EXPLORE THE PENNSYLVANIA WILDS

The Pennsylvania Wilds is home to some of the most spectacular wild lands in the East, and boasts more than two million acres of public land, including 29 state parks, eight state forests, 50 state game lands, and the state's only national forest. Here you'll find the darkest night skies, world class wild trout streams, hundreds of miles of land and water trails, and places that tell the story of Pennsylvania's rich lumbering heritage and conservation legacy. Whether you're an avid hiker, a hunter, a history enthusiast, a wildlife watcher, or all four, we invite you to discover the rugged beauty and adventure the region has to offer.

Below is a small sampling of regional highlights reachable by driving three hours or less from here.

For more information and trip planning ideas, visit the reception desk or brochure racks, or check out **www.pawilds.com**.

Begin at Kinzua Bridge State Park Visitor Center and Park Office

- Be amazed by the remains of the historic Kinzua Viaduct, crumpled by a tornado in 2003.
- Enjoy the partially glassed floor skywalk for an incredible view of the debris field and the spectacular valley below.
- While you are here be sure to explore the upper and lower galleries of exhibits.
- Travel historic US Route 6, visit its heritage communities and the PA Lumber Museum. Explore the elk range and other natural features along the Elk Scenic Drive.

1 Cook Forest State Park
Drive Time: 1 hr 15 min

- Kayak the Clarion River Water Trail or fish for prized brown trout along its riverbanks.
- Explore the Forest Cathedral old-growth hemlock and white pine stands.
- Stay the night on the river's edge in campsites at nearby Clear Creek State Park.

2 Chapman State Park
Drive Time: 1 hr

- Appreciate hiking and camping surrounded by State Game Lands and the Allegheny National Forest—a true wilderness setting.
- Enjoy camping in yurts or camping cottages, or bring your own place to stay. The park offers playgrounds, swimming, boating, and fishing as well as educational/interpretive programs.
- Experience winter recreations such as ice fishing, cross country skiing, ice skating, and sled riding, and take the chill off in the warming hut.

3 Allegheny National Forest
Drive Time: 1 hr

- When the snow flies, ride your snowmobile on more than 600 miles of trails and roads.
- Drive the 27-mile Longhouse National Scenic Byway loop to take in breathtaking views and access trailheads deep within the forest.
- Enjoy the vast array of trails and designated trailheads throughout the forest—from mountain bike, to OHV (Off-Highway Vehicles), to foot traffic only—you are sure to find a trail to meet your recreational interests somewhere in the ANF.

4 Kinzua Dam/Allegheny Reservoir
Drive Time: 45 min

- Fish along 91 miles of shoreline at the reservoir known as the "best walleye water in the Northeast outside of the Great Lakes."
- Enjoy year-round recreation surrounded entirely by forest—hiking and mountain bike trails, a visitor center (open Memorial Day through Labor Day and weekends in September and October), and several picnic areas.
- Find something for everyone near this Allegheny National Forest site—campgrounds, boat launches, beaches, picnic areas, and a marina.

5 Parker Dam State Park
Drive Time: 1 hr 15 min

- Visit the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Interpretive Center to learn more about the history of the CCC and its impact on Pennsylvania's state park system.
- Enjoy miles of trails for mountain biking, backpacking, and cross-country skiing in the Moshannon State Forest.
- Learn geocaching or maple sugaring, two popular programs offered at the park.

6 Elk Country Visitor Center
Drive Time: 1 hr 30 min

- Encounter the largest free-roaming elk herd in the northeastern United States on trails and viewing areas.
- Learn about the seasons, wildlife, history, and culture of the Elk Country region through interpretive exhibits inside the center.
- Take a horse-drawn wagon ride to view the elk herd.

7 Sinnemahoning State Park
Drive Time: 1 hr 30 min

- Visit the Wildlife Center to plan for a variety of wildlife watching experiences available at the park.
- Encounter nature, depending on the season—spot a nesting bald eagle, hear a coyote's howl, glimpse a bobcat in the pines, or see an elk nursing her calf.
- Explore the elk range by traveling the beautiful Elk Scenic Drive.

8 Bald Eagle State Park
Drive Time: 2 hrs 15 min

- Bring your binoculars for spectacular bird watching, especially during the spring and fall migrations.
- Stay at the eco-friendly Nature Inn that provides unique overnight accommodations and a premier interpretive facility for bird watching within the park.
- Enjoy water sports on the 1,730-acre Foster J. Sayers Reservoir.

9 Cherry Springs–Dark Sky Park
Drive Time: 1 hr 15 min

- View the wonders of the night sky and enjoy special star-gazing programs.
- Learn about the region's lumber heritage at the annual Woodsman's Show.
- Learn more about forestry on the Working Forest Interpretive Trail.
- Enjoy the beauty of the nearby 262,000-acre Susquehannock State Forest and 85-mile Susquehanna Trail.

10 Leonard Harrison State Park
Drive Time: 2 hrs

- Visit Colton Point and Leonard Harrison state parks to take in the stunning views from the east and west rims of the gorge also known as the PA Grand Canyon.
- Discover a nationally recognized 68-mile rail trail perfect for biking, hiking, horseback riding, or cross-country skiing.
- Float, paddle, or fish on scenic Pine Creek.