

## **Morrison's Cove Driving Tour**

### **50 Minutes, Approximately 40 Miles**

This scenic driving tour includes a beautiful overlook and a visit to a lovely limestone valley with historic villages, country churches, one-room schoolhouses, pristine farmsteads and thousands of contented cows. All the makings for a great "Sunday drive."

From Bedford, travel I-99 N to the Osterburg exit and turn right, following Rt. 869 E. Enjoy a dramatic ascent up Brumbaugh Mountain to a scenic overlook, 2.5 miles. Descend the mountain into Morrison's Cove and continue on 869 E for 4 or 5 miles to New Enterprise. Please watch for horse drawn buggies, bicycles or farm machinery on this road. Continue on 869 to a "T" in the road.

Across the road from you now is the big stone house built by John Snider in 1812. Snider apparently built this structure to house his 11 children and their families. It is five stories high and has a huge attic. There are 25 rooms and 16 fireplaces. Located on what was a major freight route, the fourth floor served as a tavern to 19th century teamsters.

It is said that the construction of the house became a major financial burden to Mr. Snider and unsympathetic neighbors dubbed the house as Snider's Folly and Solomon's Temple. Legend holds that in 1850, Barbara Sell Foreman, a visitor, while dressed in her hoop skirt, was lifted by a gust of wind from the fourth floor porch and was dropped, unhurt on the road below. This was long before the invention of the video camera, sadly.

**(Please Note: This is a private residence. Please respect the privacy of the homeowners and do not knock on the door.)**

Turn left onto Rt. 36 N and travel one mile to the village of Waterside. Go a mile past Waterside and turn right onto Hickory Bottom Rd. Drive about 5 miles to Diehl's Crossroad Church of the Brethren. You'll pass Zimmerman's Bulk Foods and Spring Farm Greenhouse.

Turn left at Diehl's Church and travel to Junction 866 S and turn left again. Travel to Rt. 36 S and turn left through the village of Woodbury. You'll pass Northern Bedford High School on the right and come upon the five story Snider House on your left. After you pass the Snider House, go .2 mile and turn right into the village of Loysburg. Turn right at the "T" onto S.R. 1005-90 and after one block, turn left onto Church View Rd. Ascend Snakespring Mountain and travel 5.7 miles to the Civil War entrenchments on the right where Col. Higgins set up defenses to prevent the approaching Confederate army from capturing the Altoona Railroad. The Battle of Gettysburg removed this threat.

Continue south and bear right at the "Y" in the road onto S.R. 1003, past Gooseberry Gardens Herb Farm. Travel 4.7 miles to Rt. 30. Bedford is to your right, about 6 miles, and Breezewood is to your left, about 10 miles.