

# PUMPKINS, CAVES & WOLVES:

So, what exactly is there to do in & around Middletown?



That might be the first question out of your mouth while you're touring campus or finished binging your favorite TV show. Turns out, there's a lot to do in the both in Middletown and within driving distance throughout the year. >>

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## Things to do in fall

### **Pumpkin Fest**

September 15th, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
999 West Harrisburg Pike, Middletown  
*0.6 miles from campus*

Break out the pumpkin spiced lattes and plaid scarves because The Middletown Home's Pumpkin Fest literally has everything you could want to do to ring in fall. Last year's lineup included hayrides, pumpkin painting, and pumpkin chucking.

### **Indian Echo Caverns**

368 Middletown Road, Hummelstown  
*5.5 miles from campus*

Let's face it, rocks are cool. This limestone cave is filled with stalagmites and stalactites. It's open year-round, and it costs \$18.50 for adults. Depending on when you visit, check out Challenge Family Fun Center (aka proving that you're the best at mini golf) near the entrance.

### **Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire**

2775 Lebanon Road, Manheim  
*22.3 miles from campus*

Lend me your ears, my lords and ladies, because the Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire is returning to the Mount Hope Estate from August 3 to October 27. Take part in one of their themed weekends or come to watch the joust or just to eat a pickle on a stick.

### **Eastern State Penitentiary**

2027 Fairmount Avenue, Philadelphia  
*101 miles from campus*

If you make a trip into Philadelphia (check the Amtrak train schedule from Middletown before you decide to drive), the penitentiary is a must-see. During Halloween season, the former prison is transformed into a haunted house called the Terror Behind the Walls. It's legit.

## Things to do in winter

### **ABC East Bowling Lanes**

1001 Eisenhower Boulevard, Harrisburg  
*5.4 miles from campus*

Bowling is awesome, and so is using the lightweight ball that is definitely intended for children. ABC has a special on Tuesday nights where you can play for \$10 a person with a minimum of two people per lane. Plus, if you get upset over throwing gutter ball after gutter ball, there's more to do at ABC, like one of their three escape rooms.

### **Hershey's Chocolate World**

101 Chocolate World Way, Hershey  
*9.9 miles from campus*

There's never a bad time to spend a day surrounded by chocolate, which is good because Chocolate World is open year round. There's a free tour of how chocolate is made, but tickets are available for chocolate-themed events like making your own chocolate bar.

### **Pennsylvania Farm Show**

January 4th-11th  
2300 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg  
*10.5 miles from campus*

The Farm Show is a staple of the area and free to attend. With thousands of animals, delicious food, and a 1,000 pound sculpture made out of butter (really), the Farm Show is a great way to spend a winter day.

### **Roundtop Mountain Resort**

925 Roundtop Road, Lewisberry  
*23.6 miles from campus*

This list wouldn't be complete without one snow-friendly activity. Roundtop has fun activities to do throughout the year, like paintball, but during the winter, they also offer skiing, snowboarding and tubing.

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## Things to do in summer

### **Strites' Orchard**

1000 Strites Road, Harrisburg  
*5.3 miles from campus*

Push up your sleeves, and try picking your own produce like blueberries and peaches. If that's not your speed, try Strites' delicious baked goods and local products like honey, apple butter, jams and jellies.

### **City Island**

Harrisburg  
*9.7 miles from campus*

Walk on the Walnut Street Bridge to City Island just off North Front Street in Harrisburg. There's a bunch of stuff to do on City Island including mini golf, riverboat rides, batting cages, arcade games, carriage rides and baseball and soccer games.

### **Hersheypark**

100 Hersheypark Drive, Hershey  
*11.2 miles from campus*

Rollercoasters, water rides, a zoo — what more could you want? Be sure to check out Hersheypark's events throughout the year, including 4 million lights decking out the park during the Christmas season.

### **Lake Tobias Wildlife Park**

760 Tobias Road, Halifax  
*32.9 miles from campus*

Lake Tobias isn't your average zoo. A \$15 Explorer Ticket includes a safari tour over 150 acres of rolling hills where you can see animals like elk and bison up and close.

## Things to do in spring

### **Little Little Beer Festival**

1 South Union Street, Middletown  
*1 mile from campus*

For the past couple of years, Tattered Flag Brewery & Still Works has held their beer festival in the spring. Last year, 28 craft breweries from across the state brought their brews to Middletown for people to sample.

### **Conewago Recreation Trail**

2385 North Market Street, Elizabethtown  
*7.4 miles from campus*

In spring, this trail comes to life, cutting through the countryside along the Conewago Creek with the sound of rushing water and wildflowers blooming along the edge of the trail. The trail is 5.1 miles long, but be warned, it doesn't loop around.

### **Wolf Sanctuary of PA**

465 Speedwell Forge Road, Lititz  
*27.1 miles from campus*

Before you balk at how far away it is, look at how cute these wolves are ([wolfsanctuarypa.org/our-family](http://wolfsanctuarypa.org/our-family)). The sanctuary offers public tours on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays (Saturdays and Sundays are the cheapest at \$12 for adults). Plus, they offer a tours on the nights of the full moon, which sounds awesome.

### **Gettysburg**

1195 Baltimore Pike, Gettysburg  
*48.2 miles from campus*

There's so much to see in this town that was at the heart of the historic Civil War Battle of Gettysburg, but a good place to start out is the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center. Grab a map and take a tour of the battlefield.