



# Lewisburg, Pennsylvania



Lewisburg Borough, Pennsylvania, is situated on the west bank of the West branch of the Susquehanna River. Founded by Ludwig Derr and originally named Derrstown, Lewisburg was later renamed for Lewis, the Anglicized version of Ludwig. Lewisburg was laid out in a grid pattern that was developed in colonial Pennsylvania.

Lewisburg is home to several museums. The William Cameron Fire Company Museum documents the history of the company and showcases antique firefighting equipment, which includes a horse-drawn pumper wagon, hand pumper, and a hose cart. The Slifer House Museum is a preserved Victorian mansion that features an extensive collection of furnishings from the Victorian Era and contains many family artifacts. The Packwood House Museum features glass, ceramics, textiles, furniture, paintings, Pennsylvania German decorative arts, and Oriental art that belonged to one of the owners. In addition, the garden has the area's only collection of Japanese cedars. The Dale/Engle/Walker House is a preserved central Pennsylvania limestone farmhouse that was once part of the Underground Railroad. The farm also includes nature trails and bird watching opportunities.

Bucknell University's Samek Art Gallery focuses primarily on modern and contemporary art from many cultures. The collection also includes Baroque and Renaissance art, 20th century photographs, Japanese decorative art, and historic prints.

Bucknell's Weis Center for the Performing Arts hosts professional and campus music, dance, and theatre events.

## NEIGHBORHOODS

Lewisburg's National Register Historic District was created in 1985. The district encompasses most of the borough and a large portion of the Bucknell University campus.

Buildings throughout the town represent virtually every historic type and style from 18th-century log, stone, and brick buildings to 20th-century modern houses. Architectural styles in Lewisburg include the following: Federal, Greek Revival, Gothic Revival, Early Italianate, Romanesque Revival, various Classical Revival styles, Late Italianate, Second Empire, Queen Anne, Gothic Victorian, Arts and Crafts, Colonial Revival, Tudor Revival, Neoclassical Revival, Georgian Revival, Beaux Arts, Art Deco, Sears Roebuck kit houses, and midcentury Modern (the "House and Garden House of the Year" from 1952 is part of the district). Houses vary in size from small bungalows to large mansions, and consist predominantly of brick or frame construction. Some housing near the university has been converted into rental properties for students.

Lewisburg does not have undeveloped areas that could accommodate new housing construction. East Buffalo Township, which abuts downtown Lewisburg, offers a variety of housing options, including new and newer homes.

## PARKS AND RECREATION

Lewisburg has three parks, a gymnastics center, an indoor pool, an outdoor pool, an outdoor ice rink, and a skate park. The 22-acre Lewisburg Area Recreation Park, commonly referred to as St. Mary's Street Park, is a multigenerational park that includes a skate park, climbing boulders, multiple playgrounds, and a senior wellness path in addition to tennis courts, an ice skating rink, community pool, and a basketball court. Playworld Systems, a local company, contributed state-of-the-art equipment to this park's recent renovation. Hufnagle Park, in the center of downtown Lewisburg, is the site of live music events at the gazebo, community activities, games on the lawn, and a children's playground. Soldier's Park, which is located at the east end of town, is a shady, quiet, riverfront park.

Lewisburg does not have professional sports teams; however, Bucknell University has various men's and women's team sports.

## EDUCATION

Lewisburg Area School District serves approximately 1,900 students from the Borough of Lewisburg, Kelly Township, East Buffalo Township, and Union Township. The district operates an elementary school for prekindergarten through third grades, an elementary school for grades four and five, a middle school, and a high school.

Bucknell University offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

## HEALTH CARE

Lewisburg is served by one hospital that has a total of 127 patient beds.

### CITY STATS

**2008**

City Population	5,517
County Population	43,626
Per Capita Personal Income, Union County, PA	\$29,321