

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE, HISTORIC STREETCARS

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Meadowcroft Rockshelter is an archaeological site near Avella in southwestern Pennsylvania. Excavated from 1973 - 1978, radiocarbon analysis dates the site back 16,000 to 19,000 years possibly placing the inhabitants much earlier than ever found in our country. Meadowcroft is a rock shelter in a bluff overlooking a tributary of the Ohio River. It has yielded Woodland, Archaic and Paleoindian remains. Along with this site, they have re-created a 17th century Native American Village. We will be transported up to the site and then complete the journey along their newly-constructed observation deck with a staircase enclosure to get a first-hand view and to learn more about this fascinating archaeological discovery. No, we will not be doing any digging today.



We'll be dining at The SpringHouse, designed as an old-fashioned country store and restaurant located on a 420-acre farm in Eighty Four, Pennsylvania, with Holstein and Jersey cows grazing in the fields. The buffet-style restaurant and sun porch specialize in made-from-scratch meals and pies with its own smoke house for old-fashioned hickory-smoked hams. Even the delicious chocolate milk, in glass bottles, is produced on their farm. Then it's off to the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum, home to the "Streetcar Named Desire", along with thirty trolleys from Cleveland, Pittsburgh and other cities. The museum highlights the "trolley era" and, while we are here, we'll be traveling several miles aboard a beautifully-restored streetcar before departing for an old-fashioned candy store & ice cream soda shop . . . illuminated by bright neon lights reflected off the mirrors surrounding the fountain. This stop is bound to bring back "sweet memories".