

LEBANON VALLEY

Good day everyone...it's a beautiful day in Pennsylvania.

Lebanon Valley is the perfect peaceful place to visit. Between its gentle hills, you'll find a rustic beauty and a relaxing stillness. Like its hills, the Lebanon Valley is the gentle place. It is a year-round place, as is most of South-Central Pennsylvania, and good things can be enjoyed in the Valley any time of the year. The hub of the valley is the city of Lebanon; industrial, agrarian, historical, cultural; a town of moods of all kinds. And surrounding the hub, the highways wheels provide insight into many Pennsylvania highlights, centered in the Gentle Valley. There are many trails of history, fun, sport and food; the Dutch are famous for the latter. East of Harrisburg, Hummelstown with its Indian Echo Caverns edges the western sector of the valley--then comes Hershey, Pennsylvania's Playground for fun, culture and industry. There is Cornwall Furnace, the greatest source of iron in the nation before the Lake Superior veins were discovered, which supplied the iron for the Revolution. Zeller's Fort at Newmanstown houses the home which still bears the scars of unsuccessful Indian attacks. There is the world famous Quentin Riding Club which shows the finest of horses almost year-round. In the Gentle Valley one can enjoy Union Canal Tunnel, the oldest surviving transportation tunnel in the United States, built in 1825 to connect the Schuylkill with the Susquehanna. At Shaefferstown--the historic village--one can see the baking of breads, attend the annual folklike conferences.

This is a journey into yesteryear. Here was built the first water system in the United States, one which Ben Franklin copied for Philadelphia. On uncongested highways, you'll find interest--all of a sudden--on any road in Lebanon Valley. Near Myerstown, the Manor House, where George Washington slept; at Annville, Lebanon Valley College; at Mount Gretna, enjoyment of theatre and ease, where Charlton Heston served his apprenticeship; in all the fields, fine herds of dairy cattle; near Colebrook, the famous Dinosaur Rock, unusual. And in Lebanon City, flavor the olfactory and sighted delights of the farmers market where the good of the Lebanon Valley come to the consumer. And the bologna! Setzers, Weavers, Bombergers--world famous and made here so that people will know what good is! All the things that are good--are to be found in the gentle Lebanon Valley of Pennsylvania. Cum Vunct!

This is Pete Wambach. It's a beautiful day in Pennsylvania.