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## **News Release**

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## What Does Green Phase Mean at Grey Towers?

MILFORD, PA -- With Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf easing more COVID-19 restrictions and moving Pike County into the Green Phase, Grey Towers National Historic Site is preparing for a safe and orderly return of staff and visitors.

On Monday, June 29, the front gates to the historic site will open to welcome the public to the grounds for expanded access and programming. Pedestrians have been welcomed throughout the COVID-19 crisis for leisurely walking and enjoyment.

No fees will be charged for these expanded programs and access, which include:

- Informal informative interaction with Forest Service staff;
- Visitor films about Grey Towers and the Pinchot family;
- A curated exhibit about Cornelia Pinchot and the 1920 women's right to vote movement;
- Access to the popular Fingerbowl outdoor dining table and newly renovated Long Garden;
- A variety of new educational 'pop-up' programs on topics ranging from the Pinchot's pets to the New York City connection to Gifford Pinchot's fight for conservation;
- Educational exhibits, including a campsite re-creation of the original Yale School of Forestry, along the newly re-opened Forest Discovery Trail;
- New self-guided outdoor activities for children.

Visitor parking areas and restroom facilities will re-open.

Phased re-opening of other programs, including tours of the historic mansion, will continue in alignment with current Federal, State, and local guidance. The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, continues to assess its public programs and access to public sites. Grey Towers will implement safety measures and health precautions as re-opening occurs. Visitors are urged to continue to follow all CDC guidelines, including social distancing, wearing a mask and other precautions.

Please check <u>www.greytowers.org</u> or follow Grey Towers National Historic Site Facebook and other social media sites or call 570-296-9630 for updates. Rapidly changing conditions could warrant further and unplanned changes, cancellations and postponements.