

# SCENIC VALLEY TOUR

Dear Visitor,

Destination Gettysburg invites you to enjoy the SCENIC VALLEY TOUR.

The route of the Scenic Valley Tour has been carefully planned to allow you to visit some of Adams County's many areas of historic interest and scenic beauty, at your own pace. The tour covers some 36 miles south, west and north of Gettysburg, including many of the county's famous orchards.

The roads you will travel are all two-lane, paved secondary and all turns and changes of direction are clearly marked by "SCENIC VALLEY TOUR" signs. Please drive carefully!

The Scenic Valley Tour has been planned for your pleasure, so relax, take your time, and enjoy a fascinating tour through the timeless natural beauty that makes Adams County so delightful.

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## Here are your directions to the start of the Scenic Valley Tour from Lincoln Square in downtown Gettysburg (See Downtown Map):

Make a right turn onto Route 30 West for three blocks to the intersection of Buford Avenue (Route 30 West) and Springs Avenue. As you approach the second traffic light west of Lincoln Square, stay in the left lane and go straight through the intersection. The tour begins at Meade School, which will be on your right.

### Scenic Valley Tour Sign #1 - (0.0 miles)

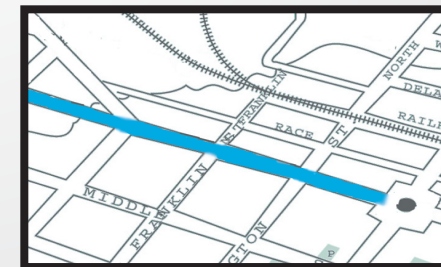
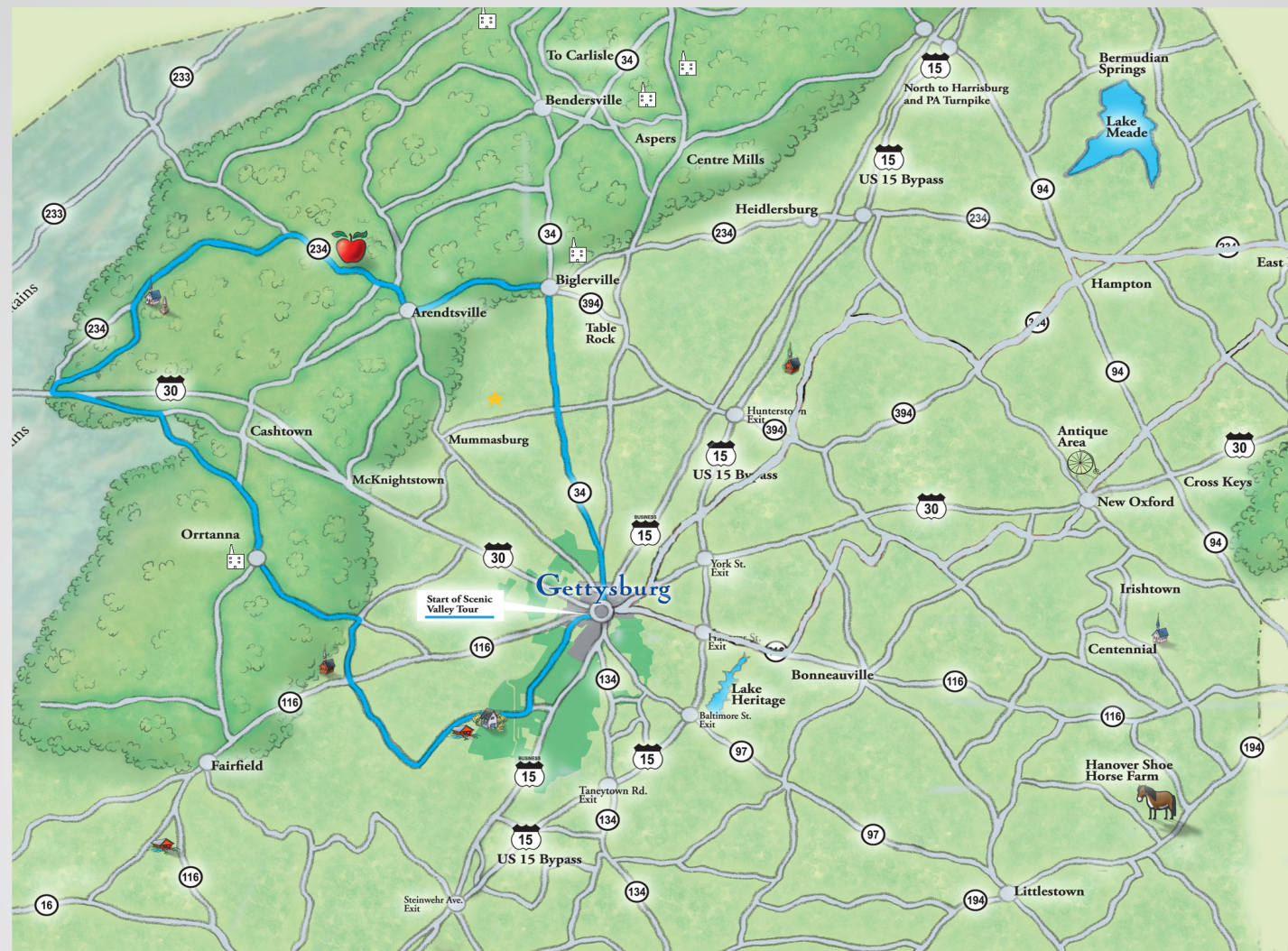
#### Meade School

The tour begins at Meade School on Springs Avenue and continues west along Springs Avenue for 4 blocks, climbing the gentle slope of Seminary Ridge. As you reach the top of the ridge, at the intersection of Springs Avenue and W. Confederate Avenue, notice to your right the buildings of the GETTYSBURG LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY. Founded in 1826, it is one of the oldest Lutheran seminaries in the country.

### Scenic Valley Tour Sign #2 - (0.4 miles)

#### Springs Avenue

The tour sign here will mark the LEFT turn onto Seminary Ridge. You will continue South on Seminary Ridge, crossing Route 116/W. Middle Street, at the traffic light. After crossing Route 116, the road name changes to W. Confederate Avenue.



Downtown Map

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### Scenic Valley Tour Sign #3 - (0.5 miles)

#### W. Confederate Avenue & W. Middle Street

The next tour sign will mark your entrance into the Gettysburg National Military Park. Continue South along W. Confederate Avenue for approximately 2-1/4 miles. The road follows the contour of Seminary Ridge, which was the main Confederate position for much of the battle. Along W. Confederate Avenue there are many cannons and monuments with paved areas for stopping along the road. The entrance to the National Park Amphitheater is on the right side. Please call 717-334-1124 x431 for program information.

### Scenic Valley Tour Sign #4 - (2.6 miles)

#### W. Confederate Avenue and Millerstown Road

The tour sign marks the right turn here onto Millerstown Road. Continue west for approximately 1/4 mile along this road and on your left, you will see the entrance to the EISENHOWER NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE, the farm home of President Dwight D. and Mamie Eisenhower - 34th US President. It was the only home that the Eisenhowers owned. Admission is by shuttle bus *only* from the National Park Visitor Center, 1195 Baltimore Pike. Note: along this stretch of road, Millerstown Road becomes Pumping Station Road. Continue for 1 mile to the bridge spanning Marsh Creek. As you cross the bridge, slow down and look to your left. Some 200 yards downstream is Sach's Bridge. This covered bridge is over 150 years old and is unusual because of the latticework construction. At the intersection of Pumping Station and Scott Roads you may take a left to explore the covered bridge.

### Scenic Valley Tour Sign #5 - (3.9 miles)

#### Pumping Station and Scott Roads

After enjoying the covered bridge, continue straight on Pumping Station Road for about 1-1/2 miles to Tour Sign #6 and turn right onto Camp Gettysburg Road. You'll be passing through typical farm land of Adams County.

### Scenic Valley Tour Sign #6 - (5.3 miles)

#### Pumping Station and Camp Gettysburg Roads

Turn right onto Camp Gettysburg Road.

### Scenic Valley Tour Sign #7 - (5.4 miles)

#### Camp Gettysburg Road (around corner from #6)

Continue on the road for 2-1/2 miles to the intersection with Fairfield Road/Rt. 116. *Use caution - this is a busy intersection.* Continue straight across Fairfield Road.

### Scenic Valley Tour Sign #8 - (7.7 miles)

#### Knoxlyn and Fairfield Roads

On the other side of Fairfield Road, Camp Gettysburg Road becomes Knoxlyn Road. On your left is one of the most beautiful of the old stone churches in the area, the LOWER MARSH CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Built in 1790, the church was erected by a congregation established in 1740. Continue on Knoxlyn Road for 1 mile to the intersection of Knoxlyn and Knoxlyn-Orrtanna Roads.

### Scenic Valley Tour Sign #9 - (9.2 miles)

#### Knoxlyn and Knoxlyn-Orrtanna Roads

Turn left toward Orrtanna.

### Scenic Valley Tour Sign #10 - (9.3 miles)

#### Knoxlyn-Orrtanna and Knoxlyn Roads

This sign is just beyond Sign #9. Continue on the Knoxlyn-Orrtanna Road.

### Scenic Valley Tour Sign #11 - (9.8 miles)

#### Knoxlyn-Orrtanna and Knox Roads

The road curves to the right. Continue on the Knoxlyn-Orrtanna Road until the intersection with Orrtanna Road. As you enter the orchard country, the route unfolds view after view of great beauty. Ahead, you will get closer glimpses of the SOUTH MOUNTAINS, through which General Lee came to Gettysburg.

As you approach the next Tour Sign at the intersection, the large building ahead is the KNOUSE FOODS COOPERATIVE - Orrtanna Plant, which processes fruit grown in the area. Adams County is the leading fruit producing and processing country in Pennsylvania.

### Scenic Valley Tour Sign #12 - (11.7 miles)

#### Knoxlyn-Orrtanna and Orrtanna Roads

Turn right onto Orrtanna Road. Cross the railroad tracks and continue straight on Orrtanna Road to the 4-way stop sign. Look for sign #13 across the road and to the left. At this stop sign you will take a quick left onto Scott School Road and a quick right onto Bingaman Road. PLEASE BE CAREFUL!

### Scenic Valley Tour Sign #13 - (12.4 miles)

#### Scott School and Bingaman Roads

Follow Bingaman Road through the peach and apple orchards for about 2 miles. Bingaman Road ends at a stop sign and forms a T-intersection with old Route 30. Turn left at this intersection.

### Scenic Valley Tour Sign #14 - (15.6 miles)

#### Bingaman Road and Old Route 30

You are now in the CASHTOWN PASS, through which General Lee's troops marched on their way to Gettysburg. Back through this same pass came the tragic wagon train of Confederate wounded.

Continue westward on Old Route 30 for about 2 miles. At the stop sign you will cross Chambersburg Road (US Route 30). USE CAUTION AS YOU CROSS US ROUTE 30. THIS IS THE BUSIEST INTERSECTION ON THE TOUR.

### Scenic Valley Tour Sign #15 - (17.8 miles)

#### Chambersburg Street (US Rt 30) and Buchanan Valley Roads

As soon as you are across US Route 30, you will be on Buchanan Valley Road (Rt 234). Within 100 yards of the US Rt 30 intersection, take the first right off of Buchanan Valley Road and follow up the hill.

### Scenic Valley Tour Sign #16 - (17.9 miles)

#### Buchanan Valley and Church Roads

Continue on Church Road. The road leads sharply upward to the summit of MOUNT NEWMAN.

### Scenic Valley Tour Sign #17 - (18.4 miles)

#### Church Road

Continue on Church Road. This is country familiar to the Shawnee Indians - at least there is proof that they were in this area one tragic day in the late 1750's. Thomas Jemison had moved his family into the area in 1754. Later, the Jemisons and another family were attacked and captured as prisoners by a band of 4 Frenchmen and 6 Shawnee Indians. They were taken near Chambersburg and all were killed except Mary Jemison and a little boy. She was adopted by the Indians and later married an Indian. She died September 19, 1833.

### Scenic Valley Tour Sign #18 - (19.8 miles)

#### Church Road

As you pass Tour Sign #18, you will continue down the hill and will pass a statue of Mary Jemison at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, built in 1816. There is parking here if you wish to stop. Continue down the hill from St. Ignatius Loyola Church to the intersection with Rt. 234. This stretch of road provides a panoramic view of Buchanan Valley. The valley got its name during the 1856 presidential campaign of James Buchanan.

### Scenic Valley Tour Sign #19 - (20.7 miles)

#### Church and Buchanan Valley Roads

At the intersection of Church and Buchanan Valley Roads, turn right onto Buchanan Valley Road. *This is Rt. 234 East, which you will stay on for 9 miles to Biglerville.* The road climbs to the top of Piney Mountain Summit, 1350 feet high, before it begins to drop down again to the valley floor. Approximately 1/2 mile beyond Piney Mountain Summit you will come to a Tour Sign marking a right turn. Here, where the road dips downhill, is an especially fine view of the hilly orchard country.

### Scenic Valley Tour Sign #20 - (22.5 miles)

#### Buchanan Valley, Mountain and Club Road

After the right turn, continue to Rt. 234 East. At the bottom of the hill you will cross Conewago Creek.

### Scenic Valley Tour Sign #21 - (24.5 miles)

#### Narrows and Nawakwa Road

Rt. 234 East runs through what is known as "The Narrows", with Conewago Creek on your right. During the summer, this is probably the coolest spot in the county and the Conewago is noted for some excellent trout, so it is no surprise that The Narrows is a favorite picnic and leisure-time spot for Adams Countians.

### Scenic Valley Tour Sign #22 - (25.6 miles)

#### Narrows Road/Rt 234 East

Continuing on Narrows Road, you will pass the SOUTH MOUNTAIN FAIRGROUNDS on your left. In addition to the annual fair in August, the fairgrounds are headquarters for the Apple Blossom and Apple Harvest celebrations held annually. Continue on Rt 234 East.

### Scenic Valley Tour Sign #23 - (26.5 miles)

#### Narrows and Boyer Nursery Roads

Continue on Narrows Road/Rt. 234 toward Arendtsville.

### Scenic Valley Tour Sign #24 - (27.1 miles)

#### High and Queen Streets

As you approach the borough of Arendtsville, Rt. 234 is named High Street. Rt. 234 East takes a sharp left onto Main Street in Arendtsville.

### Scenic Valley Tour Sign #25 - (27.4 miles)

#### Main and High Streets (in front of convenience store)

Continue toward Biglerville on Main Street/Rt. 234 East. As you leave Arendtsville the road becomes Arendtsville Road. Then Rt. 234 becomes West York Street as you approach the borough of Biglerville. At the 3-way stop sign, bear right.

### Scenic Valley Tour Sign #26 - (30.0 miles)

#### West York and West Hanover Streets

Continue on West York Street/Route 234 East to the center of Biglerville. Biglerville, which was once known as "Middletown", was plotted in 1817 but did not have its first house constructed until 1843. It has grown rapidly since that time, particularly since fruit growing made it famous as "Apple Capital - USA" and the home of one of the largest apple processing plants in the world.

### Scenic Valley Tour Sign #27 - (30.4 miles)

#### West York and South Main Streets

At the traffic light in Biglerville, turn right onto South Main Street/Rt. 34, which will take you back to Gettysburg, 7 miles to the South.

### Scenic Valley Tour Sign #28 (30.5 miles)

#### South Main Street

Travel south on South Main Street/Rt. 34. South of Biglerville the road is called Biglerville Road. About 2-1/2 miles south of Biglerville you will see on the right, a state marker noting that George Washington once stayed here.

### Scenic Valley Tour Sign #29 (33.0 miles)

#### Biglerville Road just before Goldenville Road

Just beyond the state marker you may take a right turn, off the tour route, onto Goldenville Road. A short distance from the intersection, on the right, is Russell's Tavern, a stone building which was Washington's stopping place one night in 1794, as we returning from quelling the so-called "Whiskey Rebellion". "Yes, Washington actually did sleep here!"

Continuing south on Biglerville Road/Rt. 34 becomes Carlisle Street as you approach the burrough of Gettysburg. As you pass the first traffic light at Lincoln Avenue, you will see the buildings of GETTYSBURG COLLEGE on your right, and pass a the STATUE OF PRESIDENT EISENHOWER standing in front of the building he used as an office.

Continuing on Carlisle Street will return you to Lincoln Square and the end of our tour. We hope that you have enjoyed the SCENIC VALLEY TOUR and that it enhanced your stay in Adams County.

*Sach's Bridge 1852*

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