



Township of
FERGUSON
Pennsylvania

Welcome to Our Community!
NEW RESIDENTS GUIDE

www.twp.ferguson.pa.us



Welcome to Ferguson Township!

View our Welcome Video:

<http://www.twp.ferguson.pa.us/Welcome-Video/>

Ferguson Township, Pa.

AT A GLANCE

County Centre

Location and Size

- Southwestern corner of Centre County, approximately 50 square miles of land
- A majority of this land is undeveloped
- Ferguson Township is bordered on the south and west by Huntingdon County
- Most of the Township is located in the valley floor between the Tussey Mountain and Skytop ridges

Population, Demographics and Home Values

- More than 18,000 residents. 63 percent of residents are ages 18 - 59; 14.1 percent age 65 or older; 12.5 percent ages 5 - 17
- Of those ages 18 - 59, 33 percent male, 30 percent female
- 68.5 percent of the Township population is of working age
- The majority of homes is owner-occupied
- Ferguson Township is home to many hard working farm families

Form of Government

- Home Rule Municipality
- Elected Township Board of Supervisors
- Council-Manager with Appointed Township Manager

Major Employers

Accuweather, Minitab, Sound Technology, Videon, Avail Technologies, and The Pennsylvania State University

Schools

State College Area School District, Wonderland Charter School, Young Scholar-Central Pa. Charter, Centre Learning Community School



Agriculturally rich

Committed to preserving our agricultural heritage and wide open spaces



**FERGUSON TOWNSHIP
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**Ferguson Township, 3147 Research Drive, State College
Open 8 am - 5 pm Monday through Thursday, 8 am - 4 pm Friday**

Providing essential services to our residents every day

CONTACT US

Telephone: 814.238.4651

Fax: 814.238.3454

Contact Us Form: <http://ow.ly/Y27ec>

FOLLOW US

Latest News and Events:
www.twp.ferguson.pa.us

Road closings, meeting updates:
Twitter: @FergusonTwpPA

Board of Supervisors meetings:
Watch online at cnet1.org. Features clickable links to agenda items.

STAY INFORMED

Sign up for newsletters, press releases and e-mail updates: <http://ow.ly/Y27lr>

WINTER WEATHER REMINDERS

Sign up for “no parking due to snow” and safety e-mail reminders:
<http://ow.ly/Y27lr>

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Open-ended agenda and discussion with Township staff and fellow residents.



Hosted once every quarter, most meet from 8 to 9:30 am on a Saturday. Alternate days and times offered this year. Check Latest News or sign up for C&C e-mails.

Ferguson Township is dedicated to communicating with residents and providing opportunities to be heard.

Follow Us

We update **Latest News**, **Police News** and our **Events Calendar** at our website every day. Watch Board of Supervisors meetings on cnet1.org.



@FergusonTwpPA on Twitter links to breaking news and features at the Ferguson Township website. Check Twitter for roadwork projects, detours and lane closures, as well as meeting announcements and agendas.

Stay Informed

Subscribe to our monthly e-Newsletter and our biannual print newsletter, which publishes in the spring and fall. You can also sign up to receive our press releases, agendas for authority, board and commission meetings, police news, and event announcements.

Sign up for **Winter Weather Reminders** by e-mail. When winter weather is forecast, we'll let you know when on-street parking is prohibited to allow snow plows access, and advise you when clearing your sidewalks is required. We also devote the winter months to tips about safe driving and reducing your risk in a winter weather emergency.

Giving Residents a Voice. We bring residents together for Coffee & Conversation every three months, host gatherings of homeowner and condo association board members, and invite local business owners and CEOs to join us for a discussion of Township issues. We also host joint work sessions with our Board of Supervisors and other local government entities.



Opening Our Doors to Our Community. Every other year, we welcome residents and their families to an Open House: an afternoon of food, entertainment, children's activities, and educational demos. It was an opportunity to get acquainted with Ferguson Township departments, facilities, and members of the Centre Region Council of Governments.

Open to Suggestions. We invite you to submit your ideas—most recently residents suggested names for the Township's newest park.

MOVE-IN ESSENTIALS

Gas

Columbia Gas

Electricity

West Penn Power

Telephone Service

AT&T

Verizon

Cable or Satellite

Comcast

DirecTV

DISH Network

Internet

AT&T

Comcast

Verizon

Water

State College Borough Water Authority

Rock Springs Water Company

Sanitary Sewer Service

University Area Joint Authority

Trash and Recycling Services

Advanced Disposal

Centre County Recycling
and Refuse Authority (CCRRA)

CCRRA Bulk Waste Collection

Spring: May 16 - 20, 2016

Fall: October 10 - 14, 2016

Water

If you live in western Ferguson Township, your water service is provided by Rock Springs Water Company. Telephone: (814) 231-2911. Otherwise, your water service is the State College Borough Water Authority. *Business hours: 8 am - 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. Telephone: (814) 238-6766*

Sewer

Service in Ferguson Township is provided by the University Area Joint Authority: **(814) 238-5361**. Properties outside of the Sewer Service Area require on-lot septic systems. In designated Sewer Management Districts, these are required to be pumped every three years. Contact Centre Region Code Agency for more information.

Trash and Recycling Services

Advanced Disposal is the designated trash hauler for Ferguson Township. Located at **2560 Clyde Avenue. (814) 234-0141**

Recycling services are provided by the **Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority**, located at **253 Transfer Rd. Bellefonte. (814) 238-7005**



MORE INFORMATION

Clean Fill Drop Off

The **Glenn O. Hawbaker Recycling Center/State College Borough Compost Facility** accepts rock, stumps and yard waste for a fee. The site is located at **2145 North Atherton Street. (814) 272-0008**

Grass Clippings Drop Off

Ferguson Township residents may drop off grass clippings at the Township municipal building located at 3147 Research Drive in State College. Look for the sign directing you to the grass clippings area. You may drop off your grass clippings from dawn to dusk seven days a week.

Compost, Mulch, Wood Chips

Ferguson Township residents may purchase compost, mulch and wood chips at the **State College Borough Recycling Facility** at **2145 North Atherton Street**.

Refuse and Recycling

For information about how to handle various products, pick-up and companies, please consult the **Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority** website.

If you are viewing a print version of this guide, you'll find the complete list of website links on the back page.



RECOGNITION FOR FERGUSON TOWNSHIP, Pennsylvania



When niche.com ranked Ferguson Township the fifth best suburb in Pennsylvania, and 43rd in the nation on its "2015 Best Suburbs in America" list, we were glad to be recognized. This is a site that aims to help people find their niche, be it "a neighborhood to call your home, a school where your child will thrive, a college that will change your life."

Ferguson Township aced all of the niche.com criteria for being a place where people want to live, work, and do business.

Our professionally managed community earned an A+ as a place where residents find things to do, the easiest commute, a number of public schools, and opportunities for community involvement.

The Township also earned an A as an excellent place to purchase a home, employment opportunities and economic stability, access to quality health care and fitness, and resources for outdoor activities, such as our parks.

Ferguson scored a B-plus for general safety and crime statistics and a B for weather, which captures conditions in the Township year round.

Agriculturally rich and committed to preserving its agricultural heritage, Ferguson Township also earned recognition as a Certified Gold Community by Sustainable Pennsylvania.

People choose where you want to live based on what a community can provide to you.

Ferguson Township Manager Mark Kunkle described it this way: "Real service to residents happens daily and affects residents' lives directly."

Those who call Ferguson Township home rely on daily services provided by our Public Works crews, and our police who help to ensure your neighborhoods are safe.

They also value our commitment to preserving our agricultural heritage and our wide open spaces, responsible development, and to doing all we can to promote a sustainable community.

We're glad you chose Ferguson Township to live, work, study, and visit. We hope our communications keep you well informed about all the benefits of being part of this community.

POLICE

Ferguson Township Police Department
3147 Research Drive
State College, PA 16801

CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone: (814) 237-1172

Fax: (814) 237-4446

Email: police@twp.ferguson.pa.us

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday, 8 a.m.–5 pm

Friday, 8 am - 4 pm

HOW TO CONTACT POLICE

Submit police information via 9-1-1 (for emergency, in progress or just occurred incidents, or 1.800.479.0050 for non-emergency information). General questions or tips may be submitted via police@twp.ferguson.pa.us.

Anonymous Tips:

www.twp.ferguson.pa.us/Anonymous-Tip/

EMERGENCY

Dial 9-1-1 to contact the Centre County Emergency Communications Center.

Be prepared to give complete information about the location and nature of the emergency you are reporting.

The Ferguson Township Police Department answers all 9-1-1 emergency calls as well as non-emergency police calls 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

AMBULANCE

<http://www.centrelifelink.com/>

FIRE

<http://www.alphafire.com/>

When our residents praise Ferguson Township as a safe place to live, work and do business, they're praising our police department in a big way. They're also recognizing the power of "community."

Our police department is effective because our officers are committed to working with the community to solve problems. Their first instinct is to help.

The Ferguson Township Police Department is here to enhance the quality of life throughout the Township by working cooperatively to:

- preserve the peace
- enforce the law
- reduce the fear and incidence of crime, and
- provide a safe environment for its residents and visitors to the Township



Our police department reports monthly on crime statistics, reminds residents about traffic laws, and offers crime prevention strategies to reduce risk and keep our residents safe.

Ways our officers are supporting our community

Responding appropriately to someone in emotional crisis: Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)

Supporting our youth:

Camp Cadet—strength training to help youth overcome their fears

Ferguson Police Bike Rodeo—annual community service event where children can learn safe bicycling skills, register their bicycles, and enjoy food and drinks provided by local sponsors

Special Olympics Torch Run—We're proud of our officers who join the Special Olympics

Law Enforcement Torch Run each year

Helping seniors learn about crime awareness and prevention—Centre County TRIAD

Keeping our roadways safe for drivers—Centre County Alcohol Task Force

Ferguson Township has been recognized as one of the safest cities in the state—50th on the SafeWise 2015 Safest Cities in Pennsylvania Report. The SafeWise Report, featured at a website dedicated to home security and safety advice, combines data from recent FBI Crime Reports with its own research to create a list of the 50 safest communities in Pennsylvania.



Follow Ferguson Township Police

Facebook

Twitter @FergusonTwpPD



Community minded police and safe neighborhoods
Our police officers are dedicated to serving our community

PUBLIC WORKS

Brush and Leaf Collection Guidelines

<http://ow.ly/Y63Q6>

Street Sweeping

<http://ow.ly/Y60r9>

Winter Operations and Snow Removal

<http://ow.ly/Y63TF>

Winter Maintenance of Shared Use Paths

Public Works maintains seven shared use paths during the winter months:/

<http://ow.ly/Y64fC>

Street and Park Tree Management

<http://ow.ly/Y63XH>

Stormwater Management

<http://ow.ly/Y641d>

Public Works Projects

<http://ow.ly/Y644R>



“Real service to residents happens daily and affects residents’ lives directly.”

Ferguson Township Manager Mark Kunkle

Ferguson Township Public Works provides essential services to residents all year ‘round. Our crews are hard at work making our Township roads, public areas, and shared walking and bicycle paths look and function at their best. They strive daily to make improvements for the good of the Township.

Public Works At a Glance

Public Works maintains the Township’s 90-plus miles of roadways, including paving and patching potholes, storm pipe installation, berm grading, crack sealing, sign installation, street sweeping, snow removal, vegetation control, tree trimming, building and grounds maintenance, vehicle and equipment maintenance, park improvements, roadside mowing, and yard waste collection for leaves and brush. Annually, the road crew collects more than 4,000 cubic yards of leaves, and more than 1,000 cubic yards of wood chips from brush.

Brush and Leaf Collection

Brush and leaf collection the first Monday of the month. Brush and leaves for collection need to be curbside at 7 am that day. Keep in mind that it will take approximately one week to complete collection services throughout the Township. If the first Monday of the month is a holiday, brush and leaf collection will begin the following day.

- Crews begin collecting leaves on a daily basis in mid-October of each year and continue to do so as long as necessary, or until winter operations begin and after they end.
- An additional collection takes place in the fall and the spring. Each year, two additional collections begin the third weeks of April and October.

Winter Operations and Snow Removal

Our Public Works crew are highly trained in snow removal operations, and work day and night to clear your roads of snow and keep them safe for driving. The Ferguson Township Snow Operations Policy provides guidance to the crew members as they work to maintain the 90-plus miles of roadway in the Township. Priority is given to the main roads, such as Whitehall Road, Science Park Road, and Blue Course Drive. Once the main roads are cleared, the road crew begins clearing the residential and connecting streets.



FINANCE

2016 Operating Budget

<http://ow.ly/Y9cKh>

2016 Operating Budget

Executive Summary

<http://ow.ly/10eO8P>

2014 CAFR

<http://ow.ly/Y9cuh>

2016 - 2020 Capital Improvement Plan

<http://ow.ly/Y9d5P>

Tax Guide and Calculator

<http://ow.ly/Y67cQ>

Recognition

Ferguson Township earned the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA)'s Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its budget.



It is the Ferguson Township Finance Department's mission to provide professional customer-oriented financial and tax services to citizens of the Township. Finance is responsible for all fiscal aspects of the Township, including tax collection for the Township and State College School District, Financial Accounting, Investments, custody and control of municipal funds, Assets and Property, Taxation, Risk Management and Pensions.

2016 Operating Budget

The Township budget has created a historically stable financial spending plan that allows for the provision of consistent service delivery, maintenance and upkeep of Township infrastructure—improving and expanding desirable projects the community supports.

The budget requires no increase in current tax rates nor the implementation of any new taxes. The real estate millage rate will remain at 2.4 mills for the ninth consecutive year.

Steady growth in the Township has enabled a sufficient revenue stream that—combined with managing expenses wisely—has allowed the Township to maintain a healthy fund balance, strengthening its financial stability.

2016 Operating Budget Executive Summary

The Executive Summary provides useful background on the operations of the Township—illustrating how revenue is allocated and the use of taxpayer money.

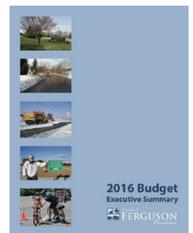
2014 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)

Readers can expect to find statements of revenue and expenditure; debt information; asset and liability data; information on fund balances; and other useful measures of financial stability.

Ferguson Township's 2014 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA).

2016-2020 Capital Improvement Plan

The 2016 - 2020 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) A five-year look into the future, the CIP attempts to determine how much money the Township needs to fund its services, recommends allocating funds where they can be most useful, and educates the Township staff about spending guidelines.



DOING BUSINESS

Advertisements for Township Contracts
Business Resources
Certificate of Insurance
Home-Based Business
Code of Ordinances
Tax Rates
Schedule of Fees
Building in Ferguson
Township Maps

HOW DO I?

<http://ow.ly/10pMPM>

Frequently Asked Questions

<http://ow.ly/10pN21>

Find Job Opportunities with the Township

<http://www.twp.ferguson.pa.us/Township-Employment-Opportunities/>

Locate Election and Voter Registration Information

<http://centrecountypa.gov/index.aspx?NID=238>

Find Information about Current Land Development Proposals

<http://www.twp.ferguson.pa.us/Development/>

Pay and Calculate Taxes

<http://www.twp.ferguson.pa.us/Tax-Information/>

Located in Central Pennsylvania, Ferguson Township is an ideal location for many types of businesses. In addition to being home to The Pennsylvania State University, the Township offers a unique and diverse landscape that combines the best qualities of urban and rural living. Prospective business owners can expect to find a friendly environment, an educated and devoted workforce, and a quality of life second to none. Please visit the links at <http://www.twp.ferguson.pa.us/Doing-Business/> to find resources for your business or more information about locating your business in Ferguson Township.

The HOW DO I section at our website is an essential resource of informational links, including:

- How to contact us with your questions
- job opportunities with the Township
- Election and voter registration information
- Township Code of Ordinances
- Meeting minutes and agendas
- Announcements for contracts and bids
- Latest news and newsletters
- Guide to taxes and when you pay them
- How to pay parking tickets and citations
- Paying for a permit
- Volunteering to serve
- Signing up for e-mails

Ask a Question?

[How do I ask a question?](#)

[How do I ask a zoning question?](#)

Contact...

[The Township Manager?](#)

[The Board of Supervisors?](#)

[The Police Department?](#)

Find...

[Job Opportunities?](#)

[Election and Voter Registration Information?](#)

Pay...

[My Real Estate Taxes?](#)

[My Earned Income Tax and Local Services Tax?](#)

[A Parking Ticket?](#)

REGIONAL SERVICES

COG Administration

www.crcog.net/

COG Refuse & Recycling
Centre Region Solid Waste Authority
Centre Region Code Agency
Centre Region Planning Agency
Centre Region Emergency Management
Centre Region Fire Protection Program
(Alpha Fire Company)

Centre LifeLink EMS
State College Area School District
University Area Joint Authority
State College Borough Water Authority

LIBRARY SERVICES

Schlow Centre Region Library
211 S. Allen Street, State College
<https://www.schlowlibrary.org/>

Schlow Library has added a remote
Return Book Drop in Ferguson Township.



U.S. POSTAL SERVICES

U.S. Post Office, 237 S. Fraser St.,
State College
Weis Market, 110 Rolling Ridge Drive
54 McAllister Street, State College

Ferguson Township is a member of the Centre Region Council of Governments (COG), a voluntary association that provides cost effective and high quality services through a regional program to our community as well as the townships of College, Harris, Halfmoon and Patton, and the Borough of State College.

These include emergency management; parks and recreation; refuse and recycling; water and sewer; code enforcement; transportation; library services; planning and administrative services. You'll find more information at the links below and at left:

Centre Region Transportation Authority (CATA)

CATA provides residents of Ferguson Township with direct and easy access to quality, affordable public transit. CATA makes it easy to get where you want to go in the Township and in State College, including Game Day shuttles for Penn State football games, Arts Festival shuttles and more.

CATABUS provides approximately 7.3 million trips per year, and operates entirely on clean compressed gas.

CATARIDE provides curb-to-curb transportation primarily for persons age 65 and over, as well as those whose disabilities prevent them from using the CATABUS system.

CATACOMMUTE serves long-distance commuters by providing the Rideshare, Vanpool and Emergency Ride Home programs. <http://www.catabus.com/>



Centre Region Parks & Recreation

With the exception of the Louis E. Silvi Baseball Complex, Centre Region Parks and Recreation (CRPR) maintains all Ferguson Township parks. In addition to maintaining the parks, CRPR is responsible for organizing park activities, operating the Gifts-For-Parks Program, managing picnic pavilions, and much more. Find information about reserving a picnic pavilion for your next event. <http://www.crpr.org/>



Schlow Centre Region Library

In 2015, the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors voted to rejoin the Centre Region Council of Government's Articles of Agreement with Schlow Centre Region Library. By participating along with the other five municipalities, the Township will gain a second representative on the Library's Board of Trustees in 2017. <https://www.schlowlibrary.org/>



In addition to the Centre Region Council of Governments, Ferguson Township also participates in these regional services: Centre LifeLink EMS, State College Area School District, University Area Joint Authority (sewer service), and the State College Borough Water Authority. *See links on back page.*



Excellent schools

Ferguson Township students attend State College Area in addition to private schools

TAKING CARE OF YOUR HEALTH

Mt. Nittany Physician Group

1800 E. Park Avenue, State College
<https://www.mountnittany.org/>

Geisinger Medical Group

Scenery Park: 200 Scenery Park Drive,
State College

Grays Woods, 132 Abigail Lane,
Port Matilda
<https://www.geisinger.org/>

Hospitals and Major Medical Centers:

Mt. Nittany Medical Center

1800 E. Park Avenue, State College
<https://www.mountnittany.org/>

Geisinger Medical Center

100 N. Academy Avenue, Danville
<https://www.geisinger.org/>

Penn State Hershey Medical Center

500 University Drive, Hershey
www.pennstatehershey.org/

The Meadows

107-bed private behavioral health facility
132 The Meadows Drive, Centre Hall
themeadows.net

Residents of Ferguson Township and the Centre Region have access to the services of two health systems—Mt. Nittany Physician Group and the Geisinger Medical Group.

Inpatient as well as outpatient services are available at Mt. Nittany Medical Center, a 260-bed acute care facility offering medical, surgical, diagnostic and community services.

Geisinger Medical Center in Danville is a 90-minute drive and the Penn State Hershey Medical Center is two hours away.

Mt. Nittany Health System

Mt. Nittany Health features the Mount Nittany Medical Center, Physician Group, Surgical Center, Children's Advocacy Center, and Lance and Ellen Shaner Cancer Pavilion. The Physician Group employs more than 130 healthcare providers, offering 20 specialties in 15 convenient locations. A Central Pennsylvania healthcare leader, Mount Nittany Medical Center is a 260-bed acute care facility offering medical, surgical, diagnostic and community services.

Geisinger Health System

As one of the nation's largest health service organizations, Geisinger serves more than three million patients in 45 Pennsylvania counties, at 12 hospital campuses, employing 1,600 physicians. Geisinger Health System also offers a 51,000-member health plan. Renowned for a longstanding commitment to medical education, research and community service, Geisinger has earned national accolades for integration, quality and service. Its specialties include Cancer, Cardiology, Neurology and Neurosurgery, Orthopaedics, Pediatrics, Transplant Surgery, and Women's Health.

Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center

Located in Hershey, 10 miles east of Harrisburg, Milton S. Hershey Medical Center is Penn State's medical school and academic medical center. Featuring a Cancer Institute and Children's Hospital, Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center is committed to enhancing your quality of life through improved health, the professional preparation of those who will serve your health needs, and the discovery of knowledge that will benefit all.



LIVING IN FERGUSON TOWNSHIP

PARKS

Use our interactive map to find a park near you:

<http://ow.ly/10f76F>

Autumnwood
Cecil Irvin
Fairbrook
Greenbriar-Saybrook
Haymarket
Homestead
Meadows
Overlook Heights Tot Lot
Park Hills
S&A Field
Suburban
Tom Tudek Memorial

SHARED USE PATHS

Complete list of places to walk, run and bike in Ferguson Township:

<http://www.twp.ferguson.pa.us/Our-Shared-Use-Paths/>

View map of existing and proposed facilities:
<http://ow.ly/10f6Y8>



A sense of community, friendly people, and beautiful scenery are some of the qualities that make Ferguson Township a special place. Living here, you'll be close to downtown State College and still be able to enjoy the scenic vistas and stunning landscapes of rural Ferguson.

Parks

Ferguson Township is home to some of the most beautiful and well-maintained parkland in Central Pennsylvania. Enjoy a game of basketball at Fairbrook Park while taking in the spectacular rural scenery of western Ferguson Township, or visit the Snetsinger Butterfly Garden or view the horse pasture at Tom Tudek Memorial Park, where you can also let your dog run unleashed in the dedicated dog park. *Use our interactive map below to find a park near you. Click on "View Location" for photos of each park and more information, including its amenities. Click "Filter Locations" to select the amenities that interest you (sports field, playground, etc.) and see which parks nearest you offer what you want.*

Learn more: <http://ow.ly/10f76F>

Bicycling in Ferguson Township

"If you like to ride a bicycle, Centre County is an outstanding place to live and/or visit," according to Centre Bike (CRBC), the Centre Region's coalition of slow and fast bicyclists for safe, connected bike routes.

"Whether it's rolling backcountry roads, steep mountain climbs, technical single-track, or in-town bicycle paths that you seek, the greater State College area delivers." Learn more: <http://www.twp.ferguson.pa.us/Bicycling-in-Ferguson-Township/>

Shared Use Paths

The Ferguson Township Public Works Department maintains many of the Shared Use Paths you are invited to enjoy for biking, walking and running. The list of available facilities within the Township includes sections of trails and bike lanes. Learn more: <http://www.twp.ferguson.pa.us/Our-Shared-Use-Paths/>





Safe paths for walking, running and bicycling
Our shared use paths take you where you want to go

VISITING FERGUSON TOWNSHIP

Enjoy Our Parks

Ferguson Township is proud to be home to some of the most beautiful parks in the region as well as spectacular country views and places to explore. Our newest is Cecil Irvin at 126 Cinda Drive near Pine Grove Mills.

Follow the "Planning Your Visit" link for must-do places and events in the Township and throughout the Centre Region.

View our interactive guide to our parks:
<http://ow.ly/Z48jo>

Visit Our Attractions

Follow the "Planning Your Visit" link for must-do places and events in the Township and throughout the Centre Region.

These links include:

Central Pennsylvania Visitors
and Convention Bureau

A helpful guide to touring the area, finding places to stay and eat, recreational activities and events

www.visitpennstate.org

Penn State University
www.psu.edu

Additional Attractions

<http://www.twp.ferguson.pa.us/Things-To-Do/>

When you visit Ferguson Township, you can enjoy all the recreational opportunities the Centre Region has to offer. Ferguson Township is proud to be home to some of the most beautiful parks in the region as well as spectacular country views and places to explore. If you're planning a visit to Ferguson Township, we invite you to enjoy our parks and visit our attractions.

Baileyville Grange

Ferguson Township's Baileyville tops a new list of "11 Small Towns in Pennsylvania Where Everyone Knows Your Name." Each town has a population of just a few more than 200 residents, according to the 2010 Census.

A site called OnlyInYourState compiled the list using City-data.com

The historic **Baileyville Community Hall**, also known as **Baileyville Grange**, was established in 1893. This former two-room Baileyville School now serves as a historical venue for family and community events.



Tom Tudek Memorial Park

We think of Tom Tudek Memorial Park as the crown jewel in our community park system. With 91.5 acres in all, it's the Township's largest, most exceptional park and the second highest used. Featuring community gardens, horse pastures and a dog park, as well as the Snetsinger Butterfly Garden, Tudek is unlike any other park in the area. The readers of State College magazine voted to recognize Tudek Park with the Gold for Best Park and the Bronze for Best Playground. We're very proud to receive this recognition for Tudek from the people we serve.



Ag Progress Days

Pennsylvania's largest agricultural exposition is held annually during three days in August at the Russell E. Larson Agricultural Research Center in Rock Springs, nine miles from State College. Penn State Ag Progress Days is the show for everyone who cares about Pennsylvania agriculture: the farmers, the consumers who benefit, and the children whose future depends on it. There's plenty for children to see and do as well — a kid-safe tree climb, corn maze, friendly bugs, and farm animals. Sponsored by Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences, the show features 500 exhibitors from all over the United States as well as parts of Canada. In 2016, Ag Progress Days will be held August 16 - 18. **Learn more:** <http://agsci.psu.edu/apd>





Spectacular views

Ferguson Township's parks offer unique features

View at Tom Tudek Memorial Park, which also features a private horse pasture, the Snetsinger Butterfly Garden, a dog park, and a community garden. Learn about all of our parks at [this link](#).

ABOUT FERGUSON TOWNSHIP

Brief History

Ferguson Township was formed in 1801 and was named for Thomas Ferguson

Elected and Appointed Officials

Steve Miller, Chair (At-Large)

Peter Buckland, Vice Chair (Ward II)

Laura Dininni (Ward I)

Janet Whitaker (At-Large)

Rita Graef (Ward III)

Township Government

Mark Kunkle, Township Manager

David Pribulka, Assistant Township Manager

David Modricker, Director of Public Works

Eric Endresen, Director of Finance

Diane Conrad, Chief of Police

Raymond Stolinas, Jr., Director of Planning & Zoning

Ferguson Township has a natural, pastoral beauty. When asked what they enjoy most about living in Ferguson Township, residents said they appreciate the Township's farmland and open spaces, as well as its safe neighborhoods. They also love the Township's municipal parks, culture and diversity.

Read more about the place approximately 18,000 people call home:

Our History

Ferguson Township was formed in 1801 and was named for Thomas Ferguson, an early settler who operated a mill in the Village of Pine Grove Mills at the base of Tussey Mountain. In the early 19th century, a number of other small settlements were established, including Gatesburg, an iron ore producing center; Pattonville, which later merged with Pine Grove Mills; Rock Springs, settled by David Mitchell in 1812, and Richard Bailey's Baileyville.

Our Home Rule Status

Ferguson Township is known as a home rule municipality. Home rule enables voters to adopt a home rule charter that acts as the city's basic governing document over local issues. The goal of municipal home rule is to help local control and minimize state intervention into municipal affairs. Click here to learn more about our history as a Home Rule Municipality and to view our Home Rule Charter.

Representatives

Ferguson Township has a Board of Supervisors that helps oversee Township operations. The Board of Supervisors is comprised of five elected officials: Two are elected at large and three are elected by ward. As the Township's policy-making body, the Board of Supervisors is responsible for setting tax rates, approving an annual budget, and enacting ordinances to carry out policy. The Board of Supervisors represents the Township as members of the Centre Region Council of Governments (COG). Each board member serves in various capacities on COG committees that address regional issues such as transportation, code enforcement, public services, finance and personnel. The Board of Supervisors appoints the Township Solicitor, Auditor and Township Manager.

2016 Board of Supervisors



Steve Miller
Chair



Peter Buckland
Vice Chair



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Regular Meetings**
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WELCOME VIDEO

<http://www.twp.ferguson.pa.us/Welcome-Video/>

PARKS

Ferguson Township Interactive Guide:
<http://ow.ly/Z48jo>

SHARED USE PATHS

for biking, running and walking
<http://www.twp.ferguson.pa.us/Our-Shared-Use-Paths/>

EMERGENCY SERVICES

FERGUSON TOWNSHIP POLICE
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AMBULANCE

<http://www.centrelifelink.com/>

FIRE

<http://www.alphafire.com/>

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

Brush and Leaf Collection Guidelines
<http://ow.ly/Y63Q6>

Winter Operations and Snow Removal
<http://ow.ly/Y63TF>

FINANCIAL SERVICES

2016 Tax Guide and Calculator
<http://ow.ly/Y67cQ>

REGIONAL SERVICES

Trash Pick-Up Services
<http://www.advanceddisposal.com/>

**Glenn O. Hawbaker Recycling Center/
State College Borough Compost Facility**
<http://www.goh-inc.com/services/recycle-center-state-college/>

Centre County Recycling & Refuse Authority
<http://centrecountyrecycles.org/>

Centre Region Council of Governments
<http://www.crcog.net/>

Centre Area Regional Transit Authority
<http://www.catabus.com/>

Centre Region Parks & Recreation
<http://www.crpr.org/>

Schlow Centre Region Library
<https://www.schlowlibrary.org/>

Centre LifeLink EMS
www.centrelifelink.com

State College Area School District
<http://www.scasd.org>

University Area Joint Authority (Sewer)
uaja.com

State College Borough Water Authority
scbwa.org