

More Explore Butler County

Arts and Entertainment

Butler County is filled with talented artists like mural artist Tom Panei and metal sculpture Bill Secunda. Patrons can view a collection of Asian artwork at the Maridon Museum or home-grown creations at the Art Center in Butler. For a small price, you can see wonderful plays and musicals all year round presented by theater companies like the Butler Musical Theater Guild and Butler Little Theater, Comtra Theater, or Sing Hosanna!

Skill Builder

Visit Maridon Museum and redraw your favorite piece with your own personal style.

Attend a Butler County Symphony concert, or other local concerts, or attend the Butler County Band Festival and research more about your favorite composition or instrument.

Attend an event at the Art Center like an art class, poetry reading, or art showing.

Attend a community play or musical and write a review or act out a scene with some friends.

View alternative forms of art such as those found at the Glass Blowing Center in Hilliards and the Appalachian Rock Shop.

Service Projects

Entertain at a senior center with skills you have seen and acquired.

Collect and donate art supplies to the Dunbar Community Center in Butler County or one of the senior centers.

Assist in the production of a community play or musical.

Festivals and Fun Places

The Portersville Steamshow, the Butler Farm Show, the Big Butler Fair and more are fun events that encompass local history and tradition. Others like the Saxonburg Arts Festival, Butler Fall Festival or Penn's Colony are a kaleidoscope of art, food and entertainment. Sporting events, semi-pro and amateur, and plenty of shops also provide a fun, nearby activities for everyone.

Skill Builder

Attend a Butler County sporting event such as a Butler Blue Sox game, Slippery Rock University football game, Learnerville Speedway races, or the North Washington Rodeo.

Attend a festival like the Harmony Dankfest, Ring the Arts New Year's event in downtown Butler, or the Mars Apple Fest.

Plan a Main Street outing by visiting a boutique, a unique restaurant, bookstore, or an antique shop in any of the county's towns like Saxonburg, Zelenople or Slippery Rock.

Take a trip to Penn's Colony and taste life in the 1700s with food, shopping, and entertainment or attend a reenactment of the French and Indian War at the Old Stone House.

Research a famous county sports figure like major league baseball players Matt Clement or John Stuper, silver Olympic medalist diver Eric Namesik or wrestler Big John Studd.

Attend one of the many local parades and enjoy the high school marching bands and festivities.

Service Projects

Help out at one of the numerous festivals.

Donate clothes, food, or other items to a local charity group like the Goodwill, St. Vincent DePaul Society or the LightHouse.

Technology

Look up the Butler County Tourism Bureau on the Internet and find interesting things to do. Plan a family outing.

Contact Butler Memorial Hospital or UPMC Cranberry and learn about new medical devices and advances that help our neighbors.

Visit local firefighters, police, or EMS and learn about new technology that keeps our community safe.

Take photographs of your county visits and make a slide show or video, or blog it on a website.

Research one of the many companies in Butler County that do global business like Ibis Tek, which makes stealth, remote-controlled vehicles; Westinghouse, which designs nuclear plants; Armstrong, a telecommunications company, or II-Vi, a laser optic firm.