



A DAY IN LITITZ, PA

HISTORY, PRETZELS, CHOCOLATE & SMALL TOWN CHARM

Just nine miles north of Lancaster, Lititz is a walkable historic town known for its Moravian heritage, independent shops, cafés, Lititz Springs Park and two famous treats: Sturgis Pretzels and Wilbur Buds.

GETTING THERE & PARKING

An easy day trip from Lancaster and the surrounding York, Harrisburg and Philadelphia regions. The historic district follows East Main Street and North and South Broad Streets.

Street parking and small public lots are available. Two useful starting points are Lititz Springs Park on Broad Street and the public parking area off North Lane, near Julius Sturgis Pretzel Bakery.

START AT THE WELCOME CENTER

Visit the Welcome Center beside Lititz Springs Park, in a replica of the historic passenger depot, for visitor information and a small railroad display.

A LITTLE LITITZ HISTORY

Founded as a closed Moravian settlement in 1756, Lititz was shaped by a Protestant Christian community rooted in Central Europe. Its church-guided economy emphasized cooperation among skilled tradespeople. The settlement opened to non-Moravians in 1855.

PLAN AHEAD:

Reserve historical and pretzel tours when possible.

Allow time for a leisurely walk, store browsing and food stops.



EXPLORE HISTORIC LITITZ

HISTORICAL TOURS

Lititz Historical Foundation: Explore the [1792 Johannes Mueller House](#) or join a [Walking Tour](#) to discover the town's Moravian heritage and historic buildings.

Lititz Moravian Church: Learn about the religious community that shaped the settlement. Check [tour offerings](#) and dates.

JULIUS STURGIS PRETZEL BAKERY

219 East Main Street. Established in 1861, America's first commercial pretzel bakery offers a short, [hands-on historic tour](#). Try twisting a pretzel yourself! Guests receive a small pack of mini pretzels; freshly baked soft pretzels are sold separately in the gift shop.

WANDER THE SHOPS

Explore [independent boutiques](#) along Main and Broad Streets for specialty foods, clothing, jewelry, home décor and gifts. At Purple Robin Reserve, look for the original mural from the building's theater days.

LITITZ SPRINGS PARK

Follow the [Lititz Springs Park](#) paths and bridges beside Lititz Run, enjoy the playground or relax near the water. Duck food is available at the **Welcome Center** and park dispensers. *Please do not feed ducks human food.*

WILBUR CHOCOLATE

Across Broad Street from the park, visit the [Wilbur Chocolate](#) store for the famous Wilbur Bud, introduced in 1894, before the Hershey's Kiss. Browse chocolate treats and look for the production viewing window.

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EAT, LINGER & RETURN

LUNCH, COFFEE & SWEET STOPS

- [Tomato Pie Cafe](#): Casual lunch with its signature tomato pie. Located near the Lititz Springs Park and Wilbur Chocolate
- [Slate Coffee](#): Coffee, breakfast or lunch. Located in the historic Hotel Sturgis.
- Other downtown options include [Brazilian food](#), ice cream and [Erica Joy's](#) gluten-free bakery with vegan options.

DINNER & DRINKS

- Bull's Head Public House: An English-style pub where you order at the bar; indoor and outdoor dining options (and a favorite of my British son-in-law!)
- For local beer and spirits, consider Collusion Tap Works, Appalachian Brewing Company or Stoll & Wolfe Distillery.
- Downtown offers a variety of [dining options](#).

VISIT ALL YEAR ROUND

- **July 4th**: Little hosts one of the nation's oldest consecutive Independence Day celebrations, including the Fairyland of Candles illumination in Lititz Spring Park.
- **Christmas**: Decorated storefronts, Christmas in the Park, community caroling and historic holiday traditions give downtown a festive feel.
- **Spring & Fall**: Ideal for a downtown stroll, time in the park or pairing Lititz with a [Lancaster County hike](#).

WANT TO STAY OVERNIGHT?

The [Lititz Springs Inn](#) and [Alden House B&B](#) put you within walking distance of downtown attractions. Or choose a [larger hotel](#) outside the downtown area.



YOUR DAY IN LITITZ

MORNING - DISCOVER THE HISTORY

Park in the lot at Lititz Springs Park, stop in the Welcome Center, then take a 45-minute historic walking tour or visit the Mueller House.

LATE MORNING - TWIST & TASTE

Walk East Main Street to Julius Sturgis Pretzel Bakery for its hands-on 25-minute tour. Purchase a fresh soft pretzel afterward. (Sometimes the Historical Foundation offers pretzel discount coupons to tour guests).

MIDDAY - LUNCH & SHOPS

Choose a downtown cafe or restaurant and browse independent shops as you make your way back toward Broad Street.

AFTERNOON - PARK & CHOCOLATE

Relax in Lititz Springs Park, then cross Broad Street to Wilbur Chocolate for a sweet souvenir.

OPTIONAL EVENING - DINNER & DRINKS

Stay for dinner at Bull's Head or try one of the local breweries or the distillery.

MAKE IT YOUR OWN

- With children: Pair a nearby hike with pretzels, playground time, duck feeding and a casual lunch.
- With adults: Allow more time for shops, historical tours and dinner.

MORE WAYS TO EXPLORE LITITZ - ALL UNDER \$25

Looking for another reason to visit? Discover five affordable walking and driving tours featuring Lititz history, local spirits and small-town charm. [Each experience costs between \\$12 and \\$25.](#)

Read the full article: [A Day In Lititz, PA](#) for more details.