Visit Valley Forge & Philadelphia by Bus!
April 23 - 26, 2026

CRAWFORD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Overview

Join the Crawford County Historical Society on a bus tour to see the people and places that ARE America's story first hand!

Here's an outstanding opportunity to visit one of the most historic cities in our nation! See the Liberty Bell up close, visit Independence Hall* where the Declaration of Independence was signed, eat dinner inside Carpenter's Hall in the room where the First Continental Congress was convened in 1774, tour the Museum of the American Revolution and the National Constitution Center, visit Valley Forge where Washington's troops were encamped during the long winter of 1777/78, eat and drink in Philadelphia's oldest continually operated tavern, see the Justice Bell, which travelled throughout Pennsylvania in 1915 to help win women's right to vote (visiting Meadville twice!) and more over four days and three nights full of special tours and amazing food!

*(*view from outside if we can't secure tickets to get inside. NPS does not accommodate group tours at this location.)*

What is Included?

- Two-hour guided bus tour of Valley Forge Battlefield
- Docent-led tour of Washington's Memorial Chapel including the Justice Bell
- National Constitution Center
- Museum of the American Revolution
- Dinner and tour of Carpenter's Hall, site of the First Continental Congress in 1774 and briefly occupied by the British during the Revolution. Philly cheesesteak sandwiches.
- Historically-themed dinner at the Black Powder Tavern in Wayne, PA, with 30 minute presentation on a historical topic. The tavern, circa 1746, was an early stagecoach stop and later a covert rendezvous point for George Washington, Marquis de Lafayette, and other leaders of the American revolution.
- Dinner and drinks at McGillan's Olde Ale House, Philadelphia's oldest Irish pub.
- Visit to Reading Market (grab lunch & some Amish donuts for Sat & Sun breakfast!)
- Optional Walking tour of Independence Mall, including the Liberty Bell; free time to explore on your own in Old City Philadelphia
- Breakfast on Friday at hotel, Lunch on Saturday at National Constitution Center
- Entrance fees and gratuities
- Motorcoach transportation from Meadville
- Informational videos and historical-themed talks by CCHS Executive Director
- Access to private Facebook page limited to tour registrants as a place to share information and updates

What isn't included?

- 2 breakfasts (Wyndham Hotels has a restaurant but does not provide a complimentary breakfast. However, there is a small refrigerator and microwave in each hotel room and you can certainly bring a small cooler and light breakfast items for your room!)
- 3 lunches - Thursday and Sunday fast-food-type stops while we are on the bus traveling to/from our destination; and Friday at Reading Market
- 1 dinner – Sunday fast food-type-stop while on bus returning to Meadville

Who can register?

This trip includes mostly door-to-door transportation but will require some walking in Philadelphia – a block or two at a time. Additionally, due to the historic nature of some of the places we will be visiting, there may be a flight of stairs to climb in some locations. Please let us know of any accommodation you might need!

What does it cost?: ***** Become a CCHS member and save $75 per person!!***

Double room:
- $748 pp - Crawford County Historical Society members
- $823 pp – non-members **

Single room:
- $980 pp – Crawford County Historical Society members
- $1055 pp – non-members **

Triple room:
- $673 pp – Crawford County Historical Society members
- $748 pp – non-members **

Payment Information and Deadlines

$100 deposit required with reservation. Limited availability – reserve your seat now!

February 15 – 50% payment due

March 20 – payment in full

Refund policy: Any refunds after February 15 are dependent on CCHS ability to fill the seat(s). Because of hotel policies, we cannot give refunds on hotel reservation portions of your fee after March 20.

Pay by check, cash or credit card (3% credit card fee). Checks made payable to **Crawford County Historical Society**. (hint: You can register online at Eventbrite, but to avoid paying the higher Eventbrite fees, contact CCHS directly to make your reservation!)

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