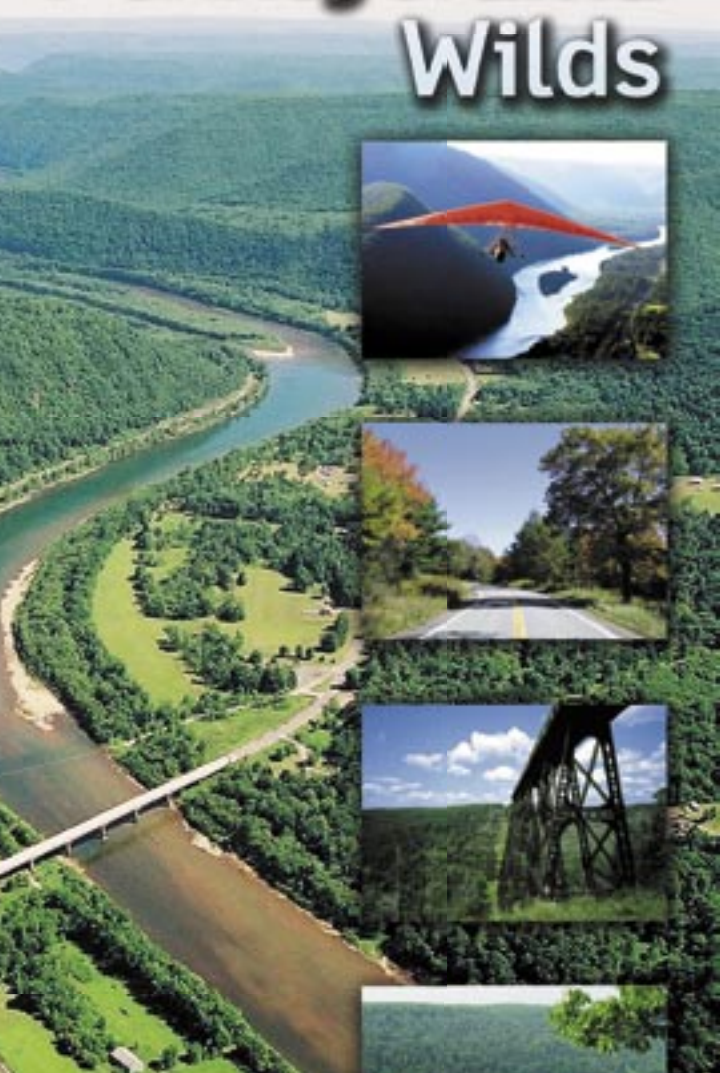


# Scenic Byways of the

# Pennsylvania Wilds



# Introduction

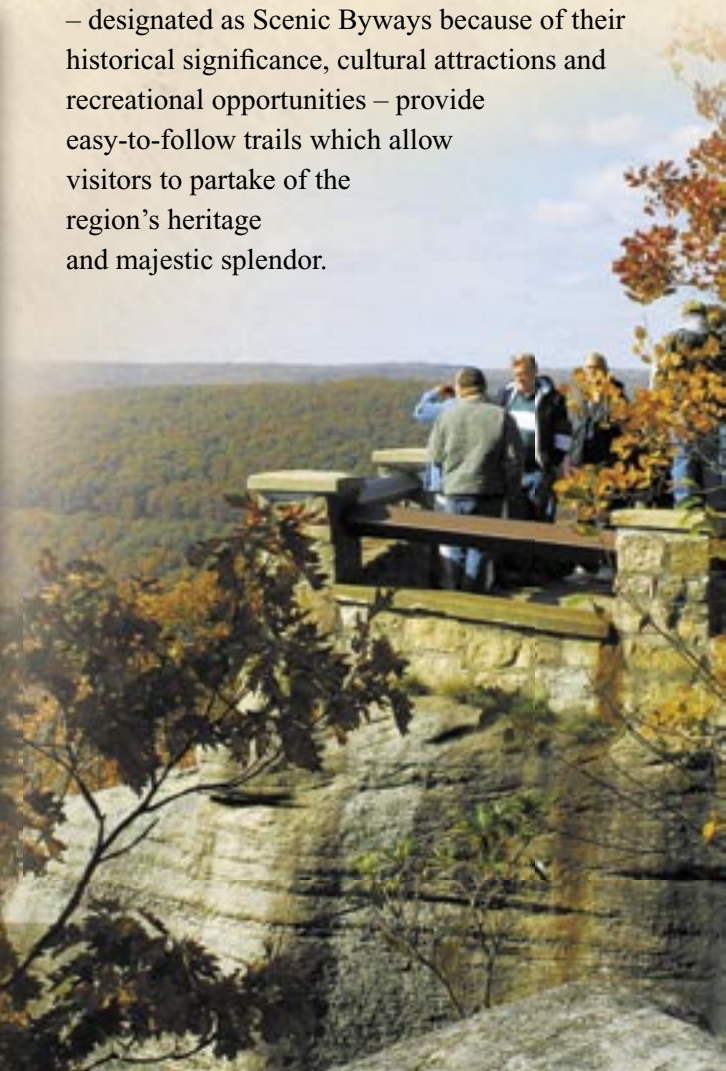
So what exactly makes the Pennsylvania Wilds such a special place? Is it the region's stunning beauty, ablaze with brilliant scenery and teeming with wildlife, taking your breath away at every turn? Is it the endless outdoor recreational opportunities that are available throughout the year? Or is it the region's rich history and the warmth of its people that keep you coming back?



Wild Elk  
Elk County

Truth of the matter is, the Pennsylvania Wilds offers all of this – and so much more. But with dozens of towns, hundreds of shops and thousands of things to see and do in our region, sometimes it's challenging to know where to begin.

Perhaps one of the best places to start is by planning an excursion on one of the Pennsylvania Wilds' three state-designated and one nationally-designated Scenic Byways. These four corridors – designated as Scenic Byways because of their historical significance, cultural attractions and recreational opportunities – provide easy-to-follow trails which allow visitors to partake of the region's heritage and majestic splendor.



# Introduction

Whether you're planning to spend a day, weekend or week traveling any of our four Scenic Byways, we hope these maps and corresponding information help make your visit as enjoyable as possible – and keep you coming back time and again!

## **Additional Information:**

For additional ideas regarding byways trips in Pennsylvania go to [VisitPa.com](http://VisitPa.com) and search on “byways.” For more information on the Pennsylvania State Byways Program call the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation at (717) 787-6388.

## **Pennsylvania Wilds**

Additional information on the Pennsylvania Wilds, including contact information for all of the region's visitor's bureaus, is available on the web at [PAwilds.com](http://PAwilds.com) or by calling (800) 577-2029.



## **Visitors Bureaus**

### **Great Outdoors Visitors Bureau**

#### **Cameron, Clarion, Elk, Forest & Jefferson Counties**

175 Main Street  
Brookville, PA 15825  
800-348-9393  
[www.VisitPaGo.com](http://www.VisitPaGo.com)

### **Clearfield County Recreation and Tourism Authority**

12 North Front Street  
Clearfield, PA 16830  
866-469-4537  
[www.visitclearfieldcounty.org](http://www.visitclearfieldcounty.org)

### **Clinton County Economic Partnership Visitors Bureau**

212 North Jay Street  
Lock Haven, PA 17745  
888-388-6991  
[www.clintoncountyinfo.com](http://www.clintoncountyinfo.com)

### **Lycoming County Visitors Bureau**

210 William Street  
Williamsport, PA 17701  
800-358-9900  
[www.vacationpa.com](http://www.vacationpa.com)

### **Allegheny National Forest Vacation Bureau**

#### **McKean County**

80 East Corydon Street, Suite 114  
Bradford, PA 16701  
800-473-9370  
[www.visitANF.com](http://www.visitANF.com)

### **Potter County Visitors Association**

118 North Main Street  
Coudersport, PA 16915  
888-POTTER2  
[www.visitpottercounty.com](http://www.visitpottercounty.com)

### **Tioga County Visitors Bureau**

2053 Route 660  
Wellsboro, PA 16901  
888-846-4228  
[www.visittiogapa.com](http://www.visittiogapa.com)

### **Warren County Visitors Bureau**

22045 Route 6  
Warren, PA 16365  
800-624-7802  
[www.wcvb.net](http://www.wcvb.net)

### **Pennsylvania Recreation Agencies Department of Conservation & Natural Resources**

717-787-2869  
[www.dcnr.state.pa.us](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us)

#### **State Parks**

888.PA.PARKS  
[www.visitPAPARKS.com](http://www.visitPAPARKS.com)

#### **State Forests**

717-783-7941  
[www.dcnr.state.pa.us](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us)

### **Fish & Boat Commission**

717-705-7800  
[www.fish.state.pa.us](http://www.fish.state.pa.us)

#### **Fishing License Online**

[www.theoutdoorshop.state.pa.us](http://www.theoutdoorshop.state.pa.us)

### **Game Commission**

717-787-4250  
[www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us)

### **Federal Recreation Area**

#### **Allegheny National Forest**

814-723-5150  
[www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/allegheny](http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/allegheny)

# Bucktail Trail (Route 120) Scenic Byway



**T**he Bucktail Trail, Route 120, is about 100 miles long and runs from the intersection of Route 220 at Lock Haven in the east – through the Bucktail State Park – to Ridgway in the northwest.

Responding to President Lincoln’s call for volunteer troops for the defense of the Union in April 1861, many of these men were lumberjacks, raftsmen, and farmers accustomed to living in the rugged mountainous areas of Elk, McKean, Tioga and Cameron counties. Prior to leaving for Harrisburg, the men adopted the tail of a buck as their “regimental badge of honor”. The deer tails were placed on each recruits cap and they became known as the Bucktails. En route to Camp Curtin, a buck tail also adorned the top of the mast on one of the rafts the men built to travel to Lock Haven where they could pick up the railroad. Once at Camp Curtin, another company from Northern Pennsylvania, a company from Chester County and a company from Perry County joined to complete the required 10 company regiment, and became the

13th regiment—the Rifle (sharpshooter) regiment—of the newly formed Pennsylvania Reserve Corps. As part of the federal army, they became the 42nd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Regiment, also known as the Bucktail Regiment.

Lock Haven – the Clinton County seat is located 10 minutes north of Interstate 80 and 25 minutes southwest of Williamsport.

“Lock Haven is a delightful spot...beautifully located between two rivers, the Susquehanna and the Bald Eagle, and the scenery nature had formed around it could not be excelled in the state.”

*Jerry Church, city founder-1833*

## **Lock Haven**

This picturesque riverside community is a small college town – home to Lock Haven University and the downtown area has a variety of businesses, restaurants and retail shops. The walk-able downtown streetscapes and building improvements offer a safe and attractive atmosphere. A 2.5 mile Riverwalk complements the 3,000 seat Amphitheater built along the river where free summer concerts and Labor Day boat racing are enjoyed

## **Local Attractions in Lock Haven**

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Piper Aviation Museum – learn how the Piper

Susquehanna River  
Clinton County



Cub became known as the plane that taught the world to fly, view displays, exhibits and historic aircraft.

Heisey Museum – visit the Victorian past of the area with a tour

Historic Downtown Lock Haven – many examples of classic turn of the century architecture

Lock Haven University- part of the PA State system with about 5,000 students

Corman Amphitheater – 3,000 seat venue built facing the river

Clinger River Walk – 2.5 mile paved path along the river

Roxy Movie Theater – classic example of art deco theatre, recently restored

## Side Trips Near Lock Haven

### Williamsport

This, the largest city in the PA Wilds, is 27 miles (35 mins) northeast from Lock Haven and was once considered the “Lumber Capital of the World”. The Millionaires’ Row Historic District offers a “Mother Load” of Victorian Architecture. Today, Williamsport is best known as host of the Little League World Series held every August. The Little League Museum is open year-round.

### Woolrich

The original store of the Woolrich Company has been open since 1830. Seven miles east of Lock Haven, the store is located on Park Avenue in the village of Woolrich next to the reconstructed Woolrich wool mill. This store includes a museum about the Rich Family and the history of the

Woolrich Store  
Clinton County



company, which started when the country was less than a century old. The Woolrich Store is a spacious, contemporary facility that immediately appeals to the nature lover. Within its walls, a shopper can find outdoor gear and clothes to fit every taste, from the serious hunter or outdoors person to casual wear. Prices are unbelievable. The store offers every convenience, including ample parking, a cafe and an outdoor picnic area beneath a cluster of evergreens.

### Hyner

Since 1970, Hyner View State Park (built by the CCC's) has been a favorite launch site of hang gliders – watch the skies for hang gliders and parasailers. The 1,300' elevation supplies a panoramic view of the river valley surrounded by more than 300,000 acres of the Sproul State Forest. Hyner Run State Park has campsites along an excellent trout stream, large in ground pool and also serves as a trailhead for the Donut Hole Trail system. The Gold Star Mother's Bridge crosses the West Branch Susquehanna River next to the Western Clinton Sportsmen's Club – starting point for Prowl the Sproul guided hikes in July and Hyner View Trail Challenge in April.

### Red Hill - Fish Fossil Site (on SR 120 near North Bend)

Rare, 350-million-year-old fossils occur in the "Red Hill" rock exposure near the Village of North Bend. Among the Devonian-age animal and plant remains



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Red Hill - Fish Fossil Site  
Clinton County



in this red-hued mountainside exposure, scientists discovered the bones of fish-like tetrapods, early ancestors of amphibians. These “fishes with legs” represent the oldest four-footed animals found thus far in North America.

## **North Bend**

At North Bend you might want to take a side trip along Young Womans Creek and visit the site dedicated to the First Pennsylvania Forest Lands Purchase Monument.

## **Renovo**

An old railroad community, the name Renovo translated means to re-new, which is what the locomotive shops did for the PRR. The Renovo Area Heritage Park is located on the west end of town

– dedicated to saving the history of the area. At the intersection of Route 120 and Route 144 is the FFF Visitor Information Center / public restrooms – sites hosts the PA State Flaming Foliage Festival the 2nd full weekend in October since 1949.

## **Shintown**

Visit the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Forestry District 10 Office. The new “green” building is an excellent source for information on outdoor recreation in the Sprout State Forest.

## **Westport**

From Westport you have access to Kettle Creek, Alvin Bush Dam, Kettle Creek State Park and the Whiskey Springs ATV area.

## **Keating**

Keating is the confluence of Sinnemahoning Creek into West Branch Susquehanna River. Here the Bucktail Trail will follow the Sinnemahoning Creek. Although the village is currently home to only a few families and hunting camps, the village was once a hub of activity, attracting lumbermen, miners, hunters, river pilots, runaway slaves, back woodsmen, and immigrants who came to work on the railroad, in the lumber camps or mines.

## **Sinnemahoning**

Here is the confluence of First Fork into Sinnemahoning Creek. Nearby are the

Sinnemahoning State Park and the Sinnemahoning Sportsmen's Association.

### **Driftwood**

The famed Civil War volunteers departed from this point for Harrisburg, April 1861, where they were mustered into State service. This highway and a State Park are named for the Bucktails. Lt. Colonel

Thomas Kane recruited men from McKean, Elk, Tioga and Cameron counties to fight in the Civil War. Before leaving the area the men adopted the tail of a white tail deer as their regimental badge of honor. Each man wore a tail on his cap. A statue dedicated to the Bucktails is located at the junction of Route 120 and Route 555 in Driftwood. It was from this point that the men built rafts and floated to Lock Haven.

Bucktail Monument  
Cameron County



### **Side Trip Near Driftwood**

#### **Benezette**

This community is 17 miles (22 mins) west of Driftwood on Route 555 and offers viewing areas and visitor's information about the largest wild elk herd in the northeast US.

#### **Sterling Run**

The Little Museum is run by the Cameron County Historical Society and is open Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday 1-4 pm. More than 15,000 items on display.

#### **CCC Wayside Memorial**

On October 19, 1938 there was a wildfire near Pepperhill to the north of Sinnemahoning Creek. Eight young men from the Civilian Conservation Corps lost their lives fighting this raging fire when they were trapped on a steep hillside. The Wayside Memorial Spring south of Emporium on Route 120 in the Bucktail State Park Natural Area is maintained as an honor to the men who

lost their lives battling forest fires for the CCC.

### **Emporium**

Some of Cameron County residents formed the Bucktail Regiment of the Pennsylvania Reserve Corps during the American Civil War. The Cameron County seat is Emporium and was incorporated on October 13, 1864; its name is Latin for “market” or “trade center.” Lumbering became a major industry in the 19th century, but manufacturing is now the main economic activity. The Sinnemahoning Creek and its tributaries dominate the area and the first settlers and lumber has always shaped the economy. The Civil War Bucktails Regiment of sharpshooters was raised there, and the movie cowboy actor Tom Mix was born in Mix Run nearby.

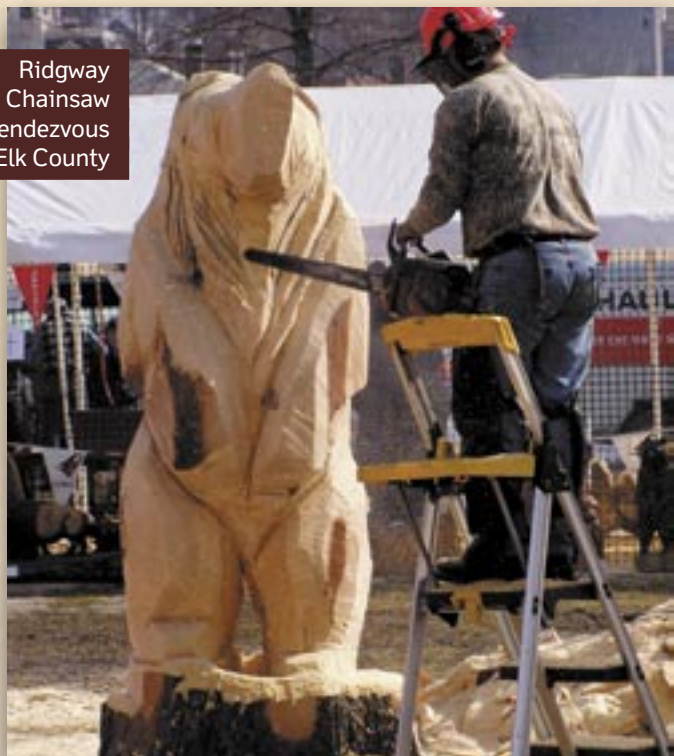
### **St. Marys**

Founded in 1842 as Sanct Marien Stadt, by the German-American Catholic Brotherhood, St. Marys was a haven from persecution. It was aided by the Roman Catholic Church, Baltimore merchants, and Ludwig I, King of Bavaria. Decker’s Chapel, one of the smallest in the nation, is located here. St. Marys is also home to the Straub Brewery, founded in 1831, which offers tours and beer samples from the “Eternal Tap” at 303 Sorg Street. The city of St. Marys is second only to Philadelphia in land area.

### **Ridgway**

One of Pennsylvania’s Hidden Secrets. Built in the late 1800s, buildings and homes display the

Ridgway  
Chainsaw  
Rendezvous  
Elk County



grandeur of the Victorian Era. A stroll down the streets of town gives visitors a sense of magnificent times gone by. Throughout the years, Ridgway has maintained its friendly small-town atmosphere. The area is graced with unique specialty shops, quaint restaurants, charming bed and breakfasts and motels. In the heart of the Allegheny National Forest, there is an abundance of trails for hiking, biking and cross country skiing; the scenic Clarion River for canoeing, rafting and fishing; and a multitude of outdoor activities. Once a year the town is a buzz with carvers from all over the world

who converge in Ridgway for their own kind of convention, the international Chainsaw Carvers Rendezvous.

### **Side Trips Near Ridgway**

#### **Lily of the Valley Historical Home Walking Tour**

This walking tour is a great way to spend the day in Ridgway. Stop in at the Visitor's Center on 300 Main Street to pick up a walking map and then take the breathtaking stroll of historical Victorian homes.

#### **Clarion - Little Toby Rail Trail**

This 18-mile trail begins in downtown Ridgway and runs to Brockway on a flat scenic trail.

#### **Elk County Council on the Arts (ECCOTA)**

The ECCOTA offers a wide variety of art and cultural experiences by supporting local performers, musicians, artists and writers. Gallery located on Main Street.

#### **Clarion River Corridor**

This beautiful river corridor has "wild and scenic" designation and "world class" catch and release fishing between Ridgway and Johnsonburg. Perfect for canoeing, kayaking, or camping.

Sinnemahoning Creek  
Cameron County



# High Plateau (Route 144) Scenic Byway



**T**he High Plateau Byway is a 27-mile corridor south of Renovo that provides outstanding views of the Sproul State Forests along the top of the Allegheny Ridge. On this ride you are more apt to see wildlife such as deer, bear or elk than other people. This important birding area has remained mostly unchanged as it passes near several designated wild areas. Bring your cameras for the many scenic vistas and hiking gear to explore the Chuck Keiper Trail.



## Renovo

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## Jesse Hall Picnic Area

This scenic picnic area is located about 3 miles south of Renovo on Route 144. This is a six acre park with a pavilion and picnic tables.

## Side Trips Near Renovo

### Cranberry Swamp Natural Area

This area is a fine example of a mountain bog. In 1915 some large trees were removed from this site, but its hydrology remains virtually the same as before. The swamp lies at the headwaters of Cranberry Run, about 144 acres of wetland with typical wetland plants, surrounded by oak forest, with scattered red maple, black cherry and birches. The surface of the bog is covered with cattails, sedges, rushes and grasses. The moisture makes for prolific wildlife, both large mammals (bears and coyotes) and a wide variety of birds. Follow Route 144 south from Renovo for about 9 miles. At the top of a long uphill, turn left on Pete's Run Road for

about 3 miles. The second gated dirt road to the right is opposite a Watering Trough Trail sign. Take this road in on foot for about 1.5 miles to the swamp.

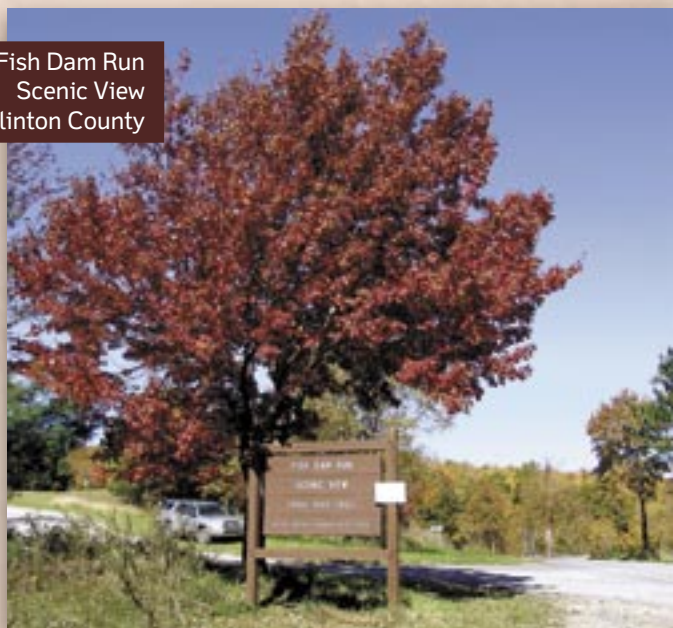
### **Big Rock Vista**

Located about 10 miles south of Renovo on Route 144 you will intersect with Barney's Ridge Road. Follow the road for about 1 mile and turn right into the Big Rock Vista. Site has very large sandstone outcrops the size of houses. The rock city offers opportunity for rock climbers. The Big Rock Vista contains large sandstone boulders located in the Sproul State Forest that are used by intermediate or expert rock climbers. Latitude/Longitude: 41.252546 -77.787752 (N41° 15.153' W77° 47.265')



Big Rock Vista  
Clinton County

Fish Dam Run  
Scenic View  
Clinton County



### **Fish Dam Run Scenic View**

After winding next to a cool mountain stream and slowly climbing up from the valleys you will level off atop the ridgeline. Located 10 miles south of Renovo is the Fish Dam Run Scenic Vista. Looking west over this wild area provides impressive views and excellent habitat for vireos, warblers, sparrows, red-tailed and broad-winged hawks.

### **Pennsylvania's First Game Refuge**

A monument was placed to mark this area in the Sproul State Forest as the States first game refuge in 1905. The monument is located along the High Plateau and the Chuck Keiper Trail near the Fish Dam Run Wild Area.

### **Chuck Keiper Trail**

The Chuck Keiper Trail (CKT) is a long-distance backpacking trail that is lightly used and goes through some of the wildest and most visually arresting public lands in Pennsylvania, offering remarkable solitude. Started in 1976, the trail is named for the late district game protector for Clinton County, a dedicated conservationist. The only access to the trail is along Route 144. The orange-blazed CKT passes through or near two natural areas and two wild areas. The trail system is divided into two loops—the West Loop of 32.9 miles and the East Loop of 22.4 miles—creating three- and two-day backpacking options. Two particularly lovely portions of the CKT, Yost Run, which has an outstanding waterfall, and Eddy Lick Run, with historical interest, are described in *50 Hikes in Central Pennsylvania (2002)*, by Tom Thwaites. The usual starting point for the CKT is 10 miles south of Renovo, on Route 144 at the parking area across from Swamp Branch Road. Other trailheads are found along Route 144, with limited nearby parking, and there is a parking lot at the trail crossing of DeHaas Road (southeast of Route 144) next to a historical marker.

### **East Branch Swamp Natural Area**

This 186-acre natural area has a broad range of habitats around a swamp. Watch black bears feasting on blueberries or listen for pileated woodpeckers and the hermit thrush.

### **Burns Run Vista**

Scenic views looking west off Route 144 into the Burns Run Wild Area.

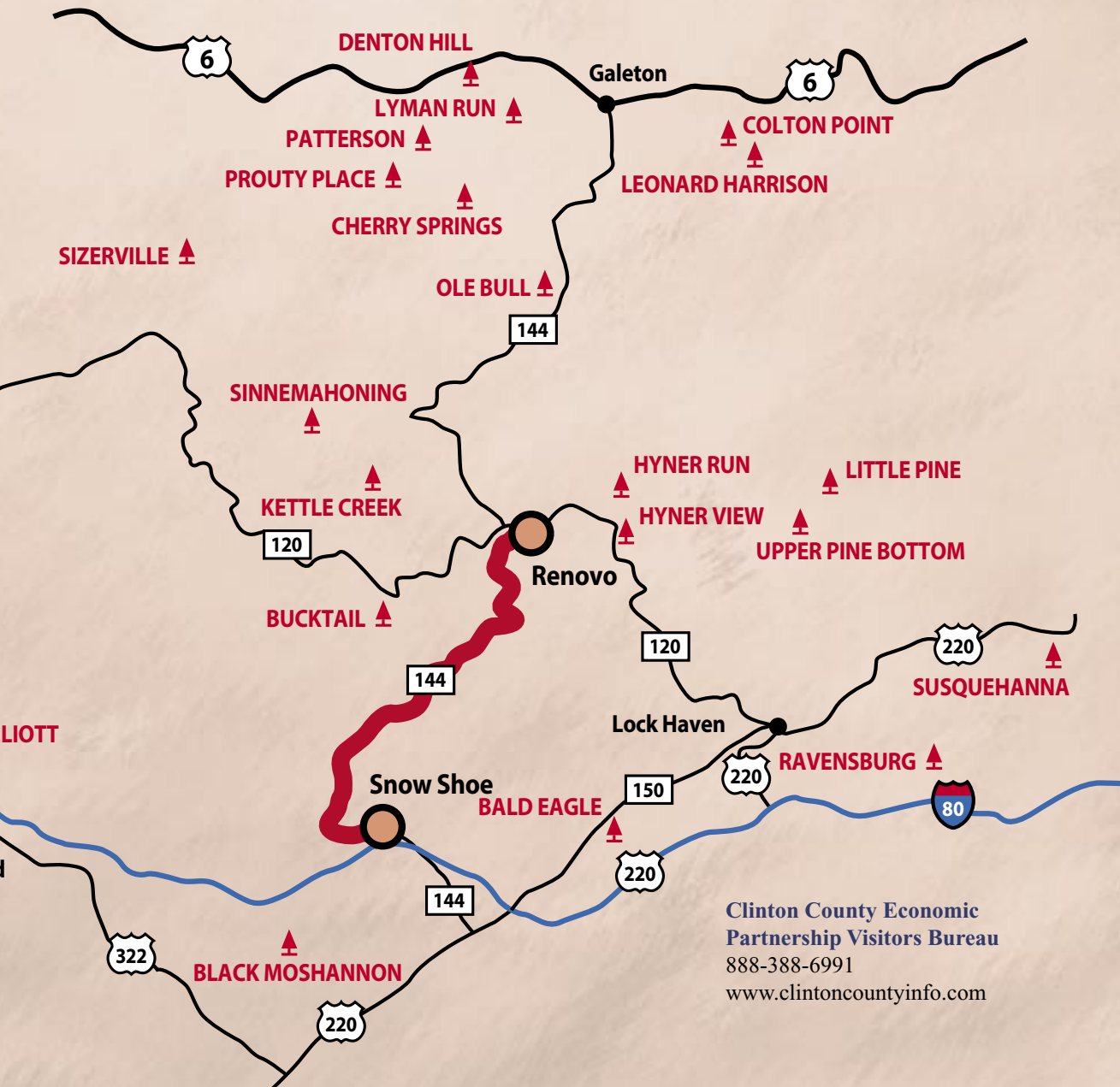
### **Two Rock Run Scenic View**

This expansive overlook is located about 15.5 miles south of Renovo. A gravel viewing area has been built with interpretative signs that overlook more than 10,000 acres of mountain laurel, blueberries, huckleberries and a variety of early-successful trees like birch, aspen and sassafras.

### **State Game Land 100**

Located about 25 miles south of Renovo is land managed for wild turkey, ruffed grouse, black bear, and white-tailed deer. Dirt and gravel roads bisect this wooded area that also is home to many bird species that are part of this important birding area.





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# Kinzua Bridge Scenic Byway



Enter the Kinzua Bridge Scenic Byway just east of the village of Mt. Jewett from scenic Route 6. Winding through the lush hardwood forests of the Allegheny Plateau, you will pass by a maple syrup farm, strands of mountain laurel, State Game Lands and wetlands that offer wildlife and bird watching opportunities. This nine mile byway, connecting to Route 59, is designated as shared use for biking and hiking. Traffic counts are low, and the heavy forest canopy arching over the roadway provides spectacular fall foliage touring.

## Kinzua Bridge State Park

Located 3.5 miles from the entrance of the byway is the Kinzua Bridge State Park, home of the world-famous Kinzua Viaduct. The Kinzua Bridge State Park, at an elevation of 2,110 feet, provides breathtaking views of the mighty Kinzua Gorge and the Kinzua Viaduct. Hailed as one of the engineering marvels of the 19th century, the Kinzua Viaduct once stood as the highest and longest railroad bridge in the entire world. When completed

Kinzua Viaduct  
McKean County



in 1882, the viaduct rose 301 feet above the valley floor and spanned 2,053 feet. Repair work to preserve this Registered National Civil Engineering Landmark was underway on July 21, 2003, when a devastating tornado struck and toppled 11 of the viaduct's 20 towers. A National Historic Site, the Kinzua Bridge State Park now offers hiking trails, scenic overlooks, and family picnic areas.

## Side Trips Nearby Mt. Jewett

Founded by Swedish settlers during the 18th century, residents of Mt. Jewett still take tremendous pride in their heritage – pride that is prominently on display the second weekend of every August during the Mt. Jewett Swedish Festival. Take in the many arts and crafts, feast on a Swedish smorgasbord, partake in the Maypole

Dance – you can even learn to speak Swedish or have your picture taken with one of the many “roaming Vikings” who are mingling about!

No matter when you visit, be sure to check out the Mt. Jewett Heritage Mural, a four-story, 3,400-foot marvel created by world-famous muralist Kong Ho. You also may want to visit the Nebo Lutheran Chapel, located just west of town on Route 6. The octagonal-shaped church, built in 1887, is patterned after Ersta Kyrka at Danviken (near Stockholm, Sweden).

Mt. Jewett Heritage Mural  
McKean County



### **Bradford**

Located at the edge of the Allegheny National Forest, northwest of the Kinzua Bridge Scenic Byway along Route 219, Bradford is McKean County's largest city. Founded as a small lumber

town in 1837, Bradford became known as the “High-Grade Oil Metropolis of the World” by the late 1800’s. A wide variety of trails are available for year round enjoyment, including a walking tour through the National Historic District. The Penn Brad Oil Museum (located 3 miles south) is the site of the world’s first billion dollar oil field. Crook Farm, a pioneer homestead of the 1800’s offers a glimpse of early life in the Pennsylvania Wilds. Home of the world famous Zippo lighters and Case knives, the Zippo/Case Museum welcomes visitors from around the world. The University of Pittsburgh at Bradford offers summer camps and conferences including fly-fishing school and the Penn Woods Jeep Jamboree.

Zippo/Case Visitors Center  
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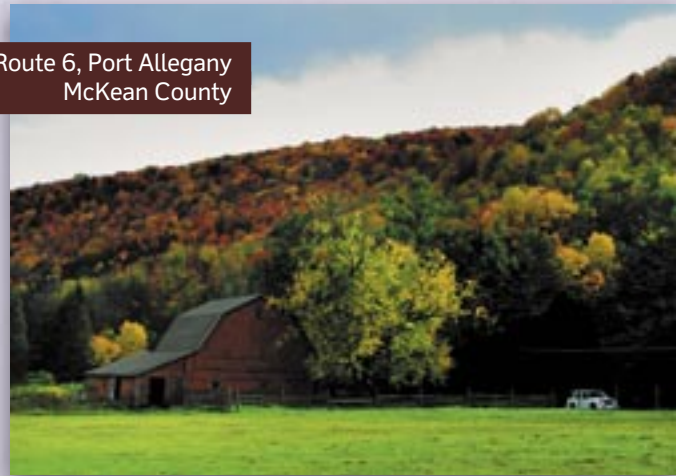
Eldred WWII Museum  
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### Eldred

From the Kinzua Bridge Scenic Byway travel Route 59 to Smethport, and proceed in a northeasterly direction along Route 46 and Route 446 and you'll land in Eldred, a small town which was the site of a British and American munitions plant during World War II. To honor those 1,500 workers – 95 percent who were women – the Eldred World War II Museum opened its doors on Memorial Day in 1996. Dedicated to remembering the historic efforts of World War II, this 18,000 square foot museum offers interactive, hands on exhibits, and an

Route 6, Port Allegany  
McKean County



extensive research library featuring 8,500 volumes. The museum is open Sunday 1 to 4 PM, Tuesday-Saturday 10 AM to 4 PM.

### Smethport

A historic, storied highway, Route 6 is more than 400 miles in length. Beginning where the Kinzua Bridge Scenic Byway intersects with Route 6 and traveling east, Smethport is a 15 minute drive through the forest and farmlands. A charming Victorian Village, Smethport, is the birthplace of the famous American Civil War Regiment of sharpshooters, the Bucktails. A self-guided walking tour of the Smethport Mansion District, built during the timber and oil boom days of the 1880's, takes you past the Grand Army of the Republic Monument, 32 architectural gems, and the Old Jail Museum.

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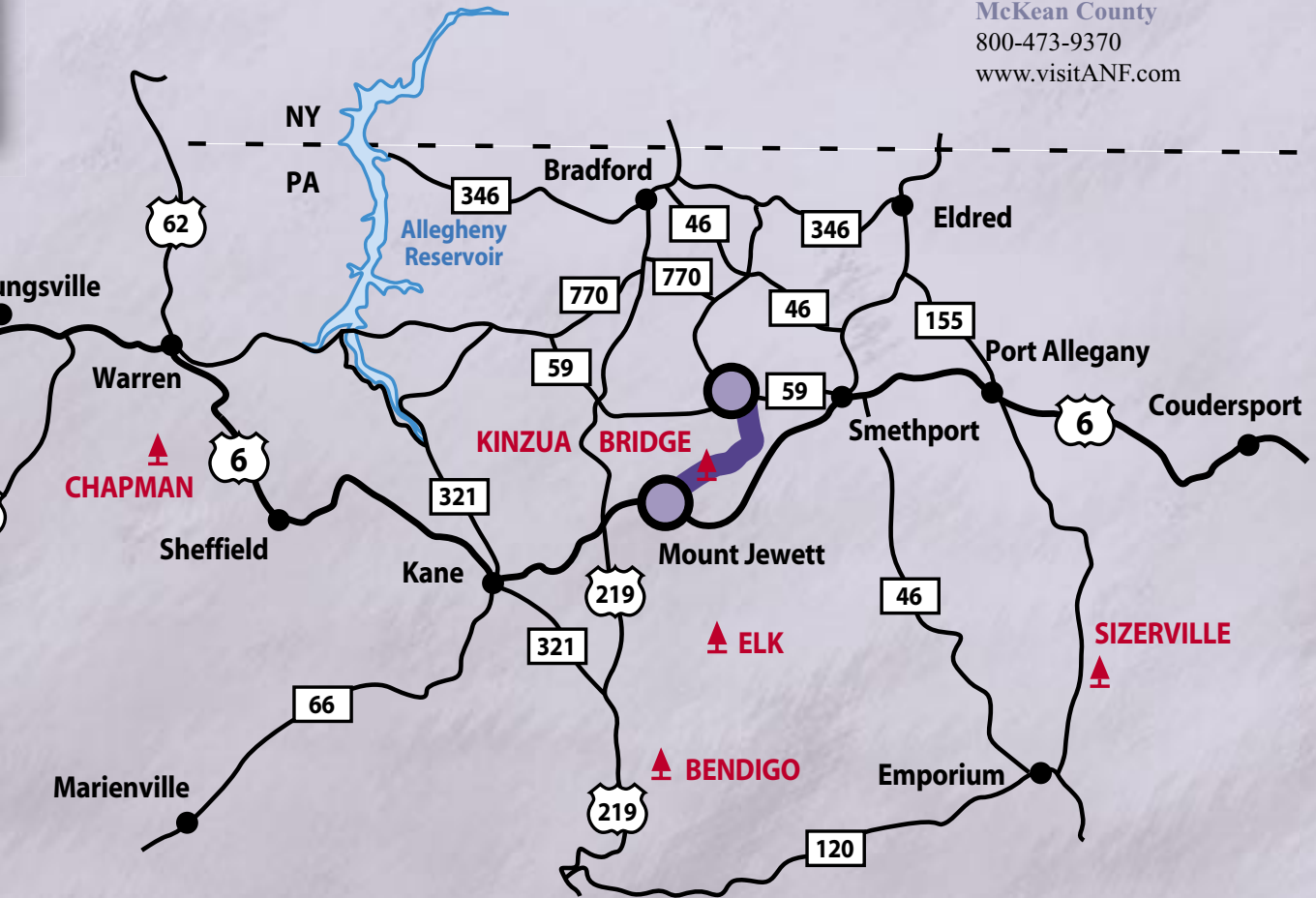
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## Port Allegany

Port Allegany, a 30-minute drive from the byway, was established as the town of Keating in 1826. To honor its prominence as the launching point for canoe journeys on the Allegheny River, this town was renamed in 1840 as Port Allegany. Known

today as the “Glass Block Capital of the World,” the town features a wonderful gazebo in its town square and hosts various festivals and concerts throughout the year.

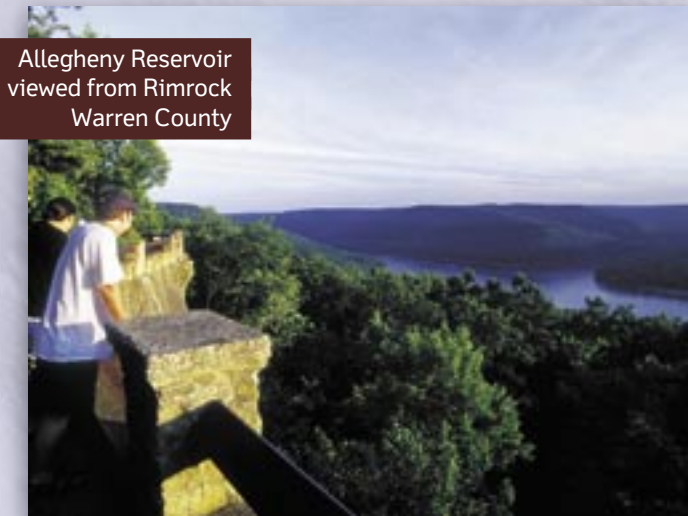
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# Longhouse National Scenic Byway



**N**estled atop the high plateaus of Warren and McKean Counties in northwestern Pennsylvania, the Longhouse National Scenic Byway offers some of the most breathtaking views imaginable of forests and waterways in the eastern United States. The 29-mile loop – a designated National Forest Byway – circles the Kinzua Creek arm of the Allegheny Reservoir and allows visitors to enjoy the majestic splendor of



Allegheny Reservoir  
viewed from Rimrock  
Warren County

the Allegheny National Forest along Route 59 and Route 321 and Allegheny National Forest Road 262.

## **Allegheny National Forest/ Allegheny Reservoir**

The Allegheny National Forest is one of the country's 155 national forests and the only one located in Pennsylvania. One of the first things you'll notice while traveling along the byway is the region's gorgeous foliage. From the dainty blossoms of the mountain laurel, to majestic evergreens, to the blazing colors of the hardwoods every fall, this drive through the forest is a scenic wonder.

Not surprisingly, the forest offers visitors a plethora of outdoor opportunities. Hiking and biking, snowmobiling and cross-country skiing, hunting and fishing, swimming and picnicking – it's all just a stone's throw away. The centerpiece of these recreational opportunities is the Allegheny Reservoir, a 12,080-acre, 27-mile long lake that can be the perfect location for your next day trip, weekend getaway or week-long vacation.

## **Side Trips Nearby Warren**

Leave the Longhouse Scenic National Byway around Kinzua Beach on Route 59, travel west about 10 miles to historic Route 6 and travel west another couple of miles and you'll find yourself in Warren. Founded in 1795 and named after General

Jakes Rocks  
Warren County



Joseph Warren, a distinguished patriot killed at the Battle of Bunker Hill during the American Revolution, the town was also the home of many wealthy lumber and oil barons during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. A self-guided tour of the 28 tree-lined blocks in Warren's National Historic District tells the story of these barons. It also features more than 600 extraordinary structures using 25 different styles of architecture, including many where you can relax, shop and/or dine while learning more about the region.

### Kane

About 10 miles south of the byway's southeastern "tip" – at the intersection of Route 321 and historic Route 6 – sits Kane. Founded in 1863 by the famous American Civil War General Thomas L. Kane, this small town – also known as "The Star in the Forest" – is known today for producing some of the best black cherry timber

in the world. Main Street offers a wide variety of local shops, restaurants and markets that feature local cuisine, including the Swedish sausage "Korv" and an Amish Deli. Home to many creative artists – ArtWorks at the Depot – located at the intersection of Route 6 and Route 66 features fine art and handcrafted items from the region; nearby Flickerwood Wine Cellars and Allegheny Cellars Winery practice the art of producing fine wines.

Struthers Library Theatre  
Warren County



Allegheny River  
Warren County



“Art in the Wilds,” a juried outdoor fine arts show is held in June at at Evergreen Park located in Kane.

Traveling along the byway north of Kane along Route 321 is the Old Powerhouse Museum that showcases the region’s oil history. The Bradford Ranger District Office for the Allegheny National Forest is located at the intersection of Route 59 and Route 321 and provides visitor information and a source of topo maps for hiking the many trails located within the forest.

### **Sheffield**

Located not too far from the Longhouse National Scenic Byway – about halfway between Kane and Warren on historic Route 6 – sits Sheffield. Known locally as “The Heart of the Allegheny Forest,” Sheffield was once known for its tanneries and was the last great lumber town east of the Mississippi River. Each October, the town celebrates its heritage by hosting the annual Johnny Appleseed Festival. Strategically timed so visitors can also

enjoy the breathtaking fall foliage, the family-friendly festival includes an apple pie baking contest, a chili cook-off, homemade apple butter, antique appraisals and professional lumberjack and chainsaw competitions.

### **Sugar Grove**

Founded in 1802 by veterans of the American Revolution, Sugar Grove was named for the beautiful maple forest covering its valley and surrounding hills. Proudly proclaiming itself today to be “Pennsylvania’s Maple Syrup Capital,” the community about 15 miles northwest of Warren also served as a safe harbor along the Underground Railroad during the 1800s. In 1854, Sugar Grove hosted an anti-slavery convention which was attended by Frederick Douglas, an escaped slave who served as an advisor to President Abraham Lincoln.

### **Tidioute**

Named from Iroquois word meaning “protrusion of land,” Tidioute – located approximately 20 miles south of Warren – is home to the world’s first naturally “flowing” oil well. Once used by American Indians, the discovery of oil helped Tidioute become a booming oil center and the birthplace of Standard Oil – a wealthy legacy still on display in the town’s Victorian-era mansions. Tidioute is also home to the PA State Championship Fishing Tournament, which is held the last weekend of every September.

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