WE'VE GOT AN IDEA!

Why not make these free Town Tours & Village Walks your excuse for a summer getaway? Some of Brandywine Valley’s most charming B&Bs and inns offer special package rates. Many are historic properties so you can extend your experience of times past with an overnight or even a long weekend.

To request a copy of our TT&VV Summer Special Packages, call the Brandywine Valley Tourist Information Center at 1-800-228-9933.

Mark these dates on your calendar:

JUNE 5 - WEST CHESTER
JUNE 12 - KENNEDT SQUARE
JUNE 19 - LIONVILLE
JUNE 26 - CHATHAM
JULY 10 - MALVERN
JULY 17 - POTTSTOWN LANDING
JULY 24 - ST. PETERS VILLAGE
JULY 31 - VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS
AUGUST 7 - BERWYN
AUGUST 14 - RAPP'S DAM AREA AT KIMBERTON
AUGUST 21 - EVLERSO
AUGUST 28 - FRICK'S LOCK

During Independence Day Week no walks are scheduled, but many communities celebrate with parades & festive events.

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The 3rd Annual
TOWN TOURS & VILLAGE WALKS

Come join our FREE guided evening strolls

Thursday evenings, June 5 through August 28, 1997

Chester County, Pennsylvania
in the Heart of the Brandywine Valley
JUNE 5 - WEST CHESTER
Begin a summer of walking tours exploring the county seat beginning from the 1846 Court House. You'll have a choice of tours headed separately or jointly into the Southwest area of the historic borough. Wander with guides along brick sidewalks past hand-sculpted Revolutionary and Greek Revival structures—the homes of Portico Row—the childhood home of distinguished composer Samuel Barber—and see the additions of the nearby Denrey Reburn Tag Factory. Another "walking experience" focuses on the central business district with its examples of period commercial architecture and many lively restaurants. Today, the Chester County Historical Society will remain open until 7 p.m.

Your Hosts: West Chester Historic Architecture Review Board
Reservations: 610-932-1774

JUNE 12 - KENNEDY SQUARE
Site of the British and Hessian encampments prior to the Battle of the Brandywine in 1777, and later a "station" along the Underground Railroad, Kennedy Square has a long and fascinating heritage. The Historic District retains an outstanding collection of well-preserved 19th and early-20th C. buildings representing its commercial, industrial and architectural development. Enjoy a leisurely stroll along corduroy, tree lined streets and delight in the beautiful and ornate details and features that reflect the artistic talents of long ago builders and carpenters. The town's architectural styles range from Federal through Italianate and Queen Anne Revival to early 20th C. revivals. A special surprise is the Baseball Museum.

Your Hosts: Borough of Kennet Square Historic Comm. Reservations: 610-444-6020

JUNE 19 - LIONVILLE
Settled by Welsh Friends shortly after 1700, Lionville was the center of an active rural community for more than 250 years and during the 18th C. an important crossroads for travelers, drovers and soldiers. Many members of the Uwharrie Friends were active in the Underground Railroad, transporting slaves to freedom. The village, with its handsome meeting-house and one-room school, has undergone few changes and continues to offer reflections of the actively growing township's rural past.

Your Hosts: Uwharrie Township Historic Comm. Reservations: 610-363-9450

JUNE 26 - CHATHAM
The oldest settlement in London Grove Township, this village has a history deeply rooted in commerce and transportation. It began as a rest stop on the Gap Road (turnpike) for the men and horses transporting Lancaster County wheat to Wilmington flour mills.

Your Hosts: London Grove Township Historic Comm. Reservations: 610-869-3873

JULY 10 - MALVERN
Stroll down Monument Avenue past the fine, mostly Queen Anne style homes constructed by prosperous residents. End your walk at the Memorial Grounds where 53 American casualties of the Paoli (Massacre) Battle are buried. The dramatic story of this tragic event of Sept. 20-21, 1777 will be told during the evening in this typical small town borough once known as West Chester Intersection before being incorporated in 1889.

Your Hosts: Borough of Malvern Historic Comm. Reservations: 610-544-2602

JULY 17 - POTTSTOWN LANDING
Although the Schuylkill River on Chester County's northern border served as a conduit for settlers in the 18th C., it became busier in the 19th C. as an industrial corridor. At the same time, an adjacent manmade waterway known as the Schuylkill Canal, completed in 1824 between Schuylkill County and Philadelphia, assured travel in time of high waters. Today one of the dock areas, Pottstown Landing's historic structures, reflects its bustling canal economy in the "canalers" houses, tavern and church. This is an interesting site on the Schuylkill River Heritage Corridor.

Your Hosts: N. Coventry Township Historic Comm. Reservations: 610-782-1505

JULY 24 - ST. PETERS VILLAGE
This colorful Victorian village is situated at the north end of a deep ravine cut by the French Creek. The stream is filled with huge granite boulders from a collapsed section of the ridge that runs through the area. This year tour visitors to St. Peters have guided options. For the first time one can explore the quarters of the industrial sites in the woodslands surrounding the village. Many of the buildings, mostly constructed during the 1800's, now interesting shops and part of the evening's second tour. Originally they served miners and quarry workers. The handsome inn still offers sustenance.

Your Hosts: Warwick Township Historical Comm. and St. Peters' Businesses
Reservations: 610-782-1505

JULY 31 - VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS
Owned and maintained by Historic Yellow Springs, Inc., a non-profit association, the village welcomed visitors in a bucolic setting. Its historic buildings are in a rural landscape—the Inn, the Lincoln Building, the Jenny Lind Spring House, the Water Gardens and the restored ruins of the Revolutionary War Hospital. In Sept. of 1777 George Washington stopped by the village while on a way to the furnaces in the French Creek Valley. Permission was given to build a hospital at Yellow Springs for his sick soldiers at Valley Forge. It stands today as a ruin and witness to the brave men who suffered and served there. This year marks the 225th anniversary of the "Philadelphia Campaign" of the American Revolution.

Your Hosts: Historic Yellow Springs, Inc. Reservations: 610-827-7141

AUGUST 7 - BERVYN
This busy, modern Main Line village looks today much as it did a century ago. Skillfully restored and well-maintained Victorian houses endure as residences, antique shops and family owned businesses. In earlier times the farmers of the countryside came to the village for services—today's Berwyn serves the sprawling suburbs. See the historic structures along our heritage highways—the former Pennsylvania Railroad and the Lancaster Turnpike. They carried passengers and products through the village over roads and rails on which a young nation moved west.

Your Hosts: Tredyffrin Township; Berwyn and Devos Business and Professional Assoc.
Reservations: 610-971-3333 ext. 152

AUGUST 14 - RAPP'S DAM AREA AT KIMBERTON
Tour guides the sites of three water-power mills, including the Revolutionary War Guttenberg power mill, now in ruins. Then enjoy a walk along the shady path beside the old mill race to the picturesque dam and mill pond. You'll hear the history and see close up the 122-foot long, Rapp's Covered Bridge built in 1866. It is still one of Chester County's finest examples of a covered bridge.

Your Hosts: Pike (his) Historical Comm., East Pikeland Township Historical Comm., and HAAB
Reservations: 610-917-9917

AUGUST 21 - ELVERSON
See three distinct periods in the architectural styles of the homes lining the streets of the Historic District: Some are Colonial, dating from before the Revolution; many are Victorian, built when the railroad was at its peak; others are post-World War II cottages. Elerson stop on the Indian path (now Rte. 23) Elerson was first known as Blue Rock; later as Springfield. From the early 1800's it was a busy commercial center with skilled tradesmen's shops providing services to the growing community and travelers along the main route connecting the Coventryville, Warwick and Reading iron works for the forge at Churchtown.

Your Hosts: Elerson Historic Comm. and Tri-County Heritage Society
Reservations: 610-286-7747

AUGUST 28 - FRICK'S LOCK
The Frick's Lock District comprises approximately 18 acres of a farming hamlet with domestic and agricultural purpose spanning the period from 1757-1937. The tour includes the remains of locks 54 and 55 of the Schuylkill Navigation Co. Gour Canal. The lockhouse, 32 miles from Lewis Dam, below Reading to Parker Ford, a short distance downstream from Frick's Lock. Frick's Lock is a lockkeeper's residence with associated lockhouse, lockhouse, and lock. The tour includes the lock station, lock improvements, lock building construction, and the area was the site of a 1930's WPA Project. Currently it is an unrestored site located off the Schuylkill River Heritage Corridor. Enjoy refreshments on your stroll as guides relate history of times past.

Your Hosts: East Coventry Township Historic Comm.
Reservations: 610-493-5443

Elkton P. Moore, One-room schoolhouse, built 1859

Distributed by canal scene with lock bridge, late 19th C.