

NOTICE
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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 Rec-
reation Area - River Road Bushkill,
PA (570) 426-2452 Levee Loop Trail
- Biking East Stroudsburg, PA (570)
426-1512 info@srosrsc.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 cur-
rent 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 Avail-
able
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 explor-
ing the pond, insects, birds, trees,
butterflies and moths. For more
information call 610-746-2801 or email
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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 Commu-
nity 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 ani-
mals 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 Mys-
teries 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](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 ongo-
ing book sale in its second floor Book
Nook, with gently used books and
puzzles for all ages, the Blue Mountain
Community Library invites the com-
munity 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 en-
couraged 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. Li-
brary 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 Educa-
tion 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 apprecia-
tion for our loved ones using a slow
forest walk as the modality. A tradition-
ally '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 walk-
ing on slightly uneven terrain. Please
wear comfortable shoes and appropri-
ate 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 com-
fortable 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 name-
sake 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 confirma-
tion email.

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

Owls are well known for their char-
ismatic 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 hunt-
ers 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/](http://www.pbs.org/wnet/nature/owl-power/11628/)

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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](https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/Winter-Report/Pages/default.aspx)

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The East Bangor UMC Church
welcomes you to a FREE "Pasta with
Meat Sauce" Dinner on Sunday, Febru-
ary 1st, from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. This
is TAKE-OUT only at 136 W. Central
Ave. (Rt. 512), East Bangor, PA (www.ebumc.org)



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