

PLAN A VISIT



MEADOWCROFT ROCKSHELTER AND HISTORIC VILLAGE IS THE IDEAL DAY TRIP FOR FAMILIES, SCHOOL GROUPS, AND HISTORY LOVERS.

Located in Avella, Washington County, Pa. – just an hour drive from Pittsburgh, Wheeling, W.Va., and Steubenville, Ohio – Meadowcroft operates in association with the Senator John Heinz History Center, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution and Pennsylvania's largest history museum.

For more information, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org and click on Meadowcroft.



MEADOWCROFT

401 Meadowcroft Road • Avella, PA 15312
724-587-3412 • www.heinzhistorycenter.org

HOURS

Spring & Fall (May, Sept., Oct.)
Saturday: Noon - 5 p.m. • Sunday: 1 - 5 p.m.

Summer (Memorial Day - Labor Day)
Wednesday - Saturday: Noon - 5 p.m. • Sunday: 1 - 5 p.m.

ADMISSION

Adults: \$12 • Senior Citizens (Ages 62+): \$11
Youth (Ages 6-17) & Students (with valid ID): \$6
Children (5 and under) & History Center Members: Free

For group tour information, please call 724-587-3412.
Groups are scheduled by appointment April - Nov.
Free bus parking and free admission for chaperones.

SENATOR JOHN HEINZ HISTORY CENTER

Complete your understanding of Western Pennsylvania history at the History Center, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution and Pennsylvania's largest history museum.
1212 Smallman Street • Pittsburgh, PA 15222
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MEMBERSHIP

Join the ranks of history. Become a member of the History Center, which includes free admission and special Smithsonian benefits. Call 412-454-6436.



16,000 YEARS ALL IN ONE DAY



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TRAVEL TIMES & MILEAGE

Pittsburgh: 1 hour – 35 miles • Erie: 3 hours – 160 miles
Wheeling: 45 min. – 25 miles • Charleston: 3½ hours – 205 miles
Cleveland: 3 hours – 160 miles • Columbus: 3 hours – 160 miles



HISTORY 16,000 YEARS IN THE MAKING



IMAGINE STANDING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE FIRST NORTH AMERICANS, USING ANCIENT TECHNOLOGY TO LIVE OFF THE LAND.

Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village, part of the Senator John Heinz History Center's museum system, is the oldest site of human habitation in North America and provides visitors with a unique glimpse into the lives of prehistoric hunters and gatherers.

Smithsonian magazine recently named Meadowcroft one of the "Five Great Places to See Evidence of First Americans."

MEADOWCROFT ROCKSHELTER

This National Historic Landmark features a massive, 16,000-year-old rock overhang used by our earliest predecessors for shelter.

The Rockshelter enclosure provides visitors with a never-before-seen perspective into the oldest and deepest parts of this internationally-renowned archeological excavation.

HISTORIC VILLAGES

In addition to ancient history, visitors can step back in time to experience life over the past 500 years through a series of outdoor interpretive villages.

Visitors to the 16th century Eastern Woodland Indian Village can step inside a wigwam, pound corn into meal, and try their hand at throwing the atlatl, a prehistoric spear thrower.

Two new 18th century structures, a log cabin and an open-sided trading post, allow visitors to relive the everyday lives of both European settlers and American Indians from the region.

Across the covered bridge, a 19th century Upper Ohio Valley village encourages visitors to enjoy a lesson in a one-room schoolhouse, play traditional children's games, and watch a blacksmith forge red-hot iron.

