full of pictures, displays, films and exhibits about the players, equipment, history, rules, and the all-around fun of Little League. Wrap up your visit with a catered **lunch on the Hiawatha Paddle Boat** as you drift on the broad and beautiful Susquehanna River.



Penn's Cave and Wildlife Park

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Tour Fee: \$65.00 – minimum of 33 people, maximum of 100 people

This tour will show you the unique geology, biology, and geography of Central Pennsylvania. The **cavern tour**, America's only all-water cavern, is a guided one-hour tour by motorboat on an underground stream. Along the limestone corridors, stalagmites, stalactites, flowstone cascades and draperies decorate the interior cave rooms, while underwater trout swim and jump for feed. The **farm and wildlife tour** is a guided 90-minute motorized tour over 1,500 acres of Penn's Cave forests and fields which have been carefully preserved as a natural habitat for birds, plants, and animals. North American animals, such as bears, wolves, elk, deer, bobcats, bison, mustangs as well as the Penn's Cave Icon, the cougar, are seen here. A catered lunch will be offered at the Park. Note: please wear comfortable walking shoes, you must descend 48 steps to get to the main entrance of the cave (there is no handicap access available) also, the cave temperature is approximately 52 degrees, a sweater or sweatshirt may be helpful.



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Civil War Museum

Time: 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Tour Fee: \$40.00 – minimum of 27, maximum of 162 people



Step back in time and walk through a timeline of American struggle experienced from 1850 to 1876. You will observe collections from the pre-War period and the four actual years of War activity, as well as artifacts on the common soldiers, men and women on the home front, and the experience of African Americans. Behold the collection of military artifacts which displays all aspects of the soldiers' experiences; from the personal equipage and weaponry of the War, to wounds, disease, prisoner-of-war experiences, and the emotional drain of the conflict. The National Civil War Museum incorporates collections of artifacts, manuscripts, documents, photographs, and other printed matter.

Tuesday, July 24, 2012

Penns Creek Area

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Tour Fee: \$55.00 – minimum of 27, maximum of 53 people

The first stop will be at **T&D's Cats of the World**- a rescue organization for unwanted, abused, and mistreated exotic and wild animals. The tour includes a one mile walk on gravel paths through a mostly wooded area where you can observe the animals roaming and lounging in large enclosed areas of natural habitat. The second stop will take you to **Penns Creek Pottery**, a local pottery shop located in a restored water-powered mill. This shop offers quality stoneware and porcelain pottery which was created on site. Lastly, enjoy some time at the **Shade Mountain Vineyards**. Here you will enjoy a catered lunch before listening to a brief description of the wine-making process along with a short tour of the winery. End this tour by passing some locally made wine over your lips for a memorable day in the valleys of central PA.

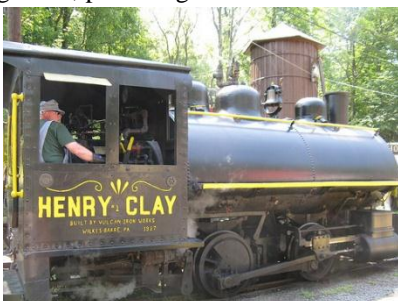


Short Coal Region Tour

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Tour Fee: \$40.00 – minimum of 27, maximum of 53 people

This tour will stop first at the ghost town of **Centralia**. Listen to the story of this town's mass exit because of an underground mine fire that started in 1962 and still burns today. If the weather cooperates, you may be able to observe smoke rising from the ground, providing evidence of the existing fire. Next, you will stop at the **Pioneer Mine Coal Tunnel**. Here you will ride into a real anthracite coal mine and learn of the challenging work of the early coal mine industry by gentlemen who have had real life experience in the mines. In addition, you will ride an old gauge Steam Locomotive, the Henry Clay. The Henry Clay will take you on a scenic three-quarter mile ride around the side of Mahanoy Mountain to show you another kind of mining called strip mining. The tour will wrap up with some leisure time spent at the **Shikellamy Marina State Park** where you will receive a box lunch and be able to view the confluence of the West and North Branches of the Susquehanna River.



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Ricketts Glen State Park:

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Tour Fee: \$30.00 – minimum of 26, maximum of 108 people

Visit one of the most scenic areas in Pennsylvania. This State Park consists of 13,050 acres which contains old-growth forests, natural wetlands, a lake with a beach area, and numerous hiking trails, one of which has 22 naturally occurring waterfalls. After listening to a brief explanation on the unique history of the Park, you have the opportunity to spend the remainder of the time as you would like – relax on the beach, rent a kayak/canoe/paddleboat to use on the lake, or choose a trail to explore the natural beauty found in the hidden hills of Penn's Woods.



Wednesday, July 25, 2012

Hershey Area Tour:

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Tour Fee: \$75.00 – minimum of 26, maximum of 108

Have you ever heard of Hershey Chocolate? Well, come see what else the town of Hershey has to offer. The first stop will take you to **Hershey Gardens**. Opened in 1937, this 3.5 acre rose garden has grown to become a 23 acre bounty of color, petals, grasses, and much more. Come admire the rose, perennial, herb, rock, and ornamental grass gardens. And don't forget the Butterfly House. Next, ride through **Hershey Chocolate World** and see how the cocoa bean becomes delicious milk chocolate, from start to finish. The end of this tour will drop you off at the Food Court where you can purchase your own lunch and browse the World's Biggest Candy Store. The last stop will take you to the **Hershey Story Museum** where you will learn of the rags to riches account of an American entrepreneur who generously used his personal wealth to enrich the lives of others.

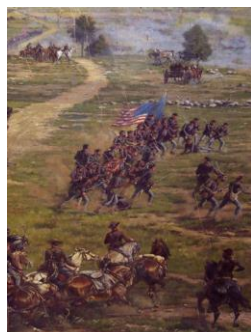


Gettysburg Area Tour:

Time: 7:30 a.m. – 6:15 p.m.

Tour Fee: \$90.00 – minimum of 50, maximum of 98 people

Behold the town that withstood the fierce struggle of the Civil War. Morning tours will take you to the **Cyclorama/National Park Museum and Visitors Center** where you will view exhibits displaying the causes and consequences of the American Civil War as well as the **Shriver House** where you will learn of the civilian experience during and after one of the most historic battles



on American soil. Next, the group will travel to the Adams County Conservation District for a catered lunch and an **Abe Lincoln impressionist** presentation by Jim Getty. To conclude, two **Battlefield Tour** Guides will meet you after lunch and take each bus out onto the battlefields for an up close and personal look at the hallowed grounds that changed American history.

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Short Coal Region Tour:

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A last opportunity to observe coal region culture. The first stop will be at an **Acid Mine Drainage (AMD) treatment system**, known as site 15. Watershed volunteers will explain the processes of AMD pollution and cleanup as well as their intense involvement in addressing this monstrous challenge. Next, you will travel to the ghost town of **Centralia**, for a final visit to the remains of a once thriving community. The third stop will take you to **America's Oldest Brewery, Yuengling**. Founded in 1829 by David G. Yuengling, this brewery exists in the original town of Pottsville, PA and is still run by the Yuengling family. Finally, wander through the town of Pottsville using the walking tour map and observe unique murals as you find your perfect lunch spot.



Kayak on the Susquehanna River:

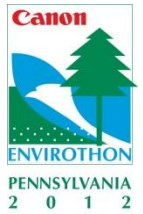
Time: 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon and 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Tour Fee: \$35.00 – minimum of 8, maximum of 15 people



Spend time relaxing and observing the natural beauty of central PA on the grand Susquehanna River. Your river guide will describe the majestic history carved into the rolling landscapes which envelope the river channel as well as the natural bounty that survives and thrives among the various habitats found throughout the hills and valleys. Be sure to dress appropriately; be prepared for sun exposure and (most likely) wet feet.

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Registration Form

Tour	Time	Tour Fee	# of Participants	Total Cost
Monday, July 23, 2012				
<u>Coal Region Tour:</u> AMD Treatment System, Centralia, Yuengling Brewery, Pioneer Coal Mine	8:00a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	\$50.00/person Lunch on your own in Pottsville		
<u>Williamsport Area Tour:</u> Taber Museum, Little League Museum, Hiawatha Paddleboat	8:30a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	\$65.00/person Catered Lunch included- Chicken Buffet Style		
<u>Penn's Cave and Wildlife Park:</u> Cave and Wildlife Park Tour	8:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.	\$65.00/person Catered Lunch included-Beef Bar-B-Q Sandwich		
<u>Civil War Museum</u>	12:30p.m. – 5:30p.m.	\$40.00/person		
Tuesday, July 24, 2012				
<u>Penns Creek Area:</u> T&D Cats of the World, Penn's Creek Pottery, Shade Mt. Vineyard	9:00a.m. – 2:15p.m.	\$55.00/person Catered Lunch included- Chicken in Wine Sauce/Vegetable Lasagna		
<u>Short Coal Region Tour:</u> Centralia, Pioneer Coal Mine Tunnel	8:30a.m. – 1:45p.m.	\$40.00/person Boxed Lunch at the Marina		
<u>Ricketts Glen State Park</u>	8:00a.m. – 2:00p.m.	\$30.00/person Boxed Lunch included		
Wednesday, July 25, 2012				
<u>Hershey Area Tour:</u> Hershey Gardens, Hershey Chocolate World (and Food Court), Hershey Story Museum	8:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.	\$75.00/person Lunch on your own at Food Court		
<u>Gettysburg Area Tour:</u> National Park Museum, Shriver House, Abe Lincoln Impressionist, Battlefield Tour	7:30a.m. – 6:15p.m.	\$90.00/person Catered Lunch included- Fried Chicken and Pulled Pork Bar- B-Q Sandwich		
<u>Short Coal Region Tour:</u> AMD Treatment System, Centralia, Yuengling Brewery	8:30a.m. – 3:30p.m.	\$35.00/person Lunch on your own in Pottsville		
<u>Kayak on the Susquehanna River:</u>	8:30 a.m. – 12 noon and 1:30p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	\$35.00/person		
		TOTALS:		



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All activities include admission fees, transportation and professionally trained guides that are very knowledgeable about the area.

Important Notes: All tours will accommodate a limited number of participants. First come, first served. Registration forms and fees MUST be received no later than June 29th to the Northumberland County Conservation District by **Money Order**. All posted fees are in American Dollars. *Checks will not be accepted!*

Participant's Full Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Province/Territory/State: _____

Postal/Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____ Cell or Alternate: _____

Email address: _____ (for quick communication in case of schedule revisions)

Signature of Participant: _____ Date: _____

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations must be received in writing on or before July 6, 2012 for a full refund. NO refunds will be issued for cancellations received after that date. The Pennsylvania Tour Committee reserves the right to cancel any tour and issue full refunds should minimums not be met or as a result of inclement weather.

Please return both pages of this registration form and money order payments (made payable to "NCCD") to:

Shirley Snyder

Canon Envirothon Tour Committee

Via one of three ways:

1. Email: ssnyder@nccdpa.org
2. Fax: 1-570-988-4488
3. Mail: Northumberland County Conservation District
Tour Committee
441 Plum Creek Road
Sunbury, PA 17801

1-570-286-7114 x4 – Call with any questions (ask for Shirley or Jaci)