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Mission of Love Food Hub

Every Tuesday- Located at 555 North Main St., Bangor, 8am-12pm. All are invited. Dr. Pastor Frank Pons. (570) 807-7794

**Explore Warren County Tourism at:
 ExploreWarren.org**

Located at 165 County Route 519 South - Belvidere, NJ 07823 908-475-6580 / 800-554-8540

Portland Upper Mt. Bethel Food Bank

Located at 111 State St. Portland Pa. are open every Monday 8:30am-11:30am

Biking

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area - River Road Bushkill, PA (570) 426-2452 Levee Loop Trail - Biking East Stroudsburg, PA (570) 426-1512 info@srosrc.org

BIKE TRAIN

ALL ABOARD THE SCENIC BIKE TRAIN!

Hop on the Bike Train and step back in time. Enjoy a relaxing 25 mile train ride through the Lehigh Gorge. Then, pedal your bike back down to Jim Thorpe at your own pace along the Lehigh Gorge Rail Trail.

Advance Tickets/reservations Are Required For The Bike Train And Can Be Made By Calling The Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad (Aka Lehigh Gorge Scenic Railway) Directly At <https://pconobiking.com/specialty-trips/bike-train/>

Fishing Equipment Available

When: Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 2:30pm
 Where: Jacobsburg Visitor Center, 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth

Borrow fly rods, spinning rods, fly boxes, and tackle to use in Jacobsburg's creeks! To borrow equipment, you must provide a driver's license or other form of state issued identification. Persons age 16 and older must possess a current fishing license to fish. Adults can help children under 16 fish without a license. Bait is not provided. For more information call 610-746-2801 or email jacobsburgsp@pa.gov.

DiscoverE Adventure Backpacks Available

When: Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 2:30pm
 Where: Jacobsburg Visitor Center, 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth

Borrow a backpack full of kid-friendly tools to explore Jacobsburg! These backpacks are best for families with young children. Each backpack includes binoculars, notepad, colored pencils, magnifying lens, bug box, dip net, and five field guides for exploring the pond, insects, birds, trees, butterflies and moths. For more information call 610-746-2801 or email jacobsburgsp@pa.gov.

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nity programs online at <https://events.dcnr.pa.gov/search/events?order=date&search=jacobsburg>. If you need an accommodation to participate in a program, please contact the park office at 610-746-2801 or jacobsburgsp@pa.gov. Interpreters for people who are deaf or hard of hearing are available for educational programs with at least seven days notice.

New Items at Blue Mountain Community Library

Adult Fiction –

We Are All Guilty Here, Karin Slaughter
 The Hallmarked Man, Robert Galbraith
 Please Don't Lie, Christina Baker Kline
 Edge of Honor, Brad Thor
 The Pumpkin Spice Café, Laurie Gilmore
 The Cinnamon Bun Book Store, Laurie Gilmore
 Into the Gray Zone, Brad Taylor
 The Emperor of Gladness, Ocean Vuong
 Apostle's Cove, William Kent Krueger
 The Secret of Secrets, Dan Brown
 The Academy, Elin Hilderbrand

Adult Large Print –

The Violet Hour, Victoria Benton Frank
 Something to Look Forward To, Fannie Flagg
 Rage, Linda Castillo
 Echoes of the Past, Ashley Farley

Dinner at the Beach House Hotel, Judith Keim

Adult Non-fiction –

The Gut-Brain Paradox, Steven Gundry

Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center

Community Programs, January 2026
 First Day Hike

Family Science Night - Tracking Workshop

Friday, January 16, 2026 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Winter is a good time to observe animals and study their tracks. Learn how animals walk and how to identify them based on their foot shape. We'll spend the evening inside getting messy by making plaster casts. This event is best for children ages 3 and up and is a great introduction to tracking ahead of Saturday's outdoor Mammal Mysteries program. Registration is required.

Mammal Mysteries

Saturday, January 17, 2026 10am to 11:30am

Ever wonder what animals are up to in winter? Do you like solving mysteries?

Join the team at Jacobsburg as we search for animal tracks to figure out what our local animals are doing on the property! This program is best suited for families with children aged 6 and up. Walking outdoors in all weather, moderate hills and varying conditions due to recent weather. Please dress to be outside, wear boots, and bring a water and snack. Registration is required.

Winter Tree I.D.

Saturday, January 17, 2026 1pm to 3pm

No leaves? No problem! Learn how

to identify woody plants in a winter landscape. This program is best suited for adults. Terrain is moderate hills with varying conditions due to recent weather. Please dress appropriately to be outside for the duration of this program. Registration is required.

Snowshoes and Hiking Poles Available

When: Monday thru Friday, 8:15 AM-3:30 PM

Where: Jacobsburg Visitor Center, 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth

Borrow snowshoe equipment to use on Jacobsburg's trails this winter! Snowshoes are available for folks of any age or shoe size, including small children. Snowshoes will not be made available during times of insufficient snow cover, at least six inches of snow is required. To borrow equipment, you must provide a driver's license or other form of state issued identification. For more information call 610-746-2801 or email jacobsburgsp@pa.gov. You can check our website for current winter conditions and snow depth: <https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/Winter-Report/Pages/default.aspx>

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Blue Mountain Community Library

In addition to its annual Christmas tree ornament fundraiser and ongoing book sale in its second floor Book Nook, with gently used books and puzzles for all ages, the Blue Mountain Community Library invites the community to stop by during open hours to purchase items from a special "Last Chance Books" table on its first floor. Items are available for a monetary donation of any size.

The library also has Pen Argyl yearbooks in its collection and for sale. Anyone wishing to purchase a yearbook from a particular year is encouraged to call the library in advance (610-863-3029).

The Blue Mountain Community Library is located at 216 S. Robinson Ave. in Pen Argyl. Hours are 10am-12pm Monday through Saturday and 6-8pm Mondays and Thursdays. Library membership is free for residents of Pen Argyl, Wind Gap, and Plainfield Township and \$12 annually for non-residents. Please see www.bmcl.org for more information.

The East Bangor UMC Church will be hosting a Lenten Bible Study based on Richard Wilke's thoughtful book, "He Set His Face To Jerusalem." The 5-week study will meet at 10:00 am on Wednesdays (February 25 - March 25) and will also be accessible on Zoom.

(It will be recorded for those who cannot attend.) The book is available through Amazon, Cokesbury, and other booksellers. The church is located at 136 W. Central Ave. (Rt. 512), East

Bangor. If you have any questions and for the Zoom access, please contact Dave Goss at 570-556-9482.

Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center Community Programs, February 2026

Forest BAEthing

Saturday, February 14, 2026 10am to 11:30am

Looking for something peaceful to do with your 'bae' this Valentines Day? Join the team at Jacobsburg as we practice the Japanese art of forest bathing, shinrin-yoku, which translates to "bathing in the forest atmosphere". This program is intended to cultivate a sense of mindfulness and appreciation for our loved ones using a slow forest walk as the modality. A traditionally 'coupled' pair is not required- best friends, families, and individuals are all welcome to join! Participants will be walking on slightly uneven terrain. Please wear comfortable shoes and appropriate layers to be outside for the duration of the program. Registration is required.

Sugaring with your Sugar

Saturday, February 14, 2026 1pm to 3pm

Nothing is sweeter than syrup! Sugaring is the practice of boiling sap from trees into a tasty delicacy. Learn more about the sugaring process and bring along your sweetest friends for this program. Participants will be walking on slightly uneven terrain. Please wear comfortable shoes and appropriate layers to be outside for most of the program. Registration is required.

Winter Plant Walk

Wednesday, February 18, 2026 10am to 12pm

Join volunteer Doug B. on a walk through the woods and fields of Jacobsburg in search of winter plants that provide food for birds and other animals. Learn how to identify plants in winter and enjoy the winter landscape. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable hiking shoes. Registration is required.

Walking in the Footsteps of Jacob of Jacobsburg

Session 1: Saturday, February 21,

2026 10am to 12pm or

Session 2: Saturday, February 21,

2026 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Celebrate America's 250th by learning about Jacobsburg's namesake Jacob Hubler and his role in the American Revolution! We'll learn what Jacobsburg looked like in the late 1700's while taking a walk to the ruins of the Jacobsburg Inn. Find out the role the inn played in the early years of our country, as well as some of the intriguing local folklore about what it became in its later years! This program will involve walking along roads and through parts of the forest that do not have established trails for about a quarter of a mile. You must be able to traverse uneven surfaces to attend this walk. We will continue on established trails for the remaining mile of the walk, for a total of 1.3 miles. There are two sessions of this walk on the same

day, please choose one session. The program will start at the Connector Trail Parking Lot at 835 Jacobsburg Rd. Wind Gap, PA 18091. Registration is required. Detailed directions to the meeting location for this program can be found in the registration confirmation email.

Family Film Night: Owl Power
 Friday, February 27, 2026 6:30pm to 8pm

Owls are well known for their charismatic faces and eerie nighttime calls. How much do you really know about their amazing powers though? Bring your family along for a craft activity and screening of the PBS Nature Series film Owl Power. The film follows the lives of two Barn Owl chicks and will help us understand the adaptations that make owls the successful hunters that they are! Craft time starts at 6:30pm and the movie starts promptly at 7:00pm. Registration is required as supplies and seating are limited. You may preview the film online: <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/nature/owl-power/11628/>

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