



SOMERSET COUNTY COVERED BRIDGE - and more! - TOUR

Somerset County is one of the most scenic areas in the United States, especially in autumn. From mid-September, when the first frost touches our mountains, through mid-October, our trees brilliantly display all the colors of fall. You'll see yellows, golds, oranges, reds, browns and a few lingering summer greens, but there's more to see than leaves.

Drive along our country roads and our historic highways. Fish our clear streams and lakes. Bicycle or hike on the Great Allegheny Passage that runs 43 miles through Somerset County on its way from Cumberland, Maryland to Pittsburgh.

Canoe or kayak the challenging spring whitewater of the Casselman and Stonycreek Rivers and enjoy three-season boating on the Middle Youghiogheny River.

Hunters come to Somerset County's state game lands in late fall to hunt deer, bear and turkey.

Wintertime makes Somerset County a popular destination for cross-country and downhill skiing. State-of-the-art snowmaking equipment, high-capacity ski lifts, ample snowfall and excellent resort facilities bring winter sports enthusiasts from all over the mid-Atlantic region.

The cold nights and warmer days of late winter and early spring trigger the maple sap to flow. Sugar camps reopen all over the county to produce our world-famous maple syrup.

Summer brings campers, golfers, bicyclists, hikers and boaters and nature lovers to Somerset County. And, before you know it, it's autumn again in Somerset County "The Outdoors You Call Home."

The "Covered Bridge – And More! – Tour" guides you past historic landmarks, through scenic farmland and quaint communities. We hope you'll stop and enjoy a picnic lunch, visit our attractions, browse antique and gift shops and take home pleasant memories of (and maybe some maple syrup from) your visit to Somerset County. The approximately 175-mile tour begins and ends in Somerset, our county seat. We estimate it'll take you two days to comfortably complete the tour.

1. WALTER'S MILL BRIDGE

Start on Route 601 North from Somerset. Stay straight onto Route 985 North. Follow Route 985 North for ¼ mile. Turn left into the Somerset Historical Center. The bridge is on the Historical Center's grounds.

WHAT ELSE TO SEE

Besides the covered bridge, the Center offers authentic early farm buildings, an 1860 maple sugar camp, a cider press and two



Walter's Mill Bridge was built in 1859 with arches added in 1908. It crosses Haupt Run. Originally built to cross Coxes Creek, this is its third location.

exhibit halls that tell the story of how life was lived a century or more ago. www.somerseethistoricalcenter.org

On leaving the Historical Center, turn left onto Route 985 North. About .7 mile on the left is the Quecreek Mine Rescue Memorial. In July 2002, nine coal miners trapped underground were all rescued alive, an event that was celebrated around the world. The site commemorates that historic feat. www.9for9.org

After leaving the Quecreek site, turn left on Route 985 North. Staying on Route 985 North and across Route 30 in Jennerstown, you'll pass Green Gables and Mountain Playhouse on the right. This popular restaurant and dinner theater began life as a roadside sandwich shop in 1927.

www.mountainplayhouse.org

2. SHAFFER BRIDGE

Continuing on Route 985 north, you'll find the bridge on the right about 12 miles north of Green Gables.

3. TROSTLETOWN BRIDGE

After leaving Shaffer Bridge, turn right on Route 985 North. Turn right at the stoplight at Route 403 South. Continue on Route 403 South for about 18 miles to Route 30. Turn right on Route 30 West, then turn left on North Club Road. Trostletown Bridge is located in American Legion Park with a Vietnam War-era "Huey" helicopter and army tank on display, as well as the restored Stoystown railroad station and a one room schoolhouse.

ON THE WAY TO GLESSNER COVERED BRIDGE

Return to Route 30 and turn right onto Route 30 East. About 3 ½ miles east turn right into the the Flight 93 National Memorial, where shortly after 10 a.m. on Sept. 11, 2001, United Airlines Flight 93, the fourth plane hijacked by terrorists that day, crashed into an abandoned strip mine. Phase I of the new memorial was dedicated on the 10th anniversary of 9/11.

www.nps.gov/flni

4. GLESSNER COVERED BRIDGE

Return to Route 30 and turn left onto Route 30 West. Go approximately 1 1/2 miles and make a left onto Lambertsville Road SR 2007. About 4



Shaffer Bridge was built in 1877, crosses Ben's Creek and is of Burr Arch construction.



Trostletown Bridge was built in 1887-88, spans Stonycreek and is of queen post and king post construction.



Glessner Bridge was built in 1881, with multiple king posts and was rebuilt in 1997.



Burkholder Bridge or Beechdale Bridge was built in 1870 to cross Coxes Creek. It uses Burr Arch construction.

"T" intersection. Turn left and continue on US 219 North past Garrett, bearing right at the service station.

7. BURKHOLDER BRIDGE

About two miles north of Garrett on US 219 North, turn left onto Burkholder Bridge Road.

ON THE WAY TO LOWER HUMBERT BRIDGE

Leaving Burkholder Bridge, turn right onto US 219 South. Go two miles south back to Garrett and turn right on Jackson Street, Route 653. Make the first left onto Walker Street and cross under the railroad bridge. Make the first right onto Jefferson Street, then the second left onto Berlin Street and cross the river bridge. Again, you'll cross the Great Allegheny Passage. Berlin Street becomes Johnson Road. Take it up the hill about two miles and make a left onto Rockdale Road.

You are now entering into the Somerset County Amish community. You will see horse-drawn buggies on the road and farming done using traditional methods. The Amish religious faith prohibits photography, so mind your manners and refrain from taking their pictures. And be careful when you're passing the buggies.

You will also pass many Amish stands with all sorts of handmade products and homegrown fruits and vegetables. Be observant, because they use really small signs. Also remember that all Amish-owned businesses are closed on Sunday.

Taking Rockdale Road two miles to the "T" intersection, turn right on Mt. Davis Road. Go through Summit Mills and climb the hill. Mt. Davis Road goes to the right, but stay straight on Rock Run Road to St. Paul.

This is one of the prettiest villages in the state of Pennsylvania. At the church in St. Paul, turn right on St. Paul Road. After about 1 ½ miles, St. Paul Road becomes Mt. Davis Road. There's a picnic area on the left almost at the top of the mountain with restroom facilities. At the top of the hill, turn left at the sign to Mt. Davis. There's an observation tower on top of the mountain where you can see for miles and miles. Mt. Davis is 3,213 feet above sea level and the highest point in Pennsylvania.

After leaving Mt. Davis, turn left on Mt. Davis Road. This is a very scenic, but very curvy, road. You'll pass Deer Valley YMCA Camp and High Point Lake, the highest public fishing lake in Pennsylvania.



Amish farmers in Somerset County still harvest crops using traditional methods.

1/2 miles south of Rt. 30 turn right onto Covered Bridge Road.

5. NEW BALTIMORE BRIDGE

Return to Lambertsville Road and turn right into Shanksville. Turn right onto Bridge Street, then left onto John Street, then left onto Shanksville Road at the "Y" intersection. Follow Shanksville Road about 3 miles to Route 160, the Huckleberry Highway. Turn right on Route 160 South, then left on Route 31 East in the village of Roxbury. After about 1 ½ miles, turn left on Deeter Gap Road, SR1013. In about two miles, turn left down the hill onto SR1015. At the "T," turn right on SR1017 just before the steel grate bridge. This becomes Juniata Street in New Baltimore. The covered bridge is on the left on Findley Street.

WHAT ELSE TO SEE

In New Baltimore, on Findley Street across Juniata Street on the hill, visit St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. Until recently, it was the only place in the entire Pennsylvania Turnpike network where travelers could stop, climb the steps and attend church services without exiting the Turnpike. Visitors are also welcome at the former St. John's Carmelite Monastery, which is now a retreat center for the Johnstown-Altoona Catholic Diocese. www.cochapters.com/stjohn-pa.htm

ON THE WAY TO PACK SADDLE BRIDGE

From the bridge, make a left (east) onto Juniata Street, which becomes SR3012 after you cross under the Turnpike. After about two miles, turn right onto Route 31 West, then in about four miles turn left onto Glen Savage Road, SR2019, at the top of the mountain. You'll pass the International Conservation Center, a project of the Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium that houses, breeds and studies African elephants. It's not open to the public, but you might see an elephant or two in the fields.

www.pittsburghzoo.org/icc

6. PACK SADDLE COVERED BRIDGE

Turn right on Pine Valley Road, then left onto Pack Saddle Road. **ON THE WAY TO BURKHOLDER BRIDGE** Go through Pack Saddle Bridge, stay on Pack Saddle Road, then



New Baltimore Bridge crosses the Juniata River and was originally built in 1879 with queen post construction. It was destroyed in 1996 and rebuilt in 1998.



Pack Saddle, or Doc Miller Bridge was built in 1870, spans Brush Creek, and features multiple king post construction. It was rebuilt in 1997.



Lower Humbert Bridge, built in 1891, crosses Laurel Hill Creek and is a Burr Arch structure.

Continue on Mt. Davis Road to the "T" intersection in Listonburg. Turn right on Route 523 North. Take Route 523 North into Confluence. Go straight at the intersection with Route 281 North in Confluence. Confluence also offers gas, food and lodging and a traditional century-old gazebo in the town square. Turn right (north) on Route 281 North at the square. www.visitconfluence.org



King's Bridge was built to cross Laurel Hill Creek with arches added in 1907. It was rebuilt in 2008.

8. LOWER HUMBERT BRIDGE Leaving Confluence on Route 281 North, go through the town of Ursina and turn left on Humbert Road. The Lower Humbert Bridge is about a mile from the intersection.

9. KING'S BRIDGE

Stay on Humbert Road about six miles to the village of Kingwood. Turn left on Route 281 North. Make the first left onto Whipkey (Wipkey) Dam Road, SR3009. After about three miles, turn right on Scullton Road, Route 653 East. King's Bridge is about



The Barronvale Bridge was built in 1830 across Laurel Hill Creek using king post construction with arches added in 1906.

10. BARRONVALE BRIDGE

After King's Bridge, make a right on Ream Road. About one mile later, turn right onto Covered Bridge Road. You can see Barronvale Bridge from the intersection.

RETURN TO SOMERSET

After Barronvale Bridge, return to Somerset by crossing Laurel Hill Creek and taking Covered Bridge Road about ½ mile to a right onto Barron Church Road. After about one mile, turn left onto Route 653 East. At New Lexington, go straight onto Routes 281/653. At New Centerville, continue on Route 281 North to Somerset. On the way into town, you'll pass the Philip Dressler Center for the Arts. www.laurelarts.org

Festivals & Events

Fire & Ice Festival
Martin Luther King Jr. weekend, Uptown Somerset
(814) 443-1748 | www.somerseetcinc.org

Pennsylvania Maple Festival
late March/early April, Meyersdale
(814) 634-023 | www.pamaplefestival.com

Windber Wine in the Park: May, Windber
(814) 467-6696 | www.windberrec.com

Frosty Mugs of Thunder Brewfest
spring, Somerset
(814) 445-6077 | www.somerseethistoricalcenter.org

National Road Festival
third weekend in May, Cumberland, MD, to Wheeling, WV
(724) 437-9877 | www.nationalroadpa.org

Chickentown Gas & Steam Show
Memorial Day Weekend, Somerset
(814) 233-5246 | www.chickentown.org

National Road Chainsaw Carving Festival
Father's Day Weekend, Addison
(814) 395-3469 | www.carvingfest.confluenceclions.org

Windber Miners' Memorial Day Weekend
Father's Day Weekend, Windber
(814) 244-7772 | www.echf.windberpa.org

Glades Highlands Antique Iron Association Tractor Festival
Father's Day Weekend, Berlin
(814) 629-9976 | www.facebook.com/gladeshighlandsantiqueironassoication

Sugar Grove Antique Show
mid-June, Somerset
(814) 445-3161 | www.facebook.com/sugargroveantiques

Somerfest: mid-July, Somerset
(814) 443-2433 | www.laurelarts.org

Quecreek Mine Rescue Anniversary
late July, Somerset
(814) 445-5090 | www.9for9.org

Rib & Wing Festival
late July/early August, Seven Springs
800-452-2223 | www.7springs.com

Stoystown Lions Antique Tractor Festival
early August, Stoystown
(814) 341-9593 | www.stoystownlions.org

Somerset Antique Show
second Saturday of August, Somerset
(814) 445-6431 | www.somerseetpa.net

Laurel Hill Bluegrass Festival
mid-August, Somerset
(814) 445-7725 | www.laurelhillbluegrass.com

Laurel Highlands Garlic Festival
mid-August, Hollsopple
(814) 479-7109 | www.farandasfamilyfarm.com

Somerset County Fair: late August, Meyersdale
(814) 634-5619 | www.somerseetcountyfairpa.com

Fall Gospel Music Festival
Labor Day weekend, Hooversville
(814) 798-5885 | www.campharmony.org

Farmers & Threshermens Jubilee
weekend after Labor Day, New Centerville
(814) 926-3142 | www.ncrvfc.com

Mountain Craft Days
weekend after Labor Day, Somerset
(814) 445-6077 | www.somerseethistoricalcenter.org

September 11 Observance
September 11, Stoystown
(814) 893-6322 | www.nps.gov/flni

Berlin Brothersvalley Community Fair
second full week of September, Berlin
(814) 442-1673 | www.bbdsd.com/domain/1977

Georgian Place Scarecrow Festival
mid-September, Somerset
(814) 443-3818 | www.facebook.com/scarecrowfestivalgpa

Harmony Fest: mid-September, Hooversville
(814) 798-5885 | www.campharmony.org

Faranda Farm Harvest Festival
late September to late October, Hollsopple
(814) 479-7109 | www.farandasfamilyfarm.com

Autumnfest: weekends in October, Seven Springs
800-452-2223 | www.7springs.com

Springs Folk Festival
first weekend in October, Springs
(814) 442-4594 | www.springspa.org

Confluence Pumpkinfest
first weekend in October, Confluence
(814) 395-5242 | www.confluence-pumpkinfest.org

Windber Oktoberfest: early October, Windber
(814) 467-7111 | www.windberfire.com

Holidays in the Highlands
weekends Thanksgiving through Christmas, Seven Springs
800-452-2223 | www.7springs.com

climb the hill and turn left onto Leister Road, SR2022. Turn right onto Glencoe Road, SR2020. Turn left on Brush Creek Road, SR2017. Bear right at the "Y" intersection onto Glencoe Road. Turn left on Route 160 South. Make the first right onto Glade City Road, SR2017. About one mile from Route 160, turn left onto Deal Road. At the bottom of the hill is Sand Patch, the crest of the Allegheny Mountains on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad (now CSX Transportation) and a favorite spot for railroad photographers.

Return on Deal Road and turn left onto Glade City Road, SR2006. In about a mile, you'll pass under the 961-foot-long Keystone Viaduct, built to carry the trains of the now-abandoned Western Maryland Railway and converted for trail use by the Great Allegheny Passage in 2004.

Turn right off Glade City Road onto Scratch Hill Road. You'll see the 1871 Bollman Bridge which was moved here for trail use in 2007. It was one of the original bridges on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad line from Baltimore to Pittsburgh. This is its third location.

Go back to and turn right on Glade City Road, which becomes Cherry Street in Meyersdale. At Main Street, turn right up the hill to the Western Maryland Train Station and Visitors Center, operated by the Meyersdale Historical Society. This is a trailhead for the Great Allegheny Passage.

www.gaptrail.org

In Meyersdale, you'll find a variety of services including gas, food and lodging. It's also home to the Somerset County Fair and the Pennsylvania Maple Festival.

www.meyersdale.org

After leaving the station, turn right down the hill. At the bottom of Main Street, turn right onto Grant Street, Business Route 219 West. Grant Street becomes the Mason-Dixon Highway. About 1 ½ miles west of Meyersdale, you'll cross under the 1,923-foot-long Salisbury Viaduct, also built by the Western Maryland Railway and converted for trail use in 1999. Business Route 219 becomes US 219 at the



Keystone Viaduct, built in 1911 to carry freight trains weighing thousands of tons, now carries trail users over Flaugherty Run valley.



The 1871 iron Bollman Bridge is now serving the Great Allegheny Passage at its third location.



Salisbury Viaduct is another major railroad structure adapted for trail use by the Great Allegheny Passage.

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SOMERSET COUNTY MUSEUMS

PETERSBURG TOLLHOUSE

One of two remaining National Pike toll houses in Pennsylvania, the tollhouse is owned and maintained by the Daughters of the American Revolution. It's open during local community events or by appointment. www.qcol.net/tollhouse

ADDISON-PETERSON MUSEUM

This former private home now houses local historic artifacts from when Addison was an important stop on the National Road.

PHILIP DRESSLER CENTER FOR THE ARTS

The first non-profit fully-staffed rural arts center in Pennsylvania, Laurel Arts, located in the Dressler Center, is dedicated to the visual and performing arts with shows and exhibits throughout the year.
www.laurelarts.org

SOMERSET HISTORICAL CENTER

Preserves and interprets the history of life in rural southwestern Pennsylvania from the times of the region's first farmers, the Native Americans, to the present day through exhibits, workshops, and educational programs.

SPRINGS MUSEUM

A rich treasure of history, folklore and tradition depicting the life of the early settlers of the upper Casselman River Valley. There's also a farmers market Saturday mornings in the summer. *To Donegal* www.springspa.org

