

BERKS COUNTY, PA

A Weekend Itinerary

Berks County stretches from pristine lake waters to rolling farmland to mountaintop views, and you can experience it all in one unforgettable weekend. From SUP yoga and animal therapy to legendary Italian dinners and hidden gem shops, Berks County offers the perfect blend of adventure and indulgence.



WHAT'S WAITING FOR YOU
Aquatic therapy. Farm cuddles. Mountaintop sunsets.
Italian food that fills your life. Scenery that's worth the trip alone.



BEFORE YOU GO

MUST-BOOK IN ADVANCE

- ◆ Aqua Om Paddle: [Book Online at aopaddle.com](https://aopaddle.com)
- ◆ Swartz Farm: [Book Online at swartzfarmpa.com](https://swartzfarmpa.com)
- ◆ Mimmo's Italian: [Reservations recommended](#)

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FRIDAY: ARRIVAL & EXPLORATION

AFTERNOON • Check In & Explore West Reading

CHECK IN: DoubleTree by Hilton Reading

Full-service hotel with on-site restaurant, bar, and expansive breakfast buffet

- ◆ **Shop:** West Reading is filled with boutiques, home decor stores, gift shops, and unique finds.
- ◆ **Vibe:** Penn Avenue is perfect for an afternoon stroll and has a small town feel with endless things to explore

DINNER • Mimmo's Italian (~\$25-30/person)

- ◆ **We tried:** Penne Alla Vodka with chicken, Baked Ziti (\$22) topped with mozzarella and baked with mini meatballs
- ◆ **Dessert:** Lucy's famous tiramisu + cannolis in several flavors (we got Oreo and it was delish!)
- ◆ **Drinks:** Italian beers and wonderful espresso martinis
- ◆ Cozy, authentic atmosphere with generous portions. Reservations recommended

★ A local favorite that feels like a family dinner in Italy. The kind of meal you'll talk about the whole weekend

SATURDAY: THE COMPLETE RESET

BREAKFAST • Start Your Day Right

- ◆ **Reading Coffee Company:** Local roastery, specialty coffee, light bites
- ◆ **Rosanna's Choice Cafe & More:** Full breakfast menu, cozy & eclectic atmosphere

★ Note: Rosanna’s is closed on Sundays, so make sure to visit on Saturday morning if you want to go there!

MORNING • Blue Marsh Lake • Water Adventure

AQUA OM PADDLE | Book in advance!

- ◆ **Experiences:** SUP Yoga, paddleboard rentals, kayak rentals, guided classes
- ◆ **Duration:** 1-3 hour rentals or full-day options
- ◆ **Special:** Floating meditations, sunset paddles, full moon adventures
- ◆ **What to Expect:** Stable boards that are perfect for beginners and the experienced alike

★ Guided SUP Yoga combines water stability with mindfulness. A true reset for your body and mind!

LUNCH • Stampede BBQ

- ◆ **Order:** Ribs, brisket, pulled pork, Texas caviar, mac and cheese, coleslaw
- ◆ **Dessert:** High-quality soft serve ice cream
- ◆ **Pro Tip:** Go early! Popular items sell out quickly (~\$20-25/person)

AFTERNOON • Swartz Farm • 1641 Alleghenyville Rd, Mohnton

SWARTZ FARM | By appointment only. Book in advance!

- ◆ **Experiences:** Animal cuddles, farm tours, goat yoga, petting zoo
- ◆ **Animals:** Mini Highland cows (including baby Midnight!), goats, alpacas, donkeys
- ◆ **Details:** 45-acre, 5th generation family farm dedicated to agritourism

★ Hands-on interactions with friendly animals. The owners are passionate about connecting people with farm life

SUNSET • Reading Pagoda • 98 Duryea Drive, Reading

- ◆ **Views:** Iconic mountaintop views, perfect for great photos or just watching the sun rise & set!
- ◆ **Hours:** Grounds open 7am-9pm daily (building is currently closed for restoration)
- ◆ **History:** Built in 1908, inspired by Nagoya Castle in Japan. National Register of Historic Places.

★ A peaceful ascent to breathtaking 360-degree views. Trying to decide when to visit? Go during golden hour!

EVENING • Casual Dining • Berks County Restaurant Scene

EXPLORE BERKS COUNTY DINING

- ◆ **Our Top Picks:** Austin's Restaurant & Bar, Aladdin Mediterranean, Louie's Kitchen & Bar, Tobias Frogs
- ◆ **More Options:** experienceberks.com/food-drink

★ Berks County has an incredible dining scene. Browse the full list of partners to find your perfect spot

SUNDAY: LEISURE & CULTURE

MORNING • Choose Your Breakfast Adventure

OPTION 1: BRAKEMAN'S CAFE

- ◆ More than just a “coffee” shop - weekend specials + build-your-own bowl, sandwich, or wrap (~\$12-15/person)

OPTION 2: READING COFFEE COMPANY

- ◆ Local roastery, specialty coffee, light bites & pastries

OPTION 3: DOUBLETREE BREAKFAST BUFFET

- ◆ On-site convenience, expansive selection (~\$20/person)

AFTERNOON • Manatawny Creek Winery • Wine & Wood-Fired Pizza

- ◆ **Try:** Fizzy Riesling + wood-fired Mediterranean pizza
- ◆ **Vibe:** Scenic vineyard setting, perfect for relaxation (~\$25-30/person)

CULTURE & HISTORY • Choose Your Adventure

- ◆ **Crystal Cave:** Unique geological experience, underground wonder and natural beauty
- ◆ **General Carl Spaatz USAAF Museum:** WWII history, artifacts, and escape room challenge
- ◆ **Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles:** Early electric cars, hand-crafted classics, carriages. Fascinating even if you're not a car person

SWEET TREAT • The Peppermint Stick

- ◆ Retro ice cream scoops + huge vintage candy selection
- ◆ Perfect souvenir: Bag of old-school sweets for the road (~\$8-12)

★ Save room for dessert, always! End the weekend on a sweet note.