

Attractions and Suggested Tour Times

Historic Sites only approx. 3.5-4 hrs.

W/ Environmental Wksp. 4 - 4.5 hrs.

We can accommodate the length of your stay and customize your tour to meet your needs. Contact us for more information.

Other attractions of interest are:

- *Deppen Cemetery
- *Melcher's Grist Mill
- *Wertz's Red Covered Bridge



Group Tour Hours May-October

Wednesday-Saturday 9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.

Sunday 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

For tour rates and information,
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Berks County Parks and
Recreation Department



Berks County Heritage Center

FIELD TRIPS

Step Back to Berks County's Past!

The Berks County Heritage Center is a 30 acre historic park that highlights a variety of early industries of Berks County.

Students will be able to explore two museums and several on-site features, all of which emphasize early transportation and industrial development of Berks County.

Guided Tour Stops

THE GRUBER WAGON WORKS

A tour of the Gruber Wagon Works highlights the intricate process of wagon making and the evolution of how a rural, family run factory, operated over 90 years.

The Gruber Wagon Works provides a lesson for students on simple machines, early industry, transportation, and changing technology.



C. HOWARD HIESTER CANAL CENTER

This museum explores the history of the Union Canal and the Schuylkill Navigation System.



Students will be guided through the museum. Artifacts and exhibits highlight canal history, the boats that traveled them, and what life was

like for families that lived and worked along the canals. Time is also allotted for students to visit Mildred the Houseboat.

EPLER'S ONE ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE

A new addition to the Heritage Center is the mid-19th century Epler's Schoolhouse. Students will learn how school was run more than 100 years ago.



SALAD AND HERB GARDEN

Our salad and herb garden contains a variety of plants used by European Settlers. Students will discover how these plants and herbs were used by these families for cooking and medicine.



ENVIRONMENTAL WORKSHOPS

Being close to the Tulpehocken Creek means that we can offer a variety of environmental workshops! Past activities have included stream studies, environment themed games, and short hikes.

Tour Information

- Reservations should be made 3 weeks in advance by emailing: jchernich@berkspa.gov. Please have several dates in mind when planning a tour.
- Group rates begin at 10 people
- Restroom Facilities and bus parking are available.
- Students and Teachers will be split into manageable groups. 1 chaperone is recommended per 10 students (Teachers & chaperones are free).
- Indoor eating space available
- Country Store gift shop available upon request.

CURRICULUM ADHERENCE

We acknowledge our dedication to adhering to the PA state curriculum during our tours. This includes the standards for History, Science & Technology, and Economics for Elementary and Secondary levels.