



The Nitro Wagon in the Producing Oil Exhibit illustrates one of the early oil industry's more dangerous jobs.

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# Drake Well Museum and Park

Titusville, Venango County



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Edwin L. Drake

**Drake Well Museum and Park** shows how the world changed forever after Edwin L. Drake drilled his well in 1859 and launched the modern oil industry. This historic site chronicles how the industry grew as kerosene for lamps and lubrication for industrial Revolution machinery were refined from Pennsylvania's paraffin-based crude oil. Today, the petroleum industry is global, and gasoline, synthetic fibers and plastic are part of daily life.

Indoor and outdoor exhibits at Drake Well Museum and Park are rich in period photographs, operating machinery, historic buildings and vintage vehicles. They tell stories of life on oil leases and in vanished boomtowns using videos, 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, copies of historic photos and snacks are sold in the Museum Store.

### Hours of Operation

**OPEN** March through December.

Tuesday through Saturday,

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.;

Sunday, noon – 5:00 p.m.

January through February,

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.;

Sunday, noon – 5:00 p.m.

**CLOSED** All holidays except

Memorial Day, July 4 and

Labor Day.



### Tour Options

For information on group and guided tours, please contact us. Drake Well Museum also oversees seasonal operation of Pithole Visitor Center and McClintock Oil Well No. 1. Information about these sites is available by calling 814-827-2797.

*Individuals with disabilities who need special assistance or accommodation should call in advance to discuss their needs. Persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired who wish to contact a hearing person via Text Telephone can use the PA Relay Center at 800-654-5984.*

*Hours and rates are subject to change. Please contact us for additional event information.*



A working replica of Edwin L. Drake's engine house welcomes visitors to the museum grounds.



### Site Events

**MARCH**

Charter Day

**AUGUST**

Drake Day

**SEPTEMBER**

Fall Gas Up Engine Show



### 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-79 north and south (via Route 27) and I-80 east and west.

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