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...for a wealth of features, information, and photographs covering an important range of topics pertaining to old log buildings.

- Basic details, photographs, maps, and directions for visiting 22 eighteenth and nineteenth century log buildings in Lehigh County, PA
- Information pertaining to Frederick Leaser, his log cabin, and his role in helping to save the Liberty Bell during the Revolutionary War.
- Educational information and bibliographies/indices to newsletters published by several local historical societies.
- Information pertaining to restoring and maintaining old log buildings including names of several companies that sell products useful in restoring and/or maintaining log buildings.
- Information and photographs about local log cabin festivals and other seasonal events.
- Media information including news releases issued to date, and a five minute video produced and broadcast by WLVT-TV PBS 39 (Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton).
- A list of some basic references pertaining to log cabins and buildings.
- Links to local historical societies in Lehigh County, PA.
- A list of Lehigh County Log Cabin Trail Committee members.

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WELCOME TO THE LEHIGH COUNTY LOG CABIN TRAIL



The Lehigh County Log Cabin Trail enables students and educators, history buffs, historians, tourists, photographers, and others to visit and sometimes photograph some of our remaining log cabins and houses.

Many are located in parks or on other public property. For purposes of the Lehigh County Log Cabin Trail, "log cabin" is used generally to include all log buildings including log houses and other structures.

We especially encourage educators in Lehigh County and adjacent areas to make full use of the trail on field trips and in their classrooms.

It is an important and fascinating new resource which teachers can use to expose students at all educational levels to log buildings and learn about the roles they played (and still play in some cases) in our history.



Some parts of the Lehigh County Log Cabin Trail, in the Central Section, are routed along part of our county's delightful covered bridge tour which adds further historic charm and educational value as one explores the log cabin trail.



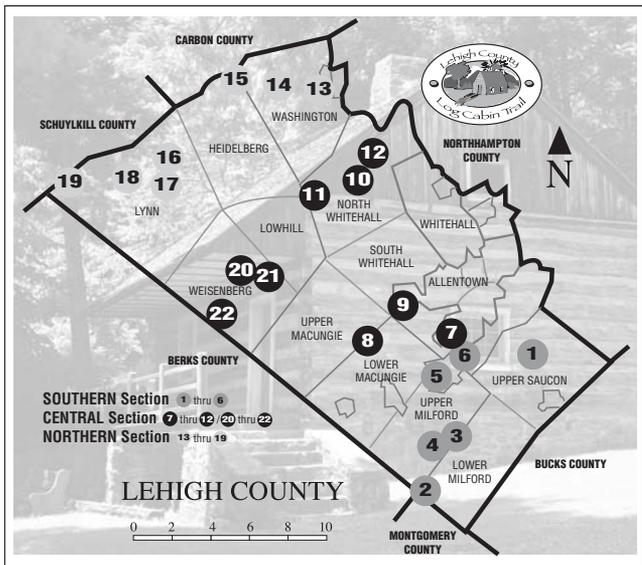
The Lehigh County Log Cabin Trail includes 22 eighteenth and nineteenth century log buildings and is the newest historic tourism and education resource available to the public, educators, and visitors to Lehigh County, PA. The trail is unique in Pennsylvania, and apparently the entire nation.

The log buildings selected for inclusion on the Lehigh County Log Cabin Trail are scattered widely throughout the county. Sometimes houses that are known to travel from one building to another. Therefore, for the convenience of visitors driving to various buildings, we divided the trail into three sections. Each contains its own driving route or loop. In a few cases, a driving route (unavoidably) passes a log building not included on the log cabin trail. Please pass by these privately owned buildings; do not disturb their owners.

The trail begins with the **Southern Section**, then moves north to the **Central Section**, continues into the **Northern Section** and the **Blue Mountain (Kittatinny Ridge)** forming the northern border of Lehigh County, then go to the three buildings in the northwest part of the trail called **Return to Center Section** where the trail ends. (See reverse side for driving directions for the Lehigh County Log Cabin Trail.)

The Lehigh County Log Cabin Trail

Driving Directions for the Lehigh County Log Cabin Trail



Southern Section

STARTING POINT. The log cabin trail begins at Exit 60 I-78 just south of Allentown and includes roughly the northern one-third of the trail. It includes Lower Milford, Upper Saucon, and Upper Milford Townships, along with villages and towns including Lincolnton and Emmaus. The Southern Section has six log buildings included on the trail. They are the Carlin Log House in Lincolnton, the Miller Log House, Peter Rothenberger Log House, and Schubert-Graber Log Cabin all in Powder Valley, the Pennsylvania Avenue Log House in Emmaus, and charming Shelter House on South Mountain in Emmaus.

- 1. Carlin Log House (ca 1850'). This is a drive-by site. No photography.** Access: 3687 Lanark Road, Coopersburg, PA. From Exit 60 of I-78 at the junction with PA Route 309, just south of Allentown, drive 0.6 mile south to Center Valley Parkway. Turn right and continue for 0.2 mile to Lanark Road. Turn right and continue for 0.3 mile to the Carlin Log House on your right at the junction with Abbott St. and Lanark Road. (This building is located in Lanark despite its Coopersburg postal mailing address).
- 2. Miller Log House (ca 18th century). This is a drive-by site. No photography.** Access: 7028 Sell Road, Zionsville, PA. From the previous building, turn right onto Lanark Road and continue west a short distance to the junction of Lanark Road and Limeport Pike. Turn left onto Limeport Pike and continue for 8.4 miles to the village of Hoesessack. Turn right onto Kings Highway and continue for 0.1 mile to Palm Road. Turn left onto Palm Road and continue 1.1 miles to Powder Valley Road. Turn right and continue on Powder Valley Road for 0.9 mile to Sell Road. Turn right onto Sell Road and look for the Miller Log House high on the hillside on the left.
- 3. Peter Rothenberger Log House (ca 1830-1850'). This is a drive-by site. No photography.** Access: 6521 Crown Lane, Zionsville, PA. From the previous building continue ahead for 0.3 mile on Sell Road to its junction with Powder Valley Road. Turn left onto Powder Valley Road and continue for 0.2 mile to Woodburn Drive. Turn right onto Woodburn Drive and then almost immediately left onto Corning Road. Turn left onto Corning Road and continue for about 0.5 mile to Crown Lane. Turn right onto Crown Lane, and continue for about 0.1 mile to the Peter Rothenberger Log House set back among lush landscaping on the right.
- 4. Schubert-Graber Log Cabin (ca 1740s-1750s). This is a drive-by site. No photography.** Access: From the previous building return to, and then turn left onto Powder Valley Road. Continue ahead for 0.6 mile to the Schubert-Graber Log Cabin (currently needing major restoration work) on the right. Please do not park on private property near the log cabin.
- 5. Pennsylvania Avenue Log House (1798'). This is a drive-by site. No photography.** Access: 1281 Pennsylvania Avenue, Emmaus, PA. From the previous building continue ahead on Powder Valley Road to the junction with Routes 29/100. Turn right and continue 4.0 miles into Emmaus to 10th St. Turn right and continue 0.1 mile to Pennsylvania Ave. Turn right and proceed 0.3 mile. The Pennsylvania Avenue Log House on your right (only the logs on the front first floor are exposed).
- 6. Shelter House (1734). You may walk around the property and take photographs of the exterior of the building, but please respect the privacy of the caretaker and his family who live in the structure.** Access: 601 South Fourth Street, Emmaus, PA. From the previous building return to Pennsylvania Ave. (which eventually becomes Broad St.) and continue ahead 1.0 mile to 4th St. Turn right and continue to T at Fairview St. Turn left at the T, continue to the end, then turn right beside a recreation field to the Shelter House sign ahead of you. Turn left at the sign into the narrow driveway and continue to the small parking area.

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Central Section

This section of the log cabin trail includes the City of Allentown, Lower Macungie, North Whitehall, Lowhill, and Weisenberg townships, and villages and towns including Breinigsville, Westcosville, and Schnecksville. The Central Section has nine log buildings included on the trail. They are Hunter's Cabin in Little Lehigh Park in Allentown, the Henry Bortz Log House at Schnecksville, the Lyndon Lardner Log Cabin in Treder Park in Allentown, the Balliet Log House in North Whitehall Township, the Schneck Log House in Schnecksville, and the Wright Log House in North Whitehall Township.

- 7. Hunter's Cabin (ca 1739-1741). Visitors may walk around the cabin, and photograph its exterior, but it is not possible to go inside. You may also take photographs of adjacent Bogert's covered bridge.** Access: From the previous building return via 4th St. for 0.6 mile to the Frangle in the center of Emmaus. Turn right onto Chestnut St. and continue ahead for 1.7 miles, past many automobile dealers and the South Mall (on the left) to a traffic light at Oxford Drive. Turn left onto Oxford Drive and continue ahead for 0.8 mile to the next traffic light (where Oxford Drive becomes 24th St. at Fish Hatchery Road). Turn right at the traffic light, continue around the barn, and park in a small parking lot beside the barn. Walk through adjacent Bogert's covered bridge to Hunter's Cabin on the left a few feet from the other end of the barn.
- 8. Henry Bortz Log House (1792). You may walk around and photograph the exterior of the building, but it is not possible to go inside except during several special events held annually.** Access: 5047 Hamilton Blvd., Westcosville, PA. From the previous building return to the traffic light at Oxford Drive/24th St./Fish Hatchery Road, turn right onto 24th St., and continue north for 1.7 miles to the second traffic light and T at Hamilton St. (Rt. 222) in Allentown. Turn left onto Rt. 222 and continue for 2.6 miles, past Dorney Park/Whitewater Kingdom, to Kressler Rd. (at a bypass), turn right onto Kressler Road, then immediately right onto Hamilton Blvd., and continue ahead for 0.5 miles to the Pennsylvania Recreation Center on the right. Turn into the center, park, and walk to the Bortz Log House.
- 9. Lyndon Lardner Log Cabin (ca 1746-1750). You may walk around the building and photograph its exterior, but it is not possible to go inside.** Access: In Treder Park, Allentown, PA. From the previous building turn left onto Route 222 (Hamilton Blvd.) and return for 2.0 miles to Cedar Crest Blvd. in Allentown. Look for the King George Inn at this intersection. Turn left onto Cedar Crest Blvd. and continue for 0.6 mile north to the traffic light at Broadway. Turn left onto Broadway and continue for 0.1 mile to the traffic light at Springhouse Road. Turn right and continue for 0.2 mile to the entrance to Treder Park on the right. Enter and park, then walk north on the park's loop road about a quarter mile to the Lyndon Lardner Log Cabin.
- 10. Balliet Log House (ca 1790-1820'). This is a drive-by site. No photography.** Access: The building's location is 4458 Coffelown Road, Schnecksville, PA. From the previous building return to Cedar Crest Blvd., turn left and continue north on Cedar Crest Blvd. for 2.9 miles sign to Iron Bridge Road. Turn left and continue for 0.7 mile to the stop sign at Guth's covered bridge. Turn right, drive through the covered bridge, and continue ahead for 0.1 mile to River Road. Turn left and continue 0.8 mile to Wether Mill Road (Wether bridge) and continue 1.0 mile to a stop sign and covered bridge tower sign. Take the right fork on Rex's Road and continue 1.2 mile to Orchard Road (the sign may be missing). Turn left onto Orchard Road and continue 1.5 miles to the traffic light at Rt. 309. Continue ahead 1.7 miles on Sand Spring Road to Coffelown Road. Turn left and continue 0.5 mile to the Balliet Log House on the left.

11. Schneck Log House (ca 1798). Visitors may walk around the building, but it is not possible to go inside. Access: Located along PA Route 873 in Schnecksville. From the previous building, return to PA Route 873 in Schnecksville, turn right, and continue to the junction of Routes 309 and 873. Turn right onto Route 873 and continue 0.3 mile to a traffic light near McDonald's on the left and STS Tire & Auto on the right. Turn right and go behind the tire store to the Schneck Log House.

12. Wright Log House (19th century). This is a drive-by site. No photography. Access: Located at 2579 Neffs Laury Road, Schnecksville, PA. From the previous building, drive north on Route 873 for 0.8 mile to Neff's Church (a very tall steeple) on the left. At that dangerous intersection, continue straight ahead (not left around the front of the church) onto Neff's Laury Road and continue for 1.9 miles to the Wright Log House on the left.

Northern Section

This portion of the log cabin trail includes the townships of Lyn, Heidelberg, and Washington, and various villages and towns including Wanamakers, New Tripoli, Statedale, and Slatington. The Northern Section has seven log buildings included on the trail. They are the Ramaley Log House in Slatington, the German Log House in Statedale, the Bellis Log House near Lehigh Furnace Gap in Washington Township, the Zeissoff Log House and rebuilt Fort Everett both in Ontelaunsa Park in New Tripoli, the Stanley Log House along PA Route 143 in Lyn Township, and the historically important Frederick Leaser Log Cabin and related historic sites near Wanamakers in Lyn Township.

- 13. Ramaley Log House (ca 1842'). This is a drive-by site. No photography.** Access: This house is located at 1217 Main St., Slatington, PA near the top of the hill at the south end of town. Return to Route 873 and Neffs Church, turn right and drive north for 4.3 miles on Route 873 to the south end of Slatington where the building is located on the right amid dense vegetation.
- 14. German Log House (ca 1840s). You may photograph the exterior of this building by standing in the street outside the log fence.** Access: This log house, with a rustic log fence in front of the property, is located at 4219 Main St., Statedale, PA. From the previous building in Slatington, continue north for 0.3 mile on Main St. to the traffic light at W. Church St. Turn left onto W. Church St. and continue for 1.5 miles through the village of Emerald St. (Statedale). Turn right onto Main St. and drive for 1.3 miles through most of Statedale to the German Log House on the right.
- 15. Bellis Log House (ca 1750'). This is a drive-by site. No photography.** Access: 9073 Furnace Rd., Slatington, PA. From the previous building, continue ahead for 0.6 mile on the same road to the intersection with Mountain Rd. Turn left onto Mountain Rd. and continue for 0.4 mile to Furnace Rd. Turn right onto Furnace Rd. and drive approximately 0.9 mile to the Bellis Log House directly adjacent to the road on the right side of the road.
- 16. Zeissoff Log House (ca 1738-1748). You may walk around this building and take photographs of its exterior. On special occasions each year, such as Pioneer Day in Lehigh Township and the Pioneer Christmas Open House, visitors may go inside the Zeissoff Log House and adjacent Fort Everett.** Access: From the previous house turn left onto Jones Road across from the Bellis Log House and continue for 1.0 mile to Mountain Road. Turn right and continue for 4.3 miles to Route 309. Carefully cross Route 309 (a dangerous intersection) and continue onto Mosserville Road for 1.7 miles to Route 143. Turn left onto Route 143 and drive 0.2 mile to the entrance to Ontelaunsa Park on the right. Turn into the park and drive to the Zeissoff Log House and rebuilt Fort Everett Stockade. Park nearby, then walk to the buildings and enjoy these fascinating structures.
- 17. Fort Everett (ca 1756). You may walk around this building and take photographs of its exterior.** Access: The Zeissoff Log House and Fort Everett are located beside each other in Ontelaunsa Park.
- 18. Stanley Log House (ca mid-1700s). This is a drive-by site. No photography.** Access: 7593 Kings Highway (Route 143), New Tripoli, PA. From the previous buildings, leave Ontelaunsa Park, turn left onto Rt. 143 and drive 1.2 miles to view this drive-by building on your right set back somewhat from the highway.
- 19. Frederick Leaser Log Cabin (ca pre-1755). This is a drive-by building. Please do not trespass on this private property. No photography.** Access: 7654 Leaser Road, New Tripoli, PA. From the previous building, continue farther along Route 143 for 3.6 miles to the intersection of Route 143 and Leaser Road on the right. Turn right onto Leaser Road and continue for 0.9 mile to the log cabin on the left between a farm house and a barn.

Return to Central Section

The Lehigh County Log Cabin Trail now returns to the Central Section for visits to the final three log buildings on the trail—the Miller Log House and Adam Bear Log Cabin in Lehigh Township, and the King Log Cabin near Breinigsville.

- 20. Millt Log House (ca 18th century). This is a drive-by site. No photography.** Access: 2628 Borer Stadt Road, Fogelsville, PA. From the previous building, return to Route 143, turn left, and continue for 1.3 miles to the junction with Route 863. Turn right and continue for 0.9 miles to Seigstown Road. Turn left and continue for 1.3 miles to Claussville Road. Continue on Claussville Road for 0.3 mile to Borer Stadt Road. Turn left and continue 0.3 mile to the Millt Log House on the left.
- 21. Adam Bear Log Cabin (ca 1753). You may park at the adjacent township building and take photographs of its exterior.** Access: The building is located at 2175 Seigstown Road, Fogelsville, PA. From the previous building, return to Claussville Road, turn right, then turn left onto Short Road. Continue 0.1 mile to Seigstown Road, turn left and continue for 0.4 miles to the Weisenberg Township building on the left. Park and walk to the log cabin beside the township building.
- 22. Kline Log Cabin (ca 1752). This is a drive-by site. No photography.** Access: 1865 Klines Mill Road, Breinigsville, PA. From the previous building, turn left onto Kline Road in Breinigsville, PA. Turn right and continue 3.6 miles to Kline Mill Road. Turn left and continue for about 0.1 mile and look for this log building on the left set back in a field.