

The Lincoln Highway Driving Tour

50 Minutes, Approximately 33 Miles



The Lincoln Highway is the first coast-to-coast road built in the United States. It runs from New York City to San Francisco. In most of Pennsylvania, it's known as Rt. 30. The Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor has created a Roadside Museum along the historic highway in Pennsylvania. Along the highway are interpretive exhibits, a mural series, Picture Yourself exhibits and unique vintage gas pumps painted by professional artists.

1. Start your drive along Rt. 30 in the western most part of Bedford Co. heading east. At the hairpin turn sits the **Old Shot Factory**. During the Revolutionary War, cannon shot was manufactured by dropping lead from the second story.
2.    About 5 miles ahead is the **Bison Corral Farm**. Look to your left for the mural painted on the barn and to see the bison roaming in the pastures. Directly to your right is the pump, "Remembering Our Native American Past."
3. Just east of the bison farm on the right, look carefully to see the blue cabins hiding behind the overgrown bushes. Once part of the **Shawnee Cabins Tourist Camp**, they now house seasonal farm workers.
4. Ahead on the left is the **Lincoln Highway Farm**, painted on the two red barns, owned by the same family for over 150 years.
5. About a half mile east of the farm, turn right onto Cemetery Rd. to follow the old Lincoln. The **1806 Old Log Church**, a preserved log church, still has its original straight-back wooden pews & wineglass pulpit.
6. Before turning to rejoin Rt. 30, glance to your left to see a giant statue of **Pied Piper** blowing his horn (pictured above). Since the 1950s he has guarded the entrance to Storyland, a former children's park that has been closed since the mid-1980s.
7.   Ahead is the Borough of Schellsburg, a National Register Historic District (1810). The road name changes to Pitt St. through town. On the left at the Lincoln Highway Garage is the vintage gas pump, "Vincent Van Gas"
8. To follow the original Lincoln, turn left onto Shawnee Sleepy Hollow Rd. Here you'll pass a former tavern house made of log & stone (1775) on the left that is now owned by the **Shawnee Sleepy Hollow Campground**. At the stop sign, turn left to rejoin Rt. 30 east.
9.   At the crest of the hill, on the right is the **Lincoln Motor Court**, featuring cabins that were refurbished to their original 1930's look. Here's a "picture yourself" exhibit so bring your camera and say, "Cheese!"
10.   As you continue east you will pass **The Fifties Place and Radio Display** on your left. This is a small museum open to the public. Displaying old signs, antique fuel pumps, automotive Americana, and antique radios and TVs. This museum is sure to take you back. Free admission. Donations appreciated.

11.  At the intersection of Routes 30 & 31 sits the historic **Jean Bonnet Tavern**. The tavern was built in 1769 at the fork, where Forbes' 1758 road diverged from Burd's 1755 road. About 100 yards beyond the Tavern is a concrete Lincoln Hwy. marker on your left.

NOTE: To follow the original Lincoln, about 1.3 miles ahead, turn right onto Wolfsburg Rd. Turn right at the traffic light to rejoin Rt. 30.

12.  As you approach Bedford, bear right and follow the business district route. As you approach town, the Bedford Co. Fairgrounds will be to the right. The 1925 **Coffee Pot** was rescued & moved to this site in 2003. This building is an excellent example for early automobile-era architecture designed to attract customers with the novelty of the setting.
13.  Continuing on, Bus. Rt. 30 becomes Pitt St. On your right is the art deco-style **Dunkle's Gulf Service Station**. Opened in 1933, the station's terra cotta tiles depict stylized geometric foliage and chevrons.

Note: You can visit the Bedford County Visitors Bureau by turning right at the intersection of Pitt and Juliana Streets. We're halfway down the block on the left.

Continuing on Pitt St., the 1766 **Espy House**, on your left, is designated as a National Historic Landmark. It served as President Washington's headquarters during the Whiskey Rebellion.

Several blocks ahead, as you're leaving Bedford, Pitt St. ends at a stop sign. Turn left. Ahead, you'll be traveling over the Raystown Branch of the Juniata River. Drive about 8 miles.

From Rt. 30 take the Everett exit (Rt. 26 S Exit) to travel the old Lincoln through Everett.

14.   On your left, just before Hometown Bank, is another concrete Lincoln Hwy. marker and to the right of the bank is the gas pump, "Five Dollar Bill," with the image of President Lincoln. Continuing ahead and beyond the first light, watch on your left for the Everett mural and immediately to your right the 1898 **Union Hotel**, which recently underwent an extensive restoration.

On the way out of town you will pass the Igloo ice cream parlor on your right, painted to resemble a scoop of ice cream and just beyond, the Bedford County Roadside Giant, an **oversized quarter** (pictured below) with George Washington's profile, located at the entrance of Down River Golf Course. At the traffic light, turn right to rejoin Rt. 30 E.

About 1 mile ahead, turn right onto Zion Rd. to follow the old Lincoln. You'll pass a former motor lodge, log house and a 1760 tavern. Turn right to rejoin Rt. 30.

15.   Ahead on the left is the **Travelers Rest Motel**. A short piece of the original Lincoln runs in front of the 1950's motel building.
16. Ahead on the right is the former **Juniata Crossings Lodge**, now a gift shop, built as a stagecoach stop in the early 1800's.
17. Just before you reach Breezewood on the right is the recently renovated **1788 Inn**. This B&B was an 18th Century tavern and stage coach stop. Today visitors can stay in one of the 4 guest rooms to experience the history of the building.

Ahead is the "Town of Motels," or Breezewood. It was just a small town until the PA Turnpike opened in 1940 with an interchange here.

NOTE: The 1-mile commercial strip is usually congested, so drive cautiously. Stay in the lane marked Rt. 30 E to follow the Lincoln Hwy.

18.  Ahead on the left is the **Gateway Travel Plaza**, built in 1994 to replace the original one opened by Merle and Marian Snyder in 1940. The couple often traded a meal or gasoline for a soldier's patch. This interesting collection of patches is still on display at the facility.