

The Historic Berkshires:

# An 18th Century Trail

Your guide to six of the earliest homes in Berkshire County, open for public tours:

THE ASHLEY HOUSE • DAN RAYMOND HOUSE • CPT. WHEELER HOUSE

BIDWELL HOUSE MUSEUM • MISSION HOUSE • ARROWHEAD

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[www.berkshire18thcenturytrail.org](http://www.berkshire18thcenturytrail.org)



## The Ashley House • 117 Cooper Hill Road, Sheffield, MA

Learn the stories of the Ashley family and African Americans enslaved in their home, including Elizabeth Freeman, whose successful lawsuit was integral to ending slavery in Massachusetts. The site is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is an anchor site on the Upper Housatonic Valley African American Heritage Trail.

Call for hours and fees • 413.229.8600 • [www.thetrustees.org/ashleyhouse](http://www.thetrustees.org/ashleyhouse)



## The Dan Raymond House • 159-161 Main Street, Sheffield, MA

The house was built in the 1770s by Dan Raymond, Tory sympathizer turned Patriot. It is currently part of a complex of historic buildings including a research center and the offices of the Sheffield Historical Society. For information on the Mark Dewey Research Center or visiting hours, see our website.

Call for hours and fees • 413.229.2694 • [www.sheffieldhistory.org](http://www.sheffieldhistory.org)



## The Captain Wheeler House • 817 South Main Street, Great Barrington, MA

The Great Barrington Historical Society is based at 817 South Main Street in the c. 1771 Captain Truman Wheeler House, currently being restored for use as a town museum and research center. In 2011, it was accepted to the National Register of Historic Places, and thus is a national landmark.

Call for hours and fees • 413.528.1780 • [www.gbhistory.org](http://www.gbhistory.org)



## The Bidwell House Museum • 100 Art School Road, Monterey, MA

The Bidwell House Museum is an elegant Georgian saltbox originally built circa 1750 as a parsonage. Authentically restored, filled with antiques, and surrounded by 192 acres of beautiful grounds and hiking trails, the museum tells the story of the early settlement of the Berkshires.

Call for hours and fees • 413.528.6888 • [bidwellhousemuseum.org](http://bidwellhousemuseum.org)



## The Mission House • 19 Main Street, Stockbridge, MA

Learn the story of John Sergeant, missionary to the Mohican community in Stockbridge in the 1730s. Tour the house or visit the colonial revival gardens and the on-site Native American museum that showcases artifacts gathered by Mabel Choate in the early 1930s and shares perspectives from Mohicans today.

Call for hours and fees • 413.298-3239 • [www.thetrustees.org/missionhouse](http://www.thetrustees.org/missionhouse)



## Herman Melville's Arrowhead • 780 Holmes Road, Pittsfield, MA

Arrowhead was the home of author Herman Melville (1819-1891) and his family from 1850 to 1862. Here he farmed and wrote *Moby-Dick* and other novels. It is now a National Historic Landmark, preserved by the Berkshire Historical Society. It is open for tours daily from Memorial Day to Columbus Day.

Call for hours and fees • 413.442.1793 • [www.mobydick.org](http://www.mobydick.org)