



New tour highlights Central Pennsylvania's heartland

MIFFLINTOWN, PA - Scenic views, paths less-traveled, charming communities, local favorites – there's a reason you seek out "hidden-gems" for vacations, and southern Juniata County has some of the best.

Explore this genuine and unpretentious area using the suggested itineraries in the new "So. J Co." tour that surround three of the biggest attractions in the southern end of the county. The self-guided tours will introduce you to local businesses, historic sites, delicious food, and lodging locations, all located south of State Route 322.

"The charms of southern Juniata County are far between, but anything but few," said Buffie Boyer, communications director for the Juniata River Valley Visitors Bureau. "There are numerous ways to enjoy the rural landscape of this Central Pennsylvania county and we have laid out three itineraries that visitors can follow or create their own tour."

Follow our country roads for the "Handpicked" tour that will introduce guests to the local growers who are passionate about sharing their agricultural knowledge while providing locally grown produce, flowers, live-stock, and grapes. Better yet, stop by our local restaurants who are sourcing these local products for fresh, flavorful meals.

Get off the beaten path and find yourself in Mother Nature's playground in the "RV There Yet?" tour. Take your family to the fun-filled, award-winning Buttonwood Campground where you'll find plenty of outdoor adventures including fishing and floating on the Juniata River, miniature golf, a gigantic jumping pillow, pedal karts, laser tag, and more. Venture off the campground to cool down with some ice cream and end your day by relaxing under the stars at the drive-in movie theater.

Complete your trip with a "Speed Palace TailGREAT" tailgating party at Port Royal Speedway, the East Coast's premier half-mile dirt track. Supply your tailgate with the freshest food and tastiest drinks from local businesses to fuel your body as you cheer on your favorite driver.

The tour includes some bonus ideas including, a monthly farmer's market, a barn quilt tour, many historical sites, a women-owned boutique, a coffee shop, and a guided fly-fishing tour.

With three distinct areas all having personalities worth getting to know, the opportunity for adventure is endless in the Juniata River Valley. Step outside and discover, at your own pace, the hidden gems that have attracted visitors to this region time and again.

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