
A Weekend in Greensboro

Tucked away on a tranquil stretch of the Monongahela River rests historic homes, remnants of old pottery factories and a hotbed of artistic creativity, where the borough of Greensboro offers visitors a unique and charming experience.

Lodging is available at The Captain's Watch Inn¹ for an extended stay. Located at 106 Water Street, this lovely bed and breakfast sits high on the riverbank, offering calming views of the Monongahela River. With only seven rooms, the Captain's Watch Inn offers a quiet and romantic atmosphere, yet remains family-friendly. If traveling with children, request the loft room! Modeled after a small British country house hotel, the Inn features an authentic English/Irish pub, working fireplaces in each room and a magnificent wrap-around porch.

Whether you prefer waking up to the sunrise through the large river-facing windows, or sleeping in, you can count on an excellent, homemade breakfast to start your day. After breakfast, make sure to swing by the Grocery Bag², located at 306 Stoney Hill Road, to stock up on take-out sandwiches, snacks, drinks and live bait before heading to the river.

Conveniently located across from the Grocery Bag is the PA Fish and Boat Commission launch (Reminder: A boat registration or use permit is needed.), which offers ample parking, as well as a popular fishing spot. If you plan to paddle the river, you have the option of launching your canoe or kayak from here, the volunteer fire department on Front Street, or the old ferry landing, at the bottom of County Street. Don't have a canoe or kayak? Relax-- just ask Bill, your friendly inn keeper to borrow his.

From either launch, paddle downriver towards the Grey's Landing Lock & Dam. The large structures visible along the river's edge are called tipples. These industrial structures are historical remains of the coal heritage that continues today in the Mon River Valley. After paddling less than two and a half miles, you will reach the Grey's Landing Lock & Dam. This is a good place to turn around. When heading back upriver toward Greensboro, stay to the right-hand side of the river bank. Exit the river at the corner of Front and Stone streets, by the volunteer fire department. Rest and enjoy a shaded lunch under the nearby gazebo.

For some more river action, re-launch and venture upstream. After three miles of paddling, the mouth of Dunkard Creek will appear on your right. Flowing thirty-six miles from west to east, Dunkard

Creek meanders across the Mason-Dixon Line several times. This scenic tributary is wide and deep making it easy to maneuver. Paddlers are encouraged to bring along a fishing rod because Dunkard Creek is a known haven for smallmouth bass and muskellunge.

Once back at the Captain's Watch Inn, a candlelit dinner on the porch awaits you. Another dining option is the delicious and affordable, Ice Plant³, less than a mile away. After a long and active day return to the Inn for quiet conversation on the porch or to watch a movie in bed. All rooms include a DVD player and the Grocery Bag offers plenty of movie rentals.

In the morning, take a leisurely walk around Greensboro's historic district. Across the street at 106 County Street is River Run Books. Here you can immerse yourself in rare antique books or search their art collection for the unique histories of famed artists. Before leaving, get one last view of the Mon from the Greensboro Bike Trail. This paved bike trail stretches one and a quarter miles along the river, ending in Mon View Park⁴. The Captain's Watch also has bicycles to borrow, if needed. Any way you decide to spend your stay in Greensboro, it is sure to be nothing short of a delight!

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² Grocery Bag
306 Stoney Hill Rd, Greensboro, PA 15338
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³ The Ice Plant
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⁴ Mon View Park
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