

AGRITOURISM

1. **BENT LIMB FARM**, 592 Stone Hill Rd, Shoemakersville 19555 (GPS may only get you close; follow numbers on mailboxes to get to 592). A family-owned farm on 55 beautiful acres. Come and enjoy being outdoors and enjoy the antics of the many different animals. Our farm store carries alpaca yarns, roving & finished products. We also have our pasture-raised poultry, goat, lamb, and pork available frozen so bring a cooler! Hope to see you soon. We are usually open Th & F 4-7 and Sat 9-2, our website will allow you to check for special events and any change to our hours! www.bentlimbfarm.com

ANTIQUES/COLLECTIBLES/VINTAGE

2. **ARTIFACTS BANK**, 705-707 N. 5Th St (Business Rt 222), Reading 19601. Operated by the not-for-profit, volunteer Centre Park Historic District Inc., it was created for the purpose of adaptable reuse of architectural building materials. Items are acquired from building demolition, rehab or restoration projects, and consignments. Most inventory is pre-1950 and includes mantels, hardware, doors, moldings, stained and leaded glass, newel posts, stairways, railings, spindles, columns, brackets, corbels. Porch posts, transoms, lighting & plumbing fixtures. Tile, furniture, antiques, and collectibles. Open Sun 9-2 and M 2-6. 610-375-7860. www.centreparkhistoricdistrict.org or email centreparkhistoricdistrict@gmail.com
3. **BARN FRESH VINTAGE MARKET** 311 Country Line Rd, Gilbertsville 19525 (located in Royer's Plaza across from Giant). Vintage/Artisan fusion. We host local artisans and quality vintage & antiques. Check us out on Facebook to follow our live sales & available classes. Handicap friendly. Open Th-F 10-6, Sat 10-5, and Sun 10-4. 610-473-0080.
4. **CHRISSY'S PAST TO PRESENT**, 519 Ben Franklin Hwy W, Birdsboro 19508. A co-op made up of over 30 + vendors, with each one of them bringing their own unique touch. Our store ranges from vintage, modern, antique, steampunk, and everything in-between. Some items we offer include farmhouse, primitive, Fusion Paint, "Young Living," homemade candles, artist work, upcycled furniture, jewelry, and SO much more! We also have many vendors that specialize in one-of-a-kind handmade light fixtures, woodworking, custom design barrels, refurnishing of furniture, etc. that are always happy to take customized orders. If we don't have it, we'll help you find it! Open M-Sat 10-5 484-236-4117. Check out our Facebook page: @chrissypasttopresent.
5. **CRAZY LADY COLLECTABLES**, 1259 E. Philadelphia Ave, Gilbertsville 19525 (parking lot in the back of the shop). One of the largest collections in the region, spanning more than a century! Let your imagination travel back in time with us. Vintage everything, crocks, linens, furniture, and primitives. Let us help you to decorate your warm, vintage home! Visit our store, with 2 floors and 7 rooms, all packed with delightful collectibles, including something for everyone! Come say hello and journey through time with us, where antiquing becomes an adventure! crazyadycollectables.net Open Th-Sun 10-6. 610-427-0421.

6. **CRICKET'S ANTIQUES & GARDEN MARKET**, 1641 Horseshoe Pike (Rt 322) Glenmoore 19343. Antiques, Artisans & Gardening! One beautiful Chester County Bank Barn with TWO floors & 8,000 sq. ft. of shopping. Our unique 65+ multi-dealer market is filled to the brim with antiques, artisans and gardening vendors. Don't forget to explore our 1 acre of outdoor treasures. Come visit our happy place! Open M-W 10-5, Th 10-7:30, F 10-5, Sat 9-6, and Sun 10-6. www.cricketsantiquesandgardenmarket.com
7. **FINDS ON THE FRITZ**, 989 Fritztown Rd, Sinking Spring 19608. We offer a variety of antiques and gifts that will surely fit anyone's décor. At Finds on the Fritz, you'll see that mixing old with new works! Stop by and take a stroll down memory lane. Maybe you'll find vintage kitchen utensils that remind you of baking cookies with your grandma. Or an antique bait box reminding you of that fishing trip with grandpa. Surround yourself with the pieces that make you smile and fill your heart with joy. Please, share your memories, our staff loves to hear your stories! Open Th-F 10-7 and Sat-Sun 8-7. 610-406-5349.
8. **GRQ USE FURNITURE**, 14129 Kutztown Rd, Fleetwood 19522 (conveniently located on Rt 222 in historic Berk County, midOway between Allentown and Reading, 20 mins from I-78 and the PA turnpike). Our deceptively large 30,000 sq. ft. barn was renovated to hold both our used furniture and our multi-vendor co-op. Our dealers feature furniture, country, primitive, toys, advertising, jewelry, as well as our modern-day furniture for any budget. We accept Visa/MC/Discover. Open year-round, W-Sun 10-6 610-944-0707. www.grquusedfurniture.com
9. **LEESPORT ANTIQUES MART**, 162 N. Centre Ave, Leesport 19533. Family owned for over 55 years. Stop by and give history a future. You'll find pieces here from everywhere. Some are from a few decades ago and some are from a few centuries ago, but they're all looking for a new home. Whether it's Christmas, Halloween, or summertime rocking on the porch, we have beautiful seasonal décor that can make your house a home. Open M-Sat 10-5 and Sun 11-4. 610-926-2019. www.leesportantiques.com
10. **MORGANTOWN MARKET**, 2940 Main St, Morgantown 19543. Make the trip to Morgantown PA and visit Berks County's largest antique boutique. 90+ merchants and artisans that curate one-a-kind treasures for a unique and relaxing shopping experience. 10,000 sq. ft. of amazing merchandise; featuring antiques, primitives, mid-century, farmhouse, and so much more, is awaiting you at Morgantown Market. Open M-Sun 10-5. 610-913-1953.
11. **THE SHOPPES AT KIRBYVILLE**, 13973 Kutztown Rd, Fleetwood 19522 (conveniently located on Rt 222 mid-way between Allentown and Reading in the quaint village of Kirbyville). Our family-owned shop is a uniquely converted 3-story barn filled with an eclectic assortment of merchandise. The large variety includes furniture, glassware, lighting, advertising, toys, as well as the unique and unusual. Be sure to check out our \$1.00 and \$5.00 cases! Kirbyville is open year-round. We accept Visa/MC/Discover. Open W-Sun 9-5. 610-944-9661. www.theshoppesatkirbyville.com

12. **THE SWAMP DOOR**, 2030 Swamp Pike, Gilbertsville 19525 (southeast of Rt 663). Fantastically friendly and FUN antiques/vintage market with 70+ vendors and thousands of unique, affordably priced items to explore and acquire! Furniture, jewelry, lamps, glassware and décor, collectibles, art and artisan wares, gifts, coins, sports memorabilia, music, and more. 7,000 sq. ft. of clean, climate-controlled showrooms. Accessible entrances and public restrooms. Near local attractions and restaurants. Voted area's best! Great for a day trip or group outing! Open W-Sun 10-5. 484-949-8130. www.theswampdoor.com
13. **UNDER THE SUN**, 1903 Olde Swede Rd, Douglassville 19518 (directly across from historical Yellow House Restaurant on Rt 662). A delightful old barn restored into a fabulous antique, vintage, and collectibles shop with 3 floors of rustic, unique, and unusual articles. There are literally thousands of items to explore and surprises at every turn. Many childhood memories can be found throughout this one-of-a-kind place. Cherished heirlooms are sure to be found at this vintage treasure trove. Visit our Facebook page for the latest updates! Open F-Sat 10-5 and Sun 12-5. 610-689-3779.

BOOKSTORES

14. **FIREFLY BOOKSTORE**, 271 W. Main St. Kutztown, PA 19530. Firefly has a great selection of new and used books including large sections of children's books, fiction, sci-fi, art, religion, metaphysics, cooking, history, and biography. We also carry puzzles, board, and card games for any age and interest. We have journals, greeting cards, and a large selection of wall and planner calendars each year. We offer free gift wrapping, customer requests, and special orders. We take in books every day in exchange for store credit. Like us on Facebook for news and events. Open M-Sun 11-8. 484-648-2712. contactus@fireflybookstore.com or www.fireflybookstore.com

FARM MARKET/SPECIALTY

15. **ACEC FARM & MARKET**, 469 Adams Hotel Rd, Shoemakersville, 19555. Welcome to ACEC Farm! Located in a beautiful country setting, our specialty is PORK, from our farm to your table with love! We offer all the major pork cuts along with 18 flavors of sausage! We also carry locally grown beef, goat, lamb, and Bell and Evans Chicken! Don't let all the proteins scare you away, we also have limited vegan and organic products! With over 30 local artisans represented, we have a lot to offer. Arts & crafts, jewelry, canned goods, snacks, and sides for your proteins...We have it! Plan and bring a cooler, we are sure something will catch your eye. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, or check our website. Open Th-F 4-7 and Sat 9-2. 610-223-6205
16. **BAUMAN FAMILY FRUIT BUTTERS**, 116 Hoffmansville Road, Sassamansville, PA 19472. Established in 1892 and now a third-generation family business, we manufacture apple butter as well as pumpkin and blueberry butters, ketchup, and more. We have a small store attached to our rustic factory where you can buy fresh-pressed apple cider, 14 varieties of fruit butters, maple syrup, local honey as well as beautiful gift baskets and boxes. While you are here, try a free sample of an apple cider slushie. Open M-F 8-5 (till 8 pm Aug-Dec), Sat 8-5. 610-754-7251. www.baumanfamily.com

17. **TOM STURGIS PRETZELS**, 2267 Lancaster Pike, Shillington PA 19607 (just off Rt 222. GPS may use Reading, look for the BIG pretzel). We are America's First Pretzel Baking Family. Visit our retail store to discover the best flavor of pretzels that use old-fashioned recipes and techniques; many pretzels are still made in stone hearth ovens! We're more than just pretzels. Browse our gift items including chocolate-covered pretzels, gift baskets, tins, and more! We carry other local products including dipping mustards, birch beers, candies & snacks. Don't forget to take your picture with the BIG PRETZEL! Open M-Sat 8:30-5:30. 610-775-0335. www.tomsturgispretzels.com

GARDEN CENTER/GIFT STORE/GREENHOUSE

18. **GLICK'S GREENHOUSE**, 57 Fisher Mill Rd, Oley 19547. Founded int 1973 by Dave Glick, our family business has grown to now include 15 greenhouses with a seasonal perennial area and mum field. Open from March 1st to December 24th stop by for quality plants and a great seasonal selection of annuals, perennials, hanging baskets, succulents, mums, poinsettias, and more! And don't miss our Annual Poinsettia Show, a free event hosted at the beginning of December, celebrating Christmas and showcasing thousands of poinsettias! Check out our website, Facebook, and Instagram for updates on current hours, plant selections, and upcoming events. Open M-Sat 8-5:30. 610-689-9856. www.glicksgreenhouse.com
19. **KOSPIA FARMS**, 2288 State St, Alburtis 18011. Kospia Farms is celebrating 54 years at their 26-acre nursery in Alburtis, yet many newcomers to the farm say "I never knew you were here. What a hidden gem!" Kospia's nursery and landscaping remain the core of their business, however their gift stores and outdoor furniture offerings are drawing customers from over 60 miles away. Home to over 200 local artisans and businesses, customers spend hours enjoying the laid-back vibe of the farm while they peruse unique, hand-crafted items and artwork. Artists refresh items seasonally, providing a one-of-a-kind shopping experience. There is always music streaming the farm and additional pop-ups like live music, wine tastings, classes, meet and greets, and larger events supporting local non-profits. With commitment to local artists, musicians, growers, manufactures, and their community, "Life is better Local" at Kospia Farms. Open M-F 10-5, Sat 9-5, and Sun 10-4. Closed in Winter. 610-682-7233. www.Kospiafarms.com
20. **SPRING GARDEN FARMS INC.**, 1585 Main St, Birdsboro 19508. Family business started in 1957. Veteran owned. We have 11 greenhouses, and the business operates year-round. We grow what we sell and when it's gone, its gone. We grow over 4000 hanging baskets in the spring, over 7000 mums in the fall, and over 1000 poinsettias in the winter. We have a large selection of annuals and perennials grown on site. We also make our own wreaths and logs for Christmas. Check out our website and find us on Facebook, Pinterest, and Twitter. Hope to see you soon. Hours vary each season. 610-582-8703. www.springgardenfarms.com

GIFTS/ART/ARTISAN WARES

21. EVELYN & HARRIETTE'S, 1232 Oysterdale Rd, Oley, PA 19547
 (located 1 mile North of the RT 73 traffic light at Pleasantville. At the Oley Valley Feed site). We have built a reputation for over 20 years of having quality gift items that cannot be found elsewhere. We feature gifts and toys from across the USA and from around the world. We believe that every item has to have a story to give it value. "Without a story, it's just stuff." A wide array of Polish Pottery, European textiles, ceramics, blown glass, pewter, porcelains, and many unique items representing over 35 countries offer many answers for gift-giving ideas. Old fashioned, hands-on "thinking", toys for all ages bring imagination back into a child's play. Our toys feature no buttons or batteries, after all what does the child learn if the toy does the playing? Our selection of quality puzzles, special games, and unique and nice greeting cards set us aside from the ordinary (including being the only US source for specialty cards from Finland). Stop in for a friendly greeting. You'll be surprised at what you will find. Open Tue-Sat 10-5. 610-987-6055

HEALTH/ WELLNESS & NUTRITION

22. FOOT SOLUTIONS READING, 654 B Philadelphia Ave, Shillington 19607. Do your feet hurt? Having knee, hip, or back pain? Foot Solutions has a highly trained staff that offer a free foot evaluation with 3D pressure mapping and gait analysis. We provide custom on-site same day fit using advanced technology. We have a wide variety of footwear to fit your needs. We also offer custom or over-the-counter orthotics. Diabetics on Medicare might also be eligible to receive 1 pair of shoes and 3 pairs of inserts through Medicare. Open M-F 10-6, Sat 10-4 610-775-4950. www.footsolutions.com/reading

QUILT SHOP

23. BRUBAKER'S QUILT SHOP, 721 Siegfriedale Rd, Kutztown 19530
 (Follow our swan signs of Rt 222 between Manatawny and Monterey (east of Kutztown) or take 45 all of I-78, south on 863 and in 2 miles you will see our swan signs at our lane at Siegfriedale and Kunkel Rd intersection). We offer a large selection of quilts from King size down to crib sized. We also feature wall hangings, table runners, hotpad placemats, handing painted fabrics and more! I am working on quilts since I was 14. Open M-Sat 9-5. Occasionally closed on Wed, unless appointments. Call 610-683-6098.

THRIFT & GENTLY USED GOODS

24. WELCOME HOME THRIFT, 2800 N. Reading Rd, Suite 430, Adamstown 19501 (located at the Ironspire Shoppes in Adamstown). We are a non-profit retail store of HOME International Inc., featuring new and gently used apparel for men, women, and kids, furniture and home furnishings, housewares, small appliances, linens, books, and more! Welcome Home Thrift & More is a retailer for Dixie Belle Paint products. Open M-F 9-5, Sat 9-3, and Sun 11-3. 717-336-4104. www.welcomehomethrift.com

SMALL BUSINESS SHOPPING TOURS

BERKS COUNTY'S BEST KEPT SECRETS TOUR, November 7 thru 23, 2024. Featuring off-the-beaten-path small businesses. Travel place to place in your own vehicle exploring Berks County. You'll visit all types of businesses . . . gift & home accessory stores in barns, log cabins, old factories, private homes or stone mills, farmers' markets, farms with products and animals, unique cafes, gourmet food shops, orchards, wineries, specialty shops, potters' studios, greenhouses, factory stores, vintage shops, woodworking shops, antique stores, clothing, jewelry and more. Every tour is different. Enter to win over \$1000 in gift cards! Plus, every business gives you a coupon & has something special planned for your visit! **TICKETS: \$12 ea** (on sale 2 months before the start of the tour). 717-721-9409 or www.bestkeptsecretstour.com

To receive any of the following guides please mail a business size self-addressed stamped envelope for each guide you are requesting to:

Guide Request (specify which guide you would like to receive)
 715 Timothy Ln, Ephrata, PA 17522

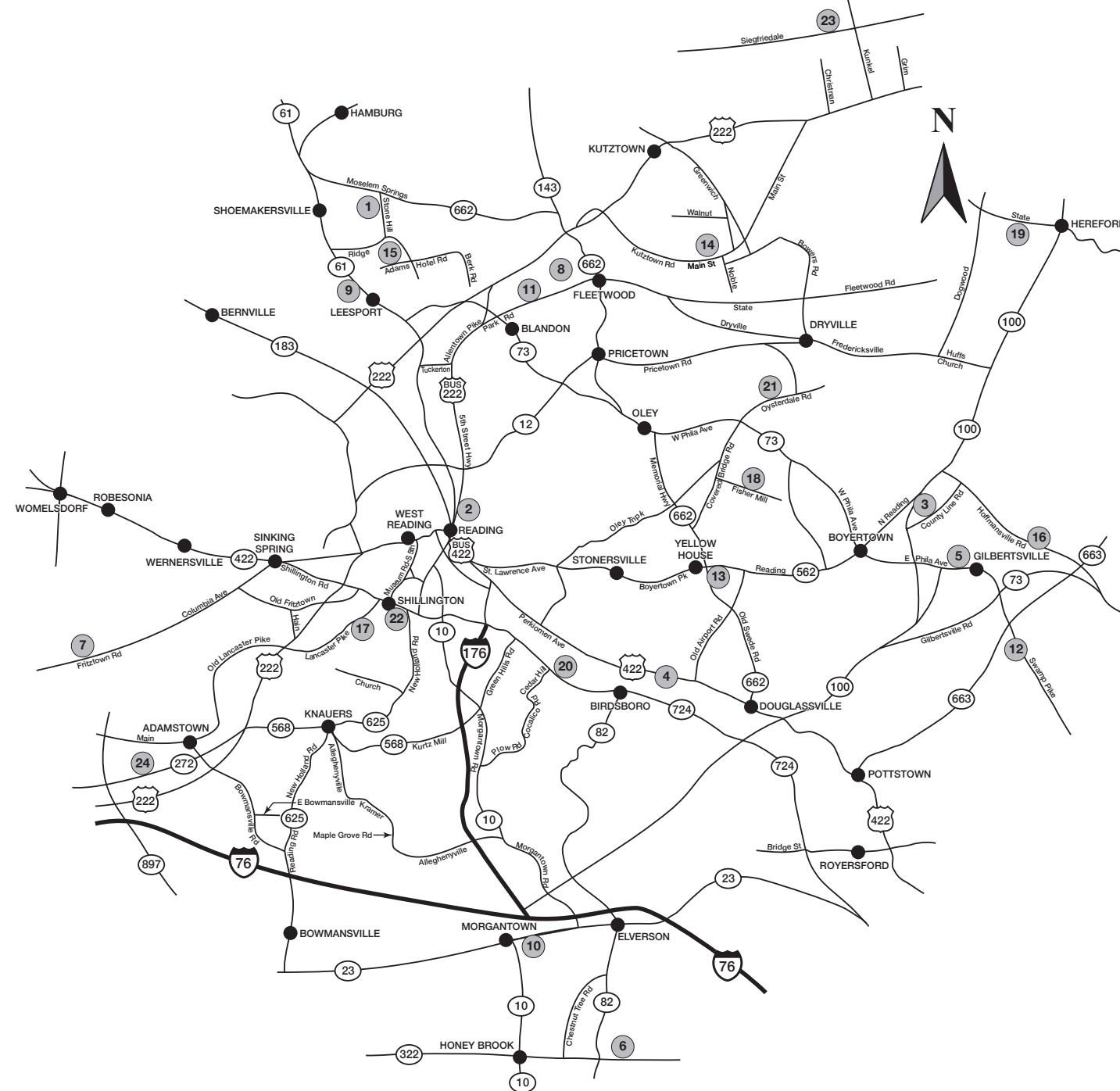
- Lancaster County's Antique & Artisan Shop Guide
- Lancaster County's COMPLETE GUIDE TO Consignment, Thrift & Used Goods Shopping

Check out bestkeptsecretstour.com to learn about the latest shopping/food and fun self-guided tours in Pennsylvania!

BerksShoppingGuides.com

Circles are placed in the **approximate locations of the business.** Please call for exact directions. Map is not to scale. To be included on this guide for 2025 please call Melissa @

717-721-9409 or email: melissa@bestkeptsecretstour.com



Berks County's SMALL BUSINESS

Shopping Guide

2024

think big . . .



GOOD REASONS TO SHOP SMALL

Put your \$ where your is

We've put out the welcome mat for you . . .
 At a small business, chances are you'll be waited on by the owner or a member of their family. This makes for better customer service – something that can be hard to find at larger stores.

You'll find unique, and one-of-a-kind items . . .
 Only small businesses can offer an item that you will find nowhere else.

Your local economy will benefit . . .
 Shopping small creates and supports local jobs. Each time you purchase a product locally you are helping to pay the salary of a friend or neighbor.

Small business gives back . . .
 Research shows that over 90 percent of small-business owners contribute each year to their communities. That means your purchase of a good or service at a small business is a great way to "pay it forward."

It's good to be part of the dream . . .
 Small-business owners are the embodiment of the American Dream; supporting them makes you part of the dream, and that's a good thing!