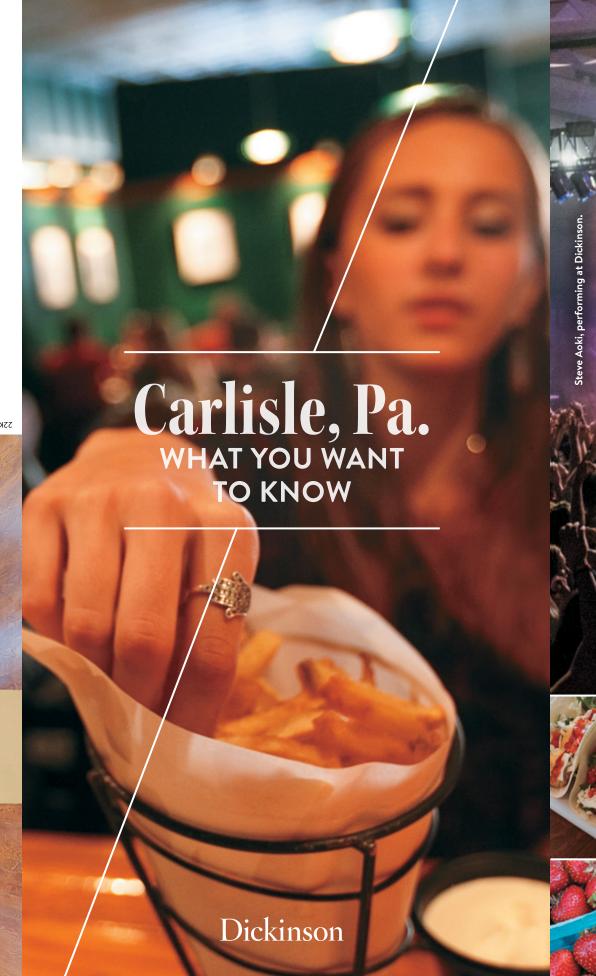


Dickinson

2016 BEST COLLEGE TOWNS IN AMERICA Nationwide 2016 Strongest Town contest winner







"If you were to wander off the main street in downtown Carlisle, you will eventually end up on **Pomfret Street**. It's **wonderfully quirky**, with an array of locally owned artisanal shops in a colorful row of violet, blue and red brick houses. Whether you enter a family owned gourmet chocolate shop or a mini artist boutique, a bakery, a **coffee shop** or an **ice-cream place**, the owners will always make you feel like an old friend in their homes."

-ALEXANDER BOSSAKOV '20, who knows about such things.





YOU KNOW YOU VIT

Dickinson has all the academic rigor you're looking for, and heaps happening on campus-such as the recent Steve Aoki concert and the 10 concerts in the Spring Concert Series-but at times you'll want to set your books down, get off campus and find new ways to clear your head. Because you know what all work and no play adds up to, right?

RLISLE SPORTS EMPORIUM.

This sprawling indoor/outdoor facility offers a variety of ways to amuse, entertain and allow a good and proper amount of steam to be blown off. Here's what's on the menu: laser tag, indoor/outdoor go-cart racing, batting cages, two outdoor miniature golf courses and an arcade.

OCAL GOLF COURSES. There are four public golf courses within 10 minutes of campus, and if you're from a metropolitan area, brace yourself: say goodbye to waiting around between shots and making tee times a week in advance. Carlisle is in central Pennsylvania, where the grass is lush and green and the courses are rarely crowded.

admit it: You like to go bowling. It's great fun, and you leave smelling like that spray they use in the shoes (scratch HERE to experience it). Midway recently underwent a huge renovation, so when your wrist becomes too sore from lifting bowling balls, three pool tables, foosball and darts will keep you entertained. The food is great, and for the alcoholically legal crowd, the Sparetime Lounge has an amazing wine and craft beer list. Seriously.

MIDWAY BOWLING CENTER. Just

Other things to be done "out of doors," as your grandmother might say.

- and Fowler's Hollow state parks and Michaux and Tuscarora state forests, the former of which has Laurel and Fuller lakes, for your swimming enjoyment.
- Hawk Mountain, with views that will both inspire you to write heartfelt nature poetry and give you vertigo, is nearby, and King's Gap, a serious
- Dickinson's Outing Club takes full advantage of these spots, plus the Appalachian Trail, which runs through town, and lots of local camping spots. And Carlisle is a world-class fly-fishing destination, so bring ... you know, stuff to do that.

And finally, you might feel like shopping. You've undoubtedly noticed that Carlisle isn't SoHo (or Soho, if we're talking London), so if you're used to walking over to Fillmore & 5th

- Carlisle counters with Miss Ruth's Time Bomb, a vintage boutique that is as fun to hang out in as to drop some coin.
- wouldn't buy you but your friends always seemed to have.
- No Common Scents, an eclectic shoppe (note the extra p and e), and Pat Craig Studios
- and a little spooky) and Whistlestop Bookshop (it's small and not terribly spooky).



- If you like jumpstarting your soul with some fresh air, within yodeling distance of campus you'll find Colonel Denning, Pine Grove Furnace
- mansion with a serious view turned into a serious environmental center, awaits.

- Walk on over to Georgie Lou's and get your fix of retro candy, the stuff your parents
- will keep you busy with funky things galore.
- And if you like to buy new and/or used books, check out Pomfret St. Books (it's huge





Sometimes you want to get away from it all: your classes, your routine, your roommate and his or her significant other who seems to spend every waking moment in your dorm room. Within about an hour, you'll be able to keep busy both indoors and out, depending on your mood and the socks you have on:

- Three ski resorts: Ski Roundtop, Liberty Mountain and Whitetail.
- HARRISBURG, featuring Restaurant Row, a couple of malls, the Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts and a pretty lively shopping and general hanging-out scene. Also, the Midtown Scholar is a legendary bookstore, with new and used books filling a space both massive and comfy. The Broad Street Market is great for a coffee, doughnuts and farm-fresh, Amishgrown produce. (The doughnuts may or may not be grown by the Amish.)
- **HERSHEY!** (Note the exclamation point.) Hershey is home to not only all that chocolate (and Chocolate World) but Hersheypark, a massive amusement park with some of the most terrifying roller coasters ever built, and a great water area to cool down your sweaty palms. Also in Hershey is Hersheypark Stadium and Giant Center, two huge arenas for your serious concert needs.
- Dorney Park & Wildwater Kingdom is like Hersheypark but not on the same steroids Hersheypark is on. You'll still scream, just not as loud.

- HAGERSTOWN, which, speaking of shopping, has some more great outlets. And it's in Maryland, just over the border, so it's pretty exotic.
- **GETTYSBURG**, because it's a really neat little town full of Civil War history that will be way more interesting now than when you went there on a field trip in 5th grade-especially if you like nighttime tours of haunted battlefields. The outlet mall there is a great way to kill some time while spending money on random stuff like sunglasses and Crocs.
- City Island, home of the Harrisburg • Senators: Go catch a minor league ball game, and maybe you'll see the next Bryce Harper (you missed the last Bryce Harper, who played for the Senators a few years ago). Also there: the Harrisburg City Islanders soccer team.
- Coliseum Entertainment Megaplex. Seriously, if that string of three words doesn't get your heart thumping, you might want to go to a doctor. Picture a really modern setting featuring bowling, arcades, roller-skating ... with a bar for the older crowd.

"But what about more than an hour away?" you're wondering. "Like maybe two hours?" As you know, nothing less than Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., and Baltimore—where worldclass arts, sports and everything else—await. New York City is three hours, door to door, and if you've never been, put down this brochure and get in your car and go right now.