



DAY TRIP TO FRICK'S LOCK

From Pottstown · Chester County, Pennsylvania



RIVER AND
LAKE



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GUIDED TOURS

Empty village on the National Register. Free guided tours on set Saturdays, May to October.

Frick's Lock makes an easy morning from Pottstown. Time your visit for a tour Saturday, take the first walk at 10, and picnic at the trailhead afterwards.

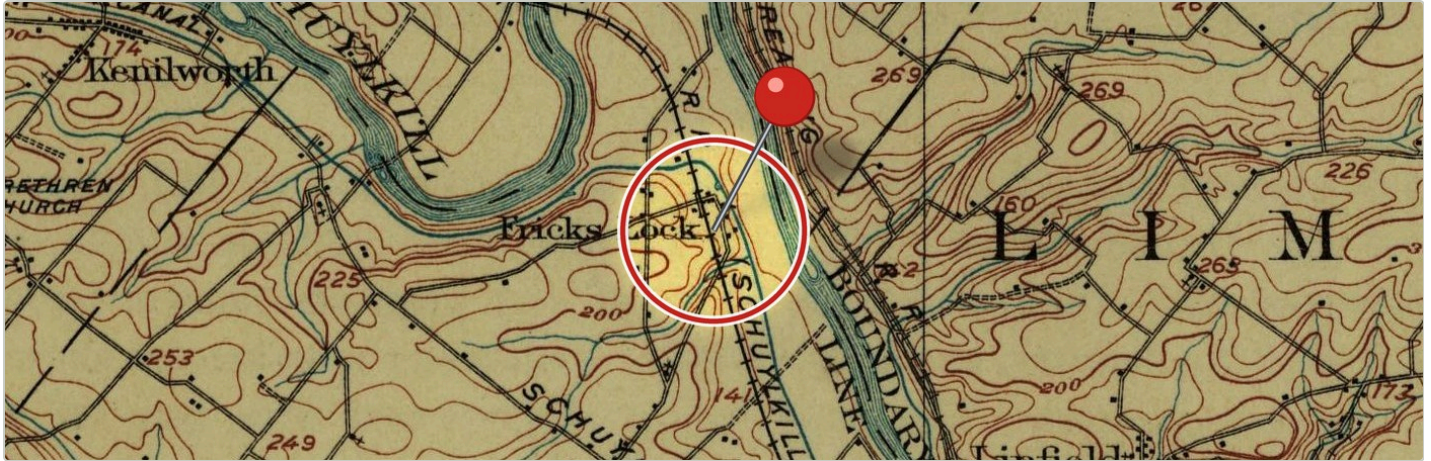
A SAMPLE DAY

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| ☐ 9:45 a.m. | Leave Pottstown on the US 422 bypass and PA 724, about 10 minutes. |
| ☐ 10 a.m. | Join the first guided tour of the village. |
| ☐ Late morning | Picnic at the trailhead. |
| ☐ Midday | Head back to Pottstown, or stay for the 11:15 or 12:30 tour if you arrived late. |

Coming from Philadelphia? Allow about an hour each way.

WHAT TO PHOTOGRAPH

- **Village and towers.** The canal-era buildings against Limerick's cooling towers are the classic Frick's Lock picture. A low angle from the lane fits both.
- **Stone walls.** Old walls line the lane; side light brings out the stone.
- **The canal and locks.** The township puts the canal about 100 feet north of the 1757 farmhouse and the double lock about 250 feet west of it. Ask the guides to point them out.
- **Drones.** The township's page doesn't mention drones. The village sits next to a nuclear plant, so ask before you fly.



USGS topographic map, 1906 (public domain). The ring and pin mark the town.

DAY TRIP ESSENTIALS

DRIVE	4 mi, about 10 min each way from downtown Pottstown. From Philadelphia: 39 mi, about 59 min.
OPEN	Guided tours only, at 10:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on set Saturdays. The 2026 dates are May 9 and 30, June 13 and 27, July 11 and 25, August 8 and 22, September 12 and 26, and October 10 and 24.
ADMISSION	Free, and no registration.
WEATHER	Tours run rain or shine and are canceled only for thunder or lightning.
ON FOOT	The tour is entirely outdoors. The township doesn't give its length or walking distance.
PARKING	Schuylkill River Greenways lists parking at the Fricks Lock Trailhead, 500 Fricks Lock Road.
RESTROOMS	Neither the township nor the trailhead listing mentions any.
FOOD AND WATER	None listed. The trailhead has a picnic area; bring your own food.
RULES	The township says the village is not open for paranormal investigations.
WEBSITE	eastcoventry-pa.gov/fricks-lock

BEFORE YOU GO

- Check the status with the land manager before you go; conditions change.
- Keep out of unstable buildings and off fenced ruins.
- Leave artifacts where they lie. Removing them can be a crime.
- Carry water, a paper map and a charged phone; signal is often poor.

Coordinates 40.22250, -75.59639 · 40°13'21"N
75°35'47"W

Full guide abandonedtowns.com/pennsylvania/fricks-locks/

Directions [Google Maps](#)

Details checked October 2026. Hours, prices and access change: confirm before you go.