

## MEADOWCROFT ROCKSHELTER AND HISTORIC VILLAGE

**LOCATION:** 401 Meadowcroft Road, Avella, PA 15312

**HOURS:** May: Saturdays and Sundays, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Memorial Day to Labor Day: Wednesday through Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Labor Day and October: Saturdays and Sundays, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

**WEBSITE:** [www.heinzhistorycenter.org/visit/meadowcroft](http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org/visit/meadowcroft)

**CONTACT:** 724-587-3412 or [meadowcroftinfo@heinzhistorycenter.org](mailto:meadowcroftinfo@heinzhistorycenter.org)

**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:** Take a day-long adventure at Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village, located in Avella, Washington County, PA. Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village was created by Albert and Delvin Miller who wanted to preserve the rural history of Western Pennsylvania, while developing a place where youth groups could camp, learn about history, and investigate the natural environment.

A variety of tours and educational experiences are offered at Meadowcroft. Visitors can-

- investigate archeology and the prehistoric people who lived in the area under a massive rock overhang 19,000 years ago;
- travel 400 years into the past to explore a re-created 16<sup>th</sup> century Indian village;
- explore an 18<sup>th</sup> century frontier trading post;
- visit a 19<sup>th</sup> century rural village containing a one-room schoolhouse, an 1870s log church, and a blacksmith forge, while learning from re-enactors dressed in period costumes and from living history demonstrations.

Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village is a National Historic Landmark.

At Meadowcroft's interpretive villages, you can step back in time to encounter rural life over the past 500 years. Explore a wigwam and test your aim with a spear thrower at the 16th-century Eastern Woodland Indian Village, experience an 18th-century log cabin and open-sided trading post, and watch a blacksmith forge red-hot iron or take a lesson in a one-room school house at the site's 19th-century Historic Village.

An affiliate of the Heinz History Center, the Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village helps visitors learn about ancient history and step back in time to experience rural life in the Washington County area from the past 500 years.