Welcome to The Village of Bird-in-Hand, PA

A Distinctive Name. A Rich Tradition.

Legend credits the Village of Bird-in-Hand's distinctive name to two men surveying the Colonial highway between the port of Philadelphia and Lancaster. At dusk in 1734, they found themselves at an Inn by Cornelius Wright's tavern. "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush" suggested one surveyor, so they agreed to stay there for the night. The Inn and the Village became known as Bird-in-Hand.

Today, the Village of Bird-in-Hand offers farm fresh foods, hospitable lodging and entertaining attractions that have been enjoyed by generations of visitors. Nestled in the rolling Amish countryside, the Village is conveniently located to Lancaster County, Bird-in-Hand offers a blended Amish country experience and memories for a lifetime. Bird-in-Hand is one Lancaster County village you want to miss!

Bird-in-Hand Village Map & Guide

Attractions

Feature Listing

Bird-in-Hand Stage

2760 Old Philadelphia Pike
Bird-in-Hand, PA. 17505
(717) 768-1500
Website Email Map

Featured Listing

Lancaster Balloon Rides

2112 Old Philadelphia Pike
Bird-in-Hand, PA. 17505
(800) 762-5987
Website Email Map

Featured Listing

Maiers Village Mini Golf

230 N. Ronks Road
Bird-in-Hand, PA. 17505
(717) 768-8022
Website Email Map

Bird-in-Hand Petting Zoo

230 N. Ronks Road
Bird-in-Hand, PA. 17505
(717) 768-8022
Map

Village Petting Zoo

2727 Old Philadelphia Pike
Bird-in-Hand, PA. 17505
(717) 768-8173
Map

Dining

Feature Listing

Bird-in-Hand Bakery & Cafe

2715 Old Philadelphia Pike
Bird-in-Hand, PA. 17505
(717) 768-1501
Website Email Map

Feature Listing

Bird-in-Hand Family Restaurant & Smorgasbord

2760 Old Philadelphia Pike
Bird-in-Hand, PA. 17505
(717) 768-1500
Website Email Map

Feature Listing

Smokehouse BBQ and Brewery at Plain & Fancy Farm

2121 Old Philadelphia Pike
Bird-in-Hand, PA. 17505
(717) 768-4400
Website Email Map

Dinner Bell Luncheonette

Bird-in-Hand Farmers Market
2710 Old Philadelphia Pike
Bird-in-Hand, PA. 17505
(717) 875-2803
Map

Lodging

Feature Listing

Amish Country Motel

2013 Old Philadelphia Pike
Bird-in-Hand, PA. 17505
(717) 768-8296
Website Email Map

Feature Listing

Amish View Inn & Suites

2125 Old Philadelphia Pike
Bird-in-Hand, PA. 17505
(866) 750-1005
Website Email Map

Feature Listing

Bird-in-Hand Family Inn

2760 Old Philadelphia Pike
Bird-in-Hand, PA. 17505
(717) 768-1500
Website Email Map

Feature Listing

Bird-in-Hand Village Inn & Suites

2005 Old Philadelphia Pike
Bird-in-Hand, PA. 17505
(717) 768-7130
Website Email Map

Services

Bank of Bird-in-Hand

504 North Ronks Road
Bird-in-Hand, PA. 17505
(717) 768-8011
Website Email Map

Bird-in-Hand Excess Field

2727 Old Philadelphia Pike
Bird-in-Hand, PA. 17505
(Parking for Bird-in-Hand Wednesday only)
(717) 768-1502 (voice)
Map

Nate's Automotive

230 Maple Avenue
Bird-in-Hand, PA. 17505
(717) 393-3200
Website Email Map

Shopping

Feature Listing

Bird-in-Hand Farmers Market

2710 Old Philadelphia Pike
Bird-in-Hand, PA. 17505
(717) 393-9837
Website Email Map

Feature Listing

Cabinet View & Dry Brooms

2760 Old Philadelphia Pike
Bird-in-Hand, PA. 17505
(717) 208-3140 (Main)
Website Email Map

Feature Listing

Creative Rustic Furniture

2700 Old Philadelphia Pike
Bird-in-Hand, PA. 17505
(717) 208-3140 (Main)
Map

Featured Listing

Fisher's Handmade Quilts

2714 Old Philadelphia Pike
Bird-in-Hand, PA. 17505
(717) 392-4369
Website Map

Featured Listing

Harvest Moon Candle Company

2627 Old Philadelphia Pike
Bird-in-Hand, PA. 17505
(717) 392-7282
Website Email Map

Featured Listing

The Pantry

Bird-in-Hand Farmer's Market
2710 Old Philadelphia Pike
Bird-in-Hand, PA. 17505
(717) 295-2022
Website Map

Feature Listing

The Speckled Sheep

2707 Old Philadelphia Pike
Bird-in-Hand, PA. 17505
(717) 435-8259
Website Email Map

Feature Listing

Uncle Leroy's Comedy Kitchen

Bird-in-Hand Farmer's Market
2710 Old Philadelphia Pike
Bird-in-Hand, PA. 17505
and
2760 Old Philadelphia Pike
Lancaster, PA 17602
(717) 475-5877
Website Email Map

Aaron Burkholder's Gourmet Coffee

Bird-in-Hand Farmer's Market
2710 Old Philadelphia Pike
Bird-in-Hand, PA. 17505
(717) 397-7795

Belle's Candy & Crafts

Bird-in-Hand Farmers Market
2710 Old Philadelphia Pike
Bird-in-Hand, PA. 17505
(717) 293-8536
Map

Bluebird Quilts & Crafts

Bird-in-Hand Farmer's Market
2710 Old Philadelphia Pike
Bird-in-Hand, PA. 17505
(717) 768-7200
Map

Country Crafter

Bird-in-Hand Farmer's Market
2710 Old Philadelphia Pike
Bird-in-Hand, PA. 17505
(717) 768-8261
Website Email Map

Creative Home Shoppe

2710 Old Philadelphia Pike
Bird-in-Hand, PA. 17505
(717) 392-1928
Website Map

Groff's Candies

Bird-in-Hand Farmer's Market
2710 Old Philadelphia Pike
Bird-in-Hand, PA. 17505
and
5501 West Route Road
Lancaster, PA 17601
(717) 393-3000
Website Email Map

Log Cabin Quilt Shop & Fabrics

2670 Old Philadelphia Pike
Bird-in-Hand, PA. 17505
(717) 392-7782
Website Email Map

Market House Bakery

Bird-in-Hand Farmer's Market
2710 Old Philadelphia Pike
Bird-in-Hand, PA, 17505
(717) 393-9674
Map

Riehl's Produce

Bird-in-Hand Farmer's Market
2710 Old Philadelphia Pike
Bird-in-Hand, PA, 17505
(717) 648-7938
Map

Village Country Crafts

Bird-in-Hand Farmers Market
2710 Old Philadelphia Pike
Bird-in-Hand, PA, 17505
(717) 394-8282
Map

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About

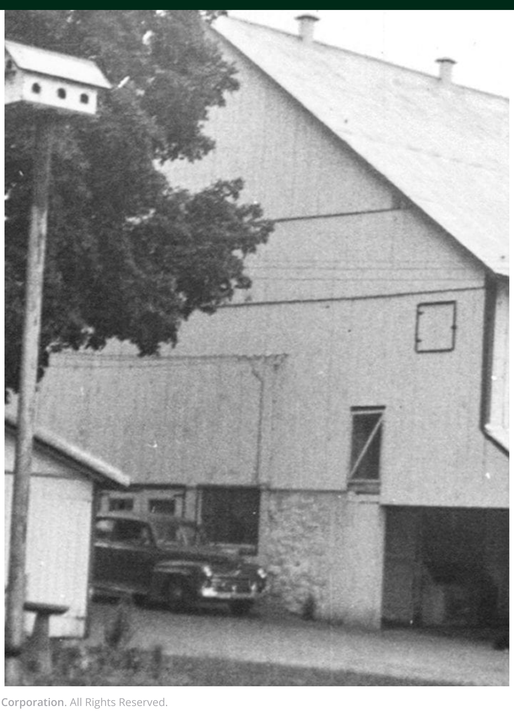
About the Village of Bird-in-Hand, Pennsylvania

The Village of Bird-in-Hand was first inhabited by Native Americans, until Europeans began moving into Quaker William Penn's colony in the early 18th century. Penn's "Holy Experiment" offered many persecuted groups a refuge to worship as they chose, and Swiss Mennonites were among the first to permanently settle in Lancaster County in 1710. The first Quakers arrived in 1715, building a brick meetinghouse in Bird-in-Hand in 1790 and replacing it in 1888 after a fire.

By the end of the 18th century, many Amish families joined other German-speaking denominations (German Lutheran, Reformed and Baptist) in the area. The "Pennsylvania Dutch" Amish emigrated from southern Germany and Switzerland. They were called "Dutch", an anglicizing of "Deutsch", the German word for "German".

As early as the late 1700's, the Underground Railroad ran through Bird-in-Hand. Its first "conductor" was James Gibbons, a Quaker who founded the oldest operating commercial mill on the west side of Bird-in-Hand. His son and wife continued the family's anti-slavery efforts on their nearby farm, shepherding about 1,000 slaves through their "station".

In 1938, Bird-in-Hand came into the spotlight when Nation Geographic discovered a young mother – today known as Grandma Smucker – in her Pennsylvania Dutch kitchen. Bird-in-Hand hit Broadway in 1956 when the "Plain and Fancy" musical opened and started the early boom of tourism in Lancaster County. Today, with a population of only 300, on any given day the Village of Bird-in-Hand welcomes more visitors than inhabitants.



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