More to Do in Perry County – Plan Your Extended Visit

While you are here in our beautiful rural county, check out some additional outdoor activities, shops, and restaurants.

We are lucky to have seven covered bridges remaining in the county! Be sure to check them out as you travel the county. Here’s a map and article about the bridges. [Perry County Covered Bridges - Welcome To Perry County Heritage Trail](https://perrycountyheritagetrail.com/perry-county-covered-bridges/) and [Visiting the Covered Bridges of Perry County, Pennsylvania - Uncovering PA](https://uncoveringpa.com/covered-bridges-perry-county)

And as you are traveling, check out the beautiful barn mural quilts on the Quilt Mural Trail and Heritage Tour created by students of local schools under the direction of local quilt artist Denise Hoke <https://perrycountyheritagetrail.com/plan-your-visit/tour-4/>

Here are some additional suggestions (check websites for open days and hours):

**Central Perry County**

Shermans Dale establishments include:

* *Shermans Creek Inn* (Good Pub Food and Drink) <https://shermanscreekinn.com>,
* *Grandpas’s Love Shack (*BBQ and comfort food) [www.GrandpasLoveShack.com](http://www.grandpasloveshack.com/) with the next door *Woodburn Pub and Brewery*,
* *Zeiderelli’s Pizza*, and the
* *Village Square Diner*.
* *Willow and Wildfire* just north of Shermans Dale for one of kind gifts and home décor.

Head north with your hiking shoes, a kayak or your swim suit to

* L*ittle Buffalo State Park* <https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/LittleBuffaloStatePark/Pages/default.aspx>

Situated between the towns of New Bloomfield and Newport, there are lots of things to do on your way to or from the park.

In the borough of **New Bloomfield** (the County Seat),

* you can enjoy a delightful ambience and good coffee and eats at the *The Farmers Daughters Café* [*https://farmersdaughterscafe.com/*](https://farmersdaughterscafe.com/)or
* great authentic pizza at *Mommas Pizza.*
* *The County Seat Restaurant* is an old standby.
* And make sure to check out the lovely and varied gift shop, *Vault and Vine* [*https://www.facebook.com/vault.and.vine/*](https://www.facebook.com/vault.and.vine/)
* And best of all for native plant gardeners, a great local native plant nursery is just outside of New Bloomfield, *Perennial Gardens* [*http://perennialgardens.name/*](http://perennialgardens.name/) Current inventory is listed on the website.

Lodging:

* Check out air b n b for several delightful cabin rental options near Shermans Dale and New Bloomfield.
* Also on air b n b is *The Stone House Farm & Inn*, staffed by people with intellectual disabilities getting work experience. This rural retreat is a unique experience of farm living and art in an 1813 stone house reimagined in 2021.

The borough of **Newport**, along the lovely Juniata River, has lots to offer the visitor.

* It is home to the *Perry County Council of the Arts (PCCA)* [*http://www.perrycountyarts.org/*](http://www.perrycountyarts.org/)which provides education in the arts to youth and adults, as well as supporting the arts and artists throughout Perry and neighboring rural counties. Don’t miss the *PCCA Gallery* in town, which represents more than 50 artists.
* For more shopping, stop in at *Carpetbaggers Collectibles*,
* *Country Footware and More*, and the
* *Humble Stitch*.

All are in easy walking distance of the main square.

* *Butchers Market* on the way out of town is a very popular farm market with everything from produce, eggs, and meats to baked goods and plants.

For dining in Newport, try

* *Expresso Yourself Café*  for great coffee and unusual fresh menu items.
* Several pizza shops are around and in a shopping area across the river you can even find fast food joints like *Burger King and McDonalds.*

**Western Perry County**

* Just a few mile west of The Bower at the top of the Kittatiny Ridge at Waggoners Gap on Rt. 74 is the *Waggoners Gap Hawk Watch*, formerly owned by Audubon and now by the PA Game Commission. This rocky mountain top has an amazing view and is a favorite bird watching spot for migrating raptors.
* Take a hike at *Fowlers Hollow State Park*

<https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/FowlersHollowStatePark/Pages/default.aspx>

* *Tuscarora State Forest*

<https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateForests/FindAForest/Tuscarora/Pages/default.aspx>

* On your way, enjoy great coffee with breakfast or lunch at *Kingdom Grounds Café* near Elliottsburg <https://kingdomgroundscafe.com/>
* Or dine at *The Local Table* in Loysville <https://www.facebook.com/people/The-Local-Table/100083381100435/>

Stop in at the lovely borough of Blain where you might enjoy shopping at

* L*ightners Consignment Shop* or
* *Kings Bakery*.
* Dine at *The Blain Hotel* for breakfast, lunch, or early dinner <https://blain-hotel.edan.io/>

On your way home shop for fresh, local farm products at

* *People’s Provisions* <https://peoplesprovisionspa.com/>

Lodging:

* Treat yourself and your family or friends to a weekend retreat at *The Andersonburg Place* <https://theandersonburgplace.com/> This meticulously restored historic mansion and one-time Civil War orphanage features deluxe accommodations for a getaway.
* Or get a bit more rustic at *Paradise Stream Family Campground*  <https://campparadisestream.com/> near Loysville.

**Eastern Perry County**

Maybe you want to spend some time on the Susquehanna River

* Book a canoe or kayak adventure with *Blue Mountain Outfitters* [*https://bluemountainoutfitters.net/*](https://bluemountainoutfitters.net/) in the borough of **Marysville**.
* You can enjoy an overnight stay at *Bridgeview Bed and Breakfast* [*http://www.bridgeviewbnb.com/*](http://www.bridgeviewbnb.com/)after your adventure.

The Appalachian trail runs nearby Marysville all the way to the borough of **Duncannon**, where the Juniata River empties into the Susquehanna.

* Trail hikers know the famous *Doyle Hotel* <https://www.facebook.com/doylehotel> in Duncannon, a stopover for the night and a great bar and restaurant.
* *Buddy Boy Winery and Restaurant* near Duncannon (111 Barnett Dr.) features lunch and dinner menus with local wines and music some evenings. <https://www.buddyboywinery.com/>
* Nearby Duncannon is *Barking Goat Farm* where your family can interact with friendly farm animals and you can purchase skin care products made from goat milk! <https://barkinggoatfarmstore.com/>
* North of Duncannon above the river with a wonderful view sits *The Hunters Valley Winery* [*https://huntersvalleywines.com/*](https://huntersvalleywines.com/)