

Competition Venue - Fort Roberdeau Historic Site, Blair County, PA

The original Fort Roberdeau was constructed in 1778, during the American Revolution. The Fort Roberdeau Historic Site and Natural Area is located near Altoona in Blair County, Pennsylvania. The rural 230-acre tract features a reconstructed Revolutionary War stockade surrounding six log cabins. It also includes an 1858 barn containing exhibits and a museum shop, an education center in an 1860 farmhouse, three nature trails, picnic facilities, and White Oak Hall, a large multipurpose facility. Tours of Fort Roberdeau will be available to anyone attending the meet (including spectators) at a reduced group rate on meet day. For information on the Fort, go to www.fortroberdeau.org.

The cross country course at Fort Roberdeau was created in 2003 and has hosted a large high school and college invitational every year since. The course is moderately challenging and consists of open field (grass) and wooded trails.

There are no locker or shower facilities available at Fort Roberdeau. Port-a-Potties will be available at the course. Teams are welcome to use the facilities on the Juniata College campus, which is about 30 minutes from the course.

Directions to the Fort Roberdeau Historic Site

From Interstate-99 coming from south (traveling by car or van): Take Bellwood Exit (#41) and follow signs toward Fort Roberdeau. After 3.9 miles you will come to a stop sign in the village of Skelp. Turn right onto Golf Course Road and proceed 0.5 mile to another stop sign and turn right, staying on Golf Course Road. 2.6 miles later is another stop sign at which you turn right onto Kettle Road. 0.6 miles later is a large sign for Fort Roberdeau at which you turn right onto Fort Roberdeau Road. 0.4 miles ahead bear to the right at the fork in the road. Fort Roberdeau is a quarter mile ahead.

From Interstate-99 coming from south (traveling by bus): Take the 17th Street Exit (#33) and bear to the right at the end of the exit ramp toward Altoona. Proceed half a mile and then turn right onto Valley View Blvd. Proceed 1.6 miles then turn right onto Kettle Road. (Burger King will be on the left when you make the turn.) Proceed 8.9 miles on Kettle Road to a large sign for Fort Roberdeau at which you turn left onto Fort Roberdeau Road. 0.4 miles ahead bear to the right at the fork in the road. Fort Roberdeau is a quarter mile ahead.

From Interstate-99 coming from north (traveling by car, van, or bus): Take the Tyrone Exit (#48). Proceed 5.7 miles south on route 453 and turn right at the sign for Windy Hill Furniture. Proceed 1.7 miles and turn left onto Kettle Road. Proceed 4.8 miles to a large sign for Fort Roberdeau, at which you turn right onto Fort Roberdeau Road. 0.4 miles ahead bear to the right at the fork in the road. Fort Roberdeau is a quarter mile ahead.

From Route 22 (traveling by car, van, or bus): Go to Water Street and turn north on route 453. Proceed 3.5 miles then turn left at the sign for Windy Hill Furniture. Proceed 1.7 miles and turn left onto Kettle Road. Proceed 4.8 miles to a large sign for Fort Roberdeau, at which you turn right onto Fort Roberdeau Road. 0.4 miles ahead bear to the right at the fork in the road. Fort Roberdeau is a quarter mile ahead.

From the Altoona hotels (traveling by car, van, or bus): Go northeast on Pleasant Valley Blvd. This road will become Valley View Blvd temporarily. 1.6 miles past the intersection with 17th Street, turn right onto Kettle Road. (Burger King will be on the left when you make the turn.) Proceed 8.9 miles on Kettle Road to a large sign for Fort Roberdeau at which you turn left onto Fort Roberdeau Road. 0.4 miles ahead bear to the right at the fork in the road. Fort Roberdeau is a quarter mile ahead.