Drake Well Museum and Park

In Pennsylvania, all roads lead to history. To help find your path, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) has created several special-interest trails leading to some of Pennsylvania’s most historic sites. We invite you to explore one site at a time, travel an entire trail or create your own road trip to Pennsylvania’s past. No matter whether you choose one of our classic trails, or trail-based on PHMC’s annual themes, you’ll find your own way to experience and appreciate the places and events that make Pennsylvania so special.

Begin your journey online at www.PATrailsofHistory.com

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Drake Well Museum and Park show how the world changed forever after Edwin L. Drake drilled his well in 1865 and launched the modern oil industry. This history also chronicles how the industry grew as kilometres of lamps and lubrication for industrial Revolution machinery were refined from Pennsylvania’s Pennsylvania crude oil. Today, the petroleum industry is global and gasoline, synthetic fibres and plastics are part of daily life.

Drake Well Museum and Park are rich in period photographs, operating machinery, historic buildings and vintage vehicles. They tell stories of Oil on oil leases and in unshoddd bowser trucks using prime, tours, demonstrations, and hands-on activities.

Recreational opportunities in this 240-acre park site include bike and hiking trails, trout fishing in Oil Creek, rides on a seasonal railroad, picnic pavilions and a boat launch for kayaks and canoes. Admission tickets, souvenirs, books, models of historic photos and trinkets are sold in the Museum Store.

Hours of Operation:

OPEN: March through December Tuesday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5:00 p.m.; January 1, Thanksgiving, December 25th.
Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5:00 p.m.

CLOSED: All holidays except Memorial Day, July 4 and Labor Day.

Tour Options:

For information on guided and unguided tours, please contact us. Drake Well Museum also oversees seasonal operation of Titusville Visitor Center and Hickstock Oil Well No. 1. Information about these sites is available by calling 814-837-5791.

Individuals with disabilities who need special assistance or accommodations should call in advance to discuss their needs. Bradley Vive, Kate May, and Rachel Wolfe are featured here. For more information about these sites, visit our website (www.PATrailsofHistory.com).

Not to be a part of the oil industry.

Where We Are Located:

Drake Well Museum and Park is located along Oil Creek. It is accessible from Route 8, south of Titusville. Major highways connecting to Route 8 are I-99 north and south (via Route 27) and I-80 east and west.

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