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5 THINGS YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS

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1 HAVE A FAMILY OUTING AT GOVERNORS PARK

Spending a day at Governors Park is a must when visiting Bellefonte because it's the perfect spot to enjoy the outdoors and soak up the town's community vibe. At 43 acres, the park has something for everyone. You can walk or jog along the scenic paths, toss a frisbee, shoot hoops, play pickleball, or play tennis. The open fields are great for lawn games, running around, or just relaxing with a blanket and a good book. Kids love the playground, while families and friends can gather at the picnic pavilions and grills for a fun meal in the fresh air.

Beyond recreation, Governors Park has a welcoming, friendly feel that makes it easy to slow down and enjoy the day. It's a place where locals meet, visitors explore, and everyone can connect with nature and each other. Whether you're active or just looking for a peaceful spot to unwind, Governors Park is a highlight of Bellefonte.

2 EXPLORE THE HISTORIC DISTRICT AND ARCHITECTURE OF BELLEFONTE

Exploring Bellefonte's Historic District is something every visitor should experience, because the town feels like you've stepped into a beautifully



The Queen, A Victorian Bed and Breakfast

kept Victorian storybook. The streets are lined with Queen Anne homes, Italianate storefronts, and old churches, each one with details you can't help but stop and admire — carved wood trim, tall windows, wraparound porches, and brickwork that shows just how much pride went into building this town. Downtown, the courthouse and the Spring Creek waterfront create a picture-perfect setting for a slow walk, and you'll keep noticing little touches that make Bellefonte special.

What makes exploring here so enjoyable is how close everything is. You can wander from one historic street to the next, taking in the mix of architecture and the stories hinted at in old plaques and preserved buildings. For anyone who appreciates character, craftsmanship, or simply a town with a soul, Bellefonte's Historic District offers a genuine, memorable glimpse into the past that's hard to find anywhere else.

3 EXPERIENCE THE HISTORIC BELLEFONTE CRUISE

Experiencing the Historic Bellefonte Cruise is a must for car enthusiasts, families, and anyone who appreciates small-town charm. Held each Father's Day weekend in downtown Bellefonte, this long-running tradition features an impressive display of classic, antique, exotic, and custom vehicles, including cars, trucks, and motorcycles. The highlight of the weekend is the open cruise through Bellefonte's historic streets, where spectators can watch the vehicles in motion while enjoying the town's beautiful architecture.

Beyond the cars, the event offers live music, a lively sock hop, bike games, caricature drawing, and activities that create a fun, welcoming atmosphere



Photo by Tim Weigh

for all ages. Visitors can explore local shops and restaurants, turning the cruise into a full weekend experience. Using the official Historic Bellefonte Cruise website (bellefontecruise.org) helps visitors stay informed about schedules, entertainment, and event details so they can plan ahead and fully enjoy this classic community celebration.

4 TAKE A TRAIN RIDE ON THE HISTORIC BELLEFONTE RAILROAD

Riding the Historic Bellefonte Railroad is a must for anyone visiting the area because it's a fun, memorable way to experience both the scenery and history of Central Pennsylvania. Operated by enthusiastic volunteers, the vintage railcars take you on a slow, relaxing journey through rolling farmland, wooded valleys, and hidden spots you'd never see from the road. It's a chance to step back in time and enjoy the simple charm of classic rail travel.



Photo by Adam Rottschild/BHRS

Many rides include stops at historic towns like nearby Lemont, where you can stretch your legs, enjoy some cider, or grab a snack. Seasonal trips make the experience even more special — the fall foliage rides are breathtaking, and the Candy Cane Express is pure holiday fun for families. Longer trips, like the High Iron Limited, give a deeper look at the area's railroad history. No matter your age, a ride on the Bellefonte Railroad is an unforgettable way to see the region and connect with its past.



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5 SPEND AN AFTERNOON AT BALD EAGLE STATE PARK

Spending a day at Bald Eagle State Park is a must for anyone visiting the area, because it offers a little bit of everything for outdoor lovers. The park spreads across nearly 6,000 acres, with the 1,730-acre Foster Joseph Sayers Reservoir at its heart, making it perfect for boating, kayaking, swimming, or fishing during the warmer months. Trails wind through lush forests, giving visitors opportunities to hike, watch wildlife, or simply enjoy the peace of nature. In winter, those same trails become a must for cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and even ice fishing enthusiasts.

Throughout the park, picnic areas and campgrounds provide relaxing spots to pause and take in the scenery, while guided programs and educational activities make every visit engaging for all ages. Birdwatchers, deer spotters, and nature photographers will find plenty to delight them, and families can enjoy hands-on experiences with the local environment. With such a variety of activities year-round, Bald Eagle State Park is the perfect place to connect with nature and unwind. ♦



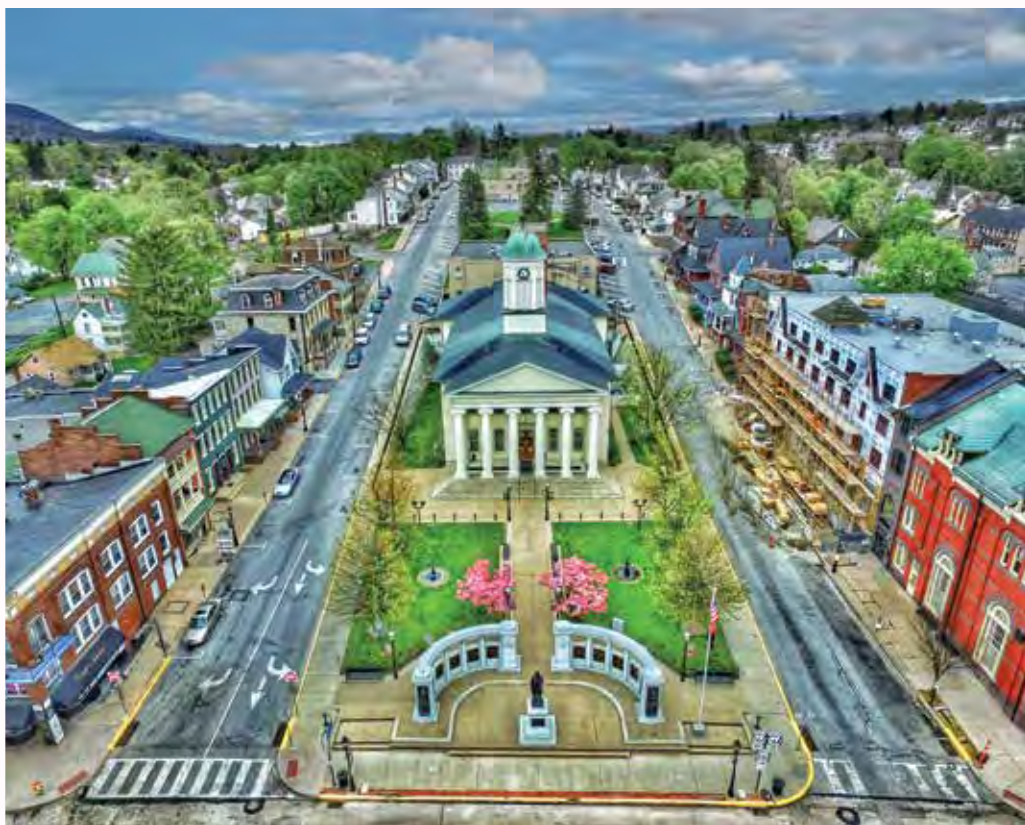
HISTORY OF BELLEFONTE



Bellefonte was founded in 1795 by James Dunlop and his son-in-law, James Harris. Named for the “beautiful fountain” spring in the town center, Bellefonte quickly became a regional industrial hub, known for its ironworks during the 19th century. Its prosperity led to the construction of grand Victorian

homes and civic buildings, many of which still stand today. Bellefonte also gained political prominence — seven Pennsylvania governors either were born there or lived there. The town served as Centre County’s administrative and commercial heart, preserving much of its historic charm. ♦





WHY BELLEFONTE?



Bellefonte offers a blend of historic charm, outdoor recreation, and community spirit for both visitors and residents. Tourists can explore beautifully preserved Victorian architecture, boutique shops, and historic sites like the Bellefonte Courthouse and Talleyrand Park. Outdoor enthusiasts enjoy fishing and kayaking in Spring Creek, hiking nearby trails, and

attending seasonal festivals such as the Victorian Christmas and the Arts and Crafts Fair. Residents benefit from a close-knit community, excellent schools, and proximity to State College and Penn State University. With its welcoming atmosphere, scenic beauty, and thriving downtown, Bellefonte provides a perfect balance of small-town living and cultural enrichment. ♦





FUN FOR

From outdoor events to family activities and everything in between, Bellefonte has something for everyone.

SPRING

Bellefonte Farmers Market

A wide variety of locally raised beef, pork, bison; fresh produce, fresh cut flower bouquets, dried flowers, house plants, gifts and more. Located beside Centre Peace from May through October.



Photo by Tim Weight

Easter Egg Hunt

This community event is organized by local clubs, businesses, and volunteers, who prepare more than 10,000 plastic eggs filled with candy and prizes. It will be held at Talleyrand Park in March this year.

Fishing or Kayaking

Spring Creek is a popular destination for anglers looking to kick off trout season in April. Stocked year-round with a variety of adult trout, the creek provides excellent fishing conditions and easy access along its banks.



Outdoor Adventure On Tap

Outdoor Adventure On Tap

Outdoor adventure, local flavors, live music, vendors, workshops, and family fun combine for an unforgettable community celebration in town. outdooradventureontap.com

Out Loud in Bellefonte

A literary arts performance series held on First Fridays at the Print Factory with a series of readings of poetry and prose. bellefontearts.org

TIA/TOB Region 4 Championships

Located at the Bellefonte Area High School on April 26, this competition features marching bands, indoor color guards, twirlers, percussion, and dance teams, as well as jazz bands, choral groups, and other related units. njatob.org

SUMMER

Bellefonte Arts and Crafts Fair

In August come out and enjoy arts, crafts, and more from talented artists and crafters locally and around the country. Located on North Allegheny and West High streets. bellefontefair.org

Children's Fair

This annual event takes place on the first Saturday in June at Curtin and Armor Streets, offering live performances from local entertainers, children's games, and a variety of family activities. bellefontesunriserotary.org/childrensfair

Historic Bellefonte Cruise

Celebrate Father's Day weekend in downtown Bellefonte! Enjoy Friday's classic car cruise and sock hop, then return Saturday to check out an impressive lineup of classic, exotic, antique, and European cars and motorcycles. bellefontecruise.org

Summer Sounds from The Gazebo

Free concerts are held every weekend from June through August in Talleyrand Park, featuring a variety of musical styles including folk, pop, rock, and jazz. bellefontearts.org

Sunday Afternoon Chamber Music Series

Enjoy an intimate chamber music series this fall, featuring exceptional musicians, inspiring performances, and unforgettable live classical experiences for everyone. events.bellefontearts.org/chamber-music-series

EVERY SEASON

Sunday Fundays by Smith + Front

A weekly spring and summer pop-up in Bellefonte featuring local vendors, food trucks, live music, and family-friendly activities, offering a fun outdoor community experience while supporting small businesses. smithandfront.com

FALL

Talleyrand Fall Fest and Annual Halloween Parade

Dress up your kids and participate in the parade that starts at the Bellefonte Elementary School and ends at Talleyrand Park. Once at the park, you and the family can enjoy games, activities, inflatables, hayrides, a craft beverages tasting tent, and food vendors. bellefonte.com/events/talleyrand-park-fall-festival

Art in the Open: A Community Canvas Extravaganza

Celebrate community creativity this fall with Art in the Open, a colorful, collaborative exhibit showcasing local voices and shared imagination. events.bellefontearts.org/art-in-the-open

Punkin' Chunkin' Fall Festival

The Punkin' Chunkin' Fall Festival in Howard features pumpkin launching, hayrides, food and craft vendors, children's games, and emergency vehicle displays, offering family-friendly fun while supporting the local fire company. howardfire.com/punkin--chunkin--fall-festival



Bellefonte Historical Railroad

Fall Train Rides

The Bellefonte Historical Railroad Society offers scenic train excursions through Centre County, Pennsylvania. Tickets can be purchased online via their booking platform. bellefontetrain.org/tickets

Eagle Iron Works & Curtin Village Apple Festival

Curtin Village's annual Apple Festival celebrates fall with apple-themed foods, drinks, and treats, including cider, donuts, and caramel apples, plus train excursions highlighting Bald Eagle Valley history and local Lenape heritage. curtinvillage.com

Local Historia Ghost Tours with The Gamble Mill

Join local historian Matt Maris as he guides local ghost tours through the hills of historic Bellefonte. localhistoria.com

WINTER

Bellefonte Shop Small Crawl

Bellefonte's Shop Small Crawl, organized by Downtown Bellefonte Inc., encourages shopping local on Small Business Saturday. Shoppers collect pins from merchants using special totes to earn gift card prize entries. downtownbellefonteinc.com

Bellefonte Holiday Bash

A holiday market at Brass 16823, featuring handmade, upcycled, and vintage goods from local businesses. It includes local food, beverages, and music. smithandfront.com



Bellefonte Victorian Christmas

Victorian Christmas

The three-day event transforms the historic borough of Bellefonte into a festive holiday village where visitors can enjoy the Holiday Cookie Crawl, explore the open-air Winter Market, shop the BHCA Victorian Arts & Crafts Show, and ride aboard the BHRS' Train-Rides Sugar Plum Limited and Candy Cane Express for timeless Victorian charm. bellefontevictorianchristmas.com ♦

FUN FINDER CENTRAL

More than 60 years ago, a chance meeting between local Boy Scouts David Kurtz, Dave Guss and Tom Southworth, and Yugoslav paddler Natan Bernot inspired the birth of competitive whitewater paddling in Central Pennsylvania. From homemade fiberglass canoes to representing the United States at the 1963 World Championships, the group's passion led to daily training on Spring Creek in Bellefonte. That same stretch of water evolved into Sunnyside Paddling Park — a European-style paddling center with slalom gates, year-round Class I-II rapids and full facilities for beginners and pros alike — now recognized as one of the nation's top whitewater training grounds.

Find the full story by David Kurtz in the May 2024 Town&Gown named “Launched by Big Dreams: Sunnyside grows into one of the best U.S. whitewater training grounds”

Sunnyside Paddling Park



Photo by David Kurtz (2)



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Above: Quaker Meeting House,
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By
Matt Maris

These little houses were intended to serve
as headquarters for demonstrating
"home making" activities for girls and boys.



The following historic buildings in Bellefonte may be “little” but they have lots of history. Each has a unique story to tell, including a local store built over a waterway, the Bellefonte Train Station, a charming Quaker Meeting House, and a “Little House” belonging to the Bellefonte Girl Scouts.

MY CAFE BUZZ (325 W. High Street)

At 325 W. High Street, the unique “little building over the race” which is now My Cafe Buzz has an eclectic history. While no structures are identified at this location on local maps until after 1874, it appears to originate as a cigar shop in the early 1880s. Charles Rine built a smaller wooden framed shop on pilings over the mill race and identified it as a cigar and tobacco business there in 1883. In addition to cigars, Mr. Rine’s business expanded to fruit sometime around 1887. Mr. Peter Keichline acquired the property before 1898. In addition to being a confectionery, the Keichlines sold tobacco, foreign, and domestic fruits according to the 1901-1902 business directory in Bellefonte. According to his obituary in the Democratic Watchman (Nov. 24, 1939), Peter Keichline enjoyed so much success at this location, that “twice he was compelled to enlarge the building.” As seen in photos postmarked



My Cafe Buzz

circa 1910, the building has a slight angle to its construction because it was built to make room for an adjacent railroad siding that curved slightly between it and another building, also built over the mill race. The frame building in the background eventually shows up behind it on a 1911 Sanborn Map (on page 20). Also in the provided photo (at the bottom of page 21) a Charles C. Keichline sign can be seen advertising Coca-Cola in Bottles, Fancy Fruits, Candies, and Cigars.

According to the memoir of Charles Mensch, Joseph and “Les” Thomas also owned and operated the store for many years. The old Thomas store was eventually sold to Joseph Boscaino who continued to operate it as a “newstand, tobacco, candy, novelty store, and soda fountain.” Boscaino’s Variety Store thrived into the 1990s. Over the years, it essentially

served as a general store until its recent changeover to the cafe genre. Shortly after the Bush House fire in 2006, the “variety store” sold and became the Cafe on the Park for about a decade. In 2016, it became the Wine and Cafe at the Park (then the Bella Vino Wine Bar). Today, My Cafe Buzz is owned by Heather Lingle, who opened in 2020. They’ve added a lovely outdoor deck for seating and it is one of the most stylish and historic businesses in Bellefonte.



Circa 1911 photo of Charles Keichline’s store, notice the railroad tracks to the left.



The former depot circa 1860s was replaced by the brick station in 1889.

BELLEFONTE TRAIN STATION (Chamber of Commerce)

While a former wooden depot dated back to the 1860s, the current Bellefonte Train Station was completed in 1889 by the Pennsylvania Railroad (PRR). One of the first photos taken of this “new” station was by a photographer

heading to capture the destruction of the Johnstown Flood. As can be seen in the picture, the Democratic Watchman reported on May 17, 1889, that Pennsylvania Railroad employees worked to improve the grounds with graveled white limestone and circular plant beds. During the heyday of the “Pennsy” (PRR), one could take a train from Victorian Bellefonte to almost anywhere. The railroad even brought the PRR and Bellefonte amateur baseball clubs together in August 1889. Bellefonte defeated the railroaders from Philadelphia 21-7.

In 1889, the Railway Guide in the newspaper listed many passenger options of the “Pennsylvania Railroad and Branches” coming through Bellefonte; about 12 passenger trains a day. According to the schedule, one could leave Bellefonte at 9:32 a.m. and by way of Lock Haven, Williamsport, and Harrisburg, safely arrive in Philadelphia by 6:50 p.m. for dinner.

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PRR station in Bellefonte, 1889



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of Friends) in Bellefonte. According to Linn's History of Centre & Clinton Counties (1883), "among the early residents of Bellefonte were several Quaker families from Chester County including, the Valentines, Thomas', Millers, and Irwins being the first.

While there was a meeting house in Halfmoon Valley, the Quakers in Bellefonte found it practical to establish their own place of worship in town rather than traveling about 18 miles to the Halfmoon Valley meeting house. Prior to the arrival of the railroads in the 1860s, 18 miles was at least a two day journey by carriage.

The Quakers in Bellefonte would also meet in each other's homes prior to the construction of the meeting house. However, in 1832, Linn continued that "the numerical strength of the Friends seemed sufficient to warrant the erection of a house of worship." That year, the Valentine brothers, including George, Reuben,

Bond, and Abram (Abraham), with their partner, William A. Thomas, "put up at their own expense, upon their own land, a meeting-house for the free use of Friends as might choose to gather there."

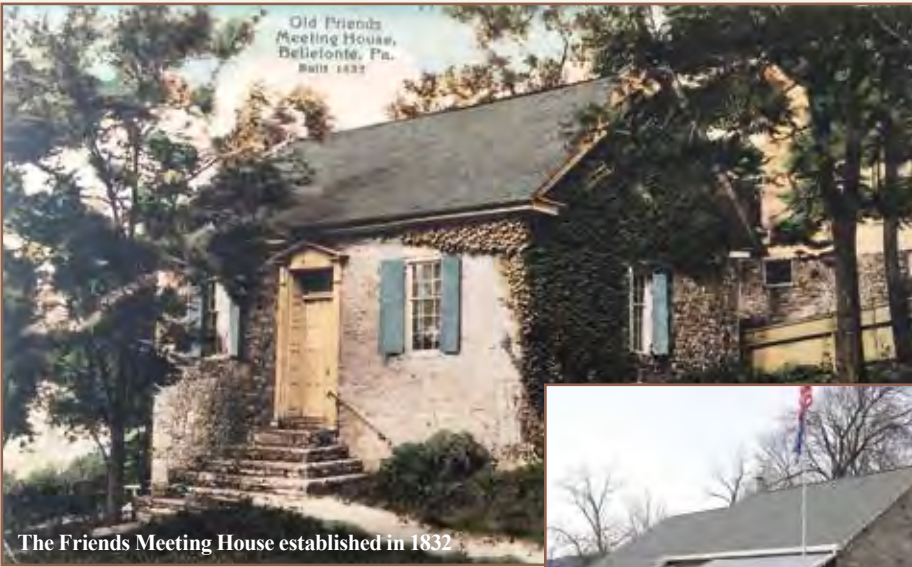
Then in 1837, after a visit from the Baltimore Yearly meeting committee, the Quakers in Bellefonte united with the body of Orthodox Friends. The Quakers in Halfmoon Valley subscribed to another branch known as the Hicksite, or liberal Friends. The same year, 1837, the Friends's graveyard was established a quarter of a mile south of the meeting house on "Quaker Hill" in Bellefonte. The burial ground includes William and Eliza Thomas, who are remembered for being conductors on the Underground Railroad.

ownership, passenger trains would start to come to a halt.

Today the Nittany & Bald Eagle Railroad (NBER) still operates freight through Bellefonte. But if you want to take a passenger train, you better follow the Bellefonte Historical Railroad Society (bellefontetrain.org) for its wonderful events and excursions around the holidays and beyond!

QUAKER MEETING HOUSE (Knights of Columbus Council 1314)

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The Friends Meeting House established in 1832

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Since 1961, the Centre County Library & Historical Museum has provided rent-free use to the Bellefonte Girl Scouts. The scouts have conducted fundraising efforts to make upgrades to the old carriage house, such as replacing the roof with a more efficient design. Other necessary interior improvements such as electrical, plumbing, and heating systems were installed as well. The community rallied around the cause and celebrated its open house in June of 1962. The Girl Scout Council of Pennsylvania sponsored this meeting place until 2016, when



the “Friends of Bellefonte Little House” was organized and officially assumed responsibility for the maintenance, improvements and management. Current fundraising efforts are underway to maintain and improve the accessibility of the structure.

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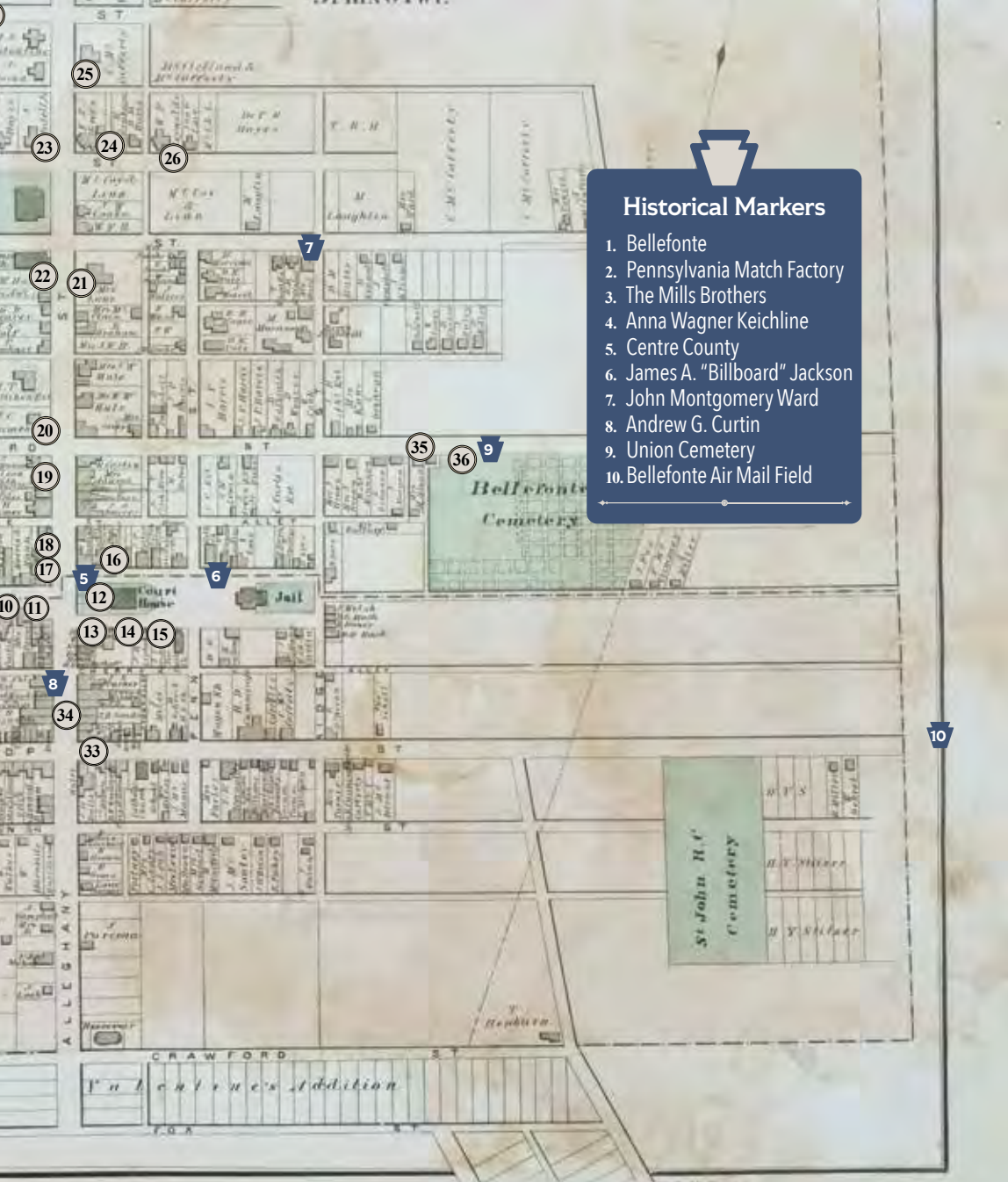
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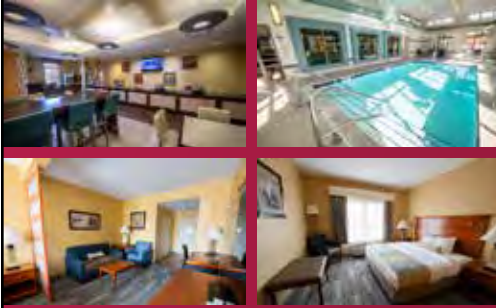


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APPETIZING SOUL TELEVISION FABULOUS!

Embark on a culinary journey through Bellefonte with these delicious appetizers.

Text & photos by Sherri Jordan & Luciano Sormani



Steamed dumplings with dipping sauce
at Bellefonte Wok

Often the unsung heroes of the dining room, appetizers are arguably the most versatile players on the menu. They are the ultimate culinary chameleons: a quick comfort fix for a solo diner, a shared ritual for a group of friends, or — if they're truly exceptional — the subject of a friendly fork war over the very last bite.

There is a unique joy in the “tapas-style” approach — ordering a table full of starters to create a vibrant, family-style feast. It’s a way to sample the soul of a kitchen without the commitment of a single entrée. Whether you’re looking to satisfy a light craving or kick off a multi-course celebration, the appetizer sets the tone for everything that follows.

Bellefonte’s dining scene has quietly evolved into a powerhouse of variety. The town offers a sophisticated spectrum of flavors, ranging from refined elegance — high-end plates designed for slow savoring — quick & classic familiar favorites that hit the spot every time, and future classics: gourmet sandwiches and inventive small plates that push the boundaries of “bar food.”

We went on a mission to explore this local wealth of options, navigating the menus of

Bellefonte to uncover the must-try standouts you might have missed. From the crispy and golden to the sweet and savory, here is what’s worth the detour.

Steamed Dumplings **Bellefonte Wok**

 111 S. Allegheny St., Bellefonte
 bellefontewok.com

In a town where Victorian facades and century-old stories line every street, Mr. Lu’s Bellefonte Wok has carved out its own enduring chapter on South Allegheny Street. For more than 20 years, this family restaurant has provided a flavorful bridge between the old-world charm of Bellefonte and the vibrant traditions of Chinese cuisine. A favorite among local residents for their extensive menu and consistent quality, Bellefonte Wok offers many delicious appetizer options.

One of our favorites is the steamed dumpling platter. The soft dumplings are stuffed with a savory, and aromatic pork filling. Dipping them in the tangy dumpling sauce further enhances the flavor. There’s plenty here to share, but once you’ve tasted one, you may not be so willing to give them up!



Caprese panini with arugula salad at Bonfatto's Italian Market & Corner Café

Caprese Panini Bonfatto's Italian Market & Corner Café

📍 401 W. High St., Bellefonte
🌐 bonfattos.com

The unofficial appetizer: a fresh find at Bonfatto's.

While Bonfatto's may not feature a dedicated "appetizers" heading on its menu, the savvy local knows that some of the best starters are hidden in plain sight. If you're looking to kick off your meal with something light yet sophisticated, look no further than their Mediterranean-inspired classics.

The Caprese Panini is a master class in traditional Italian flavors. Rather than a heavy fried starter, this sandwich offers a bright, garden-fresh profile that primes the palate.

Thick slices of creamy mozzarella and vine-ripened tomatoes are the heart of this sandwich. Topped with fragrant, fresh basil that provides that unmistakable herbaceous punch and a peppery crown of fresh arugula, the flavors combine to create a unique experience. The rich, velvety drizzle of balsamic reduction enhances the overall flavor

while adding complexity.

It's all served on golden-toasted Italian bread, providing a satisfying crunch that yields to a warm, gooey center.

If you find yourself craving even more of that signature "peppery bite," the arugula side salad is the perfect companion. This isn't just a garnish; it's a generous mountain of spicy greens tossed with more of those high-quality ingredients — mozzarella, tomatoes, and sharp balsamic vinaigrette. It's the ultimate "guilt-free" starter for those who want to save room for Bonfatto's legendary main courses.

Brussels Sprouts The Parlor

📍 167 S. Potter St., Bellefonte
📞 (814) 482-7372

Tucked away in the heart of Bellefonte lies The Parlor, a local treasure that proves big flavors often come in unassuming packages. While many are drawn in by the siren song of their small-batch, gourmet ice creams, those who linger long enough to explore the "hot" side of the menu are in for a delicious surprise.

The Parlor may be famous for its cold treats, but its savory offerings are anything

Courthouse Pub by Brother's Pizza

Nestled in the heart of downtown Bellefonte, Brother's serves up classic New York-style pies with a cozy, small-town atmosphere. Their Courthouse Pub, just across from the Centre County Courthouse, offers Brother's pizza paired with local craft beers — perfect for pizza lovers and community-spirit seekers alike.

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- 🌐 WeArePizzaMia.com
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but an afterthought. While you won't find a dedicated "appetizers" section on the menu, the curated selection of sides and small plates acts as the perfect prologue to your meal.

The star of the show: Roasted Brussels sprouts. If there is one dish that captures the kitchen's finesse, it's the roasted Brussels sprouts. These aren't your average greens; they are a master class in texture and balance.

The texture: Roasted to a perfect al dente, they retain a satisfying snap while boasting just a hint of smoky char.

The glaze: A generous drizzle of sweet chili vinaigrette elevates the dish from a simple side to a standout starter.

The flavor profile: Every forkful delivers a sophisticated "sweet-meets-savory" punch, rounded out by a gentle, warming heat.

Whether you're stopping by for a double scoop or a full dinner, make sure a plate of these sprouts finds its way to your table. In a town full of history, The Parlor is making some of its own — one small batch at a time.

Roasted Brussels sprouts at The Parlor



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Pulled-pork nachos (left), and an appetizer sampler with sriracha cheese curds, mozzarella sticks, and fried pickle chips at The Junction 144

Sample Platter & Pulled Pork Nachos **The Junction 144**

📍 850 S. Eagle Valley Road, Julian
📞 (814) 737-3606

When it comes to comfort food, The Junction 144 understands the assignment. Their appetizer menu is a curated love letter to the classics, designed to satisfy everything from a sudden salt craving to a serious hunger. Whether you're leaning into the heat of their signature "Wingate-ors" or keeping it traditional with golden chicken tenders, there is a sense of deliberate craftsmanship behind every basket.

We decided to dive deep into the fryer with a custom sampler that hit all the high notes. While we reluctantly saved the onion rings for a return trip, our spread of cheese curds, mozzarella sticks, and fried pickles did not disappoint.

Accompanied by tall glasses of refreshing homemade iced tea, these starters are a perfect in texture. The light but sturdy breading avoids the "heavy" grease trap, the steaming, gooey centers pull apart exactly

as they should, and house-made ranch and zesty marinara provide the perfect acidic counterpoint to the savory fried goodness.

In a world of "kitchen sink" nachos, The Junction 144 opts for a "less is more" philosophy that pays off. Its pulled pork nachos don't hide behind filler; instead, they highlight the essentials: crispy corn chips, tender, slow-cooked pulled pork, a kick of fresh jalapeños, all covered in a blanket of perfectly melted cheese.

It's a hearty plate that flirts with the line of a full entrée, providing a smoky, savory anchor to the meal. By the time the last chip was gone, the mission was accomplished: We were primed and ready for the main event.

All the appetizers **Maria's**

📍 202 N. Water St., Bellefonte
📞 (814) 355-1121

There is an undeniable joy in a table crowded with golden, fried starters — a communal feast designed for sharing (and perhaps a little light-hearted competition for the last bite). At Maria's, they've mastered the science of the



Clockwise from left: mozzarella sticks, fried pickle spears, onion rings, and breaded mushrooms. Top right: homemade meatballs. Bottom right: garlic breadsticks with mozzarella cheese, at Maria's



deep fry, turning simple snacks into a high-sensory experience.

What sets Maria's appetizers apart is their remarkable restraint. While many fried dishes can feel weighed down by oil, these remain remarkably light. Each bite offers a delicate, flavorful coating that provides a sharp, satisfying snap, and an explosion of flavor that awakens the palate without the heavy, greasy aftereffect.

It's indulgent comfort food that leaves you feeling energized for the main course rather than weighed down.

If your cravings lean toward the baked and the bold, Maria's has you covered with classics that feel like a warm embrace.

The garlic breadsticks topped with mozzarella and baked to perfection, are comfort food of the highest order. They are undeniably cheesy and bursting with garlic-infused flavor. While they pair beautifully with a side of zesty marinara, they are so well-seasoned that they can easily stand alone.

No trip to Maria's is complete without an order of their traditional Italian meatballs.. A perennial fan favorite, these savory gems capture the essence of old-school Italian cooking. They are hearty, tender, and exactly what you imagine when you think of a classic, home-cooked Italian meal. ♦

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Lutheran Commons

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Bellefonte Area School District
318 N. Allegheny St., Bellefonte
(814) 355-4814
basd.net

Facts

29,544 total school district population
119 square miles
248 people per square mile

Demographics

Race:

White	92.0%
Two or more races	3.4%
Hispanic/Latino	2.7%
Asian or Asian Pacific Islander	0.7%
Black or African American	0.7%

Student:teacher ratio

12.1 (State Average: 14.1)

Test Scores

(% levels at or above proficiency in the state)

Elementary	reading: 58%	math: 60%
Middle school:	reading: 60%	math: 40%
High school:	reading: 67%	math: 44%

**Source: USNews*

Students in Bellefonte Area School District attend one of six schools

Bellefonte Area High School (9-12)
830 E. Bishop St., Bellefonte
(814) 355-4833

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100 N. School St., Bellefonte
(814) 355-5466

Bellefonte Elementary School
100 W. Linn St., Bellefonte
(814) 355-5519

Benner Elementary School
490 Buffalo Run Road, Bellefonte
(814) 353-5339

Bellefonte and Benner Elementary schools are scheduled to close spring of 2026, but will combine as the new elementary school opens near the high school in fall 2026.

1002 Airport Road, Bellefonte

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Marion-Walker Elementary School
100 School Drive, Bellefonte
(814) 357-2425

Pleasant Gap Elementary School
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Associated with Bellefonte School District

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cpi.edu

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undinefireco2.org

Walker Township Fire Company
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walkertownshipfire.com

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236 W. Lamb St., Bellefonte
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Bellefonte Borough

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U.S. Senator Dave McCormick

817 E. Bishop St., Ste. C, Bellefonte
(814) 357-0314



Local Transportation

Centre County Office of Transportation

Iddings St., Milesburg
(814) 355-6807

The Centre County Office of Transportation offers reliable, accessible bus and paratransit services for residents of all ages, including seniors and individuals with disabilities. Operating weekdays, this service connects the community to work, appointments, shopping, and essential destinations across Centre County.



Local Crisis Services

Centre Safe

122 N. Allegheny St., Bellefonte
Toll Free (877) 234-5050
24 HR. Hotline (814) 234-5050
centresafe.org

This organization provides vital support for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in Centre County. Offering a 24-hour hotline, counseling, advocacy, and safe housing, it empowers individuals, promotes healing, and strengthens the community, ensuring safety, hope, and essential resources for those in need.



ID Services

Driver's License: **DMV/Photo License Center**

812 W. College Ave.,
Pleasant Gap
(800) 932-4600

dmv.pa.gov/driver-services

Offering full services including new licenses, renewals, and photo ID cards. Expect efficient service, knowledgeable staff, and a straightforward process designed to make obtaining or updating your credentials quick, convenient, and hassle-free for all residents.

Passport services:

Centre County Prothonotary Office

102 Centre County Courthouse,
Bellefonte
(814) 355-6796

centrecountypa.gov/384/

Prothonotary-Clerk-of-Courts



Voter Registration

Community Services Building

502 E. Howard St., Bellefonte
(814) 355-6703

centrecountyyvotes.gov



Utilities

Cable, Internet, Phone:

Brightside

(833) 692-7773

Comcast (Xfinity)

(800) 934-6489

Zito Media

(888) 995-9486

Verizon

(800) 922-0204

Electricity:

West Penn Power Company

2800 E. College Ave.,
State College
(800) 686-0021

firstenergycorp.com/west_penn_power.html

Serving Centre County and surrounding areas for over a century, this electric utility provides safe, reliable power. It maintains infrastructure, manages power lines, and offers customer support, including payment assistance and energy-efficiency programs, ensuring homes and businesses stay reliably powered with trusted service throughout the region.

Fuel Oil Services:

Columbia Gas

Weaver Hill Road, Bellefonte
(814) 355-0729

Ingram Fuels, Inc.

4187 Nittany Valley Dr.,
Howard
(814) 383-4447

ingram-fuels.com

JJ Powell

206 S. Potter St., Bellefonte
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