

MEADOWCROFT

ROCKSHELTER AND
HISTORIC VILLAGE

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Take a step back in time...

and into the footsteps of the very first North Americans. A hidden gem in Western Pennsylvania, Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village is the oldest site of human habitation in North America. Travel through thousands of years of history as you explore the Meadowcroft Rockshelter where the region's earliest inhabitants took shelter at least 19,000 years ago. Then, explore three interpretive villages bringing 500 years of history to life.

The health and safety of our visitors and staff is Meadowcroft's top priority. We have established new procedures and policies to ensure you and your family will feel safe during your visit. Masks are required in indoor spaces, including the Visitor Center and Rockshelter enclosure, while it remains a recommendation by the Pennsylvania Department of Health.



HOURS OF OPERATION

MAY: Thursday through Sunday, 10 am to 4 pm

MEMORIAL DAY TO LABOR DAY: Wednesday through Sunday, 10 am to 4 pm.

SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER: Saturday and Sunday, 10 am to 4 pm.

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MEADOWCROFT ROCKSHELTER

The region's earliest inhabitants took shelter under the massive rock overhang known as Meadowcroft Rockshelter at least 19,000 years ago. Discover how a groundhog led to the discovery and archaeological excavation of this National Historic Landmark.

HISTORIC VILLAGES

Three interpretive villages bring 500 years of history to life for visitors of all ages. Explore American Indian culture in a 16th-century Monongahela Indian Village, learn about European settlers at an 18th-century Frontier Trading Post, and experience daily life in the 19th-century Meadowcroft Village.

TRAILS TO TRAINS

Explore the evolution of transportation in Southwestern Pennsylvania. Trailblaze 19,000 years of transportation history beginning with our prehistoric predecessors to the early days of the National Road, to the use of the stagecoach, and finally to the development of the railroad.



GROUP SIZE

Minimum 10, Maximum 150. Interpretive and self-guided experiences are available.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Facilities include an indoor multipurpose room with tables and chairs, an outdoor pavilion with seating for 32 as well as additional picnic tables throughout, indoor restrooms, and a gift shop. Snacks and drinks are available.

INTERPRETIVE AND SELF-GUIDED TOURS

Interpretive tours range from 30 minutes to 2.5 hours and can be combined for longer experiences. Self-guided tours allow guests to visit our villages at their leisure with times scheduled to visit the Rockshelter.

TOUR OPERATOR PRICE

Adult and Senior Groups:

- \$12 per adult/senior

Student Groups:

- One program: \$7 per child
- Two programs, combined: \$10 per child
- Three programs, combined: \$12 per child.

Meadowcroft requires that two adults (admitted free) accompany each group of 20 students. Driver and Group Leader are free.

Scout Groups:

- Prices vary by program

Contact 724-587-3412 for program information. Camping \$10 per person per night.



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