

Agricultural Heritage Tour



Franklin County is home to a rich Agricultural Heritage. The County is blessed by a distinctive collection of brick-end barns reflecting its unique cultural traditions. These and other vestiges of years gone by continue to reflect the skill and cultural heritage native to the area. The County is one of Pennsylvania's most productive farm areas and the many working farms and orchards continue to flourish, producing a seasonal bounty. This tour begins in Chambersburg, PA.

9:00 AM – Arrive at the **Chambersburg Heritage Center**, a 1915 marble bank building that houses an interpretive center of Franklin County, PA, history. Begin your day by viewing professional installations detailing the agricultural heritage of the County, its Civil War and Frontier history, and much more!

9:45 AM – Depart the Heritage Center for tour of Historic Brick-End Barns, Pennsylvania Bank Barns, Orchards, and Creameries.

- **Norlo Park**: View the recently restored 1881 brick-end barn with iconic brick patterns. The brick farmhouse was built by Isaac and Susan Sollenberger in 1885 and remained in the family until 1998.

- Head back into town to view the brick-end barn at the current **Gabler Farm**. This farm was once in the **Woods Family**, heirs to local industrialist **T.B. Woods**. Continue West on Route 30, the Lincoln Highway, past apple and peach orchards and fruit Stands like **Bingham's Orchard Market**. Grab some fresh fruit or preserves to take home!

- Roll on toward the **Tuscarora Mountains** to stop and shop at the converted **Goldfish Barn** in historic **Fort Loudon**. This unique business deals in all things goldfish; their stocked ponds are just around the bend! Continue past mountainside farmsteads to the base of **Mount Parnell**, once a signaling station on the Underground Railroad and used by Civil War soldiers for communications.

- Head South on Route 75 toward beautiful **Mercersburg** and countryside taking in more distinctive barns and farms. On September and October weekends, be sure to visit the **Stoner Dairy Farm's** five-mile corn maze, petting area, and hayrides!

- View the famous **Donkey Barn** and hear the amusing story of how it came to be, while on the way to **Greencastle**.

1:00 PM – Enjoy lunch at **Antrim House Restaurant**. The Antrim House offers classic Pennsylvania cooking. Walk down the street to **Greencastle Coffee Roasters**, offering fine roasted coffee beans from around the world and some of the best peanuts around!

2:15 PM – **Allison-Antrim Museum & Barn**. Review a unique collection of artifacts and professional exhibits on local history. Check out their newly relocated and restored barn updated for modern use. Then visit the **Tayamentasachta Center**, the Greencastle-Antrim School district's environmental center.

3:30 PM Stop at **Trickling Springs Creamery** for some ice cream and treats! This creamery, in the #2 milk producing-county in the state (Franklin County!), offers natural and certified organic products from grass-fed cows!

4:30 PM – Return to the **Heritage Center** in Downtown Chambersburg.

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