

PENNSYLVANIA

The Keystone State

KEY FACTS



Capital

Harrisburg



Largest city

Philadelphia



Became a state

December 12, 1787 (2nd)



State bird

Ruffed Grouse



State flower

Mountain Laurel



State tree

Eastern Hemlock



Motto

Virtue, Liberty, and
Independence



Lake Erie

This Great Lake gives the state a busy port

Erie



Drake Well Museum

The first US commercial oil well was here



Mountain Laurel

Its star-shaped flowers bloom in June



Pine Creek Gorge

This deep canyon is called the Grand Canyon of PA

Anthracite Coal

This hard coal is mined in the northeast hills



Scranton

White-Tailed Deer

It raises its white tail to warn of danger



Ruffed Grouse

It beats its wings to make a drumming sound



Eastern Hemlock

This evergreen tree can live for 800 years



Pocono Mountains

These forested peaks are famous for recreation

Allentown



Steel Mills

Pittsburgh mills made steel for US skyscrapers

Pittsburgh



Firefly

This beetle uses flashes of light to signal



Susquehanna River

This long river flows past the state capitol

Harrisburg



Hershey

This town grew up around a chocolate factory



Amish Buggy

Lancaster County families travel by horse power

Independence Hall

The Declaration of Independence was signed here



Philadelphia

Gettysburg Battlefield

This 1863 battle was the Civil War turning point



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