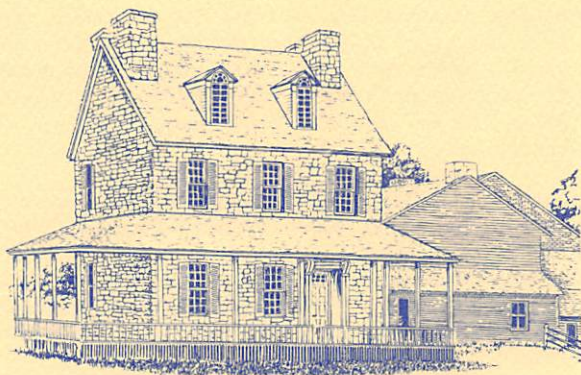


Friendship Hill National Historic Site Pennsylvania



Friendship Hill National Historic Site preserves the country estate of Albert Gallatin, a Swiss immigrant who served his adopted country, in public and private life, for nearly seven decades. Gallatin made significant contributions to our young republic in the fields of finance, politics, diplomacy and scholarship. He is best known as the Treasury Secretary under Jefferson and Madison, during which time he developed the concept of the National Road.

When Gallatin first came to this western Pennsylvania area in the mid 1780's, it was on the edge of the frontier. Through the years during and after his ownership, Friendship Hill remained a quiet refuge; a counterpoint to the industrial development of the region.

What To Do

Although it will be many years before the 35 room main house will be completely restored, rangers lead tours of the Gallatin sections of the house, pointing out the many architectural features discovered during research. Visitors are encouraged to walk the grounds surrounding the house, where a small visitor center and a series of brochures offer additional details of the park story. The pleasant setting offers a taste of the quiet country life enjoyed by Gallatin and later owners.

The grave of Gallatin's first wife, Sophia, is in a wooded glen nearby, about a 20 min. roundtrip walk. The main loop trail is 3.4 mi. long and provides an intimate glimpse of the natural features of the park. The trail is especially attractive during the spring wildflower season and the fall foliage season; in winter there are several miles of cross-country ski trails.

Hours and Location

Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, the park is open seven days a week from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm; the rest of the year the park is open weekends only at the same hours. The park is located along PA 166, four miles north of Point Marion, PA and about mid-way between Uniontown, PA and Morgantown, WV.

Friendship Hill National Historic Site, and Fort Necessity National Battlefield, about 20 miles away, are jointly administered by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. For more information contact the Superintendent, Fort Necessity NB/Friendship Hill NHS, The National Pike, RD 2, Box 528, Farmington, PA 15437.

