# Denton Hill State Park Market Assessment

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#### INTRODUCTION

This report summarizes information relevant to the market assessment of Ski Denton, located in the Denton Hill State Park in Potter County, PA. Ski Denton is not operating during the current 2014/15 winter; however, much of the information about the ski area's recent operations are still relevant and included in this report.

The information in this draft report is intended to provide perspective on the potential for Ski Denton as a viable winter and summer recreation area. The data and findings will assist policy makers and stakeholders in making decisions regarding the future of Denton Hill State Park. This report is part of a larger multi-season recreation plan compiled by SE Group and Moshier Studio.

Sources of information for this report include a report on tourism in Pennsylvania Wilds region, Tourism Economics, North Star Destination Strategies, Longwoods International, US Census Bureau, DCNR data on Ski Denton's financial reports, conversations with local tourism experts, and secondary research on activities and attractions in the region around Denton Hill State Park.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This section presents a brief overview of some of the findings of the Market Assessment report. Please see the body of the report for more detail on these and other topics.

# **Observations and Opportunities**

- The population of Potter County is small, at only 17,500 residents in 2013. Also, the area has a small number of transient visitors, as measured through low traffic counts, visitor counts at local attractions, and other indicators. The small numbers of both residents and current volume of transient visitors, combined with the remote location of Denton Hill State Park, suggest that festivals and events dedicated to specifically draw people to Denton Hill State Park might be an appropriate strategy for increasing tourism to the area. Events and festivals focus both revenues and expenses during a discrete time, and would allow Denton Hill to consider not being open (and thus not incurring operating expenses) during low visitation times, such as during slow midweek periods.
- Denton Hill State Park does not have a body of water or overnight camping, putting it at a competitive disadvantage to some other state parks in the region. Denton Hill might consider adding a unique signature activity to draw visitors from other parts of the region, including those visiting nearby Lyman Run and Cherry Springs State Parks. The traveler to the Pennsylvania Wilds region is typically driving, looking for outdoor recreation and a family getaway the classic family road trip. Seventy-three percent of visitors to the Pennsylvania Wilds region are spending the night, often camping or staying in a hunting cabin (of which there are approximately 5,000 in Potter County). These visitors, who are often repeat visitors, might be looking for a new and different activity to experience. Having a complementary and unique activity might bring more visitors to Denton Hill.
- Compared to other ski areas in the region, Ski Denton is fairly small, with a total skiable area of 75 acres and a vertical drop of 650 feet. Ski Denton is also more remote than most of the other areas, with a 116 mile drive from Buffalo, the nearest major city. Other ski areas are closer to Buffalo, including Kissing Bridge, Bristol, and Holiday Valley. The other potential market areas for Denton Hill State Park (Harrisburg, Rochester, Pittsburgh, Scranton, etc.) also have larger and more competitive ski and snowboard facilities located closer to that market. However, Ski Denton has passionate loyalists who nostalgically remember their time skiing at Denton Hill with family and friends.
- The recreational dynamic in the Pennsylvania Wilds and in Potter County is predominantly rural and outdoors-focused, including hunting, visiting state parks, scenic drives, hiking, wildlife photography, camping, and fishing. These rural, backcountry, outdoors-focused, nature based activities are traditionally ones that do not charge an admission fee. Part of the popularity of the Pennsylvania Wilds region might be the relative level of affordability of the outdoors activities. As well, the

population of Potter County is older, less affluent, and less ethnically diverse than the rest of Pennsylvania. These factors should be taken into account when considering potential activities at Denton Hill State Park, especially those that might require an admission fee or other cost to the consumer.

# **Key Findings**

- A presentation by Tourism Economics titled "The Economic Impact of Tourism in Pennsylvania" states that tourists spent over \$1.7 billion in the Pennsylvania Wilds region in 2013, almost identical to the amount spent in 2012. This figure represents 4.4 percent of total tourism spending in the state of Pennsylvania in 2013. Potter County itself only accounts for about 2 percent of the total tourism revenue in the region, at \$34.5 million in tourism direct sales during 2013.
- According to data collected by the US Census Bureau, the Pennsylvania population was roughly 12.8 million people in 2014. Potter County accounts for only about 4 percent of the total population, with *approximately 17,500 residents in 2013*. The population of Potter County declined from 2000 to 2010, but is projected to grow between 2010 and 2040.
- The demographics of Potter County residents show an older, less affluent, and less ethnically diverse population compared to the rest of Pennsylvania. These data suggest that any activities targeted at the local Potter County residents be *relatively affordable* from a cost standpoint.
- The primary purpose of the trip for visitors to the Pennsylvania Wilds was *outdoor recreation* (26 percent), followed by a *family getaway* (19 percent) and *wildlife viewing* (14 percent). The characteristics of trips to the Pennsylvania Wilds indicates a typical traveler is on a family road trip, seeking fun, family bonding, outdoors activities, and affordable recreation.
- Almost three quarters of visitors (73 percent) to the Pennsylvania Wilds region stayed overnight, while the other 27 percent were day visitors. Additionally, the visitor to the Pennsylvania Wilds region is typically a repeat visitor 80 percent had visited previously within two years of their current visit.
- The lodging type of visitors to Pennsylvania Wilds is skewed towards a cabin or a campground, and less towards a hotel or motel. The preference of visitors to the Pennsylvania Wilds area is clearly towards a more rustic experience than typically seen in other tourism areas.
- The Pennsylvania Lumber Museum, located across the highway from Denton Hill State Park, is finishing a *\$5 million renovation in May 2015*. A partnership with the Lumber

Museum, piggybacking on some of the events hosted there, along with new activities, might be productive in bringing more visitors to Denton Hill State Park.

- The top attractions in the Pennsylvania Wilds region are Cook Forest State Park,
   Allegheny National Forest, Pine Creek Gorge, Cherry Springs State Park, and
   Pennsylvania's Elk herd. Clearly, the competitive strength of the Pennsylvania Wilds
   area is the *natural resources and access to outdoor recreation*.
- Specific attractions proximate to Denton Hill State Park include the Pennsylvania Lumber Museum, Cherry Springs State Park, Potter County Historical Society Museum, Lyman Run State Park, and the recently re-opened Coudersport Ice Mine. The Lumber Museum attracted approximately 6,000 visitors in 2014.
- Hunting is a popular activity in and around Potter County, attracting both tourists and local residents alike. Pennsylvania hunting license sales have generally declined slightly over time and are predominantly sold to in-state residents. The season for black bears is typically the last week of November and the first two weeks of December. Similarly, the hunting season for deer is throughout the first two weeks of December. These hunting seasons do not overlap with ski season, as Denton Hill State Park has typically opened for ski operations in mid-December. Therefore, the opportunity to draw in hunting tourists for skiing and snowboarding may be missed, though considering activities that might appeal to hunters might draw visitors to Denton Hill State Park during hunting season.
- Ski Denton's winter revenue from skiing operations was in the high \$400,000 range through the 2010/11 season. However, the reported revenue declined somewhat precipitously to just \$217,000 in 2012/13, followed by a slight rebound to \$286,000 in 2013/14. The majority of revenue was from lift ticket sales, with some contribution from food & beverage and lodging. The ski area is not operating for the 2014/15 season.
- The local population of Potter County is not enough to generate visitation at a sustainable level at Denton Hill. Estimates show that *Potter County residents might* produce approximately 1,800 skier days. Thus, the remainder of the visits would come from visitors outside Potter County.
- The regional outdoor recreational activities are numerous and diverse, with a wide range of summer and winter activities, including boating, camping, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, hunting, canoeing/kayaking, off-roading, scenic drives, skiing/snowboarding, cross country skiing, snowmobiling, and ice fishing. Again, the level of activities tends towards outdoor recreation, and the variety of activities in the area tend to be geographically spread out around the Pennsylvania Wilds region.

#### PENNSYLVANIA TOURISM STATISTICS

A Longwoods International 2013 Annual Traveler Profile Report stated that there were roughly 189.8 million visitors to Pennsylvania in 2013, slightly up from 189.2 million visitors in 2012. Pennsylvania drew in \$39.2 billion from these visitors in 2013. A program evaluation of the Pennsylvania Wilds Initiative completed in 2010 indicates that the Pennsylvania Wilds, which is home to Potter County and Denton Hill State Park, accounts for almost a quarter (23 percent) of the total geographical area of Pennsylvania, but it *only accounts for 4 percent of the state's total population*. In a similar fashion, the *Pennsylvania Wilds region accounted for only 4.4 percent of Pennsylvania's total tourism revenue*, as is shown below.

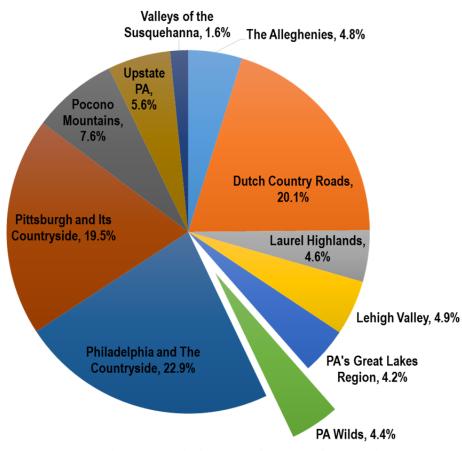


Figure 1: Share of 2013 Pennsylvania Visitor Spending by Region

Source: The Economic Impact of Tourism in Pennsylvania (2013), Tourism Economics.

On the Pennsylvania tourism website, the Pennsylvania Wilds region is described as an *undeveloped area for outdoor recreation, emphasizing the millions of acres of national and state forests and numerous state parks*. The Pennsylvania Wilds also offers visitors a broad variety of museums for historically-minded individuals.

#### PENNSYLVANIA WILDS TOURISM STATISTICS

Figure 2 below presents the tourism regions in Pennsylvania. Denton Hill State Park is located in the Pennsylvania Wilds region. This section explores available tourism statistics for this region.

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Figure 2: Pennsylvania Tourism Regions

Source: visitPA.com (Pennsylvania Tourism Website).

# **Visitor Spending**

A presentation by Tourism Economics titled "The Economic Impact of Tourism in Pennsylvania" states that *tourists spent over \$1.7 billion in the Pennsylvania Wilds region in 2013*, almost identical to the amount spent in 2012. As is shown in Figure 3, visitors spent the most on transportation (35 percent of total spending), followed by food and beverage (21 percent), shopping (17 percent), and recreation (16 percent). Lodging accounted for a very low percentage of visitor spending, at only 11 percent, suggesting that much of the lodging in the area is not commercial lodging, but rather non-paid lodging like a hunting cabin or camping. Visitor spending in Potter County mirrors this distribution very closely.

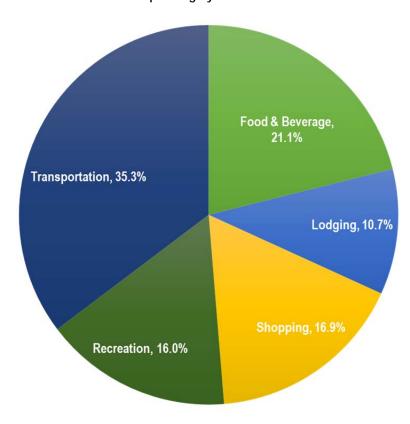


Figure 3: Pennsylvania Wilds 2013 Visitor Spending by Sector

Source: The Economic Impact of Tourism in Pennsylvania (2013), Tourism Economics.

Tourism direct sales by county in the Pennsylvania Wilds region for 2013 are shown in Table 1 below. Though Potter County is one of the twelve counties in the Pennsylvania Wilds region, it only accounts for about 2 percent of the total tourism revenue in the region, at \$34.5 million in tourism direct sales during 2013. Potter County accounted for a slightly higher percentage of lodging revenue in the region (2.5 percent) compared to its contribution overall, reflective of the many lodging options and the rustic feel of the getaway.

Table 1: Pennsylvania Wilds 2013 Visitor Spending

2013 Tourism Direct Sales (Millions of Dollars)							
Food &							
County	Lodging	beverage	Retail	Recreation	Transport	TOTAL	
Cameron	\$0.5	\$1.7	\$1.7	\$2.4	\$3.2	\$9.6	
Clarion	\$16.0	\$27.1	\$22.0	\$20.4	\$35.9	\$121.4	
Clearfield	\$27.2	\$55.4	\$48.1	\$42.9	\$91.9	\$265.5	
Clinton	\$14.7	\$32.5	\$23.7	\$25.5	\$54.2	\$150.6	
Elk	\$7.1	\$16.1	\$12.7	\$9.8	\$20.3	\$66.0	
Forest	\$3.2	\$4.8	\$4.8	\$4.1	\$6.4	\$23.3	
Jefferson	\$9.2	\$21.0	\$17.0	\$21.9	\$46.1	\$115.2	
Lycoming	\$56.3	\$92.4	\$69.9	\$55.4	\$131.5	\$405.5	
McKean	\$17.1	\$33.6	\$26.4	\$27.3	\$70.2	\$174.5	
Potter	\$4.6	\$7.2	\$5.8	\$5.3	\$11.6	\$34.5	
Tioga	\$20.7	\$38.8	\$33.0	\$32.2	\$62.7	\$187.5	
Warren	\$8.3	\$32.6	\$25.9	\$28.0	\$74.7	\$169.5	
Pennsylvania Wilds	\$185.0	\$363.1	\$290.9	\$275.3	\$608.7	\$1,723.1	
Percent Change	-4.0%	1.8%	-1.5%	0.9%	1.5%	-0.3%	

Source: The Economic Impact of Tourism in Pennsylvania (2013), Tourism Economics.

#### **Visitor Profile**

This section summarizes the findings from a couple of studies on the visitor profile of guests in the Pennsylvania Wilds region, one conducted by North Star Destination Strategies and the other by Longwoods International.

#### Visitor Origin

As would be expected, results from the North Star Destination Strategies study indicate that the Pennsylvania Wilds draws strongly from the Northeast, particularly Pennsylvania and New York, with market areas such as Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, Allentown, and Reading. However, the region pulls from across the nation, with visitors coming from Florida, Illinois, North and South Carolina, and even California and Oregon.

#### Trip Purpose and Activities

The North Star Destination Strategies survey asked respondents what their primary purpose was for their most recent trip to the Pennsylvania Wilds. The most popular reason by far, as depicted in Figure 4 below, was *outdoor recreation* (26 percent), followed by a *family getaway* (19 percent) and *wildlife viewing* (14 percent).

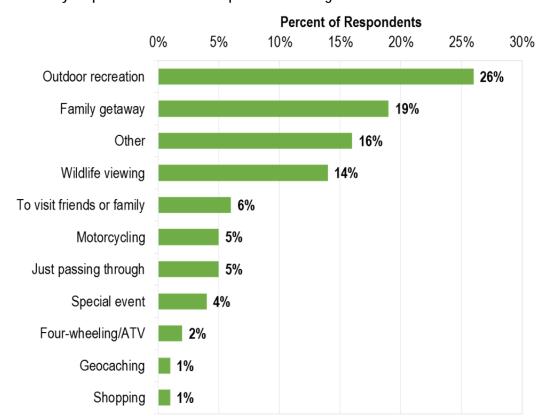
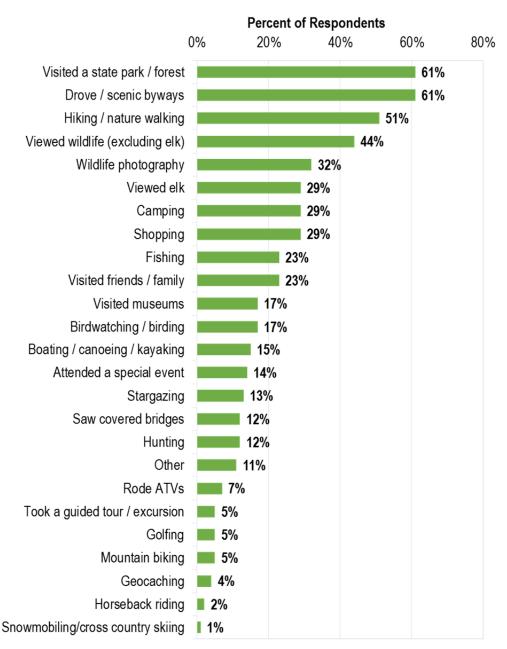


Figure 4: Primary Purpose of Most Recent Trip to PA Wilds Region

Source: PA Wilds Leisure Visitor Conversion and ROI Study, North Star Destination Strategies.

Figure 5 below shows the top activities that visitors participated in during their most recent trip to the Pennsylvania Wilds region, taken from the same North Star study. Eight of the top ten activities involve *nature or outdoor recreation*, again indicating that outdoor recreation is the main draw to this region. Sixty one percent of respondents *visited a state park or forest*, and an additional 61 percent *drove on scenic byways*. Other top activities include hiking (51 percent), wildlife viewing (44 percent), and wildlife photography (32 percent). Winter sports were not mentioned on the list with the exception of snowmobiling and cross country skiing, which 1 percent of respondents indicated that they did during their time in the region.

Figure 5: Activities Participated in During Most Recent Trip to PA Wilds Region



Source: PA Wilds Leisure Visitor Conversion and ROI Study, North Star Destination Strategies.

#### Trip Characteristics

Almost three quarters of visitors in the North Star Destination Strategies study (73 percent) stayed overnight in the Pennsylvania Wilds region, while the other 27 percent were day visitors. Most visitors stayed between one and four nights (71 percent).

Figure 6 below shows where overnight visitors stayed during their most recent trip to the region. The largest shares stayed in a cabin/rental property (27 percent), a hotel or motel (26 percent) or camped (23 percent). Many of the cabins and rental properties are likely hunting cabins, which are an important component of the lodging stock in the Pennsylvania Wilds region. The high proportion of respondents camping is again indicative of outdoor recreation as the main tourism generator in the region. An additional 14 percent stayed with friends or family, and 6 percent stayed in a bed and breakfast.

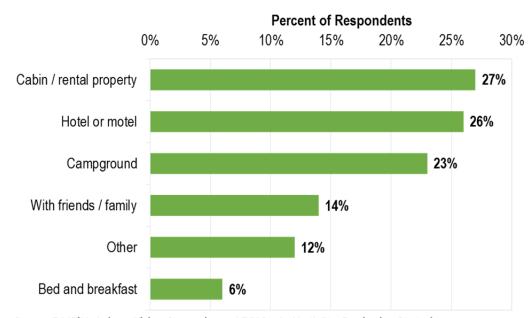


Figure 6: Lodging for Most Recent Trip to PA Wilds Region

Source: PA Wilds Leisure Visitor Conversion and ROI Study, North Star Destination Strategies.

#### **Top Attractions Visited**

Longwoods International prepared a presentation regarding the traveler profile of visitors to Pennsylvania based on 2013 data and surveys. The results indicate that for the Pennsylvania Wilds region, in the Williamsport and Lycoming County area, the top attractions visited by respondents were a *historic house or museum* (14 percent), *Little Pine State Park* (8 percent), *Millionaires' Row* (5 percent), and a *golf course* (5 percent). In the remainder of the Pennsylvania Wilds region, respondents most frequently cited going to *Cook Forest State Park* (14 percent), *Allegheny National Forest* (12 percent), *Pine Creek Gorge/PA Grand Canyon* (6 percent), *Cherry Springs State Park/Dark Sky Preserve* (6 percent), and *PA'S Elk Herd/Elk State Park* (6 percent) (see Figure 8). The dominance of state parks and outdoor destinations in these lists indicate that many visitors go to the Pennsylvania Wilds region to spend time in nature and participate in outdoor recreation.

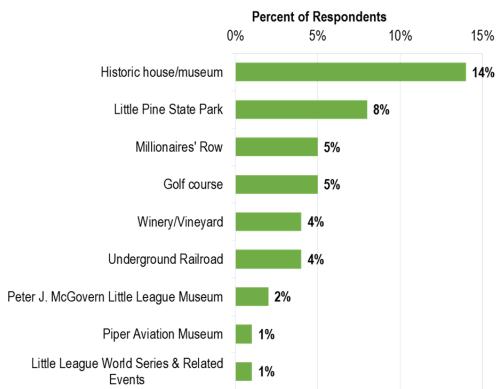
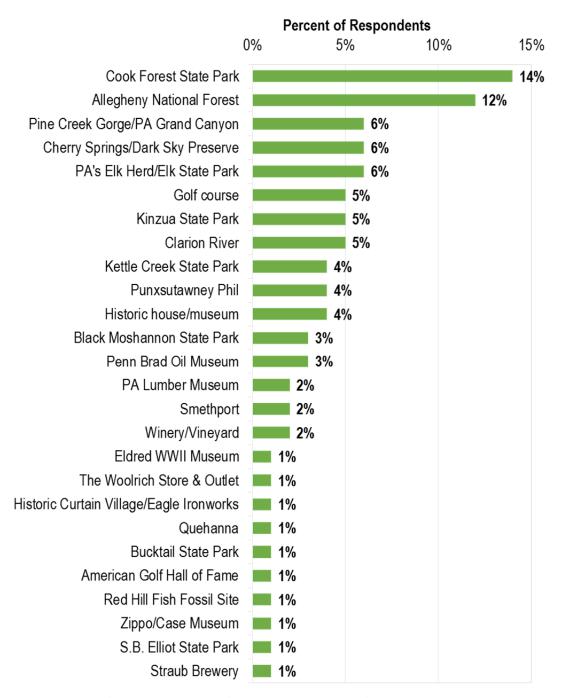


Figure 7: Top Attractions in the PA Wilds Region – Williamsport/Lycoming County

Source: Pennsylvania's Annual Traveler Profile 2013, Longwoods International.

Figure 8: Top Attractions in the PA Wilds Region – Remainder of the Region



Source: Pennsylvania's Annual Traveler Profile 2013, Longwoods International.

#### Importance of Factors in Choosing to Visit

Longwoods International also asked visitors to the Pennsylvania Wilds region about the importance of various factors in their decision to visit the region. As is shown in Figure 9 below, respondents placed the most importance on feeling safe at the destination (67 percent), followed by affordable attractions/ events (61 percent) and convenient access by car (61 percent). The least important factors include the availability of luxury accommodations (17 percent) and being in a fun city environment (22 percent). Therefore, these results indicate that visitors to the Pennsylvania Wilds are most interested in an affordable, convenient getaway.

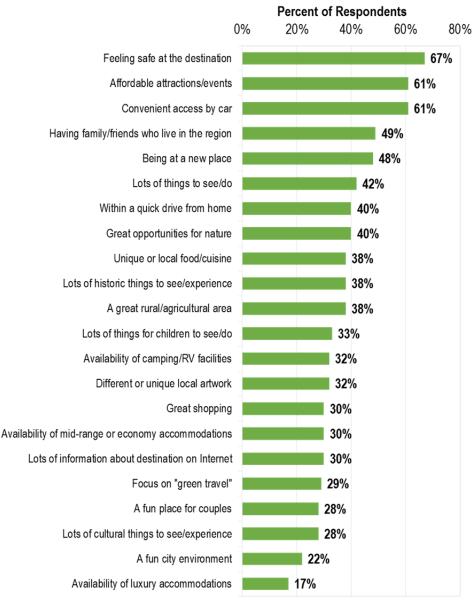


Figure 9: Importance of Factors in Choosing to Visit PA Wilds

Source: Pennsylvania's Annual Traveler Profile 2013, Longwoods International.

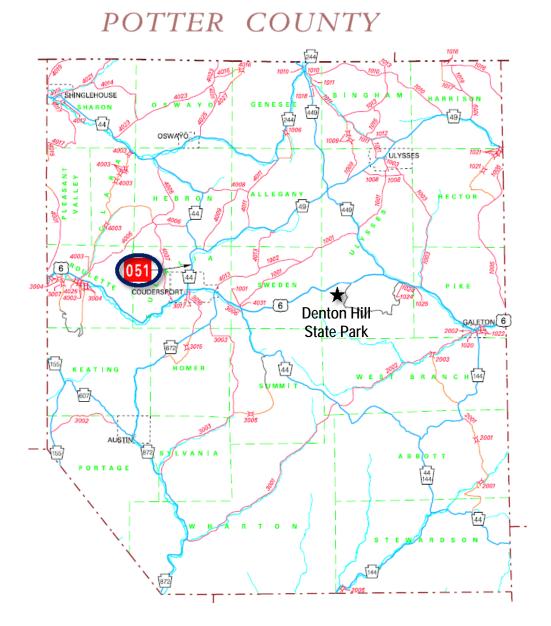
#### **Net Promoter Score**

In the North Star Destination Strategies survey, visitors were asked, "on a scale of 1-10, with 1 being lowest and 10 being highest, how likely would you be to recommend traveling to PA Wilds to a friend, family, or colleague?" Seventy-seven percent of visitors provided a "9" or "10" rating, and these visitors are categorized as promoters. Eighteen percent gave a "7" or "8" rating, who are called passives. The visitors who provided ratings anywhere between "0" and "6" are categorized as detractors. The Net Promoter Score, a statistic commonly used in tourism industries, is then calculated by selecting the share of respondents who are detractors from the share of respondents who are promoters. Thus, the *Net Promoter Score for the Pennsylvania Wilds region in this study is 72 percent, a relatively high score*.

# **Traffic Patterns in Potter County**

The closest comprehensive traffic count station to Denton Hill State Park is slightly north of Coudersport, north of US Route 6 and located on Pennsylvania Route 44.

Figure 10: Permanent Traffic Count Sites, Potter County



As is depicted in Figure 11 on the following page, average annual daily traffic on Route 44 north of Coudersport has declined from roughly *3,900 cars per day in 2005 to about 3,200 cars per day, a decrease of 18 percent*. This significant dip implies that there is less car traffic through this section of Potter County than there was nine years ago, indicating that the tourism industry in Potter County may have suffered in recent years.

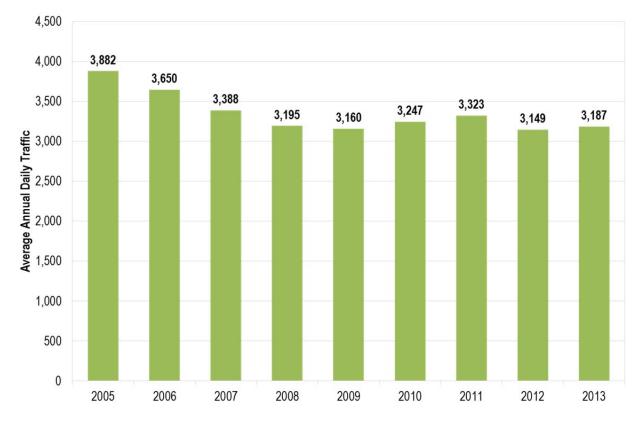


Figure 11: Average Annual Daily Traffic at Site 51 (Potter County)

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Annual Traffic Data Reports.

A 2013 map from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation showing the AADT (average annual daily traffic) at non-permanent traffic counters indicated that on average, *roughly 2,500 cars drive through Route 6 just east of Denton Hill State Park and west of Galeton each day*. This figure is slightly lower than the AADT north of Coudersport, so fewer cars travel through this area.

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation also groups permanent traffic counter sites with other sites that record similar AADT. Site 51, portrayed in Figure 11 above, is considered to be part of the "North Rural Minor Arterials", which consists of a few other sites in northern Pennsylvania, particularly in the Pennsylvania Wilds region. From 2005 to 2010, these sites collectively saw gains in AADT each year. However, that trend reversed starting in 2011, when the North Rural Minor Arterials began to see fewer cars traveling through daily. The largest decrease was from 2012-2013, with a decline in AADT of 0.5 percent. Though this decrease is somewhat negligible, it may be indicative of a greater trend of less tourism and through traffic throughout rural northern Pennsylvania.

#### POTTER COUNTY POPULATION AND DEMOGRAPHICS

### **Population Growth**

According to data collected by the US Census Bureau, the Pennsylvania population was roughly 12.8 million people in 2014. Potter County accounts for only a sliver of the total population, with approximately 17,500 residents in 2013.

Figure 12 to follow, also from the Census, depicts each county's change in population between 2000 and 2010. *Nine of the twelve counties in the Pennsylvania Wilds region exhibited a decline in population, including Potter County*. The decline in Potter County is attributable to the closure of Adelphia Cable Communications, discussed in more detail below.

In March 2014, the Center for Rural Pennsylvania (a legislative agency of the Pennsylvania Grand Assembly) conducted a population growth study. The results, shown below in Table 2, indicate that despite the population dip occurring between 2000 and 2010, the *population of Potter County is expected to grow by 5.9 percent from 2010 to 2040*. Though this growth rate is markedly less than that of Pennsylvania overall (11.2 percent), Potter County has the second highest growth rate in the Pennsylvania Wilds region, led only by Clinton County.

Table 2: Pennsylvania Wilds Population Projections by County

		% Change,				% Change,
County	2010	2020	2010-2020	2030	2040	2010-2040
Cameron	5,070	4,759	-6.1%	4,422	3,988	-21.3%
Clarion	39,934	40,840	2.3%	41,453	41,142	3.0%
Clearfield	81,579	82,984	1.7%	83,423	81,107	-0.6%
Clinton	39,245	41,957	6.9%	44,973	48,164	22.7%
Elk	31,857	30,826	-3.2%	80,081	28,758	-9.7%
Forest	4,881	4,826	-1.1%	4,665	4,423	-9.4%
Jefferson	45,224	45,084	-0.3%	45,220	45,245	0.0%
Lycoming	116,159	118,551	2.1%	120,589	120,969	4.1%
McKean	43,366	44,480	2.6%	45,099	44,445	2.5%
Potter	17,476	18,109	3.6%	18,672	18,504	5.9%
Tioga	42,009	43,227	2.9%	44,136	44,325	5.5%
Warren	41,756	40,605	-2.8%	39,459	37,535	-10.1%
PENNSYLVANIA	12,711,308	13,230,170	4.1%	13,759,594	14,132,588	11.2%

Source: Pennsylvania Population Projections, The Center for Rural Pennsylvania

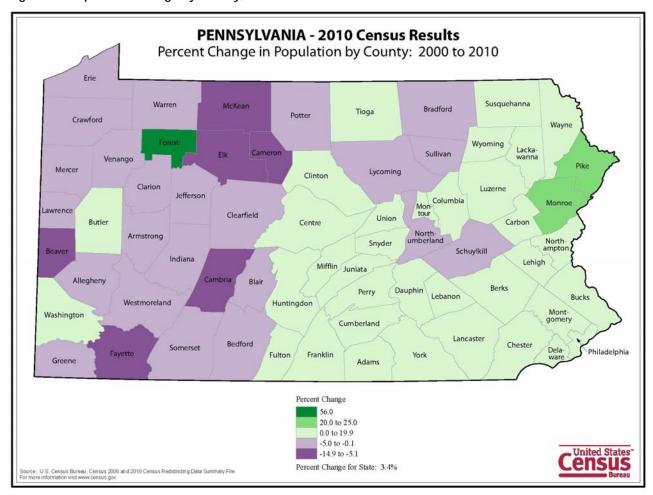


Figure 12: Population Change by County, 2000-2010

Though Potter County is expected to grow in population size by 2020, Figure 12 above shows a decline in population from 2000 to 2010, which is a result of the relocation of Adelphia Cable Communications. According to a Potter County Comprehensive Plan released in 2004, at its peak in December 2001, *Adelphia employed over 1,600 Coudersport residents, making it the top employer in Potter County by far*. However, a *New York Times* article published in June 2002 reported that Adelphia had filed for bankruptcy and planned to relocate a majority of their employees to Greenwood Village, Colorado. Roughly 500 employees remained at the former Adelphia call center (purchased by Time Warner Cable), which closed in February of 2007, according to a January 2007 article in Harrisburg's *The Patriot-News*. Both of these business closures had devastating impacts on Coudersport and Potter County, including a dramatic population decline, losses in home values, and increases in tax burdens for remaining residents. As is pictured below, the Potter County population steadily decreased from 2002 through 2009, and did not see any recovery until 2010.

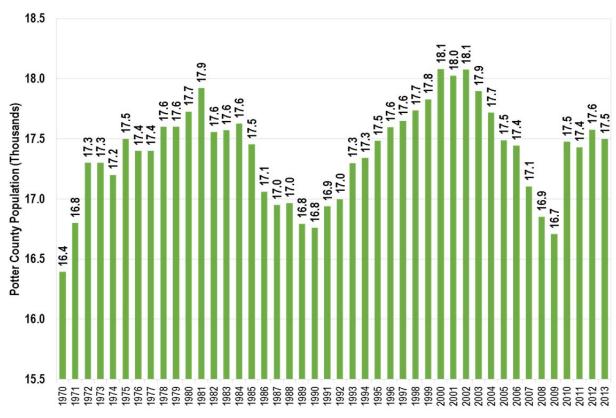


Figure 13: Potter County Population, 1970-2013

Source: Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis Economic Research, Federal Reserve Economic Data.

# **Demographics**

#### <u>Age</u>

2013 data from the US Census indicates that *Potter County has somewhat older residents* when compared to the state of Pennsylvania overall. Half of the population (50 percent) in Potter County is age 45 or older, while a lesser 44 percent of the Pennsylvania population overall is in this age group. The median age is consistent with this trend, with a median age of 45.0 in Potter County and 40.3 in Pennsylvania overall.

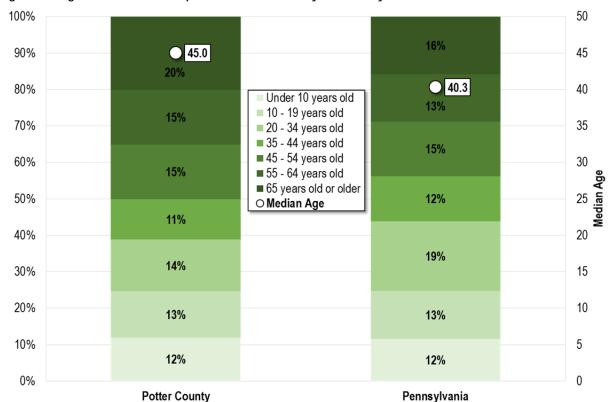


Figure 14: Age Distribution of Population, Potter County vs. Pennsylvania

Source: US Census Bureau, 2013 ACS Demographic and Housing 5-year Estimates.

#### Race/Ethnicity

Potter County is *considerably less ethnically diverse* than Pennsylvania State. Ninety-nine percent of Potter County residents identify themselves as of Caucasian descent, compared to 84 percent of Pennsylvania residents. Approximately 12 percent of the Pennsylvania population is African American, while only 1 percent of the Potter County population is African American. In a similar fashion, only 1 percent of Potter County residents are Hispanic/Latino—a significantly higher 6 percent of the Pennsylvania population is Hispanic/Latino.

#### Income

Another important demographic variable that shows stark differences between Potter County and Pennsylvania is annual household income. *Potter County residents tend to earn less than the overall Pennsylvania population*, with median household incomes of \$41,547 and \$52,548, respectively. Only 11 percent of the population in Potter County earns over \$100,000 per year, compared to almost a quarter (21 percent) of Pennsylvania residents. These income discrepancies signify the importance of bringing in out of county tourists to boost visitor spending.

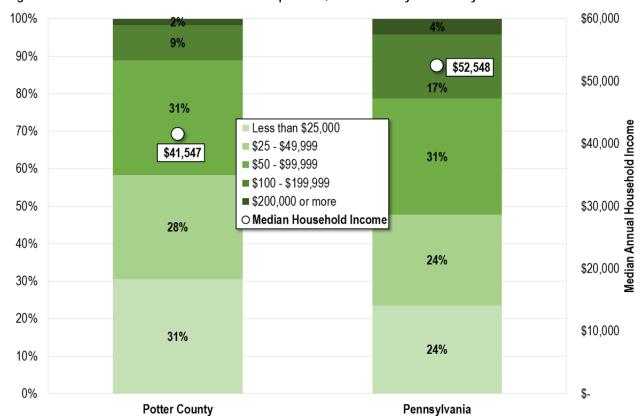


Figure 15: Household Income Distribution of Population, Potter County vs. Pennsylvania

Source: US Census Bureau, 2013 ACS Selected Economic Characteristics 5-year Estimates.

#### **HUNTING**

Hunting is a popular activity in and around Potter County, attracting both tourists and local residents alike. The following section details information about hunting in the area, including permits issued over time, the hunting season, and hunting cabins.

# **Hunting Licenses**

Pennsylvania hunting license sales have *generally declined slightly over time*, as is shown in Figure 16 below. Over a million total hunting licenses (for all types of licenses) were sold in 2003 and 2004, though sales declined and remain at about 950,000 through 2013. Resident hunting license sales (for all types of licenses), depicted in Figure 17, have exhibited a similar pattern, declining roughly 5 percent over the 10-year period. *Resident license sales account for almost all of hunting license sales* overall (94 percent in 2013), indicating that most hunters are Pennsylvania residents as opposed to tourists. The number of nonresidents applying for hunting licenses is marginal, with approximately 52,000 licenses granted to nonresidents in 2013. Nonresident license sales have dropped much more dramatically, with a decrease of 27 percent since 2003. The decline of out-of-state hunters may have negative implications for other tourism in Potter County.

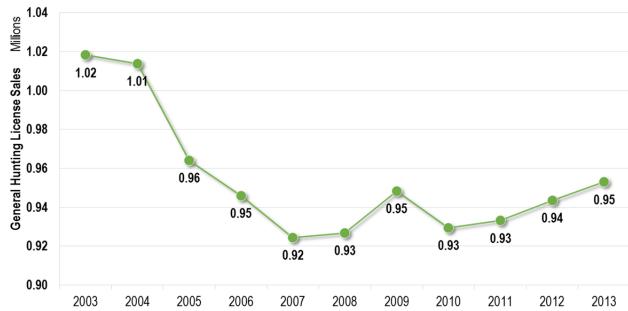


Figure 16: Total Pennsylvania General Hunting License Sales, 2003 - 2013

Source: Pennsylvania Game Commission.

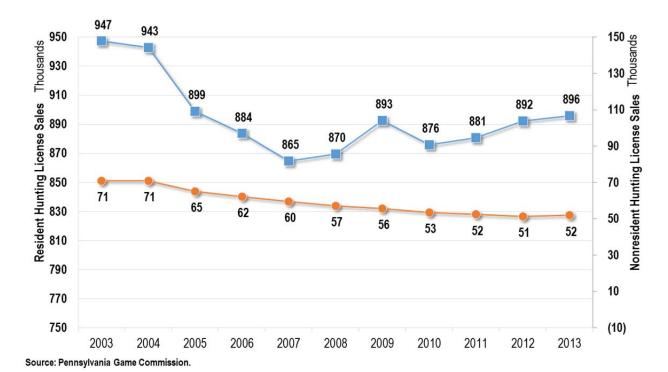


Figure 17: Resident vs. Nonresident Pennsylvania General Hunting License Sales, 2003 - 2013

# **Hunting Seasons**

Hunting seasons for major animals like bear and deer are listed on the Pennsylvania Game Commission website. The season for black bears is typically the last week of November and the first two weeks of December. Similarly, the hunting season for deer is throughout the first two weeks of December. These hunting seasons do not overlap with ski season, as Denton Hill State Park has typically opened for ski operations in mid-December. Therefore, the opportunity to draw in hunting tourists to ski and snowboard may be missed.

The hunting season is important in bringing visitors to Potter County, though some sentiment exists that there has been a decline in visits from hunters. Part of the reason might be that the hunting is more challenging in Potter County than in areas further south because of the dense and mature forest that makes sighting and tracking difficult.

# **Hunting Cabins**

Figure 18 to follow shows hunting lands, both public and private, in Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania Wilds region has an abundance of hunting lands, with many national and state forests as well as Pennsylvania State Game Lands. Therefore, there are many hunting cabins in the vicinity of these areas. Table 3 on the following page shows housing data for Pennsylvania Wilds counties, most importantly the number of seasonal units and the proportion of seasonal

units out of total units. All counties in the Pennsylvania Wilds region have *high percentages of seasonal units compared to Pennsylvania state overall*, likely reflective of the high number of hunting cabins that are only used by owners during hunting season. The counties with the highest proportion of seasonal units include Forest (74 percent), Cameron (46 percent), and Potter (38 percent)—therefore, hunting plays a significant role in Potter County occupancy and tourism.

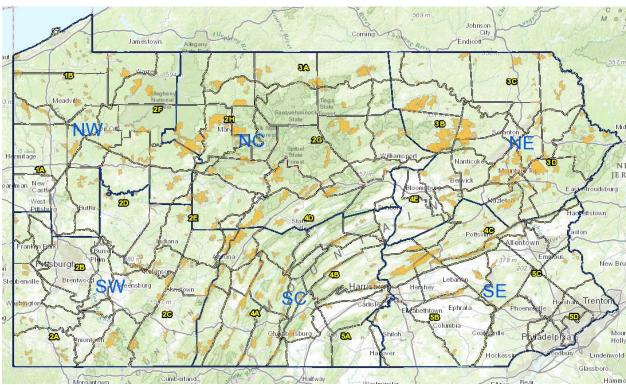


Figure 18: Hunting Land in Pennsylvania

Source: Pennsylvania

Table 3: Vacant and Seasonal Units by County

County	Total housing units	Vacant units	% vacancy	Seasonal units	% of units for seasonal use
Cameron	4,420	2,276	51.5%	2,029	45.9%
Clarion	19,905	4,129	20.7%	2,324	11.7%
Clearfield	38,570	6,378	16.5%	3,330	8.6%
Clinton	19,018	3,951	20.8%	2,905	15.3%
Elk	17,576	4,098	23.3%	3,066	17.4%
Forest	8,719	6,718	77.1%	6,420	73.6%
Jefferson	22,426	3,923	17.5%	2,368	10.6%
Lycoming	52,470	6,424	12.2%	2,826	5.4%
McKean	21,149	3,699	17.5%	2,587	12.2%
Potter	12,903	5,826	45.2%	4,949	38.4%
Tioga	21,339	4,281	20.1%	3,319	15.6%
Warren	23,465	6,208	26.5%	4,696	20.0%
PENNSYLVANIA	5,565,653	607,226	10.9%	168,812	3.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013 ACS 5-year estimates.

#### DENTON HILL STATE PARK TOURISM

The Potter County website markets itself to potential visitors as "untouched, unspoiled, untamed", emphasizing the remoteness and ruggedness of the area. Pottery County's tourism information *appeals to an outdoorsy, nature-oriented traveler with a passion for both summer and winter outdoor recreational activities*. The recreational activities presented in the Potter County visitors guide include:

- Stargazing
- Hiking
- Geocaching
- Wildlife watching
- Biking
- Fishing
- Motorcycling
- ATVing
- Skiing downhill and cross-country
- Snowmobiling
- Hunting

Marketing materials also stress the *historical heritage* of the towns in Potter County, the prominence of the maple syrup industry in the county, diversity of local artists and blacksmiths/gunsmiths, and local events, which will be identified more thoroughly later in the assessment. Though Ski Denton is mentioned in the visitors guide, it is not strongly featured, likely due to its closure this winter season. As Ski Denton is the only downhill ski sports area in a county full of recreational opportunities, their unique position must be marketed to attract the attention of recreational-minded visitors.

#### **Area Attractions**

This list identifies attractions in the Coudersport or Galeton area of Potter County, immediately surrounding Denton Hill State Park.

- <u>Denton Hill State Park</u>. Total annual attendance at Denton Hill State Park has ranged from 32,500 to 63,800. *The ten-year average attendance is 44,629*. See below for more detail on some of the summer events and festivals held at Denton Hill.
- <u>PA Lumber Museum</u>. Showcasing the history and equipment of Pennsylvania's forest and lumber industries, the Pennsylvania Lumber Museum has a replica logging camp so that visitors feel as if they are in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. The main attractions include a mess hall, bunk house, blacksmith shop, filer's shack, horse barn, locomotive and engine house, sawmill, and log holding pond. The museum offers tours and classes and also hosts the Bark Peelers' Convention in July, where lumberjacks compete in a contest and various demonstrations. Excluding the Bark

Peelers' Convention, the *PA Lumber Museum hosted about 6,000 visitors in the* **2013/14 fiscal year**. About 36 percent of those visits were attributable to the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC). The Museum will be reopening after a \$5 million renovation over the past two years. The expanded museum is anticipated to bring more visitors and have more events.

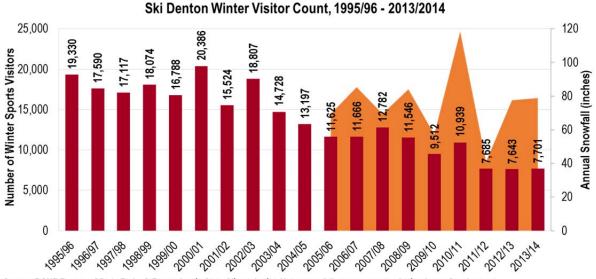
- Cherry Springs State Park. Cherry Springs State Park is located within the Susquehannock State Forest and is most known for its stargazing and astronomy opportunities. It was named the first "Dark Sky Park" of Pennsylvania. Free public stargazing tours are offered by local volunteers all summer long. Recreational activities available here include camping, hiking, and hunting. The Park also offers a variety of environmental education programs throughout the summer. Cherry Springs State Park is home to the Woodsmen's Show, a series of lumberjack contests. In 2014, Cherry Springs attracted roughly 60,000 visitors in aggregate.
- <u>Potter County Historical Society Museum</u>. Visitors can see a myriad of items showcasing Pennsylvania's history in the Coudersport Historical Society Museum, including lumber, weaving looms, firearms from the Civil War, blacksmith products, and more. The museum is free and offers tours to visitors.
- <u>Lyman Run State Park</u>. Lyman Run State Park surrounds Lyman Run Lake and offers
  a wide array of recreational activities to visitors. These include boating, lake and
  stream fishing, swimming, hunting, hiking, off-roading, camping, and geocaching. In
  addition, visitors can engage in winter activities, including snowmobiling, ice fishing,
  ice skating, and sledding. Environmental education and recreation programs are
  also offered during summer months. *2014 visitation was approximately 95,000*people.
- <u>Coudersport Ice Mine</u>. After being closed for 25 years, the Coudersport Ice Mine is now open again for visitors. The owners provide a tour of the ice mine and discuss the geological history of the setting. There is also a gift shop and a café.

#### **Ski Denton Visitation**

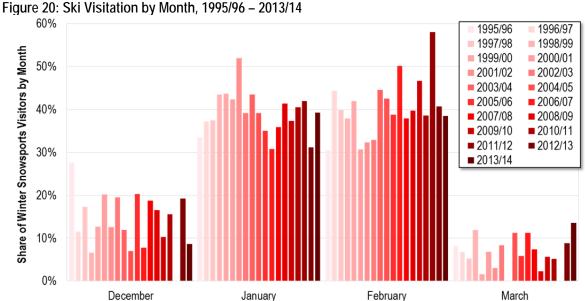
Winter visitation to Ski Denton has shown significant declines since the mid-1990s to reach a total of approximately 8,000 visitors per winter season over the past few years. In addition, Figure 19 below illustrates the share of winter visitation at Ski Denton for each month of the winter season, from December through March. January and February typically have the strongest visitation, followed distantly by December and March. It appears that snow plays an important role in skier visits, as visitation roughly mirrors winter season snowfall in Coudersport as reported by the Pennsylvania State Climatologist.

The local population of Potter County is not enough to generate visitation at a sustainable level at Denton Hill. Estimates show that Potter County residents might produce approximately 1,800 skier days. Thus, the remainder of the visits would come from visitors outside Potter County.

Figure 19: Ski Denton Winter Visitor Count and Winter Snowfall, 1995/96 - 2013/14



Source: DCNR Bureau of State Parks & Pennsylvania State Climatologist. Note: snowfall measurements obtained near Coudersport.



Source: DCNR Bureau of State Parks, Denton Hill State Park Monthly Activity Summaries.

#### **Ski Denton Revenue**

Since 2007, gross receipts at Denton Hill State Park typically totaled between \$400,000 and \$500,000, though revenue declined substantially in 2012 to roughly \$349,000, and took a dramatic drop to about \$217,000 in 2013. This decrease is consistent with the decline in visitation. 2014 gross receipts were up slightly at about \$286,000, though were nowhere near the amount received in the late 2000s. Note that this is winter season revenue only (not summer) and not audited (self-reported by the concessionaire). According to Endeavor News, a newspaper for Potter and Cameron counties, management of Ski Denton changed in the 2011/12 season, when Steve Haskins took over as general manager for the concessionaire.

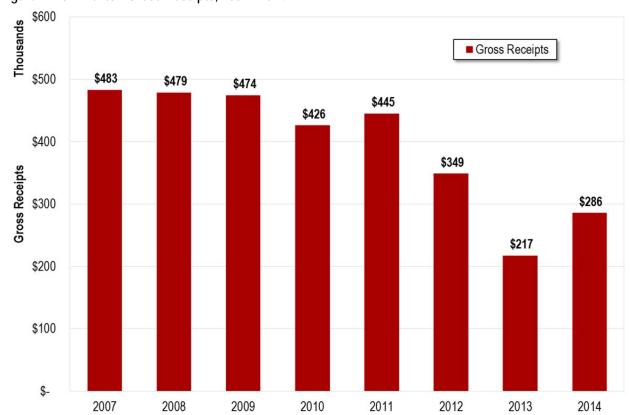


Figure 21: Ski Denton Gross Receipts, 2007 - 2014

Source: Denton Hill State Park Annual Concession Financial Statements.

Figures 22 and 23 to follow illustrate the net sales by sector as well as the share of net sales accounted for by each sector over the past five years. As is shown below, skiing sales account for the largest proportion of net sales, usually accounting for between 70 and 80 percent of net sales. Before the period of revenue loss, approximately 12 or 13 percent of net sales could be attributed to food and beverage revenue, while less than 10 percent was attributable to lodging. However, since the downturn in overall sales, food and beverage appears to play a more important role in net sales. Though actual monetary sales have not increased, the proportion of these sales relative to ski sales has increased, indicative of a greater reliance on food and beverage as a source of income. The share of net sales coming from lodging remains low. Thus, an opportunity arises to either attempt to increase lodging sales or position Ski Denton as a ski area with a commuting visitor base.

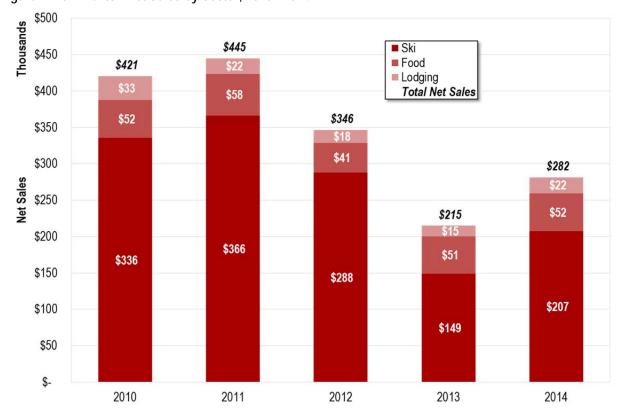
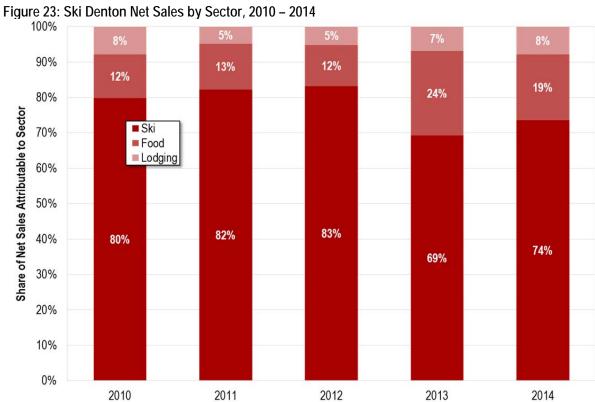


Figure 22: Ski Denton Net Sales by Sector, 2010 - 2014

Source: Denton Hill State Park Annual Concession Financial Statements.



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#### "Save Ski Denton"

On the Potter County website, residents and visitors alike are offered an opportunity to leave their comments and stories about their experiences at Denton Hill State Park, in an effort to keep the ski area operating in future years. To add a layer of qualitative insight to the assessment, verbatim comment submissions are listed below.

"Please tell us why Denton Hill State Park is important to you:"

- "Denton has been part of my life for as long as I can remember. I learned to ski here and snowboard and spent many weekends her growing up. I worked in the cafeteria for a few college breaks and both of my brothers also had jobs here growing up. Last year we brought my son for the first time and he learned how to ski in the same mountain I did so many years ago. Every Christmas/winter we make it a plan to head to ski Denton to ride the slopes...Sidewinder is always a favorite of mine."
- "Denton hill has been a part of my life since learning to ski there. Since my husband also learned there, it only makes sense for our two children and all of our friends and their families to spend as much Tim as possible there. Winter is a huge time for families to spend time together and we also enjoy camping there in the summer. We are lost right now, each day wondering what to do. We normally would just pack the car n be on our way to Denton..."
- "Denton Hill is important to me because I've spent several winters there making great friends and better memories. It's also just a huge part of the surrounding communities and several generations have spent time there with family and friends. It would be a shame never to be able to ride those slopes again..."
- "Denton Hill is the best place to ski in PA. We have an all season camp less than 10 miles from Denton Hill. Every year, our family of 4, skis at Denton 5-6 times. Please reopen!"
- "Denton hill is where I learned to ski! My family owns a cabin in Potter County and it is where all of our extended family go to hunt, hike, and ski."
- "Growing up in Coudersport Denton Hill was a great way to spend every weekend. My first crush
  was a cute red headed boy from Horseheads who was in the same ski class. There is not a lot to do
  in no. Pennsylvania and the skiing keeps many out of trouble and keeps our children healthy. The
  state needs to upgrade the area and not let this gem fade."
- "I grew up in Coudy and went to Denton every week. Still like to visit when I can get back to the area. I live in a rural part of Michigan, and our local backwoods ski resort (Mount Bohemia) has managed to eke out a living on the fringe of civilization with no grooming and almost all extreme terrain. We get lots of powder, but part of their success also lies in their 4-season offerings. Mountain biking could be huge at Denton, with lots of hills able to host miles of trails for beginners to experts. Denton is well situated nearby to many metro areas and could build a decent following if mountain biking were to take off, to IMBA standards of course. That has been a huge success story for Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula and could do the same for Potter County."

- "I grew up in Galeton, PA and was on the snow from the time I could walk. My father is an active volunteer and maintains the Nordic trails on the State forestry land nearby. The ski area taught me to ski, taught me independence and helped me become introduced to a larger community that exists throughout the hills of Potter and Tioga Counties. Because of this foundation and passion in skiing I developed at an early age, I am now a landscape architect for a national firm that specializes in mountain and ski resort base development. My love of skiing brought me to Colorado and has helped to define my career. It all started at Ski Denton! I now look forward each year to skiing with my young nieces at Ski Denton as they develop their foundation in winter sports, which we were sadly unable to do this year. The people in this rural part of the state need to have the opportunity to experience and appreciate the rich amenity that they have in the surrounding outdoors and in a way that is financially and physically accessible. Denton Hill is the gem that provides this."
- "I have been to several of the events at Ski Denton and have taken the church groups tubing. I was
  planning on giving my own kids ski lessons and seasonal passes this year now that they are old
  enough."
- "I have so many fond memories from working at Ski Denton during college break to learning how to ski. I remember many times XC skiing there as well."
- "I worked at the Park from 1963-66. From where I stand we need it for employment.  $\,\,$  The Park offers jobs for a large number of young people day and night. Many a college student made snow at night and attended Mansfield by day. Learning a skill like skiing is a sport that can go with you throughout life. This life skill can in turn become a vocation later in life. A classmate turned it into a career in the armed service teaching military personnel to ski. We need it for commerce for our area. It is a very needed money maker. In the loss of so much for our area our beautiful nature is a lure for so many city folk with hiking, fishing, star gazing, camping, hunting, it is the draw during the winter months we need as well. I felt Denton Hill had moved along with the times by putting in a tube-trail, cross country trails and encouraging school night specials. At one time several of the down-hill trails were considered to be extremely challenging for our area. The Lodge has been used for weddings and receptions, family gathering, bow hunter weekend with the additions of the cabins this could be an even more attractive tourist attraction. The PA Lumberman's building has just gone through a huge reno, with this RIGHT ACROSS THE ROAD it would be a shame to have a crumbling Denton Ski Lodge as the view from the front window of the million dollar building of the Lumberman's. We need this for our morale. With everything that has closed, been taken away our area needs to keep a vibrant attitude to encourage more traffic into Pennsylvania. The more we have to offer, the better Pennsylvania looks to encourage growth here. We need Denton Hill because it is an opportunity on a smaller scale for an overall enjoyable family experience. Safe, quiet yet exciting time for families to come and enjoy. Can Philadelphia or Pittsburg give you that, if so why are there families coming to Potter County to get away. So much opportunity waiting at Denton Hill."
- "It is a wonderful place to meet up with family and enjoy what our area has to offer."
- "It is in a beautiful setting and location. It has some funnest and most challenging skiing/snowboarding terrain in all of Pennsylvania. It gets a lot of natural snow fall that expands the terrain and opportunities for skiing/snowboarding. It is unique and quite different from most PA ski resorts, in a very good way. I enjoy the ride there with the scenery, businesses and local eateries. It has a certain atmosphere and feeling about it that I really enjoy. There are too many aspects and details about it that I like to list them all."

- "It is one of the closest places for me to snowboard and have a great time out with my family and friends. Also it is one of the nicest places to snowboard around PA."
- "It was a fun place to ski, hike, fish, and pick leeks."
- "It was one of the best uphill drag hills I've ever been too considering I won my first ever race there and I enjoy returning to the place where my drag racing career started"
- "I've been away from home for a long time. Sadden by the news that you would not open this year.

  Anyone that goes here are friends for life. I have many wonderful memories. It needs to be save! Best skiing for someone like me!"
- "Ski Denton is pretty much the only place I ski in PA, closing the mountain I'm sure is having a great financial impact on the surrounding businesses, in an already depressed region of the state, the last thing they need is another blow to their financial stability. As to how to improve the facility, the first thing that comes to mind is either a renovation and or complete redo of the lodge, during high attendance days the place is packed with no seats available. While it is a state park and alcohol is not permitted, for a ski area not to have a bar/tavern is ludicrous, something about sitting a bar drinking a beer talking to fellow skiers about how gnarly a run was greatly adds to the entire ski experience. Second thing that should be done is enlarge the mountain; a quick look at a topo map shows plenty of room for other ski runs. The bottom line is that as it stands right now, the mountain is not much of a tourist draw beyond the greater Coudersport area, you want to "save" the mountain, money is going to have to be spent to make it so. The infrastructure is there, directly off the main highway running east to west (rt6), 1 hour off the main north/south route (rt15), there is plenty of lodging, with the majority of the hotels/motels sitting empty during the winter, not to mention the plethora of hunting cabins in the area."
- "Some of my kids and grandkids skied at Denton Hill many many times last year and for many years before that. They started going in the late 70s and we had season passes every year. My husband and I no longer ski but it breaks my heart that the ski slopes won't be there for the kids and grandkids. Our family has spent thousands of dollars up there over the years. It's also heart breaking how the local motels and restaurants are suffering from the lack of skiers."
- "The park has exceptional opportunities for outdoor recreation. I especially enjoy the cross-country ski trails."
- "This is where I learned to ski and where I enjoy bringing my children to ski! We would love to have the opportunity to plan a summer mountain biking trip!"
- "We both worked there for many years and Glenn was still working, running the lift. We both enjoy talking to people that come there and it is a big boost to our economy!"
- "When my husband and I were first married in the 70s we joined the Lancaster, PA Ski Club because we had both done a little skiing during our college years. Little did we know that club would change our lives. We met a fantastic group of people with whom we are still best friends. We also discovered Denton Hill. During those early years we skied at Denton most weekends during the winter staying at the old Hunting Valley and then the Ox Yoke. As time went by we all had kids who all learned to ski at Denton. We skied all over the US as the kids got older both in New England and Utah. But, Denton was always a multi-weekend destination/year. We are still skiing and those kids now have kids. At least once every year we all go back to Denton last year it was 45 of us. The kids come from all over the east coast (one from Canada) for 'Denton Weekend'. On their own they now take their children. We are devastated to have lost this wonderful family weekend this year. You won't take my estimate of the \$13,500 that I think we collectively spent last year in the area."

### REGIONAL COMPETITIVE ANALYSIS

## **Regional Ski Resorts**

Figure 24 below is a map of the other resorts in the region surrounding Denton Hill State Park, throughout Pennsylvania as well as into upstate New York. Table 4 below lists their winter offerings. As is shown, there is an overwhelming abundance of ski areas in western New York and in Pennsylvania, implying that Ski Denton has a lot of competition. This data indicates that Ski Denton is fairly small when compared to other areas in the region, with a total skiable area of 75 acres and a vertical drop of 650 feet. However, Ski Denton was competitive in the ski area marketplace in terms of offerings, with a diverse array of additional activities including children's lesson programs, snow tubing, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, and night skiing.

Figure 24: Regional Ski Resorts

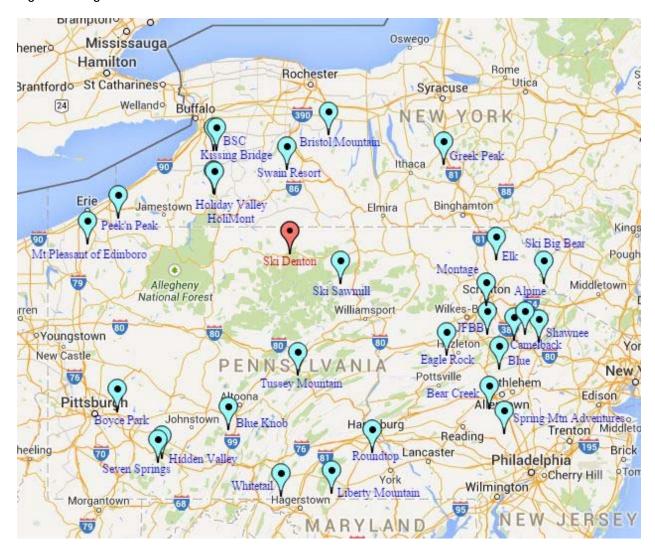


Table 4: Regional Mountain Resorts & Winter Activities

Ski area	Skiable Acres** / Total Number of Trails	Base elevation / Vertical rise (ft.)	Lifts	Multi- season resort	Terrain park	Children's programs	Tubing	XC skiing	Snowshoeing	Night Skiing	Other winter activities
Ski Denton	75 acres / 22 trails	1,850 / 650	4	Yes		Χ	Х	Χ	Χ	Х	
Alpine Mountain	99 acres / 21 trails	650 / 500	5	Yes	Х	Χ	Х		Х	Х	Ice skating
Bear Creek	86 acres / 21 trails	600 / 510	6	Yes	Х	Χ	Х			Х	
Big Boulder Ski Area	55 acres/ 15 trails	1,700 / 475	8	No	Х	Х	Х			Х	
Blue Knob	100 acres / 34 trails	2,074 / 1,072	5	Yes	Х	Χ	Х	Χ	Х	Х	
Blue Mountain	164 acres / 39 trails	460 / 1,082	16	Yes	Х	Χ	Х				BigAirBag
Boyce Park	25 acres / 9 trails	1,172 / 160	5	Yes	Х	Χ	Х			Х	
Bristol Mountain	138 acres / 34 trails	1,000 / 1,200	6	Yes	Х	Х				Х	
Buffalo Ski Club	300 acres / 43 trails	2,025 / 500	7	No	Х	Х					"Snow Zone" for kids
Camelback	166 acres / 34 trails	1,239 / 800	16	Yes	Х	Х	Х			Х	
Eagle Rock Resort	40 acres / 14 trails	1,260 / 550	4	Yes	Х	х	Х			Х	
Elk Mountain	140 acres / 27 trails	1,693 / 1,000	6	No	Х	Х				Х	
Greek Peak	220 acres / 38 trails	1,148 / 952	6	Yes	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	
Hidden Valley	110 acres / 26 trails	2,405 / 470	11	Yes	Х	Χ	Х			Х	
Holiday Valley	290 acres / 58 trails	1,500 / 750	13	Yes	Х	Χ	Х	Х	Х	Х	Mountain coaster, sleigh rides
HoliMont Ski Area	135 acres / 52 trails	1,560 / 700	8	Yes	Х	Х		Х			ÿ
Jack Frost Mountain	100 acres / 21 trails	1,400 / 600	10	No	Х	х	Х				
Kissing Bridge	778 acres / 38 trails	1,2000 / 550	10	Yes	Х	Х	Х			Х	BigAirBag
Liberty Mountain	91 acres / 22 trails	570 / 620	9	Yes	Х	Х	Х			Х	9
Montage Mountain	140 acres / 30 trails	960 / 1,000	7	Yes	х	Х	х			х	
Mount Pleasant of Edinboro	25 acres / 9 trails	1,200 / 340	2	No		Х	Х			Х	
Peek'n Peak	105 acres / 27 trails	1,400 / 400	8	Yes	Х	Х	Х	Χ	Х	Х	Bag jump
Roundtop	103 acres / 20 trails	755 / 600	8		Х	Χ	Х			Х	
Seven Springs	285 acres / 33 trails	2,240 / 750	10	Yes	Х	Х	Х		Х		Snowmobile tours, snowcat rides, sleigh rides
Shawnee Mountain	125 acres / 23 trails	650 / 700	10	No	Х	Х	Х			Х	Spring/summer/fall festivals
Ski Big Bear	26 acres / 18 trails	600 / 650	6	Yes	Χ	Х	Х	Χ		Х	
Ski Sawmill	50 acres / 12 trails	1,700 / 515	4	No	Χ	Х	Х			Х	
Spring Mountain Adventures	45 acres / 8 trails	78 / 450	6	Yes		Х	Х				
Swain Resort	100 acres / 30 trails	1,320 / 650	5	No	Х	Х	Х			Х	
Tussey Mountain	50 acres / 7 trails	1,310 / 500	5	Yes	Х	Х	Х			Х	
Whitetail Resort	120 acres / 23 trails	865 / 935	9	Yes	χ	Χ	Х			Χ	

<sup>\*\*</sup>Self-reported skiable acres, not independently verified.

Table 5 below illustrates the shortest driving distance to the ski areas listed above from major regional cities, including upstate New York as well as major metropolitan hubs in Pennsylvania. Ski Denton is incredibly remote relative to the other areas, as visitors from these cities have to travel over 100 miles to reach the resort. *All of the cities have multiple ski resorts within a hundred miles (outlined).* Therefore, it seems unlikely that Ski Denton would be able to capture one of these market areas, as they all have larger and closer ski areas with better amenities.

Table 5: Distance from Regional Resorts to Major Cities

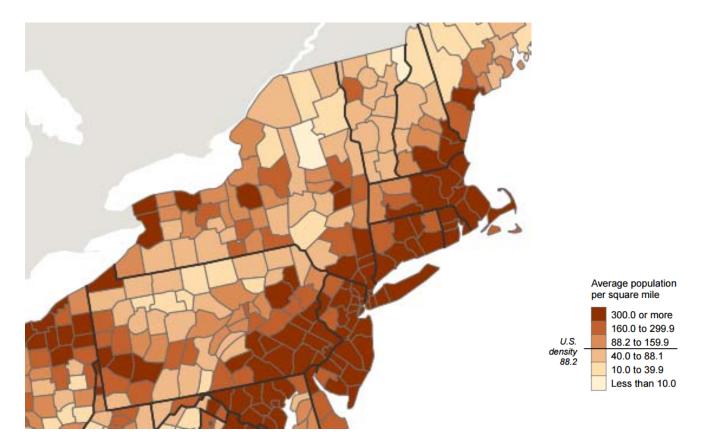
Distance to major cities (mi)

Ski area	Buffalo	Rochester	Syracuse	Scranton	Philadelphia	Harrisburg	Pittsburgh
Ski Denton	116	124	168	146	261	168	176
Alpine Mountain	291	252	165	36	105	134	**
Bear Creek	**	297	210	81	58	80	280
Big Boulder Ski Area	293	239	173	42	94	105	291
Blue Knob	231	281	294	210	226	125	97
Blue Mountain	272	287	287	163	155	55	165
Boyce Park	227	277	**	270	292	192	16
Bristol Mountain	97	37	82	175	**	217	264
Buffalo Ski Club	22	81	164	230	**	257	218
Camelback	292	232	166	37	100	128	**
Eagle Rock Resort	272	253	179	48	104	74	255
Elk Mountain	242	182	115	28	151	150	**
Greek Peak	176	112	41	92	215	214	**
Hidden Valley	252	**	**	266	249	148	58
Holiday Valley	53	101	190	232	**	235	180
HoliMont Ski Area	53	101	192	233	**	237	182
Jack Frost Mountain	293	239	173	42	94	105	291
Kissing Bridge	29	85	169	238	**	251	207
Liberty Mountain	294	**	**	171	151	48	183
Montage Mountain	265	205	139	7	123	119	280
Mount Pleasant of Edinboro	109	178	253	**	**	257	111
Peek'n Peak	90	159	234	292	**	250	145
Roundtop	292	280		139	114	16	196
Seven Springs	254	**	**	268	251	150	60
Shawnee Mountain	**	250	180	54	98	124	**
Ski Big Bear	286	226	170	45	150	170	**
Ski Sawmill	207	149	165	121	214	121	207
Spring Mountain Adventures	**	**	227	98	37	90	280
Swain Resort	73	65	134	175	288	216	225
Tussey Mountain	205	233	237	142	187	81	143
Whitetail Resort	275	**	**	197	183	79	156
Ski Denton Rank	9	8	9	16	22	20	10

\*\*more than 300 miles

As was discussed, population in the Potter County area is small. Figure 25 illustrates the average population per square mile from the 2010 Census for both Pennsylvania and New York. As would likely be expected, the major cities listed above contain the highest average populations, while the Pennsylvania Wilds region has a very small number of residents. The remoteness of Ski Denton combined with the low population density in Potter County and the surrounding areas poses a major threat for Ski Denton, bringing into question the sustainability of future resort operations.

Figure 25: Regional Population Density



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 census.

Table 6 presents summer activities at the ski areas listed above with multi-season offerings. Ski Denton hosts summer weddings, with three weddings in summer 2014, though does not offer any other summer activities. As is shown below, other resorts use a variety of activities to attract visitors and maintain their competitive edge, including weddings, a waterpark, mountain coasters, aerial parks, ziplines, scenic chairlift rides, mountain biking trails, and golf. Again, Ski Denton lags behind other regional ski areas in terms of summer offerings. Summer may be an opportunity for Ski Denton to expand their visitor base and offer unique activities that cannot be found elsewhere in Potter County or the Pennsylvania Wilds region.

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Table 6: Summer Mountain Resort Activities

Ski area	Summer weddings	Waterpark	Mountain Coaster	Aerial Park/Zipline	Scenic Chairlift	Mountain Biking (X	Mountain Biking (D	Golf	Other currence activities
Ski Denton	Χ			-					Other summer activities Special events (see below)
Alpine Mountain	X								Special events (see below)
Bear Creek	Χ					Χ		Χ	Boating, kayaking/paddle boating, disc golf, geocaching, tennis, spa
Blue Knob	Χ					Χ	Χ	Χ	Hunting, fishing
Blue Mountain	Χ					Χ	Χ		Disc golf, bike park, laser tag, summer adventure camps
Boyce Park	Χ			Χ					Archery range, skate/bike park, ballfields, soccer fields, basketball courts, Nature Center, tennis courts, wave pool
Bristol Mountain	Χ	Χ							
Camelback	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ		Χ	Χ		Climbing wall, Eurobungy, free fall
Eagle Rock Resort	Χ							Χ	Spa, equestrian center
Greek Peak	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ					Eurobungy, climbing wall, laser tag
Hidden Valley	Χ							Χ	Spa
Holiday Valley	Χ		Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	X	Χ	Golf school, festivals
HoliMont Ski Area	Χ					Х			
Kissing Bridge									ATVing
Liberty Mountain	Χ							Χ	
Montage Mountain		Х						Χ*	Beach volleyball, batting cages
Peek'n Peak	Χ			Χ				Χ	Eurobungy, spa, Segway tours
Seven Springs	Χ							Χ*	Hunting, stables, bowling, roller skating, arcades, swimming, spa, Euro-bungy
Ski Big Bear	Χ	Χ						Χ*	Go karts, laser tag, playground, batting cages
Spring Mountain Adventures	Χ			Χ					Geocaching, rock climbing
Tussey Mountain	Χ			Χ				Χ	Go-kart racing, skate park, batting cages, fishing
Whitetail Resort	Χ							Χ	Fly-fishing, climbing wall, summer adventure camps

\*mini-golf

### **Special Events**

Special events are a way to draw people from farther distances for resorts in a more remote location, in lieu of local population (including both resident and transient tourist visitors). Some current events and festivals at Denton Hill State Park that are successful at attracting visitors during the summer include the following.

### **Events at Denton Hill State Park**

- <u>Eastern Traditional Archery Rendezvous</u> The Eastern Traditional Archery Rendezvous occurs in July, featuring over a hundred archery dealers from all over the country. This event includes hunting courses, shooting contests, chairlift rides, food vendors, and camping. This event is a major staple of Ski Denton's summer tourism, attracting roughly 10,000 visitors over the course of the 4-day event.
- <u>Bark Peelers' Convention</u> During 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend, the Pennsylvania Lumber
  Museum hosts the annual Bark Peelers' Convention, a historical celebration of logging in
  Pennsylvania. The convention includes logging competitions, lumber vendors, live
  demonstrations, baking contests, guided trail walks, museum tours, and live music, as
  well as food vendors. The Bark Peelers' Convention typically attracts around 4,000 or
  5,000 visitors each year.
- Potter County Bow Hunter Festival Another archery festival takes place in August at Ski Denton, and attendees either stay in the log cabins at the base area or camp. A variety of vendors are present, including compound archery dealers, arrow makers, camo clothing, and more. Highlights of the festival include shooting competitions, food vendors, hunting courses with targets, and archery dealers and vendors. Relative to the Eastern Traditional Archery Rendezvous, the Potter County Bow Hunter Festival is more family-oriented, attracting around 5,000 visitors each year.

### **Events Close to Denton Hill State Park**

- <u>Potter Tioga Maple Festival</u> The Potter Tioga Maple Festival takes place during a
  weekend in March. The event features many maple vendors across Potter and Tioga
  counties and is considered to be a "traveling festival" to encourage attendees to visit
  multiple locations across the two counties. Attendees can watch the production process
  of maple syrup. Pancakes are also available at select locations.
- God's Country Marathon Consisting of a marathon, half marathon, and team relays, the God's Country Marathon offers an intense challenge to runners, named one of the "10 toughest marathons" by Runner's World Magazine. The course traverses from Galeton to Coudersport, crossing the eastern continental divide. God's Country Marathon has been occurring for over 40 years.

- Woodsmen's Show Held annually in the summer at Cherry Springs State Park, the
  Woodsmen's Show features the top lumberjacks from across the country competing in
  cross cut saw, springboard, axe throwing, tree felling, and more events to celebrate the
  history of lumber in Pennsylvania. This event also includes exhibits, vendors, historical
  re-enactments, live music, and food.
- <u>The Dam Show</u> The Austin Dam Show is an annual music festival occurring in August at the Austin Dam ruins in Potter County. The dam ruins and mountains are turned into an amphitheater for guests, and a lights show on the dam is a highlight of the show. The festival features a variety of bands with different musical styles.
- <u>Galeton Outdoor Day</u> A September event, Galeton Outdoor Day offers guests an
  opportunity to participate in a myriad of outdoors activities to enhance their learning
  and understanding of these activities. Activities include kayaking, geocaching, fly tying,
  geocaching, and others. Other features include a raffle, food, live music, games, and
  book sales.
- <u>Coudersport Falling Leaves Festival</u> Each October, Coudersport celebrates its history and its local businesses with crafts, foods, produce, a car show, hayrides, a parade, and live music.

### **Listing of Major Regional Events**

- Clarion River Jam Bluegrass Festival Clarion
- Cameron County Canoe & Kayak Classic Emporium
- Ridgway Triathlon Ridgway
- Trout Derby and Geocaching "Fish" Run Ridgway
- Clarion Wine Walk Clarion
- Marble Mayfest Fryburg
- Spring Fest Brookville
- First Friday Concerts New Bethlehem
- Herb & Fiber Arts Festival Cooksburg
- Western PA Laurel Festival Brookville
- Fat Tire Challenge Sigel
- Billtown Blues Festival Hughesville
- PA Firefly Festival Kellettville
- Wolf's Corners Fair Tionesta
- Red, White & Blueberry Festival Reynoldsville
- Jefferson County Longrifles Annual Summer Rendezvous Brookville
- East Brady Area Riverfest East Brady
- Coolspring Power Museum History Day/Car & Truck Show Coolspring
- Jefferson County Fair Brookville
- Allgheny Mt. Championship Rodeo Tionesta

- Endless Mountain Music Festival Wellsboro
- Tasting in the Wilds Ridgway
- Clarion County Fair Fairmount City
- Cameron County Fair Emporium
- Cookie Daze Festival Rimersburg
- Tionesta Indian Festival Tionesta
- Elk County Fair Kersey
- Clear Creek Valley Heritage Day Sigel
- Little League World Series South Williamsport
- Elk Expo Benezette
- American Spirit Aviation Festival Saint Marys
- Wild Wind Folk Art & Craft Festival Pittsfield
- Peanut Butter Festival New Bethlehem
- Marienville Oktoberfest Marienville
- Foxburg Art, Wine and Food Festival Foxburg

# **Regional Activities**

A selection of regional outdoor recreational activities is presented in Table 7 below. There is an abundance of small activities in the region, though no individual activity is particularly large or draws significant numbers.

Table 7: Sampling of Regional Outdoor Activities, Summer and Winter

Summer Activities	Areas/providers/outfitters
Boating	Allegheny Reservoir - Warren
	Allegheny Site Management - Bradford
	Bald Eagle State Park - Howard
	Beechwood Lake - Clymer
	Bendigo State Park - Johnsonburg
	Boats and Bikes at Bald Eagle State Park - Howard
	Chapman State Park - Clarendon
	Cloe Reservoir - Big Run
	Cowanesque Lake - Elkland
	Curwensville Lake Recreation Area - Curwensville
	East Branch Clarion River Lake - Wilcox
	Elk State Park - Wilcox
	Hiawatha Paddlewheeler - Williamsport
	Hills Creek State Park - Wellsboro
	Kettle Creek State Park - Renovo
	Kyle Lake - Falls Creek
	Lighthouse Island - Tionesta
	Little Pine State Park - Waterville
	Lyman Run State Park - Galeton
	Morrison Trail and Recreation Area - Bradford
	Nessmuk Lake - Wellsboro
	Parker Dam State Park - Penfield
	Rose Valley Lake - Williamsport
	Sinnemahoning State Park - Austin
	Tioga-Hammond and Cowanesque Lakes - Tioga
	Tionesta Lake - Tionesta
	Webbs Ferry - Russell
0 '	Willow Bay Recreation Area - Bradford
Camping	Bald Eagle State Park - Howard
	Bilger's Rocks Campground - Grampian
	Bonner Sports & RV - Jersey Shore
	Chapman State Park - Clarendon
	Cherry Springs State Park - Coudersport
	Clear Creek State Forest - Clarion
	Clear Creek State Park - Sigel
	Colton Point State Park - Ansonia
	Cook Forest Scenic Trailride, Dude Ranch & Campground - Clarion
	Cook Forest State Park - Cooksburg
	Cornplanter State Forest - North Warren
	Cowanesque Lake - Elkland
	Curwensville Lake Recreation Area - Curwensville
	Dewdrop Recreation Area - Warren
	Elk State Forest - Emporium
	Elk State Park - Wilcox
	Heart's Content National Scenic Area - Warren
	Hickory Creek Wilderness - Warren

Hills Creek State Park - Wellsboro

Hopewell Recreation Area - Warren

Hyner Run State Park - Hyner

Kettle Creek State Park - Renovo

Leonard Harrison State Park - Wellsboro

Little Pine State Park - Waterville

Lyman Run State Park - Galeton

Majestic Kamp and Lost Trails - Rew

Minister Creek Recreation Area - Marienville

Morrison Trail and Recreation Area - Bradford

Moshannon State Forest - Penfield

Ole Bull State Park - Cross Fork

Parker Dam State Park - Penfield

Patterson State Park - Galeton

Ravensburg State Park - Rauchtown

Rustic Acres RV Resort & Campground - Shippenville

S.B. Elliot State Park - Penfield

Sinnemahoning State Park - Austin

Sproul State Forest - Renovo

Susquehannock State Forest - Coudersport

Tiadaghton State Forest - South Williamsport

Tioga State Forest - Wellsboro

Tioga-Hammond and Cowanesque Lakes - Tioga

Willow Bay Recreation Area - Bradford

Fishing

Allegheny Guide Service - Warren

Allegheny Reservoir - Warren

Allegheny Site Management - Bradford

Awesome Guide Service - Clearfield

Bald Eagle State Park - Howard

Beaver Creek Nature Area - Knox

Beechwood Lake - Clymer

Bendigo State Park - Johnsonburg

Big Bend Recreation Area - Warren

Bucktail State Park - Emporium

Canyon Cruise Outfitters - Wellsboro

Central PA Fly Fishing - Woodland

Chapman State Park - Clarendon

Clear Creek State Forest - Clarion

Clear Creek State Park - Sigel

Cloe Reservoir - Big Run

Cohick's Trading Post - Salladasburg

Colton Point State Park - Ansonia

Cook Forest State Park - Cooksburg

Cornplanter State Forest - North Warren

Cowanesque Lake - Elkland

Curwensville Lake Recreation Area - Curwensville

Dewdrop Recreation Area - Warren

East Branch Clarion River Lake - Wilcox

Elk State Forest - Emporium

Elk State Park - Wilcox

Fink Bait and More - Curwensville

Fuller Brook Outfitters - Bradford

George B. Stevenson Reservoir - Driftwood

Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania - Wellsboro

Hills Creek State Park - Wellsboro

Hopewell Recreation Area - Warren

Hyner Run State Park - Hyner

Irwin Run Canoe Launch - Portland Mills

Kettle Creek State Park - Renovo

Keystone Predator Outfitters - Emporium

Kyle Lake - Falls Creek

Lighthouse Island - Tionesta

Little Pine State Park - Waterville

Lyman Run State Park - Galeton

Marilla Reservoir - Bradford

Minister Creek Recreation Area - Marienville

Moores Run Fish and Game Preserve - Austin

Morrison Trail and Recreation Area - Bradford

Moshannon State Forest - Penfield

Nessmuk Lake - Wellsboro

Northcountry Outfitters and Fishing Charter Service - Clarendon

Ole Bull State Park - Cross Fork

Parker Dam State Park - Penfield

Pennsylvania Elk Range Adventures - Emporium

Prouty Place State Park - Galeton

Rainbow Paradise Trout Farm - Coudersport

Ravensburg State Park - Rauchtown

Robbins Paradise Ranch - Julian

Roper Hollow Recreation Area - Russell

Rose Valley Lake - Williamsport

S.B. Elliot State Park - Penfield

Sinnemahoning State Park - Austin

Sproul State Forest - Renovo

Susquehannock State Forest - Coudersport

Tiadaghton State Forest - South Wililamsport

Tioga State Forest - Wellsboro

Tioga-Hammond and Cowanesque Lakes - Tioga

Tionesta Lake - Tionesta

Willow Bay Recreation Area - Bradford

Geocaching Allegheny National Forest - Bradford

Cornplanter State Forest - North Warren

Lyman Run State Park - Galeton Parker Dam State Park - Penfield

Pennsylvania Elk Range Adventures - Emporium

Hiking Allegheny National Forest - Bradford

Allegheny Outfitters - E Warren

Bald Eagle State Park - Howard

Beaver Creek Nature Area - Knox

Big Bend Recreation Area - Warren

Burns Run Wild Area - Moshannon

Chapman State Park - Clarendon

Cherry Springs State Park - Coudersport

Clear Creek State Forest - Clarion

Clear Creek State Park - Sigel

Colton Point State Park - Ansonia

Cook Forest State Park - Cooksburg

Cornplanter State Forest - North Warren

Curwensville Lake Recreation Area - Curwensville

Elk State Forest - Emporium

Elk State Park - Wilcox

Heart's Content National Scenic Area - Warren

Hickory Creek Wilderness - Warren

Hills Creek State Park - Wellsboro

Hyner Run State Park - Hyner

Johnson Run Natural Area - Emporium

Kettle Creek State Park - Renovo

Kinzua Bridge State Park - Mount Jewett

Leonard Harrison State Park - Wellsboro

Lighthouse Island - Tionesta

Little Pine State Park - Waterville

Loleta Recreation Area - Marienville

Lyman Run State Park - Galeton

Marilla Reservoir - Bradford

Minister Creek Recreation Area - Marienville

Moshannon State Forest - Penfield

Ole Bull State Park - Cross Fork

Parker Dam State Park - Penfield

Patterson State Park - Galeton

Prouty Place State Park - Galeton

Ravensburg State Park - Rauchtown

S.B. Elliot State Park - Penfield

Sinnemahoning State Park - Austin

Sproul State Forest - Renovo

Susquehannock State Forest - Coudersport

Tiadaghton State Forest - South Williamsport

Tioga State Forest - Wellsboro

Tionesta Lake - Tionesta

Willow Bay Recreation Area - Bradford

### Horseback Riding Big Elk Lick Horse Camp - Benezette

Borrowing Freedom Incorporated - Glen Richey Classic Koystono Guidos & Outfittors Woodville

Classic Keystone Guides & Outfitters - Weedville

Clear Creek State Forest - Clarion

Cook Forest Scenic Trailride, Dude Ranch & Campground - Clarion

Cook Forest State Park - Cooksburg Cornplanter State Forest - North Warren

Elk State Forest - Emporium

Kettle Creek State Park - Renovo

Moshannon State Forest - Penfield

Silver Stallion Stables - Cooksburg

Sproul State Forest - Renovo

Susquehannock State Forest - Coudersport

Thunder Mountain Equestrian Trail - Driftwood

Tiadaghton State Forest - South Williamsport

Timberline ATV Trail - Marienville

Tioga State Forest - Wellsboro

Wesley Woods - Grand Valley

Woodland View Stables - Jersey Shore

Hunting Allegheny National Forest - Bradford

Bald Eagle State Park - Howard

Bob's Army and Navy Store - Clearfield

Bucktail State Park - Emporium

Chapman State Park - Clarendon

Cherry Springs State Park - Coudersport

Clear Creek State Forest - Clarion

Clear Creek State Park - Sigel

Cohick's Trading Post - Salladasburg

Colton Point State Park - Ansonia

Cook Forest State Park - Cooksburg

Cornplanter State Forest - North Warren

Cowanesque Lake - Elkland

Curwensville Lake Recreation Area - Curwensville

Elk State Forest - Emporium

Elk State Park - Wilcox

Foremost Trophy Hunting Ranch - Marble

Fork Ridge Ranch, LLC - Frenchville

Hickory Creek Wilderness - Warren

Hills Creek State Park - Wellsboro

Hyner Run State Park - Hyner

Kettle Creek State Park - Renovo

Kinzua Bridge State Park - Mount Jewett

Leonard Harrison State Park - Wellsboro

LIttle Pine State Park - Waterville

Lyman Run State Park - Galeton

Marilla Reservoir - Bradford

Morrison Trail and Recreation Area - Bradford

Moshannon State Forest - Penfield

Ole Bull State Park - Cross Fork

Parker Dam State Park - Penfield

Pennsylvania Elk Range Adventures - Emporium

Pleasant View Pheasants - Curwensville

Potter County Outfitters - Coudersport

Powder Horn Hunting Preserve - Allegany

Prouty Place State Park - Galeton

Robbins Paradise Ranch - Julian

S.B. Elliot State Park - Penfield

Sinnemahoning State Park - Austin

Sproul State Forest - Renovo

State Game Land - various locations

Stony Fork Hunts - Wellsboro

Susquehannock State Forest - Coudersport

Thunder Ridge Sporting Clays & Game Farm, Inc. - Middlebury Center

Tiadaghton State Forest - South Williamsport

Tioga Hunting Preserve - Tioga

Tioga State Forest - Wellsboro

Warriors Mark Wingshooting Lodge and Kennels - Ginter

Willow Bay Recreation Area - Bradford

#### Kayaking/canoeing

Allegheny Outfitters - E Warren

Allegheny Reservoir - Warren

Allegheny Site Management - Bradford

Allegheny Wilderness Outfitters - Tionesta

Bald Eagle State Park - Howard

Beechwood Lake - Clymer

Bendigo State Park - Johnsonburg

Boats and Bikes at Bald Eagle State Park - Howard

Bucktail State Park - Emporium

Clear Creek State Park - Sigel

Conewango Kayak Canoe Rentals, LLC - Russell

Cook Forest State Park - Cooksburg

Country Ski & Sports - Montoursville & Wellsboro

Curwensville Lake Recreation Area - Curwensville

East Branch Clarion River Lake - Wilcox

Foxburg Canoe Rentals - Foxburg

Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania - Wellsboro

Hills Creek Lake - Wellsboro

Irwin Run Canoe Launch - Portland Mills Indian Waters Canoe Rentals - Tidioute Karthaus Canoe Launch - Renovo McCracken Canoe Sales/Rentals - Clearfield Marilla Reservoir - Bradford Middle Allegheny River Water Trail - Warren Morrison Trail and Recreation Area - Bradford Nessmuk Lake - Wellsboro Outback Adventures - Tionesta Pale Whale Canoe Livery - Cooksburg Pine Creek Outfitters - Wellsboro Sheffield Canoe Launch - Sheffield Sproul State Forest - Renovo Tiadaghton State Forest - South Williamsport Tioga State Forest - Wellsboro Tioga-Hammond and Cowanesque Lakes - Tioga Tionesta Lake - Tionesta Trail Blazer Adventures - Curwensville West Branch Susquehanna River Water Trail - various locations Willow Bay Recreation Area - Bradford Mountain Biking Allegheny National Forest - Bradford Boats and Bikes at Bald Eagle State Park - Howard Chapman State Park - Clarendon Clear Creek State Forest - Clarion Cook Forest State Park - Cooksburg Cornplanter State Forest - North Warren Curwensville Lake Recreation Area - Curwensville Elk State Forest - Emporium Loleta Recreation Area - Marienville Marienville ATV Trail/Bike Trail - Marienville Marilla Reservoir - Bradford Moshannon State Forest - Penfield Ole Bull State Park - Cross Fork Patterson State Park - Galeton Rocky Gap ATV Trail - Warren Sproul State Forest - Renovo Susquehannock State Forest - Coudersport Tiadaghton State Forest - South Williamsport Timberline ATV Trail - Marienville Tioga State Forest - Wellsboro Trail Blazer Adventures - Curwensville Off-roading Allegheny National Forest - Bradford Bonner Sports & RV - Jersey Shore Haneyville ATV Trails - South Williamsport Lyman Run ATV Trails - Coudersport Majestic Kamp and Lost Trails - Rew Marienville ATV Trail/Bike Trail - Marienville Rocky Gap ATV Trail - Warren Sproul State Forest - Renovo Susquehannock State Forest - Coudersport Tiadaghton State Forest - South Williamsport Timberline ATV Trail - Marienville Whiskey Springs ATV Trail - Renovo Willow Creek ATV Trail Canyon Cruise Outfitters - Wellsboro River Rafting Pine Creek Outfitters, Inc. - Wellsboro

Scenic Drives	Bucktail Trail Scenic Byway Cook Forest Ride Elk Scenic Drive High Plateau Scenic Byway
Swimming	Allegheny Reservoir - Warren
	Bald Eagle State Park - Howard
	Chapman State Park - Clarendon
	Clear Creek State Park - Sigel
	Curwensville Lake Recreation Area - Curwensville
	Hills Creek State Park - Wellsboro
	Little Pine State Park - Waterville
	Hyner Run State Park - Hyner
	Lyman Run State Park - Galeton
	Parker Dam State Park - Penfield
	Tioga-Hammond and Cowanesque Lakes - Tioga

Winter Activities	Areas/providers/outfitters
Skiing/boarding	Denton Hill State Park - Galeton
Skiing/boarding	Sawmill Mountain Resort - Morris
Terrain park	Sawmill Mountain Resort - Morris
Ski school	Denton Hill State Park - Galeton
SKI SCHOOL	Sawmill Mountain Resort - Morris
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Cross country skiing	Allegheny National Forest - Bradford
	Bald Eagle State Park - Howard
	Chapman State Park - Clarendon Clear Creek State Park - Sigel
	Cook Forest State Park - Cooksburg
	Cornplanter State Forest - North Warren
	Country Ski & Sports - Montoursville & Wellsboro
	Crystal Lake Ski Center - Hughesville
	Denton Hill XC Ski Trails - Coudersport
	Devil's Elbow Nature Area - South Williamsport
	Elk State Forest - Emporium
	Hickory Creek Wilderness - Warren
	Hills Creek State Park - Wellsboro
	Kettle Creek State Park - Renovo
	Little Pine State Park - Waterville
	Loleta Recreation Area - Marienville
	Moshannon State Forest - Penfield
	Ole Bull State Park - Cross Fork
	Parker Dam State Park - Penfield
	S.B. Elliot State Park - Penfield Signamehaning State Park - Austin
	Sinnemahoning State Park - Austin
	Sproul State Forest - Renovo Susquehannock State Forest - Coudersport
	Tiadaghton State Forest - South Williamsport
	Tioga State Forest - Wellsboro
	Trail Blazer Adventures - Curwensville
	Westline Cross Country Ski Area - Westline
Snow tubing	Denton Hill State Park - Galeton
	Sawmill Mountain Resort - Morris

Sledding/Tobogganing	Bald Eagle State Park - Howard Chapman State Park - Clarendon Clear Creek State Park - Sigel Cook Forest State Park - Cooksburg Hills Creek State Park - Wellsboro Kettle Creek State Park - Renovo Little Pine State Park - Waterville Lyman Run State Park - Galeton Parker Dam State Park - Penfield
Snowshoeing	Clear Creek State Park - Sigel Cook Forest State Park - Cooksburg Hickory Creek Wilderness - Warren Parker Dam State Park - Penfield Trail Blazer Adventures - Curwensville
Snowmobiling	Allegheny Snowmobile Loop - Warren Bonner Sports & RV - Jersey Shore Chapman State Park - Clarendon Colton Point State Park - Ansonia Elk State Forest - Emporium God's Country Black Forest Snowmobile Club - Galeton Hyner Run State Park - Hyner Kettle Creek State Park - Renovo Little Pine State Park - Waterville Lyman Run State Park - Galeton Majestic Kamp and Lost Trails - Rew Moshannon State Forest - Penfield Ole Bull State Park - Cross Fork Parker Dam State Park - Penfield Rocky Gap ATV Trail - Warren Sinnemahoning State Park - Austin Sproul State Forest - Renovo Susquehannock State Forest - Coudersport Timberline ATV Trail - Marienville Tioga State Forest - Wellsboro West End Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club, Inc Roulette
Iceboating Ice fishing	Elk State Park - Wilcox  Bald Eagle State Park - Howard
-	Chapman State Park - Clarendon Elk State Park - Wilcox Hills Creek State Park - Wellsboro Kettle Creek State Park - Renovo Little Pine State Park - Waterville Lyman Run State Park - Galeton Parker Dam State Park - Penfield Sinnemahoning State Park - Austin
Sleigh rides	Borrowing Freedom Incorporated - Glen Richey Horse Drawn Wagon & Sleigh Rides - Benezette

### **Regional Attractions**

Table 8 below presents a variety of different activities in the region, including farms/ranches, golf, covered bridges, family/kid's activities, historic/museum/educational activities, outdoor recreation, wineries/breweries, shopping, and performance arts/music. The activity is listed along with its location and a short description from its website or from the Pennsylvania tourism site. The abundance of available activities in the Pennsylvania Wilds region suggests that Ski Denton will need to emphasize their unique offerings to maintain competitiveness.

Table 8: Sampling of Regional Attractions

Area/attraction	Town	Description (taken directly from visitpa.com)
Agriculture/Ranches		
Ark Farm	Brookville	Sheep dairy farm producing quality all natural sheep milk and cheese specializing in shee-purb gouda cheese. Raw wool fleeces available. Meat lambs certified by USDA and PA Department of Agriculture.
Asaph Maple Farms	Middlebury Center	Here at Asaph Maple Farms, producing 100% pure maple syrup and maple products for everyone's taste buds is our specialty. We use only the finest and freshest ingredients to create maple syrup products that will fill your belly and warm your heart. Come and visit - your taste buds will thank you!
Beech Grove Farm	Trout Run	Beech Grove Farm is located 25 miles North of Williamsport, 4 miles West off Route 15. Open for business Jun-Oct Dusk-10PM.
Carpenter Pumpkin and Produce Farm	Linden	Carpenter Pumpkin and Produce Farm is located on Route 220 to South Pine Run Road, Left on Youngs Road to Wesly Lane, Right to Carpenter Lane. Open Aug-Oct 8-5PM.
Cinco C's Alpacas	Allegany	Stop by the farmour alpacas are always available to warm your hearts.  Bring your camera, as you will want to get this on film. Our handmade sweaters and gift items are available in the gift shop.
Cooper Farm Market	Falls Creek	Come in the Fall for apples, pumpkins and fall decorations. Our country store is loaded with canned goods and unique gifts. Start a family tradition at COOPER FARM'S PUMPKIN FESTS.
Crook Farm Homestead	Bradford	Visitors can enjoy a walk back in time as they tour the nineteenth-century restored farm house, barn, one-room schoolhouse, tool house, train depot and outbuildings. A beautiful herb garden grows on the premises.
Double Diamond Deer Ranch	Clarington	Diamond Double Deer Ranch features spectacular attractions of white tail deer in their natural habitat. At their gift shop you will also find souvenirs, an antler display, and handmade wildlife items. The Buck Barn is a wildlife museum featuring over 100 taxidermy displays. There is a playground called Big Trucks-Big Fun. Feed deer at daily Treat Times.
Krasinski's Blueberry Farm	Morrisdale	We are a family owned and operated pick your own blueberry patch offering several different varieties of high bush (up to 8 feet) blueberries, ripening mid-July into September. Our patch is located in pleasant surroundings totally mulched and nearly weed free with benches, picnic tables, restrooms and cold soda and water available.
Kunes Farm	Frenchville	Kunes Farm features a large variety of fresh picked fruits and vegetables from July to Nov. Their specialty is a wide assortment of apples picked daily from their on-site apple orchard. If you're lucky, you will see the local elk herd that likes to call this farm pasture home. Kunes also offers apple cider, locally grown sweet corn, watermelon and peaches. Local preserves such as apple butter, jellies and jams are available for sale.
LaCroix Alpacas	Oliveburg	The LaCroix Farm is located in rural, scenic northwestern Pennsylvania.

Little Red Barn Farm	Emporium	A diverse family-owned farm practicing sustainable agriculture. Stop in and meet our 13 huacaya alpacas of various colors and ages including our newest additions, the energetic and playful cries! Learn how we produce high quality luxurious hand crafted garments from the fiber
		sheared annually from our furbies. Chickens, guineas, dogs and cats provides a loud, noisy welcome as you visit. Explore the orchard featuring 50 apple varieties, peaches, pears, plums and a few shagbark hickory trees.
Locey Creek Alpacas	Middlebury Center	Locey Creek Alpacas, established in May 2010, is a small breeding operation with bloodlines from several champions. In our breeding program, we selected our alpaca for their fiber characteristics, sound confirmation, easy-going dispositions, and outstanding production traits.
Modzel Family Farms LLC	Morrisdale	USDA approved Grass Fed Beef. No added hormones. We strive to handle and raise our cattle in a responsible stress free environment.
Patterson Farms	Sabinsville	Syrup isn't the only productmaple cream, maple syrup, maple candy, cotton candy, jelly, barbeque sauce, gift baskets. Group and individual tours upon request. Open year-round.
Pleasant Valley Farm	Tionesta	We're a diversified family farm offering home grown organic produce & herbs, free range meats, and home canned items (jams, pickles, etc.), all produced & sold here on the farm. We partner with other PA business to bring in items like organic coffee & raw milk cheese.
Ultimate Alpacas	Mahaffey	
Golf		
Bavarian Hills Golf Course	Saint Marys	Public 18-hole championship course. Driving range, pro shop, putting green, club rentals, snack bar & lounge. This course winds over hills and through narrow fairways.
Beechwoods Golf Course	Falls Creek	18-hole gem with spectacular scenery, paved cart paths and a challenge for all handicaps. Fully stocked pro shop. Driving range, putting green, full service restaurant.
Belles Springs Golf Course	Mill Hall	Located 1 mile off exit 178 off Interstate 80, Belles Springs Golf Course is set on the rolling hills of north central Pennsylvania.
Blueberry Hill Golf Club	Russell	Scenic well-groomed championship 18-hole layout, fully stocked pro shop, driving range, full service restaurant, lounge, outings, banquets, and accommodations.
Brabender's South Woods Golf Course	McKean	This is a fairly flat and short course. The fairways are wide open, and the greens are fast and large. There is water that comes into play on three of the nine holes.
Cabe Hollow Golf Course	Russell	Cable Hollow is nestled in the beautiful foothills of the Allegheny Mountains. The landscape offers the perfect backdrop to enjoy a day on the links with friends.
Clarion Oaks Golf Course	Clarion	Championship Golf in Northwestern Pennsylvania - Clarion Oaks features two unique versions of championship golf: The front nine meanders through a towering oak forest and takes advantage of the areas natural terrain providing a more traditional appearance.
Clinton Country Club	Mill Hall	Since 1908 Clinton Country Club has provided its golfers with a unique blend of challenging golf coupled with the beauty that nature has to offer.
Corey Creek Golf Club	Mansfield	This course features water hazards on some holes. The greens are fast, and the fairways are sparsely tree-lined.
Coudersport Golf Club	Coudersport	This golf course features an 18-hole course, restaurant and pro shop.
Country Air Golf Range	Woodland	Country Air Golf Range. Our facility is a lot of fun with golfing, batting cage and a pavilion for picnics, parties or reunions. A great place to relax

DuBois Country Club	DuBois	The DuBois Country Club where great golf is just the beginning. Nestled
		within the city limits of historic DuBois. This course has excellent fairways
		with a 6400 yard par 71 for men with a course slope of 128 and a 5400
		yard par 73 for women and an overall course rating of 71.
Eagles Ridge Golf Club	Curwensville	Eagles Ridge Golf Club. Located in the rolling hills of Central
		Pennsylvania, this challenging public golf course sits above the
		Susquehanna River in Curwensville, PA.
Emporium Country Club	Emporium	This course typically has flat fairways, but there are a few hills that can
,	•	cause uneven lines. The greens are in good shape. There are four ponds
		that come into play on five holes.
Foxburg Country Club	Foxburg	Tucked into a grove of ancient oaks, on an escarpment high above the
r onburg country club	1 onburg	gentle Allegheny River, our beautiful log clubhouse commands an
		imposing view of the valley below.
Hemlock View Golf Course	Punxsutawney	Experience great golfing in Punxsutawney.
Hi-Level Golf Course	Kossuth	1 0 0 0
HI-Level Goll Course	Kossum	This facility is located out in the country. There is an Eighteen Hole
		Course and an Executive Five Hole Course. The green fee shown for the
		Executive Course is for ten holes of play.
Hunter's Station Golf Course	Tionesta	We offer condos featuring: Living-kitchen area with rustic stone fireplace,
and Lodge		sleeper sofa, 40 channel color cable TV, full kitchen including refrigerator,
		range, microwave and coffeemaker.
Jackson Valley Golf Course	Warren	Jackson Valley is the area's finest public golf course. A beautiful and
		challenging 18-hole course. We specialize in golf packages with our
		twelve guest rooms.
Kane Country Club	Kane	Offering 18-holes of riding golf. Enjoy the scenic challenge.
Kenterra Golf Course and	DuBois	Kenterra is a 9-hole, family-owned public course. It's a fun and
Driving Range		challenging course for all skill levels at affordable prices.
Laurel Mill Golf Course	Ridgway	Mountaintop location. Public, nine-hole course with driving range and
	3 7	lounge. Beautiful banquet facility available for weddings and conferences.
Owens-Brockway Golf Course	Brockport	This short course is fairly easy to play. There are only a few grass
enens Brooking con course	Brookport	bunkers, water hazards, and sand bunkers incorporated into the course's
		design.
The Pennhills Club	Bradford	The Pennhills Club is located 90 miles East of Erie, PA and 90 miles
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		South of Buffalo, NY on Route 770 East of Route 219, 2 miles South of
		Bradford in the beautiful hills of Northwestern Pennsylvania. Established
		in 1937, the Pennhills Club is the place to be!
Pine Acres Country Club	Bradford	This course was built in the Allegheny National Forest. The fairways are
		tree-lined. The greens are medium in size and fast. Water hazards (three
		lakes) come into play on six holes.
Pinecrest Country Club	Brookville	This hilly course is wide open. There are some water hazards, trees and
,		out-of-bounds areas that come into play.
River Valley Country Club	Westfield	This course was built on extremely hilly terrain, so be prepared for some
rater valies country club	**OStriola	uneven lies.
Scottish Heights Golf Club &	Brockport	Spectacular views, Scottish-style bunkers, tree lined fairways, undulating
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Lodge		greens, water hazards on five holes, new lodge suites, Bagpiper's
		Restaurant for steaks, fully-stocked pro shop, affordable luxury
Smothnart Country Olide	Cmothno	condominiums and all inclusive golf packages.
Smethport Country Club	Smethport	This course is so hilly, the course manager suggests that you take a
		riding cart. The wide fairways afford generous landing areas, but the
		greens are small.
Spring Creek Frontier Golf	Spring Creek	This 9 hole course designed with family, beginners and relaxed play in
		mind still challenges serious golfers.
Treasure Lake Golf Courses	DuBois	This facility has two 18-hole regulation courses, and night play is
	•	available. The terrain varies from flat to hill on both courses, and each
		has tree-lined fairways that vary in width.
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Tyoga Country Club	Wellsboro	Tyoga Country Club is a premier Four Star Golf Digest Rated course in beautiful Tioga County. Located on Pine Creek Road, a short distance from the center of Historic Wellsboro.
White Deer Golf Course	Montgomery	White Deer Golf Course is one of the most unique public golf facilities in all of Pennsylvania. White Deer truly has "something for everyone."
Covered Bridges		
Buttonwood Covered Bridge	Buttonwood	The Buttonwood Bridge, also known as the Blockhouse Bridge, was built in 1898 with the Multiple King Truss Variant design. It is 169 feet long and spans Blockhouse Creek.
Cogan House Covered Bridge	Trout Run	Also called Buckhorn Covered Bridge, the 190-foot bridge is made of Burr-arch truss construction and spans Larry's Creek.
Lairdsville Covered Bridge	Hughesville	Lairdsville Covered Bridge is a Burr-Arch timber bridge built in 1888. It is located in a quiet corner of the county between a farmer's barn and house.
Logan Mills Covered Bridge	Loganton	The Logan Mills Covered Bridge is located on State Route 2007 in Logan Township. The 55 foot Queen Truss bridge was built in 1874 and carries Route 2007 over Fishing Creek in Clinton County. It is the only remaining covered bridge in the County that once had many covered bridges.
McCraken Covered Bridge	Brookville	The McCracken Covered Bridge was built in 1975 and is a good example of king-post truss construction. It is located on a local farm, Wakefield Springs, and visitors are welcome.
McGees Mills Covered Bridge	Mahaffey	The only covered bridge in Pennsylvania crossing the West Branch of the Susquehanna River. Built in 1875, this Burr Arch Truss Bridge covers a 107-foot span with an original cost of \$175. After a century of use, Clearfield County's only covered bridge was renovated in 1978 and again in the mid-1990s following damage by a heavy snowfall.
Zimmerman's Bridge	Rockton	The bridge is one of two remaining covered bridges in Schuylkill County. At one time there were fifty-one of these wooden spans in the county. It is identical to the Rock Bridge styling.
Family/Kids Activities		
Animaland Zoological Park	Wellsboro	Come for a visit to this 12-acre walk-thru zoo with a gift shop and snack barn. See over 200 animals, such as bear, buffalo, cougar, chickens, deer, ducks, emus, goats, kangaroo, llama, monkeys, potbellied pigs, peacocks, porcupine, raccoons, leopard, lynx and tiger. There is so much to see! The Animaland Zoological Park contains walkways that weave between exhibits that are sure to delight kids of all ages.
Cook Forest Fun Park	Leeper	Welcome to Cook Forest Fun Park, a premier family fun park located in scenic Cook Forest, Pennsylvania. We have go-karts, bumper boats, mini bumper boats, and a beautiful 18-hole mini-golf course with waterfalls, streams, and stocked ponds. Spectacular Sky-Rapids waterslide, a snack bar, an arcade, a new pavilion and spacious shaded picnic grounds make us the place for fun in Northwest Pennsylvania.
Family Drive-In Theater	Kane	For over 50 years, the Family Drive-In Theater has been showing great movies. Stop by and catch a show under the stars.
Farmers Inn	Sigel	The Farmer's Inn has much to offer anyone looking for a great time to spend with family and friends. You have a choice of many activities including animal attractions and a petting zoo. Two mini golf courses and driving range satisfy the golf fans. For those who want to shop, you will find a bulk food store, unique country gift shops and displays and sales of furniture from the Amish culture.

Fun Central	Clearfield	Fun Central, affordable indoor fun for the whole family all season long Laser tag arena, Pirate Adventure black light mini golf, Over 50 arcade & redemption games, soft play jungle gym and full restaurant, all in one building.
Gary's Putter Golf & Jiffy Pup Restaurant	Coudersport	Seeking a clean, friendly, family atmosphere for a day of fun? Enjoy miniature golf, paddleboats, feeding ducks, picnicking, horseshoes, volleyball, good food and ice cream. Group reservations available for family and business outings.
Jesse's Dream Park	Sigel	Venture into one of the darkest regions on Earth, a place where the imagination rules your every move and your every move could get you lost. This indoor, completely dark maze features dazzling laser and strobe lights not to mention some of the eeriest music and sounds you'll ever hear. Tired of the usual? Then come experience the spine tingling thrill and excitement of the Mysterious Maze. Jesse's Dream Park also features a 20 tee sheltered Golf Driving Range.
Kalyumet Fore Fun	Lucinda	Family entertainment center offering miniature golf, redemption arcade, pizza, ice cream and other snacks.
Moonlight Drive-In	Brookville	In operation since 1952, the Moonlight Drive-In Theatre shows first-run features throughout the summer.
Pike Drive-In Theatre	Montgomery	The Pike Drive-In Theatre, one of 40 remaining drive in theatres in Pennsylvania, shows first run double features on three screens from April to October. The Pike Drive In also hosts car shows and other special events throughout the spring, summer and fall.
Super 322 Drive-In	Clearfield	Welcome to Super 322 Drive In where each show is a double feature beginning after sunset. Featured films are first run, family friendly, and very affordable. A full conversion stand serves a variety of drive-in fare. No matter what the weather, the show goes on!
Tionesta Fish Hatchery	Tionesta	Open for tours, the hatchery raises muskellunge, walleye and steelhead fingerlings for stocking the Commonwealth waters. Attractions include a visitor's center and an outside trout display area.
Tony's Tioga Trolley Tours	Wellsboro	Tours to the Grand Canyon, Proms, Weddings, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Family Reunions and Private Parties. We offer custom tours for exactly what your event needs. We strive to make your experience as enjoyable as possible and are very easy going and flexible. Please don't hesitate to call us for all your transportation needs.
Treasure Castle Playground	South Williamsport	Treasure Castle Playland is Central PA's newest indoor children's playland with a variety of activities for kids of all ages.
Trout Pond Family Fun Center	Muncy	Come to an enjoyable place for families to have quality time together in a safe and fun environment. They offer a roller skating rink, laser tag, an arcade, paint ball, picnic pavilions, fishing in our trout pond, acres of beautiful woodlands and a food stand.
Wild Woods Animal Park	Clarendon	Visitors can stroll along tranquil trails and view plants, animals, and geological formations unique to Northwestern PA. Seeing animals in their natural surroundings gives clarity and context to our message of conservation.
Historic/Museum/Educational		
Allegheny Arms & Armor Museum	Smethport	A collection of military vehicles, fixed wing and rotary aircraft, watercraft, tracked armor, artillery and military memorabilia and a floating Coast Guard Cutter. Live battlefield reenactment during Living History day's celebration in June.

American Golf Hall of Fame	Foxburg	Located on the second floor of the clubhouse, the American Golf Hall of Fame holds a collection of early golf clubs and other artifacts spanning more than three centuries. It contains examples of clubs built by such storied names as McEwan, Andersen, and Hugh Philip who was considered the premier club builder of his time. There are also clubs built by legendary "Old Tom Morris", four-time winner of the British Open, Custodian of the Link at St. Andrews, and the man who introduced the game of golf to Joseph Mickle Fox, founder of the Foxburg Golf Course, the oldest course in continuous use in the U.S.
Bloody Knox Log Cabin	Olanta	Authentically furnished 1860s log cabin, site of historic Civil War shoot out. The one-acre property includes log cabin, period shed containing wagon, sleigh, carriage and thrashing machine.
Button House	Foxburg	For your enjoyment, a 25 year collection of antique and vintage buttons is available for you to peruse. Appointments only-April through November. Donations appreciated.
Cameron County Little Museum	Emporium	The society's museum features a collection of historical artifacts and records documenting the history of Cameron County.
Clarion County Museum/Library	Clarion	Red brick home originally constructed by attorney Thomas Sutton on the south side of Clarion County Memorial Park. Renovated in the Greek Revival style in1909 by local hardware store owner John A. Ditz. Featuring period furniture, changing exhibits and county history.
Clearfield County Museum	Clearfiled	Home of James Kerr, distinguished businessman/politician of the late 1800s. Constructed in 1879/80, the museum now holds Indian artifacts, logging and rafting tools, military items, early machinery, and a special fireman's exhibit. The library includes extensive historical and genealogical archives. Special tours/visits by appointment.
Clinton County Museum	Lock Haven	Heisey Museum tour takes 1 1/2 hours, giving you a glimpse into Clinton County's past. Canal Park, located in the heart of Lock Haven's Historic District, is on the original site of the Bald Eagle Cross-Cut Canal. This was a part of the West Branch Division of the Pennsylvania Canal. The canal served as the connection between the Bald Eagle Creek and the West Branch of the Susquehanna River.
Clinton E. Wilder Museum	Irvine	The Clinton E. Wilder Museum was founded in 1990 in honor of the founder of the National Forge. Take an afternoon to browse our 14 rooms filled with art, military and historical items. The National Forge Company is nearby.
Coalport Area Coal Museum	Coalport	More than 350 artifacts in 18 display cases featuring the original tools, equipment and replicas of Pennsylvania's hand-loading, coal-mining heritage. Reference room contains a working research library full of texts on coal mining. Library also contains a wealth of "Glendale Valley" family genealogies, including a section containing 4300 local obituary and cemetery records.
Coolspring Power Museum	Coolspring	The Coolspring Power Museum collection documents the early history of the internal combustion revolution. Almost all of the critical components of today's engines have their origins in the period represented by the collection (as well as hundreds of innovations that are no longer used).
E.O. Austin Home	Austin	Historical museum for the entire family. Guided tours and self-guided tours. Open year 'round.
Eldred World War II Museum	Eldred	The Eldred World War II Museum is dedicated to the preserving and honoring the service and sacrifices of a generation that fought for freedom - and WON! Spectacular exhibits, award-winning video footage and a large research library.
Grice Clearfied Community Museum	Clearfield	Over 75 antique and classic cars under one roof. Many 1950's era autos. 94 Dodge Viper, Corvettes, Chevy's, Fords, Cadillac, Lincoln, Jeep, etc. Many unique and one-of-a-kind autos.

Jefferson County History	Brookville	The Jefferson County History Center opened on March 27th, 2004, the
Center		bicentennial of the county, and houses twelve exhibit areas, a research room and library, and History Center Shop where materials and consignment products related to the county, to the Lumber Heritage
T		Region, and to western PA are available.
The Kane Railrod Depot	Kane	Built in the late 1800s, the Kane Railroad Depot is now a museum and
		cultural center. Historical documents and photos are kept in this
Varia Harras Musasura	مالة بمعرضية	renovated railroad depot, a must-stop and see.
Korb House Museum	Curwensville	
Lions David House/Heritage	Snow Shoe	A 100-year-old "company house" built by Leigh Valley Coal Company.
Museum		Tells story of the Mountaintop People.
McKean County Historical	Smethport	Exhibits on glass, oil, lumber, and guns, as well as many other fascinating
Museum		topics are available for your perusal. The museum preserves the history
		of the railroad in McKean County through displays of artifacts,
		memorabilia, photos, maps, and books.
Millionaires' Row	Williamsport	During the Victorian era, lumber barons in Williamsport built their homes
		along Millionaires' Row. Many of these architectural landmarks have been
		preserved and are now private homes, offices, restaurants, or bed and
NA	Maria	breakfast lodgings.
Muncy Museum of History	Muncy	The Muncy Historical Society features a museum of local historical items
Old Jail Museum	Cmothnort	and documents.  Offering a series of educational lectures and programs to the public at the
Old Jali Museum	Smethport	Old Jail Museum. Every Friday afternoon for the three months of summer,
		the society hosts a continuing slide and lecture series that is presented by
		local train expert Dick Robertson.
Old Powerhouse Museum	Bradford	Oil heritage interpretative site. A 1939 powerhouse, audio tour available.
PA Lumber Museum	Galeton	
PA Lumber Museum	Galeton	The rough and rugged life of the lumber industry, once Pennsylvania's largest, is portrayed in a recreated lumber camp. More than 3,000
		artifacts and objects, from everyday tools to a logging locomotive, are
		displayed. Visitors walk through the weathered wooden buildings of the
		logging camp and sawmill. The PA Lumber Museum preserves the
		heritage of the State's Prosperous Lumber era.
Penn Brad Oil Museum	Bradford	The purpose of the Penn-Brad Oil Museum is to preserve the philosophy,
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		visitors back to the early oil boom times of The First Billion Dollar Oil
		Field. The guided tours are conducted by oil country veterans who
		volunteer their time to relate exciting first-hand experiences.
Phil's Burrow	Punxsutawney	Punxsutawney Phil's annual Groundhog Day prediction takes place at
	,	Gobbler's Knob, now a designated historic site. The Groundhog Zoo is
		Phil's home year-round. See him and other groundhogs anytime through
		a window accessible from outside.
Piper Aviation Museum	Lock Haven	Located at the William T. Piper Memorial Airport in Lock Haven. Learn
		some aviation history and the story of the Piper Cubs "the planes that
		taught America how to fly" at this museum dedicated to the dream and
		vision of William T. Piper.
Red Hill Fossil Museum	North Bend	Red Hill Field Station and Fossil Display Museum is located in the
		Chapman Township Building, 2nd floor. Museum is free by appointment.
Simpler Times Museum	Tidioute	Local interest museum. Oil, gas and agriculture displays. Cars from 1913
		to 1966. Over 90 gas engines, 85 gasoline pumps, and 90 tractors. Many
		gasoline signs and containers, working model of 10 well oil field. 50 HP
		Bessemer engine, Lineshaft System.

Sones Farm & Home Museum  Susquehanna Antique Machinery	Muncy  Luthersburg	Come and step back in time. This museum will fascinate, entertain and educate you. On display is an old general store, antique furnishings in the kitchen, family room and bedroom. Primitive horse, oxen and logging equipment. Operating water wheel and horse treadmill. Extensive collection of dairy equipment, large collection of veterinary tolls and butchering equipment. Something to interest young and old.  Preserving the past for the future. Annual events for everyone who loves machinery. Enjoy homemade ice cream, carnival food, tractor pulls, hit and miss engines and more. Events in May and August.
Taylor Memorial Museum	Brockway	The museum houses a vast display of glass from local industry, plus many interesting artifacts from the lumbering, mining, and farming communities in the surrounding area. A separate genealogical research area is also available for family research, especially for researching families of Italian heritage.
Thomas T. Taber Museum	Williamsport	The Thomas T. Taber Museum of the Lycoming County Historical Society chronicles the history of our region from American Indian occupation through 20th century industry and life. Exhibits include an American Indian gallery, a Fine and Decorative Arts gallery, 19th century period rooms, and the Shempp Model Train exhibit, featuring over 300 toy trains.
Whitetails and Wildlife Museum	Clarington	Whitetails and Wildlife Museum features over 40 mounted, life-sized animals and many educational displays. Visit the museum to learn about the wildlife of the area.
Williamsport Trolleys and Peter Herdic Transportation Museum	Williamsport	Experience a delightful narrated tour through Williamsport's area of interests, June thru August. Guided tours are also available. Before or after your trolley tour experience explore the Rivers, Rails and roads. Exhibit at the new Peter Herdic Transportation museum, an original railroad building in Williamsport's beautiful historic district in the middle of Millionaires Row.
World of Little League Museum	South Williamsport	Filled with unusual objects nestled among some never-before-displayed artifacts, the World of Little League takes the history of Little League Baseball and Softball and relates it to world events and activities. The stories intertwine with the history of the sport, organized in 1939, and share how the Little League program was shaped.
Zippo/Case Museum	Bradford	Join visitors from over 125 countries who have seen unique exhibits of Zippo lighters and Case cutlery, interactive displays, and entertaining audio/kinectic sculpture and the Zippo Repair Clinic at work. The Zippo/Case store offers special items not available anywhere else.
Outdoor Recreation		
Allegheny National Forest	Bradford	Open to free public access year round, the ANF is approximately 517,000 acres and includes land within McKean, Elk, Warren and Forest counties. Over 463,000 acres are forested, 42,000 acres are non-forest, and 11,000 acres are covered by water, primarily the Allegheny Reservoir formed by the Kinzua Dam, which impounds the Allegheny River.
Allegheny Reservoir & Kinzua Dam	Warren	The Allegheny Reservoir, a 12,000 acre impoundment, spans the border between Pennsylvania and New York. In Pennsylvania, the reservoir is completely surrounded by the Allegheny National Forest. The reservoir is a fun family place for fishing, boating, swimming and so much more.
Bald Eagle State Park	Howard	The 5,900-acre park offers camping, hiking, picnicking, hunting, wildlife watching and cross-country skiing. The Foster Joseph Sayers Reservoir is the focal point for water based recreation at the park. A network of 11 miles of day-hiking trails guides hikers through a variety of habitats providing excellent bird watching opportunities.

Beaver Creek Nature Area	Knox	A popular area for photography, bird-watching, hiking and fishing. Beaver Creek contains 850 acres of lakes, wetlands and meadows stocked with Largemouth Bass and Bluegill for regulated fishing. There is also an onsite pavilion for picnics.
Bendigo State Park	Johnsonburg	The 100-acre park is in a small valley surrounded with many picturesque hills. About 20 acres of the park is developed, half of which is a large shaded picnic area. The forest is predominately northern hardwoods and includes beech, birch, cherry and maple. The East Branch of the Clarion River flows through the park and provides ample opportunities for trout anglers.
Big Bend Recreation Area	Warren	The Big Bend Recreation Area offers year-round programs, fishing and picnicking, as well as a visitor's center, hiking trails and playgrounds.
Bucktail State Park	Emporium	This 16,433-acre natural area is actually a 75-mile scenic drive. The park provides a beautiful scenic drive along PA 120 from Emporium, through Renovo to Lock Haven. All along the road are unspoiled forest lands, beautiful hills and deep valleys. Four major hiking and backpacking treks include Quehanna, Bucktail Path, Donut Hole and Chuck Keiper trails.
Chapman State Park	Clarendon	Lake fishing, hiking, camping, open swimming, sled riding, ice fishing, cross-country ski, snowmobile, picnicking, biking, boating-electric motor, hunting, organized group tenting, yurts, camping cottages, kayak/canoe.
Cherry Springs State Park	Coudersport	Named for the large stands of black cherry trees, the 48-acre park is surrounded by the 262,000-acre Susquehannock State Forest. Its dark skies make it a haven for astronomers. Bring a telescope for an evening of star watching. From May through September each summer a band of volunteers offers free public stargazing evenings offering guided star tours for novice stargazers right next to the camping area.
Clear Creek State Park	Sigel	The park occupies a scenic portion of the Clear Creek Valley from PA 949 to the Clarion River. Recreational opportunities include: camping; canoeing, hunting, swimming, hiking, fishing, picnicking and winter activities.
Clear Creek State Forest	Clarion	Clear Creek State Forest provides ample opportunities for outdoor recreation, fishing, hunting and primitive camping. The forest has plenty of recreational trails available.
Colton Point State Park	Ansonia	On the west rim of the Pine Creek Gorge, the 368-acre park resonates with the rustic charm of the Civilian Conservation Corps era of the 1930s. The rugged overlooks offer great views of the canyon.
Cook Forest State Park	Cooksburg	The 8,500 park, once called the "Black Forest," is famous for its stands of old growth forest. Cook Forest's "Forest Cathedral" of towering white pines and hemlocks is a National Natural Landmark. The Clarion River is along the eastern border of the park and is popular for canoeing and fishing.
Cornplanter State Forest	North Warren	Located in western Forest County near Tionesta the Cornplanter State Forest consists of 1,256 acres. The State Forest is only 10 miles from Colonel Edwin Drake's first oil well discovery in 1859. Abundant evidence of past oil activities exists. Trails within the forest are open to hiking, mountain biking and cross country skiing.
Curwensville Lake Recreation Area	Curwensville	Located just 15 minutes from Exit 120 off I-80. Camping and hiking available. The 790-acre lake has no horsepower regulations. Primary boating includes: moderate-draft fishing boats, sailboats and recreational runabouts. The lake is inhabited by a variety of fish including bass, northern pike, panfish, pickerel and walleye.
Denton Hill State Park	Galeton	In the midst of the famous snow belt of northern Pennsylvania, this park offers great downhill skiing. Easy access from PA Route 6, diverse facilities including rental cabins and groomed slopes will appeal to expert

and beginner skiers.

Elk State Forest	Emporium	Located principally in Elk and Cameron counties, Elk State Forest,
		comprised of 200,000 acres, is open to primitive camping, licensed hunting and fishing, and offers opportunities for hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding and wildlife viewing. Primitive camping is overnight
		camping where all equipment is transported in limited trips by non- motorized vehicle methods and where a motorized vehicle is not located
Elk State Park	Wilcox	near or part of the camping experience.  Features the 1,160-acre East Branch Lake. Unlimited horsepower
		boating. Fishing for muskellunge, walleye, smallmouth bass, brook, rainbow, brown and lake trout in the lake. Hunting is permitted in season. Ice fishing is a favorite winter sport.
Hills Creek State Park	Wellsboro	Located in scenic Tioga County, the 407-acre park abounds in wildlife. Osprey, loon and waterfowl visit the lake that boasts a variety of warmwater fish species. Camping, cabins, swimming and picnicking make this an ideal spot for a family vacation.
Hyner Run State Park	Hyner	The stream Hyner Run carves a small valley from the surrounding steep mountains, creating a cozy, quiet place for a family adventure. The park is entirely surrounded by Sproul State Forest.
Kettle Creek State Park	Renovo	This 1,793-acre park is located along Kettle Creek in a valley surrounded by mountainous terrain and wilderness. The 167-acres Kettle Creek Reservoir provides a variety of water recreation such as swimming, fishing and boating.
Kinzua Bridge State Park	Mount Jewett	The 329-acre park features remnants of the 2,053-foot railroad bridge (viaduct) that was a National Engineering Landmark. A tornado has knocked down much of the bridge. The bridge overlook gives a great view of the viaduct and the Kinzua Creek Valley.
Leonard Harrison State Park	Wellsboro	On the east rim of the Pine Creek Gorge (also known as the PA Grand Canyon), the 585-acre park has modern facilities, a visitor center and the most famous scenic views of the canyon.
Little Pine State Park	Waterville	The 2,158-acre Little Pine State Park is in a beautiful mountain section of Tiadaghton State Forest. Trails offer hiking and biking opportunities.
Lyman Run State Park	Galeton	The 595-acre park is a mixed northern hardwood forest of mostly maples and cherries surrounding the 45-acre Lyman Run Lake.
Moshannon State Forest	Penfield	Moshannon State Forest boasts an extensive 244-mile hiking trail system. Its largest is the Quehanna Trail, a designated state forest trail, traversing Moshannon from Parker Dam to Sinnemahoning in the Elk State Forest. Spend a few hours or days exploring the Quehanna Trail, a 75-mile loop trail in the Moshannon and Elk State Forests.
Ole Bull State Park	Cross Fork	The 123-acre park is along the Kettle Creek Valley and is called the Black Forest because of its once dense tree cover, mountainous terrain and wilderness habitat.
Parker Dam State Park	Penfield	This rustic, remote 968-acre park is in the heart of Moshannon State Forest and is almost entirely wooded offering picturesque areas of swamp meadows, pine plantations and mixed hardwoods.
Patterson State Park	Galeton	Located in a remote area, the 10-park is surrounded by the Susquehannock State Forest and is a trailhead for the Susquehannock Trail, a favorite of backpackers. The park offers primitive camping facilities as well as picnic tables and a pavilion.
Prouty Place State Park	Galeton	The five-acre remote park offers access to hunting, fishing and hiking within the surrounding Susquehannock State Forest.

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Ravensburg State Park	Rauchtown	The 78-acre park lies in a steep-walled, rocky gorge. The park is
		especially beautiful in June when the mountain laurel blooms in June and in October during the peak fall foliage. Raven Trail runs the length of the
		park.
S.B. Elliot State Park	Penfield	Fishing in small mountain streams surrounding the park offers sport for
		those who like to walk and fish in uncrowded streams for native and
		stocked trout. Winter activities include cross-country skiing and
		snowmobiling on the roads and trails in the Moshannon State Forest.
		About 234-acres are open to hunting and trapping.
Sinnemahoning State Park	Austin	Located at the first fork of the Sinnemahoning Creek, this park offers a
		picturesque view of surrounding peaks and deep valleys. The habitat
		supports the American eagle, black bear and white-tailed deer.
		Interpretive boat rides on George B. Stevenson Reservoir are available
		during the summer.
Sproul State Forest	Renovo	Sproul State Forest covers more than 300,000 acres in western Clinton
		and northern Centre counties. It provides opportunities for hunting,
		fishing, primitive camping, hiking, horseback riding, wildlife viewing, ATV
Susquehannock State Forest	Coudoreport	riding, canoeing, mountain biking and winter sports.  The 265 000 acro Susquehanneck State Forest is located primarily in
Susquenannock State Forest	Coudersport	The 265,000-acre Susquehannock State Forest is located primarily in Potter County, with small areas in McKean and Clinton Counties. The
		mountainous terrain contains some of the best recreational opportunities
		in the state, regardless of whether you are looking to passively enjoy a
		drive to look over the many scenic vistas and observe the wildlife or are
		pursuing more active opportunities such as hiking, cross-county skiing,
		horseback riding, biking, ATV riding, snowmobiling, hunting or fishing.
Tiadaghton State Forest	South	Tiadaghton State Forest is approximately 147,000 acres. Fish, hunt, hike,
3	Williamsport	bike, or enjoy floating or kayaking in Pine Creek, the largest tributary of
	·	the West Branch of the Susquehanna River, which flows through the
		forest.
Tioga State Forest	Wellsboro	More than 163,000 acres, Tioga State Forest provides plentiful
		recreational opportunities including hunting, fishing, hiking, primitive
		camping, snowmobiling, mountain biking. The 30-mile long West Rim
		Trail runs along the western rim of PA's Grand Canyon.
Wineries/Breweries		
Allegheny Cellars Winery	Sheffield	While taking a leisurely drive along scenic and historic Route 6, you'll find
Allegherry Central Willery	Stietheid	our winery nestled in the mountains of the Allegheny National Forest. This
		beautiful area and the wildlife that live here provide us with the inspiration
		for our wines and labels. At our winery, we strive to provide each visitor
		with a unique and enjoyable experience. It's our hope that each bottle of
		wine you leave with helps you recapture precious memories of your
		journey and prompts you to come back this way again.
Battress Mountain Winery	Williamsport	A family-owned business selling wine and an assortment of wine-related
<u> </u>		products. A banquet facility is available for weddings and private parties.
Bee Kind Winery	Clearfield	Bee Kind Winery is nestled comfortably alongside the Susquehanna River
		in the heart of the Pennsylvania Wilds. Surrounded by gardens of Irises,
		Hostas, and other flowering perennials, the magnificent locale of the
		Winery inspires us every day to make wine that reflects the beauty of this
DI III IDUM	D 1 "	land we love.
Blackbird Distillery	Brookville	Step back in time for real moonshine handcrafted on site from grains to
		bottles. We also offer smoked meats, cheeses and specialty pepper
Dullfrog Drowers	\\/;  ;===:	Mixes.
Bullfrog Brewery	Williamsport	Located in downtown Williamsport, the Bullfrog Brewery, an award-
		winning microbrewery, has quickly grown into one of the largest
		attractions in North-central Pennsylvania. Established in August, 1996,

		their goal is to provide a pleasant atmosphere and the best in food and beer.
Deer Creek Winery	Shippenville	Nestled among the trees along Soap Fat Road in Shippenville is a very special place, Deer Creek Winery. We make young Pennsylvania wines of many varieties and our signature wine is Deer Creek Raspberry made from the fruit of our adjoining farm. Join us at the main winery and have a class of wine on our front porch and then take some great wine home! Come taste the difference at Deer Creek Winery!
Eagle Rock Winery	Williamsport	No matter what the occasion, Eagle Rock Winery has the wine for you. The winery offers a complete selection of award winning red, white and seasonal wines to compliment your meals, to enjoy with friends or to give as gifts.
Elk Mountain Winery	Weedville	Our winery may be new but our Winemaker has years of experience. Our wine recipes come from our sister Winery, "Bastress Mountain Winery" located in Williamsport. Enjoy a variety of wines from red to white and also fruit wines.
Evergreen Valley Vineyards Estate Winery	Luthersburg	Scenic farm winery specializing in vintage varietal wines produced using solar and wind energy and traditional methods. A taste of Europefrom the heart of Pennsylvania.
Flickerwood Wine Cellars & Lounge	Kane	An entirely family built and operated business. Experience over 20 years, perfecting several blends of wine from Native American and French hybrid grapes.
Four Friends Vineyard & Winery	Montgomery	The winery is situated on 33 acres, overlooking the vineyard, and the Susquehanna Valley. Offering wine tastings and sales. Covered deck, and inside area available for parties, banquets, weddings, receptions, etc.
Foxburg Wine Cellars	Foxburg	Twenty-eight varieties of red, white rose and fruit wines. Visit our extensive gift store. Fine dining accommodations available on site.
Laurel Mountain Vineyard	Falls Creek	Enjoy wine tasting in a small boutique winery. Learn how eastern variety wines are made in a renovated 100-year-old barn. Gift shop features local handcrafted, wine-related items and home wine and beer making supplies.
Oregon Hill Wine Company	Morris	Looking for a little relaxation or a break from the kids? Spend an afternoon at Oregon Hill Winery and Pine Marsh Golf Course. Producing "Pennsylvania Mountain Wines" since 1983, the Oregon Hill Winery, located in Morris, PA, has won over 50 National and International medals for its refreshing wines and Champagnes.
Red Bandana Winery	Leeper	At Red Bandana winery, our objective is to provide the most delicious wine that suits the pallet of the customer, be it dry or sweet or anything in between. Enjoy the delicious wines that are made after old country recipes from the local harvest, with an atmosphere of casual elegance.
Schaefer's Winery	Lock Haven	The Winery opened its doors to the public in the fall of 2004 fulfilling a lifelong dream. The owners, Amy and Lee Miller, have vast experience in the art of wine making.
Shadow Vineyard and Winery	Punxsutawney	Visit the Shadow Vineyard and Winery. Known as "a small winery with a big taste," Punxsutawney's first and only vineyard and winery is located just four miles outside of town near the Punxsutawney Airport. The vineyard offers 13 wines for visitors to sample while enjoying a beautiful rural setting.
Starr Hill Vineyard & Winery	Curwensville	Visit Clearfield County's Largest Selection of Wines on the Groundhog Wine Trail. Bringing a bit of old world ambiance to Curwensville, PA. Winery tours, wine tasting, gift baskets ready-made and special orders, large selection of hand painted Polish Pottery, direct from Poland.

Straub Brewery	Saint Marys	Since the late 1800s, this family-owned, award-winning brewery has been pouring from its Eternal Tap a majestic, all-natural blend of fermented heaven. Enjoy the taste with a complimentary glass and peek in the gift shop. If you are 12 years or older, request a tour of their famous facilities that produce this world wonder.
Wapiti Ridge Wine Cellars	DuBois	Located on Route 255 North four miles from I-80 exit 101. Enjoy complimentary tasting, tours and our outdoor area.
The Winery at Wilcox	Wilcox	Enjoy their ample list of national and international award-winning wines in a comfortable and cozy atmosphere nestled in the mountains of the Allegheny Forest.
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Shopping	N. 4	This continue the first own a large selection of all the continue to the conti
Alechias Unique House of Country	Muncy	This unique store features a large selection of primitives, antique buggies and sleds, along with candles, and much more.
Artisan's Shoppe	Wellsboro	Own and enjoy original, high quality, affordable pieces of art. You will find a wide array of handcrafted products from oil paintings, to watercolors, charcoals, photography, exquisite jewelry, turned wood, pottery and clay art, stained glass, pastels, acrylics, fiber art, purses, hand knitted bead work, wool art, custom camp signs, fishing flies, sculptures, infant jewelry, gourd and metal art, and much, much more.
Bear Cub Indian Jewelry & Collectibles	Linden	Bear Cub Indian Jewelry & Collectibles offers a variety of Native American items. We also have southwestern textiles, candles, creams and lotions, antiques and collectibles, plates, glassware and pottery, clothing and much more.
Bill's Place	Brockway	Old fashion shopping experience, unique gifts and hard to find treasures. Over 2,000 bolts of quilting fabric. Great lunch specials, coffee bar, and ice cream.
Bittersweet Antiques	Galeton	Bittersweet Antiques features country furniture and collectible. Dry sinks, cupboards, dough boxes, cherry chests, 12 tin pie safes, bakers cabinet, bucket benches and related country collectibles. 1875 hanging lights and table lamps.
Blair Retail Store	Warren	Blair Retail Store offers merchandise selected from our current catalogs.
Blue Eye Crafts and Gift Shoppe	Bear Lake	The Blue Eye Crafts and Gift Shoppe features a charming array of crafts and gifts for all occasions. Also offers tea room, collectibles, and handcrafted items.
Bosela's Gifts and Collectables	Coudersport	Bosela's has all-natural Potter County maple produce, historical books, Judy Bolton books, Margaret Sutton art work and post cards, handmade furniture, patriotic items and much more.
Bridgette's Variety Outlet LLC	Brookville	Specializing in antiques- furniture, signs, trunks, crocks, railroad lanterns, & glassware. Also berry swags, baskets, flags, American Girl dolls and clothing, country & primitive crafts.
C.S.A. & Company Toy Store	Brookville	The fun begins here. Come check out our unique toy lines including: Bruder, Corelle, Folkmanis, eeBoo, Douglas, Manhattan toy, Jellycat, Mary Meyer & Melissa and Doug.
Callahan's Antiquities	Montoursville	Callahan's Antiquities has a fine selection of arts and crafts as well as Victorian, deco and primitive pieces. We have pottery, lighting, Oriental items and sporting memorabilia.
Clarion Antique Mall	Shippenville	General Line. Arts and Crafts. Belter. Banks and Toys. Revolutionary War and Civil War Artifacts. Native American Relics. Historical Documents. Books and Paper. Oriental Rugs and Porcelain.
Clarion Mall	Clarion	The Clarion Mall offers shopping, dining and entertainment. Conveniently located at the Route 68 exit off Interstate 80, the mall is a short driving distance from DuBois, Brookville, Emlenton and Marienville.

Cottage Crafts	Wellsboro	Open April 15 through Christmas. Unique shop with handmade wood and fabric crafts. Lots of hard to find articles and one-of-a-kind specialties.
The Country Store	Leeper	Oiled floors support barrels full of hard candies, baskets of stone-ground flour, shelves of fine wood and crystal, and ornate wooden counters topped with authentic candy cases full of delicacies.
Country Trader Antiques and Collectables	Mansfield	Country Trader Antiques & Collectables has an excellent selection of antique furniture, clocks, vintage jewelry, glassware, and lamps along with a general line of antiques and collectibles.
Dubois Mall	DuBois	The DuBois Mall has several anchor stores, including J.C. Penney, Old Navy and Sears. We're conveniently located off I-80 at Exit 101 in DuBois.
Dutch Country Surplus	Luthersburg	Dutch Country Surplus. Dutch country Surplus, Amish store that specializes in homemade Jellies, maple syrup, butters, fruits and much more. Fresh Produce on site. Unique - homemade - personal
Ed-Na Jane's Antiques & Collectibles	Rimersburg	Welcome to this old gas station turned antique shop. Explore over seven rooms of antiques, handmade crafts, collectibles and gifts to find the perfect gift or home accessory.
Etc. Antiques Station	Wellsboro	We have a selection of handbags, vintage costume jewelry, compacts and Oriental items; Hawkes, Steuben, other cut glass and blown glass, depression, glass, other glassware and oil lamps; sterling pieces, silver plate, bronze, brass, aluminum, clocks; several patterns of iron-stone, Roycroft, tea tiles, porcelain, transferware, dinnerware, figurines; comic books, novels, cookbooks, history books, Zane Grey novels and stereo cards; dolls, games, metal toys, doll furniture, sports items, miscellaneous toys and military items; primitives, wooden items, tools and miscellaneous items.
Fairlady and Company	Punxsutawney	Fairlady & Co. located at 100 West Mahoning Street in Punxsutawney carries local and regional arts, antiques, and unique gifts. The store is conveniently located downtown in the former Swartz Building which has been restored-to-period and is a must see!
Firestone Forge	Galeton	Doug Firestone is a blacksmith and gunsmith who specializes in recreating 18th century and early 19th century items.
Fryburg Old Treasures Depot	Fryburg	More than 100 vendors fill three floors of the Depot with displays that include antiques, collectibles, furniture, jewelry, books and items by local artisans.
Gallery 219 Antiques	Ridgway	Your one stop antique shop specializing in premium vintage collectibles and antiques.
Glenfiddich Farm	Millerton	Craft shop featuring locally made wool items, baskets, soaps, lotions, quilts, pottery, art work, woodwork, and many more items made in Tioga County by twenty-six local artisans.
Golden Brick Antique Mall	DuBois	This antique mall features lots of dealers offering a wide selection of antiques and collectibles.
Images of the West	Clarion	Images of the West features fine handcrafted art, gifts, and collectibles.  Come here to find fine Native American, Indonesian, and Thai jewelry.
Lycoming Mall	Pennsdale	The Lycoming Mall is conveniently located east of Williamsport on Rte. 180 and has over 100 business under one roof.
Main Street Mercantile	Bradford	The subtle aroma of candles greets you at the door where you will then take note of extraordinary exhibits of original art and photography from a number of talented local artists.
Market Haus and Grove	Lock Haven	You will find antiques, crafts, furniture, and collectibles at Market Haus and Grove. More than 100 vendors under one roof.
Old Orchard Antiques	Millerton	Old Orchard Antiques has a large selection of antiques and collectibles. Visit them at the Antiques Station in beautiful Wellsboro.

The Old Store Antiques	Coolspring	The Old Store Antiques has a generous collection of antiques from which to browse. Open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Sundays.
Parker's Indian Trading Post	Cooksburg	Parker's Indian Trading Post features gems and semi-precious stones along with other Indian collectibles.
R&S Whitney	Sugar Crove	R&S Whitney is considered the "biggest-little" western clothing store in northwestern Pennsylvania. They carry a large inventory of hats, dusters, sport coats, shirts, and much more.
The Red Brick	Foxburg	150-year-old Fox Estate office building selling quality artwork, hand-made crafts and antiques.
Ruff Acres Fine Arts and Antiques	Russell	The doorway to a beautiful home. Furniture showroom of elegant antiques, 3,000 sq. ft. of furniture, Prussia porcelain, Lincoln/Civil War collectibles, kids toys, art work, advertising, American exquisite floral arrangements and vintage gift baskets.
Sand Piper Designs	Lock Haven	Unique shopping located in Historic Downtown Lock Haven. Specialty items, unusual gifts and collectibles featuring hand blown glass ornaments from Germany, women's apparel and accessories.
Sherrlynns	Crown	Two Floors of Antiques, gifts and collectables. Old fashion Country Charm. Enjoy Ice Cream while browsing our 7 rooms. Full Service Florist. Best Secret on Rt. 66.
The Small Mall	Blossburg	The Small Mall of Blossburg features a large selection of collectibles and gifts. You will find Boyds and Bearington bears, dolls, Precious Moments, tea sets, and other fine lines of merchandise.
Sol Marks Clothing	Renovo	Step back in time into the oldest Woolrich Clothing retailer. Looking for quality, rugged clothing for your active outdoor lifestyle? Sol Marks Clothing has what you need.
Spice It Up Boutique	Williamsport	Dress boutique with accessories including shoes, jewelry, etc.
Stephanie Distler Artisan Jewelry	Johnsonburg	Visit this shop/gallery for the most unique, hand crafted jewelry with a very wide selection from this PA Wilds Artisan.
Tionesta Market Village	Tionesta	A collection of 11 artisan merchants in miniature 1800s-style buildings in downtown Tionesta.
Warren Mall	Warren	The perfect end to your day. One stop shopping or share a movie with the family.
Wells Amish Outlet & Crafts	Warren	We sell Amish-made furniture, sheds, garages, gazebo, home decor, toys, candy, jam, relish, baskets, leather good, produce, consignment crafts.
White Swan	Pittsfield	Shop in an original turn of the century old-fashioned country store.  Discover Keystone candles, hand loomed rugs, specialty foods, and a great selection of antiques and primitives.
Willard's Saddlery, Inc.	Williamsport	For over 100 years, Willard's has housed one of the area's largest selections of quality luggage, handbags, leather goods, and unique gifts.
Woolrich Original Company Store	Woolrich	Since 1830, the Woolrich name has stood for the best in sportswear for men and women.
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Performance/Music	\\	The Areadic Theories is a Assessment to the state of the
Arcadia Theater	Wellsboro	The Arcadia Theatre is a 4 screen movie theatre and performance stage located in Wellsboro, Pennsylvania. Originally built in 1921 as a one screen movie house, the Arcadia was renovated in 1997 to house 4 screens, showing the latest Hollywood films, as well as many independent art house films. Maintaining a classic movie house look, the theatre has the best ticket and concessions prices around. The Arcadia Theatre also presents its own program of live theatrical productions since 2002.

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Bradford Creative and Performing Arts Center	Bradford	Thirty seasons strong bringing first-rate arts and entertainment to the Twin Tiers region. Since its founding, Bradford Creative and Performing Arts Center (BCPAC) has presented a wide variety of professional artists and ensembles.
Bradford Little Theater	Bradford	The Bradford Little Theater is a community theater dedicated to the production of quality and challenging plays. Be sure to catch a show if you're in the area!
Clearfield Arts Studio Theatre	Clearfield	The Clearfield Arts Studio Theatre features multiple performing arts including live theater, dance, music, readings, and art exhibitions.
Community Theatre League	Williamsport	The Community Theatre League (CTL) is North Central PA's #1 theatre for the community, BY the community, offering an extensive line-up of live theater productions which include full-length musicals and plays, children's shows, student productions, and a number of concerts featuring local bands, vocal groups, and instrumental ensembles.
Millbrook Playhouse	Mill Hall	The Millbrook Playhouse has operated as a professional summer stock theatre since 1963. Located in a rustic barn, now air-conditioned, the Millbrook season runs from mid-June through August.
Repasz Band of Williamsport	Williamsport	From its inception on August 17, 1831, the Repasz Band has maintained an unbroken existence. Today the Repasz Band continues a fine tradition of service as Williamsport's own community band, performing for patriotic and civic celebrations, the Little League World Series, concerts for hospitals and nursing homes in the area and Annual Holiday and Spring concerts.
Scottish Rite Auditorium	Williamsport	The Williamsport Scottish Rite is Williamsport's premiere entertainment complex. Come here to see the symphony or other live entertainment.
Struthers Library Theater	Warren	Among the twenty oldest theatrical venues in the nation, the Historic Struthers Library Theatre has been a performing arts center since 1883 and reflects millions spent to enhance the facility. It seats 1,000 in elegant, air-conditioned comfort.
Williamsport Symphony Orchestra	Williamsport	For over 40 years the Williamsport Symphony has been performing classical music.

### CONCLUSION

Several themes emerged numerous times in the market assessment for Denton Hill State Park. A synthesis of these themes is described below.

- Denton Hill State Park is in a remote part of the state with a small local population and low numbers of visitors; as such, the park would rely on importing visitors from other areas to be sustainable.
- Potential market areas for the ski facility all have larger, more developed, and closer options for skiing and snowboarding than Denton Hill. Therefore, Denton Hill is at a competitive disadvantage for attracting skiing and snowboarding visitors. However, Denton Hill has passionate loyalists who nostalgically remember their time skiing at Denton Hill with family and friends.
- The current tourism environment in the Pennsylvania Wilds region relies on the rugged, rural, and remote outdoor and natural environment, attracting people who like to fish, camp, hike, hunt, bird watch, and participate in other backcountry activities. These activities are also inexpensive, suggesting that at least part of the appeal of the Pennsylvania Wilds is the affordable nature of the happenings.
- The majority of current visitors to the Pennsylvania Wilds region spend the night and are previous visitors. Because of these factors, the visitors might be looking for something new and different to experience on their next visit to the area.
- Denton Hill State Park has several successful events and festivals in the summer.
   These types of planned events have been successful at other ski areas that are remote from their market area and have a small local population, in part because they concentrate the operating expenses into a distinct time period, allowing Denton Hill to consider not being open (and thus not incurring operating expenses) during low visitation times, such as during slow midweek periods. Considering more special events, races, festivals, and gatherings in the winter might be a strategy to attract more visitors in the winter season.
- A signature activity that leverages the interest in outdoor recreation, but provides a
  unique spin, might be successful at Denton Hill State Park. Such an activity could
  draw those tourists already visiting nearby Lyman Run and Cherry Springs State
  Parks. Having a complementary and unique activity to what is offered at those state
  parks might bring those visitors to Denton Hill.
- Partnerships with other visitor attractions, including the newly renovated
   Pennsylvania Lumber Museum, could be effective in bringing more visitors to
   Denton Hill.