

## The Covered Bridges



of Juniata County, PA

### A Self-Guided Tour

Take a long afternoon and discover our covered bridges. Total mileage for this tour is 78 miles but the amount of time it takes depends on how long you stop at each destination. We encourage you to discover the local businesses you'll pass along the way. This map, including shopping and eating destinations, is also available online through our website: [www.juniatarivervalley.org](http://www.juniatarivervalley.org).

**H.** Directions to the **Juniata County Courthouse**: North on Academia Rd/ SR3017 to Church Rd/T349 for 1.3 miles. Turn left at Cross Rd, turn right at PA35N which will turn into Juniata St. Turn right at PA35N/Main St. You can see the Courthouse on the left at the traffic light. **The Juniata County Courthouse** is over 120 years old, yet still plays a vital governing role.

**The Juniata County Historical Society** is an all-volunteer community group that strives to keep our local history alive. For more information go to: [www.juniatacountyhistorical.society.org](http://www.juniatacountyhistorical.society.org) or call 717-436-5152

**G.** Directions to the **Tuscarora Academy**: Head north on Covered Bridge Rd/Mill Rd/T334. Take first left onto Groninger Valley Rd/ SR3008. Then right onto Academia Rd/ SR3015. Turn left onto Academia Rd/SR3017. **Tuscarora Academy** became the first school of higher education for boys in the Tuscarora Valley in 1836. The museum is operated by the Juniata County Historical Society and is open June, July and August on Sundays from 1:30-4pm. Other times by special arrangement. Call 717-436-5152.

**A.** Directions to the **Canal House & Park from 322E**: Take Arch Rock Rd. exit from Rt. 322. At stop sign, turn right onto Arch Rock Rd. Right at next stop sign, continue 1.6 miles to Canal House. The tour begins at the **Canal House**. The Canal Park includes Lift Lock #13, a picnic area, a 1.5 mile toponym hiking trail between the park and the PA Fish & Boat Commission access area, signs interpreting the historical canal remains and the restored lock keeper's house.

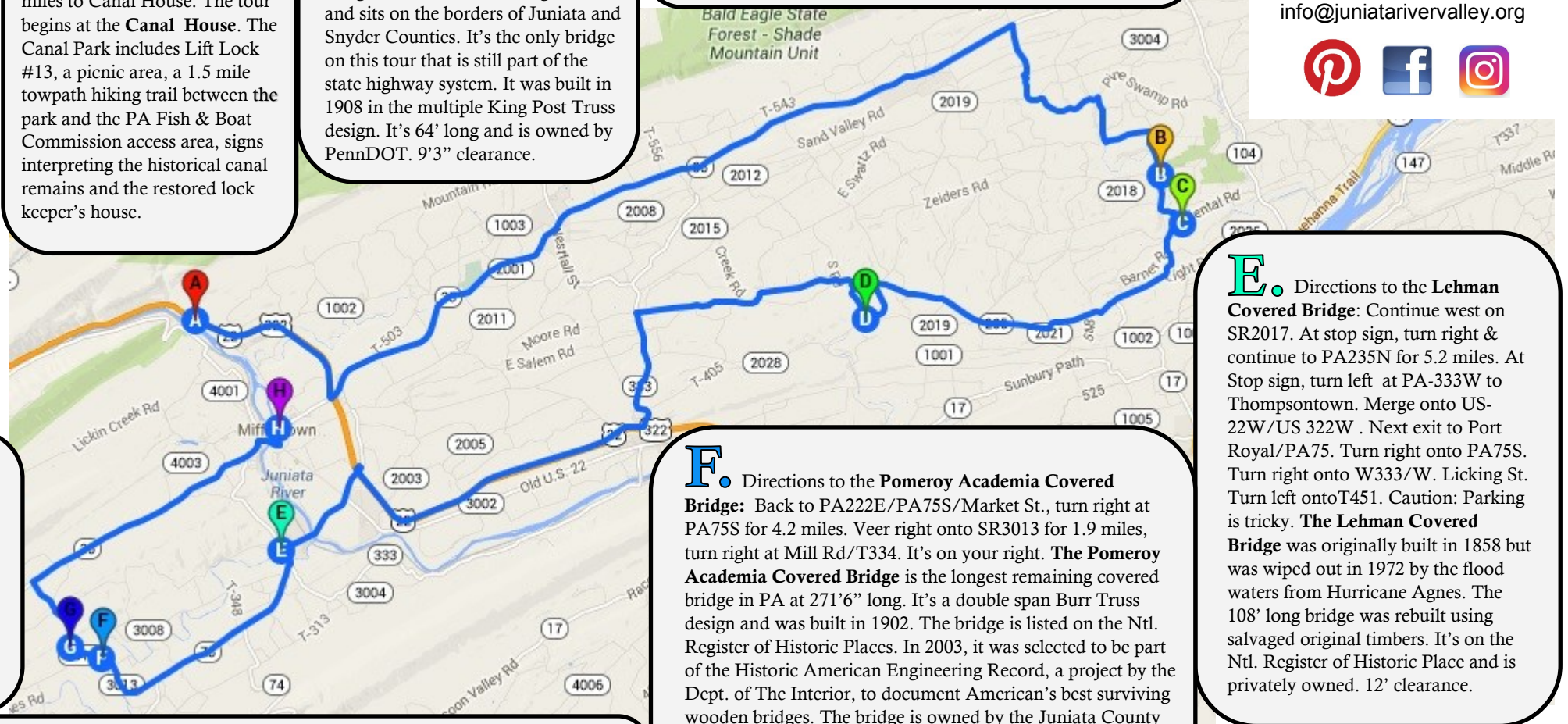
**B.** Directions to The **Beaver Covered Bridge** Return to Rt. 322/ US 22 and head east. Take the next exit to PA35 to Mifflintown/ McAlisterville. Turn left at stop sign onto PA-35N. Continue for 18.7 miles. Turn right at Ridge Road. This bridge crosses the Mahatango Creek and sits on the borders of Juniata and Snyder Counties. It's the only bridge on this tour that is still part of the state highway system. It was built in 1908 in the multiple King Post Truss design. It's 64' long and is owned by PennDOT. 9'3" clearance.

**C.** Directions to the **Sheaffer Covered Bridge**: Continue South on Arbogast Church Rd/TR326, then onto SR2023. Turn left onto Nipple Rd, then right onto Snapper Rd, Right onto Oriental Rd. Bridge is on your right. **Sheaffer Covered Bridge** is 91' long and was constructed in 1907. The bridge is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is privately owned. You must ask permission from the land owner to walk to the bridge. Inquire at the home to the left of the bridge.



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**F.** Directions to the **Pomeroy Academia Covered Bridge**: Back to PA222E/PA75S/Market St., turn right at PA75S for 4.2 miles. Veer right onto SR3013 for 1.9 miles, turn right at Mill Rd/T334. It's on your right. **The Pomeroy Academia Covered Bridge** is the longest remaining covered bridge in PA at 271'6" long. It's a double span Burr Truss design and was built in 1902. The bridge is listed on the Ntl. Register of Historic Places. In 2003, it was selected to be part of the Historic American Engineering Record, a project by the Dept. of The Interior, to document American's best surviving wooden bridges. The bridge is owned by the Juniata County Historical Society and was completely restored for approx. \$1.8 million in 2009.

**E.** Directions to the **Lehman Covered Bridge**: Continue west on SR2017. At stop sign, turn right & continue to PA235N for 5.2 miles. At Stop sign, turn left at PA-333W to Thompsontown. Merge onto US-22W/US 322W. Next exit to Port Royal/PA75. Turn right onto PA75S. Turn right onto W333/W. Licking St. Turn left onto T451. Caution: Parking is tricky. **The Lehman Covered Bridge** was originally built in 1858 but was wiped out in 1972 by the flood waters from Hurricane Agnes. The 108' long bridge was rebuilt using salvaged original timbers. It's on the Ntl. Register of Historic Place and is privately owned. 12' clearance.

For a Google Map of this tour as well as more ideas of things to do in the Juniata River Valley, go to

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