

Free and Open to the Public

Charter Day at Cornwall Iron Furnace

Cornwall Iron Furnace will observe Charter Day on Sunday, March 10, 2019 with free tours of the site from noon to 4:00 p.m. Charter Day, recognized by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, commemorates the granting of the charter William Penn received from King Charles II of England over three centuries ago. The king granted the land in exchange for debt owed to Penn, thus providing Penn a place to establish a community free of religious persecution, known as his "Holy Experiment". Other sites under the direction of the PHMC will be observing the day with free tours and other activities. Be sure to check the individual historic sites' webpages for specific details.

Stationed throughout the buildings, trained guides will provide information on the history of the Furnace, its operations, and museum collections. Guests are encouraged to dress warmly, as the buildings can be quite chilly this time of year. Visitors may also enjoy viewing the display of minerals originally collected by workers at the Cornwall Mines; formerly owned by the Bethlehem Steel Corporation. This wonderful collection recently returned to Cornwall after being stored for approximately 30 years at the Commonwealth Keystone Building in Harrisburg.

Friends of Cornwall Iron Furnace memberships will be available and the Museum Store will be open for business. Please call 717-272-9711 for more information or to volunteer. Visit the Furnace website at www.cornwallironfurnace.org for more information on this unique historical site.



William Penn