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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 8am to Noon

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@srosrsrc.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://poconobiking.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 jacobsbursgsp@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 jacobsbursgsp@pa.gov.

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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

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

Jacobsbursg Environmental Education Center

Community Programs, January 2026

First Day Hike

Thursday, January 1, 2026 10am to 11:30am

Get out and get hiking on the first day of 2026! Join us for a three-mile interpretive hike at Jacobsbursg. We will explore the fields of the Homestead Trail to enjoy views of Blue Mountain and the village of Belfast. The hike will start and end at the visitor center at 400 Belfast Road. Children must be at least 5 years old if walking on their own. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable hiking shoes, and bring a water bottle. Registration is required.

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Women in the Wild - First Day Hike

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Women in the Wild is a monthly series of outdoor programs held at state parks throughout the Southeast. Each month of 2026 there will be an opportunity to get outdoors, learn a new skill, and have fun in a relaxed, friendly, and affirming environment. Are you drawn to the outdoors and interested in exploring new hobbies and wilderness skills? This series is designed especially for you! Choose from activities like archery, paddleboarding, rock climbing, and birdwatching. Check out the event at your closest state park or follow Women in the Wild to a new park each month. We're excited to spend the year with you trying new things!

Winter Wonders Series

Monday, January 5, 12, 26, and February 2, 2026 10am to 11am

Join the team at Jacobsbursg as we explore winter wonders! Each session will have a new seasonal theme and craft. This program is suited for children aged 3+. Homeschool students welcome! All children must be accompanied by an adult. There are four total sessions, you may register for some or all, however, each session must be registered for individually. \*There will be NO session on 1/19/26\*

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 Jacobsbursg 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: Jacobsbursg Visitor Center, 400 Belfast Road, Nazareth

Borrow snowshoe equipment to use on Jacobsbursg'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 jacobsbursgsp@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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Green Building Tour

Saturday, December 13, 2025 9am to 10:30am

Join the team at Jacobsbursg to learn about what it means to be a green building! Participate in a scavenger hunt highlighting many of the features that make the Environmental Education Center special. Learn more about DCNR's sustainability efforts and get practical take-aways to make your home more 'green'! This program is best suited for adults or families with children aged 12 and up. Registration is required.

Family Film Night: Owl Power

Friday, December 19, 2025 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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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.

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