

Antiquing

The hunt is on, even before the sun has begun to shine. As hundreds of dealers unload truckloads of items, the crowds gather, sifting through oodles of furniture, jewelry, china and more. As one of the top antiquing destinations in the country, Lancaster County is a paradise for those seeking the treasures of years past.

The village of Adamstown, known as Antiques Capital, U.S.A., is a prime spot to discover rare and not-so-rare items from years ago. This area provides buyers with literally thousands of choices, from pocket watches to kitchen sinks. Just along Route 272 in the northern part of Lancaster County, Adamstown's more than 3,000 antiques dealers can keep visitors and buyers occupied for hours.

Taking the road less traveled, more antiquing can be found along the back roads of Lancaster County. Renningers Antique Market in Denver offers hundreds of dealers featuring quality country antiques, sure to please any buyer. Ziegler's in the Country, a quaint shop located between Elizabethtown and Hershey, showcases beautiful treasures from more than 70 antique dealers and has a mixture of rare garden statues.

Wherever one chooses to explore the antiquing of Lancaster County, collectors and buyers are guaranteed an array of items from which to choose. Friends, families and couples can enjoy a weekend trip chock full of browsing. On a sunny afternoon, guests may want to simply stroll along the main streets of any of the area's communities and get lost in the history of their purchases and finds.

Pennsylvania Dutch Country's quaint towns and villages are known to have tucked away treasures waiting to be discovered in their many antique shops. Once locating the perfect antique, shopkeepers are more than willing to tell the history behind the piece, whether it belonged to a head of state, was a child's toy from the Victorian era or an old table salvaged from an Amish family's farm. One-of-a-kind finds rich with history fill the antique shops of Lancaster County buyers.

For more information on antiquing in Lancaster County, please contact the Pennsylvania Dutch Convention & Visitors Bureau at 1-800-PA-DUTCH or go online to www.padutchcountry.com