

What if you could take a 10-minute journey back in time, open a window into local life, and glimpse a sense of community from the past with no limitations except your own time and imagination?

That's what a new historical video series, **Hidden Happy Valley**, aims to offer when it debuts online this weekend thanks to a collaboration between several local organizations.

Schlow Centre Region Library and Centre County Library & Historical Museum have teamed up with the Happy Valley Adventure Bureau and Local Historia to offer the free series of short, virtual experiences that focus on the lesser known history behind favorite spots across the region. Part tour, part lecture, *Hidden Happy Valley* will be released on YouTube one episode per month in June, July, and August, with the premiere happening this Saturday, June 26.

"*Hidden Happy Valley* is all about highlighting some of the fascinating historical and cultural sites that we have right here in Centre County, and encouraging our neighbors as well as out-of-town visitors to connect with those places," said Robbin Degeratu, administrative director at [Centre County Library & Historical Museum](#). "We're excited to partner with other organizations that value learning, tourism, and connecting with history and culture."

Local historians, [Matt Maris and Dustin Elder](#), moderate each episode on location from special spots in Philipsburg, Milesburg, and Boalsburg. Each video offers a 10-minute guided tour showcasing places and spaces filled with history and spotlighting Centre County life in a unique way. The collaborating organizations have decided to keep specifics about each "community gem" featured in the series a surprise until the videos are released.

"We thought *Hidden Happy Valley* would be a fun, interesting way to connect people to places that may be unexpected but share a fascinating past worth surfacing a bit," said Maria Burchill, head of adult services at [Schlow Library](#). "Our hope is that the videos will entice local residents and visitors to read more, explore more, and share more about our community while experiencing surprise and joy along the way."

Watch the [Hidden Happy Valley trailer](#), connect to the series on YouTube, and then head out for fun and adventure by visiting each location in person. Episode 2 premieres July 24, and the final episode will be released Aug. 28, on each organization's YouTube channel.

"The [Happy Valley Adventure Bureau](#) is proud to partner with Schlow Centre Region Library and the Centre County Library on the *Hidden Happy Valley* series," said HVAB President and CEO Fritz Smith. "Residents and visitors alike will enjoy learning the interesting stories behind some of our unique assets. We are glad we could help bring these stories to life. We hope revealing hidden Happy Valley will encourage even greater exploration of the fascinating history of the county."