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Cornwall Iron Furnace Event – Charter Day – Free Admission

Cornwall Iron Furnace will observe Charter Day on Sunday, March 8, 2020 with free tours of the site from noon to 4:00 p.m. Charter Day, recognized by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, commemorates the granting of the charter William Penn received from King Charles II of England over three centuries ago. The king granted the land in exchange for debt owed to Penn, thus providing Penn a place to establish a community free of religious persecution, known as his “Holy Experiment”. Other PHMC sites (such as the Ephrata Cloister & and the Railroad Museum) will observe the day with free tours and other activities. Be sure to check the individual historic sites’ webpages for specific details.

Stationed throughout the buildings, trained guides will provide information on the history of the Furnace, its operations, and museum collections. Visitors will also have the opportunity to tour the Buckingham Mansion and the Paymaster’s Office on the adjacent campus of Cornwall Manor. Guests are encouraged to dress warmly, as the buildings can be quite chilly this time of year.

Cornwall Iron Furnace is located at 94 Rexmont Road in Cornwall, PA and was designated a National Landmark in 1966. It is the only surviving intact charcoal cold blast furnace in the Western Hemisphere. Please call 717-272-9711 for more information or to volunteer. Visit the Furnace website at www.cornwallironfurnace.org for more information on this unique historical site.