



9. Shades Beach Marker

The closest known shipwreck to Shades Beach, this vessel was built as a steam-powered freighter in 1891. It sank April 27, 1933.



10. Harborcreek Area Veterans Memorial

This memorial honors those "Harborcreek area men and women who have honorably served in the Armed Forces of the United States of the America." It was built with support from this organization, as well as many others.



11. Hoag Cemetery Marker

Established in 1811 on land once owned by Aaron Hoag, Hoag Cemetery is one of the oldest cemeteries in Harborcreek Township. There are approximately 140 people buried here. It is also known as:



12. Gifford-Blanchfield House Marker

Gershom and Lucy Lewis Gifford settled in Harborcreek and purchased 120 acres in 1839 for \$3,600 from:

LOCATIONS & DIRECTIONS

1. **Fighting for Peanuts Marker:** Roadside Park, Buffalo Road, across from Harborcreek Township Municipal Building

2. **Behrend Family Marker:** On Penn State's Behrend College grounds, across from Glenhill Farmhouse. Anyone visiting campus weekdays before 5 PM should get a parking pass from the Parking Office in the Reed Union Building and use visitor lots; visitor lots can be used without a pass after 5 PM weekdays and on weekends.

3. **Open for the Season Marker:** On the grounds of the Gifford-Blanchfield House, 5661 Buffalo Road

4. **Gospel Hill Burial Ground:** Located at the gate entrance to the cemetery, which can be accessed from the multi-use path leading up the hill from the Logan House (4215 Station Road) Parking Lot – at the top of the hill, walk left.

5. **Mary Behrend Memorial:** On Penn State's Behrend College grounds, next to the Studio Theatre. See above for parking instructions.

6. **Wintergreen Gorge Trailhead Sign:** 3399 Cooper Road

7. **Russell's Log Cabins Marker:** On the grounds of the Gifford-Blanchfield House, 5661 Buffalo Road

8. **Paul J. Weitz Plaque:** At the main entrance to the Harborcreek Township Municipal Building, 5601 Buffalo Road

9. **Shades Beach Marker:** 7000 East Lake Road, at the north end of the parking lot

10. **Harborcreek Area Veterans Memorial:** Between the Harborcreek Township Municipal Building, 5601 Buffalo Road, and Buffalo Road

11. **Hoag Cemetery Marker:** 4482 Depot Road

12. **Gifford-Blanchfield House Marker:** On the grounds of the Gifford-Blanchfield House, 5661 Buffalo Road

Harborcreek Historical Society Historical Marker Scavenger Hunt

Find Harborcreek history!

This "Keep it in the Creek Week" hunt sends you on the lookout for historical markers, memorials, and plaques found throughout Harborcreek Township.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

- Use the directions to locate markers, memorials, and plaques.
- Find the related marker questions in this form.
- Read the markers to find the answers and record them in the spaces provided.
- **Submit your answers and contact information by October 31, 2023** to enter a prize drawing! Completed forms can be dropped off at the Harborcreek Township Municipal Building, 5601 Buffalo Road, or you can submit your answers via an online form at www.harborcreekhistory.org



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INSURANCE AGENCY

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE A KID OR AN

ADULT: _____ KID (UNDER 18) _____ ADULT

IF YOU ARE A KID (UNDER 18), PLEASE PROVIDE
THE NAME OF AN ADULT/GUARDIAN:



3. Open for the Season Marker

Harborcreek's main thoroughfares, East Lake and Buffalo Roads, U.S. Routes 5 and 20 respectively, offered farmers direct access to residents and visitors alike, and produce stands of every shape and size, typically family-run, became common sights along these routes. These folks opened the Blanchfield Fruit Stand in 1954.



4. Gospel Hill Burial Ground Marker

This Spanish American War veteran has the only marked grave of the African American men and women buried here. His family arrived to Erie County in the late 1790s.



5. Mary Behrend Memorial

German immigrant Ernst Behrend founded Hammermill Paper Co. in 1898 and located it along the lake shore to make good use of the region's supply of wood and water. His company was progressive with how it treated its employees, offering them profit sharing, education benefits, and:



6. Wintergreen Gorge Trailhead Sign

A watershed is a land area that directs all rainfall and snowmelt into a particular creek, stream, or river, eventually leading to an outlet like a lake. Wintergreen Gorge is part of the following watershed:



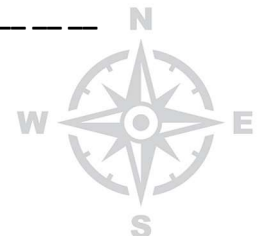
7. Russell's Log Cabin Marker

This fireplace stands as the only physical reminder of Russell Log Cabins. As one of Harborcreek's first businesses to cater to tourists, Russell Log Cabins featured a gas station, restaurant, dance hall, and 21 rentable cabins. For nearly 50 years, it was a popular destination in the township. It was created by:



8. Paul J. Weitz Plaque

Harborcreek High School graduate Paul Weitz was a naval officer and aviator, aeronautical engineer, test pilot, and NASA astronaut, who flew into space twice. During his second flight into space, he commanded the space shuttle:



1. Fighting for Peanuts Marker

In 1853, as the railroads began to standardize the width of track and eliminate unnecessary stops, Erie and Harborcreek residents, whose businesses benefited from the forced layovers, protested the change by ripping out the new track. The two months of violence became known as the:



2. Behrend Family Marker

This person gave the 400-acre Glenhill Farm Estate to Penn State in 1948, creating what would become The Behrend College.
