

HARMONY MUSEUM

LOCATION: 218 Mercer Street, Harmony, PA 16037

HOURS: The Harmony Museum is open Tuesday – Saturday, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. *Two guided tours are offered each day, one at 1:00 p.m. and the other at 2:30 p.m. Up to ten (10) people can participate in a tour, thus we would strongly advise you to schedule your tour in advance and as soon as possible.

*For updated information concerning hours of operation or changes to their calendar of events or programs, please check their website and/or call before your visit.

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ADMISSION: Complimentary-up to two (2) adults and six (6) children under the age of eighteen per visit and per one lending time period (which will be approximately one week and per each library's procedures).

DESCRIPTION: Harmony, PA was founded in 1804 by Johann Georg Rapp and his religious community. Known as the Harmony Society or Harmonists, Rapp and his followers fled present-day Germany in search of religious freedom. There were about 400 Harmonists who lived communally. They were very industrious and built a strong economy. However, as the group grew, they needed more land, so they sold the community to a Mennonite, Abraham Ziegler, and moved to Indiana.

One of the primary stops in Harmony is the Harmony Museum, which was built in 1809. It tells the story of the Harmony Society, the Mennonites who came after them, and those who have contributed to the community since then. The museum also features information on George Washington's 1753 visit to the area and the Ball collection of 19th century sporting rifles.

In addition to the Harmony Museum, Historic Harmony Inc. owns other properties in the area, including a Mennonite log cabin from the early 1800s and a Mennonite Church and graveyard. A visitor strolling around this quaint village will discover additional historic buildings, some of which house current businesses. The Harmony Historic District is Western Pennsylvania's first National Landmark District.

Monthly events are also offered in Harmony, including Harmoniefest, Candlelight Concert, House and Garden Tour, Antique Gun Show, Oktoberfest Dinner, and the museum's primary annual fundraiser, their German-style Christmas Market.

An affiliate of the Heinz History Center, Harmony has something for everyone, so come and immerse yourself in 250 years of Western Pennsylvania's history.