

# Point Marion One-Day Itinerary

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Nestled at the confluence of the Monongahela and Cheat Rivers on the southern border of the Keystone State, Point Marion welcomes visitors looking for good food, outdoor recreation, and a bit of American history.

Start off with a big breakfast and friendly service at the family-owned and operated Riverside Diner<sup>i</sup>, located at 120 Penn Street. Then head three and a half miles north on Route 166 to Friendship Hill National Historic Site<sup>ii</sup>. This 661 acre park was once home to Albert Gallatin, the longest serving United States Secretary of the Treasury. Under Presidents Jefferson and Madison, he was responsible for financing the Lewis and Clark expedition and was father of the National Road. Open April 1 through October 31, the Gallatin mansion features an informative visitor center, a self-guided audio tour, and a short video presentation. Allow an hour to tour the house, and then explore nearly ten miles of lovely trails that wind through the grounds and down to the Monongahela. A picnic area and comfort station are adjacent to the parking lot. Entry is free and the grounds are open daily from sunrise to sunset year round.

On your way back into Point Marion, make a stop at Shop 'N Save Express<sup>iii</sup>, located at 1 North Main Street, and fill your cooler with snacks and drinks. Drive south on Main Street to Point Marion Community Park, a well-maintained green space on the banks of the Mon. Park amenities include a children's playground, basketball courts, a baseball diamond, volleyball court, horseshoe pits, picnic pavilions, barbeque grills, and a boat ramp. Visitors can fish from the docks or along the shoreline. Live bait can be purchased at Point Marion Hardware<sup>iv</sup>, located on 126 Penn Street.

Point Marion Park is a great place to relax and enjoy your snacks before launching your kayak, canoe, or boat. (Reminder: A boat registration or use permit is needed.) Paddlers should head downriver, bearing left at the confluence of the two rivers. Six miles of leisurely boating will bring you to the village of Greensboro. Exit here at the access area and enjoy a picnic at the gazebo. Pack up and return to Point Marion before the sun sets.

Don't leave town without stopping for dinner at Apple Annie's<sup>v</sup>, a regional favorite that has been a popular venue for over 20 years. Located at 28 Church Street and open Tuesday through Saturday, this charming little restaurant serves delicious home-cooked meals and features an amazing array of delicious desserts, all baked on-site. Take a look at the photographs that line the walls and chat with the

owners about the history of Point Marion and the people who have made it a “small town with a big heart.”

Those who want to try a different fare can stop at Subway on Main Street. Sporty’s and Connie’s are two excellent pizzeria’s, both located at the north end of Penn Street.

As you head for home take Route 88 across the Greene County bridge and drive 15 miles to Carmichaels, where you can catch a flick at the Skyview Drive-In. Open only on the weekends, this is an old-fashioned way to end your visit to Point Marion.

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<sup>i</sup> Riverside Diner  
120 Penn St, Point Marion, PA 15474  
724- 725-9911

<sup>ii</sup> Friendship Hill National Historic Site  
New Geneva Road, Point Marion, PA 15474  
724-725-9190  
<http://www.nps.gov/frhi/index.htm>

<sup>iii</sup> Shop and Save Express  
1 North Main Street Point Marion, PA 1547  
724-725-9170  
<http://pittsburgh.foodlandstores.com>

<sup>iv</sup> Point Marion Hardware  
126 Penn St, Point Marion, PA 15474  
724-725-5285

<sup>v</sup> Apple Aunties  
8 Church St, Point Marion, PA 15474  
724-725-1300  
<http://www.apple-annies.com>