

Sights and Shops

FACT OR FICTION

FACT: *The Amish have big weddings that generally last the entire day.*

FICTION: *The blue doors on the Amish houses are symbolic of an eligible daughter.*

This is not true. The blue doors are not symbolic in any way. Years ago a bishop painted his door blue and the community liked it so well that they all began painting their doors blue.

FICTION: *Amish marriages are pre-arranged.*

This is also false. Marriages within the Amish community happen much like those in modern society, NOT pre-arranged.

FACT: *Brown-capped buggies are unique to Lawrence County. They establish uniformity within the Amish community and are cost effective.*

Attractions

Amish Graveyard

The Amish do not believe in extravagant graveyards. In fact, sheep can often be seen grazing in the graveyards. The small stones remember the Amish and larger stones remember Mennonites. One area graveyard is located behind the white gate at the intersection of Auction Rd. and High St.

Amish Schoolhouse

There are 13 different schoolhouses in the area. When school is in session, 25-30 students are enrolled in each, ranging from 1st-8th grade.

Auction House

The Auction House is located on Auction Rd. The local Amish sect and also local farmers go to the market every Monday to socialize and buy needed goods such as livestock and kerosene.

Telephone Booth

Although the Amish do not have their own telephones, a few phone booths have been placed within the community for emergencies. Most of the phone booths are covered by brush or trees however, one phone booth can be seen, in plain view, when traveling on Cranberry Rd.

Where to Look for Amish Products

Furniture

<i>(Items)</i>	<i>(Location)</i>
Cedar Lawn Furn.	Rt. 158
Rocking Chairs	Poverty Point Rd.
Furniture	Rt. 18

Hand-Crafted Items

<i>(Items)</i>	<i>(Location)</i>
Hand Loomed Rugs	Cotton Rd.
Hand-Woven Baskets	Heather Heights
Quilts	Rt. 208
Quilt Tops	Heather Heights
Rocking Horses	Poverty Point Rd.
Wood Craft	Cotton Rd.

Hardware

<i>(Items)</i>	<i>(Location)</i>
Belts/Bearings	
and Pulleys	Heather Heights
Cabinets	Rt. 18
Doors/Windows	
and Screens	Cranberry Rd.
Harness Shop	Heather Heights
Harness Shop	Route 208

Fresh Produce

<i>(Items)</i>	<i>(Location)</i>
Eggs	Poverty Point Rd.
Various Produce	Cotton Rd.
Various Produce	Rt. 158
Various Produce	Rt. 208

The Old Order Amish of Lawrence County, PA

The Old Order Amish sect in Lawrence County settled around 1847. There are currently 13 Amish schools and 14 church districts in the area. The Amish of Lawrence County are hard working, tax paying people just like the other residents of the county.

When driving through an Amish area, it is not uncommon to come upon a sign advertising various homemade or handcrafted goods. When one does arrive at such a sign, feel free to stop by and see what the Amish family has to offer; from sweet corn to fresh produce, hand stitched quilts and handcrafted furniture, the Amish are masters of traditional skill.

Although the Amish are known for their hard work, they also make time for recreation. Continuing to enjoy the simple pleasures of years gone by, the local Amish enjoy Monday cattle auctions, barnraisings and quilting bees.

Another Amish recreational activity that occurs occasionally, are workdays referred to as "frolics." This is where families catch up on each other's lives while quilting or building.

The Old Order Amish of Lawrence County are members of a unique, faith-oriented culture. They live lives of simplicity and tradition. Their lifestyle is worlds away from our fast-paced technology ridden society. Feel free to stray off the beaten path and explore on your own. The scenery is worth the extra time.

*We ask you to honor the
customs of our neighbors:*

*ABSOLUTELY NO CAMERA
EQUIPMENT OF ANY KIND

*NO SUNDAY SALES



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