

For Release Monday, 4/4/2022

County of Berks Press Release

Berks County Heritage Center museums reopening on April 30 for 2022 tour season

Reading, PA – 4/4/2022 – The Berks County Parks Department is pleased to announce that the Berks County Heritage Center will be reopening to visitors on Saturday, April 30. The Heritage Center will be open on weekends during the following hours: Fridays and Saturdays, 10 AM to 4 PM, and Sundays 12 PM to 4 PM.

Guided tours of the Gruber Wagon Works will be offered each day with tours starting on the hour: Friday and Saturday tours will start at 10 AM, 11 AM, 12 PM, 1 PM, 2 PM, and 3 PM, and on Sundays at 12 PM, 1 PM, 2 PM, and 3 PM. Tours will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Tours will start at the lower level of the Heritage Center's Visitor Center Barn and last about 75 minutes.

[Admission fees](#) for tours of the Gruber Wagon Works are cash only:

- Adults: \$7.00
- Seniors: \$6.00
- Students: \$5.00
- Children 6 and under: Free
- Groups of 10 or more (with advanced registration): Adults \$5.00 and Students \$3.00

The C. Howard Hiester Canal Center will be open for self-guided tours for walk-in visitors. Admission is free with a suggested donation of \$2 or included with the Wagon Works Tour admission. The Visitor Center Barn will be open and staffed during the Heritage Center's hours of operation, which includes the Snack Bar and Country Store.

The Berks County Heritage Center is a proud participant in Blue Star Museums for our 2022 season. This program allows free admission to all active-duty military personnel and their families as well as veterans. The Blue Star Museum program runs from Armed Forces Day on May 21 through Labor Day, September 5. For more information visit <https://www.arts.gov/initiatives/blue-star-museums>

Beginning April 30, members from the Friends of the Epler's One Room Schoolhouse will be on-site to speak with visitors about the history, ongoing restoration, and future plans for the building. The Schoolhouse will be open during the same Saturday and Sunday hours as the Berks County Heritage Center. Access to the schoolhouse is free but donations are greatly appreciated.

For more information, please visit www.countyofberks.com/parks or contact Daniel Roe, Historic Resource Supervisor, at droe@countyofberks.com or 610-374-8839, ext. 201.

###

For more information, press only:

Stephanie Weaver, Public Relations Officer

Office: 610-478-6136 x6112

Cell: 610-816-1242

Email: sweaver@countyofberks.com

www.CountyofBerks.com

www.DoYourPartBerks.com