

# RoadTrip

## Culture and Camp Along Lincoln Highway in Pa.

**WHERE:** Southern Pennsylvania.

**WHY:** Drive-through history, a new Gettysburg museum and a gigantic coffee pot.

**HOW FAR:** About 100 miles from start to finish.

Forget Route 66. Get your kicks on Lincoln Highway, America's original coast-to-coast road. The epic highway was spearheaded by Carl G. Fisher, an auto magnate from Indiana who funded the road's construction in 1912 with the help of such wealthy donors as Thomas Edison, Theodore Roosevelt and President Woodrow Wilson. The nation's first trans-continental roadway linked New York's Times Square to Lincoln Park in San Francisco with nearly 3,400 miles of sand, gravel, clay and brick. Known as "Main Street Across America," it ribboned through 14 states and 128 counties, connecting more than 500 cities and towns.

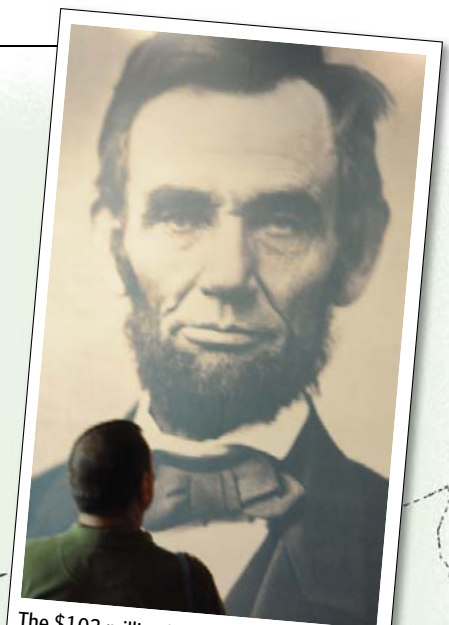
In Pennsylvania, Old Lincoln Highway spans the width of the state, connecting Philadelphia to the west via a historic conduit that is today's U.S. Route 30. In 1995, a 200-mile swath was designated the Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor, a living museum running through five counties. The corridor has 75 points of interest on or near the mostly two-lane road. Some of the stops are cultural or historical, such as Gettysburg National Military Park; others trade in roadside camp, such as Mister Ed's Elephant Museum, home to Miss Ellie Phant, a talking pachyderm.

— Ben Chapman

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**Mister Ed's Elephant Museum** showcases a campy collection of more than 6,000 elephants and hundreds of stuffed animals. For the road, stock up on old-time candies and fresh-roasted peanuts.



The \$103 million **Museum and Visitor Center** (which opened in April) at **Gettysburg National Military Park** is a fitting introduction to 6,000 acres of memorial space administered by the National Park Service.

A roadside watering hole since 1762, the **Jean Bonnet Tavern** still takes care of its travelers with brews, onion rings and sugar-glazed Tavern ham.

Pump in style at **Dunkle's Gulf** service station, a 1933 art deco structure noted for its polychrome tiles set in busy angular patterns.

Scale Tuscarora Mountain for a bite and a beer at the **Mountain House Bar & Grill**.

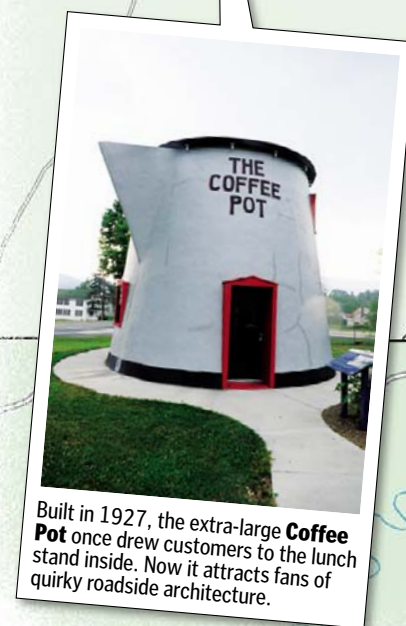
The **Chambersburg Heritage Center** explores area history from frontier times to the arrival of the first automobiles on Lincoln Highway.

Roll up to the **Historic Round Barn and Farm Market** for seasonal produce artfully arranged in a 62-foot-tall circular manger built in 1914.

Step onto the caboose and handcars at the **New Oxford Railroad Museum**, which features exhibits on the development of railway transportation.

Put on your bowling shoes for **Lincoln Lanes**, which has a mural depicting the Lincoln Highway era.

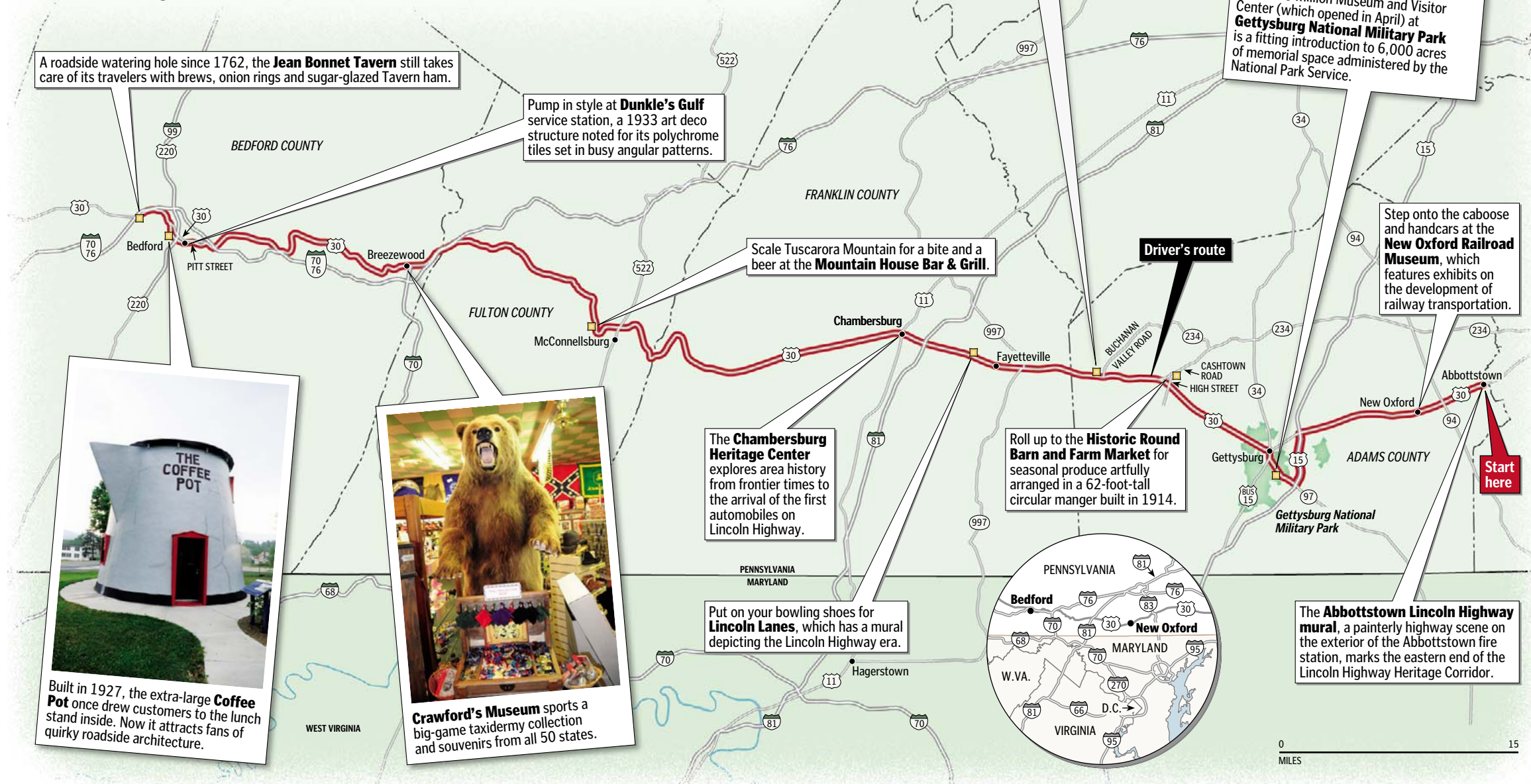
The **Abbottstown Lincoln Highway mural**, a painterly highway scene on the exterior of the Abbottstown fire station, marks the eastern end of the Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor.



Built in 1927, the extra-large **Coffee Pot** once drew customers to the lunch stand inside. Now it attracts fans of quirky roadside architecture.



**Crawford's Museum** sports a big-game taxidermy collection and souvenirs from all 50 states.



**Driver's route**

**Start here**

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