

Welcome!



You are about to explore historic sites along the Northern Tier of Cambria County. You will be asked "Site" questions which are found at the historic site. To mix things up we've added a few "Best Guess" questions which are not found at the site or found on the internet. A lot of this Road Rally follows the 18th Century Kittanning Trail which today is dotted by 21st Century Windmills. Remember. . . This is not a race. Please obey all traffic laws. The Rally is designed to last around three hours. Have fun and stay safe. Good Luck!

IMPORTANT: In order to be entered to win the \$100 Sheetz gift card you must either drop off or mail in this completed sheet with your \$10 payment. Cash or Check acceptable

I _____ (Signature) agree not to hold the Cambria County Historical Society at fault during my participation in their event known as the Road Rally. Particularly in the areas of driving, directions, traffic fines or traffic accidents.

First and Last Name (Print):

Phone number:

Site 1: The A W Buck House 615 N. Center St. Ebensburg, PA

1. The same year as the Johnstown Flood, what year was the A W Buck House built?
☐ 1936 ☐ 1804 ☐ 1889 ☐ 1977
2. What is the first name of the Buck family's only daughter?
☐ Rose ☐ Hattie ☐ Blanche ☐ Helen
3. Your GUESS question: Excluding the hallway, how many rooms are in the attic (3rd floor) of the Buck House?
☐ 3 ☐ 7 ☐ 15 ☐ 2 large ones

Site 2: Cambria County Courthouse - 200 S. Center St - Ebensburg

1. The name "Cambria" comes from the word meaning what? Hint: Look for a sign.
☐ Wales ☐ Stream of Coal ☐ Saxon ☐ Anglo
2. The Bell was cast in what US city?
☐ Philadelphia ☐ Pittsburgh ☐ Baltimore ☐ Johnstown

Site 3: Admiral Peary Park - Cresson

Directions: From Ebensburg take Route 22 East (Admiral Peary Hwy). Take the Munster Exit, turn Left, then Right on old Rt 22 past Mt. Aloysius College which will be on your right. At the bottom of the hill, turn Left onto Loretto Road (don't go into Cresson) and park in either of the two parking lots on your Left. Walk to the statue.

1. Who was the artist that sculpted the Peary statue?
☐ Henry Moore ☐ Auguste Rodin ☐ Robert E Peary, Jr. ☐ Joseph Pollia
2. In what year did we celebrate the Centennial of Peary's founding of the North Pole?
☐ 2009 ☐ 1909 ☐ 1959 ☐ It's not here yet
3. Facing the statue, what building do you see to Peary's right?
☐ tool shed ☐ McDonalds ☐ Mt Aloysius College ☐ It's just pine trees!



EXTRA: Matthew Henson- Admiral Peary's African-American Navy Steward, was so instrumental in Peary's success, he is today considered a co-discoverer of the North Pole. Henson attended the 1937 opening of the Peary Park in Cresson along with other crew members. Peary died in 1920 and is buried in Arlington. At the time of Henson's death in 1955 he was he was not allowed to be buried there. In 1987, Ronald Reagan ordered that Matthew Henson be buried in Arlington Cemetery next to his friend and colleague Robert E. Peary.

MATTHEW A. HENSON IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE END OF HIS JOURNEY TO THE POLE AND BACK

Site 4: Tomb of Prince Gallitzin - Loretto

Directions: From the Peary parking lot, head toward Loretto (don't go back the way you came in) As you enter Loretto you'll see St. Michael's Basilica and Gallitzin's Tomb on the right. Pull into the parking lot and go to the Tomb. You will get your first clue if you dare to go down the steps, squat down and enter the doorway of the tomb. You may need a flashlight. You do not need to go all the way in. The clue refers to a set of numbers at the base of the burial vault. It's in the front on the black painted base. Good Luck.

1. What are the set of numbers imprinted on the base of the vault in the tomb?
☐ 28-85 ☐ 06-53 ☐ 18-99 ☐ 20-20
2. Father Gallitzin was known to play what musical instrument? This is a Guess!
☐ violin ☐ piano ☐ flute ☐ bongo drums

Site 5: Mount Assisi Gardens - Loretto

Directions: From the church drive through the center of town to "round-a-bout" and make a Left, make the next Right into the Mount Assisi grounds, and make an immediate Right into the parking lot. These are considered sacred grounds. Please be quiet and respectful. From the parking lot walk straight ahead till you see the mansion and reflecting pool in front of you. Then turn around and get your first clue. When you are done answering clues here we suggest you continue to walk the circle around the gardens back to the parking lot. Shhhh!

1. How many fish do you see?
☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ I see a whole "school" of fish.
2. This is another guess! In 1909, Charles Schwab had something moved over the tops of the trees to the top of the hill- What?
☐ A set of 8 20-foot statues ☐ His former pig farm ☐ A stone water tower ☐ A wooden house

Site 6: Kittanning Trail (1st) Eckenrode Mills

Directions: to Eckenrode Mills from Loretto. When leaving the gardens make a Left. Go straight at the main intersection toward Immergrun Golf Course. Around the curve and down the hill at the intersection turn Right toward Chest Springs (nothing is marked). In about 4 miles and as you are entering Chest Springs, make a Left on Eckenrode Mills Road. Go 3 miles. Once you've gone over the tracks, look for Homestead Road and pull into the parking area. DO NOT WALK ON THE ROAD. Drivers will not slow down. What you are looking at is the first of 4 Kittanning Trail marker built about 5 years ago by students at the Admiral Peary Vo-Tech, We will be looking at three of the four markers

1. On the lower right corner of the tablet, what does the symbol represent
☐ A large person ☐ Shield ☐ Space Alien ☐ Turtle
2. When will we celebrate the 300th Anniversary of the Kittanning Trail
☐ 2022 ☐ 2023 ☐ 2024 ☐ 2124
3. Colonel John Armstrong was known as the "Hero of _____"
☐ the Kittanning ☐ the Trailblazers ☐ Fort Shirley ☐ Armstrong County
4. Guess: Across The Kittanning Trail was primarily used by:
☐ Troops ☐ Native Americans ☐ Traders ☐ All of the above

Site 7 American Legion Park – Carrolltown

Directions: From the springs continue up the hill to the intersection of Carrolltown-Patton Road. Don't go left to Carrolltown. Make a Right toward Patton and in a few hundred feet make a Left on Ott Road toward Hastings. This is the general direction of the Kittanning Path. At the intersection of Sunset Road make a Left into Carrolltown. As you approach town there is a double stop sign. Turn right on the "Right Turn Keep Moving". Yield onto Rt 219 North and shortly turn into the American Legion Park on your Left. You'll see a memorial to Dr. Lawrence Flick. Park near there.

1. Carrolltown's Dr. Lawrence Flick began the first crusade to prove what disease was contagious and not inherited?

☐ Whooping Cough ☐ Tuberculosis ☐ Polio ☐ Lung damage from windmills

2. What is the alphabetic/numeric marking on the side of the US Army tank?

☐ 3A-06M ☐ 60M-30 ☐ M60-A3 ☐ 3-M60A

3. What reptile is connected to the helicopter?

☐ Anaconda ☐ Scorpion ☐ Rattler ☐ Cobra

4. This is a guess... the ground your standing on was originally use as_____

☐ Drive In Theatre ☐ Miner's Hospital ☐ Fairgrounds ☐ The Rembrandt Club

Site 8: Kittanning Trail (2nd) Plattsville

Directions: When leaving the Legion Park grounds, make a Left toward Northern Cambria on 219 North. In less than 3 miles take the Number Nine Road on the Right. It will have a Hospital sign. In 2.5 miles turn Left at "The New Intersection" onto Municipal Road. In a mile make a Right onto Ridge Road. In two miles you'll arrive at the second Kittanning Path Marker. Matt's Auto Body is on the other corner

1. This tablet depicts what?

☐ A major Indian War ☐ Village Life ☐ British Troops ☐ The first windmill

2. Guess: What is the common name the locals use for this area?

☐ Plattsville ☐ Platt's Corner ☐ Plattsburgh ☐ Plottsville

For Another Day:



There is a fourth Kittanning Trail Mark which is too far out of our way for this trip. From Plattsville you would go West down Plattsville Hill Road to Main Street in Emigh. There is a marker on the right (on a bank) on the corner of Main Street and Route 219. Seen here Masonry Teacher Tim Viscovy with his Vo-Tech students install the Kittanning Trail marker at Emigh. This marker was designed by art students at Purchase Line HS.

Site 9: Kittanning Trail (3rd) Hart's Sleeping Place

Directions: From Plattsville go back the way you came down Ridge Road, (Do the Right turn keep moving) Turn left onto Municipal Road to "The New Intersection". Now go straight through the intersection onto Tower Road. Caution: this is a very narrow, winding road. In a little over 3 miles the Kittanning Trail marker will come up quickly on your right. It's before the brown "St. Joe's Mission Church" sign. It's a very small parking area just before the tree line. If you miss it, you can pull into the road to St. Joes Church, find a safe place to park and walk back to the marker. Just be cautious.

1. This tablet depicts what?
☐ Annual planting of corn ☐ The building of St. Joe's Church ☐ John Hart trading with villagers ☐ The 1580 comet "Big Smokey"
2. Guess: What material is used to form the sky on this tablet?
☐ Plaster ☐ Stone ☐ Stained Glass ☐ Fiberglass from broken windmill
3. Guess: John Hart mainly traded in what fur?
☐ Beaver ☐ Raccoon ☐ Weasel ☐ Mink

Site 10: St. Joe's Mission Church and Hart's Sleeping Place

Directions: Make an immediate Right turn on the lane on the other side of the sign (Strip Road). Park in the area before the church (not by the cemetery). Go through the gate to the Weakland grave next to the side of the church. It has tiger lilies.

1. Where did John Weakland defend Prince Gallitzin?
☐ Hastings Village ☐ St. Joe's Mission Church ☐ McGuire's Settlement ☐ Carrolltown Settlement
2. Within a year, how long did Prince Gallitzin live?
☐ 60 ☐ 70 ☐ 80 ☐ 90
3. Big Guess: Only seen from the inside of the church, and no you do not have permission to go in, what scene is depicted in a stained glass window?
☐ Weakland defending Gallitzin ☐ First Mass in 1830 ☐ Arrival of 6 German Monks ☐ Groundbreaking of first windmill

Congratulations you have finished the Historic Road Rally (North)!

Going Home?

From the church go back up Strip Road to Tower Road and make a Right. Be very careful pulling out. We suggest turning off your radio and rolling down your window to listen for traffic. To go back to Ebensburg, make a Right on Sunset Road into Carrolltown and Rt 219 South.

Thank you so much for taking the Road Rally (north) and thanks for supporting the Historical Society. We hope it was informative as well as entertaining! Keep an eye out for an announcement on Road Rally (south) August 19-26.

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We will contact the winner one week after the rally has ended, but again, it's more about the experience than the prize, right? If there is a tie, we will pull from a hat. Thanks Again.