

# Scenic Wonders & Scenic Beauty

## *Allegheny National Forest Region*

### **Like winding roads and scenic byways?**

Seeking an area where one car in front of you at a stop sign is considered “heavy” traffic? The seven driving trails in this brochure take you to the amazing Kinzua Sky Walk at the Kinzua Gorge, the forestlands of the Allegheny National Forest, and the quaint villages and farmlands throughout the region.

In the Allegheny National Forest the sky is more vast, the mountains higher, the trees a bit taller. McKean County is known as Trail Central because of the over 600 miles of year-round multi-use trails. Cruise the Longhouse National Scenic Byway, the Kinzua Bridge Scenic Byway and Pennsylvania Route 6 to get into the heart and soul of America.



“One of the top 10 most scenic skywalks in the world,” *The Culture Trip, U.K.*

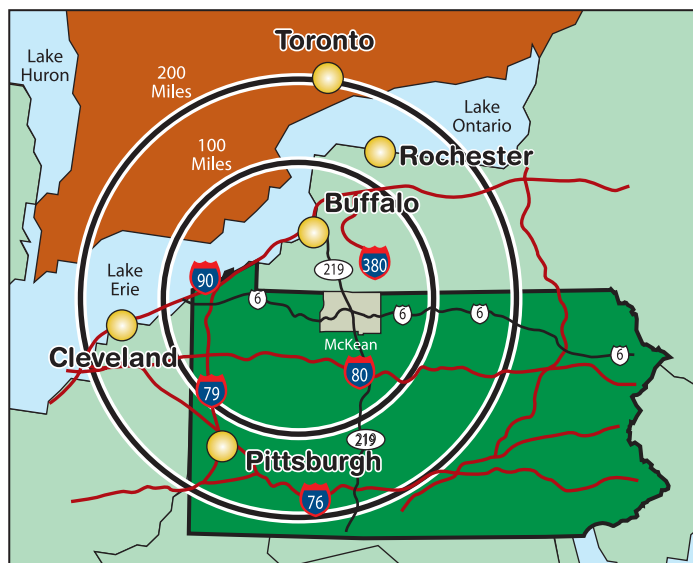


*Allegheny River*

**Fall Foliage Peeks Early.** Here in the upper elevations of the Alleghenies, prime “leaf peeping” is late September and the first two weeks of October. *USA Today* choose the Longhouse National Scenic Byway, in the Allegheny National Forest, the most scenic drive in Pennsylvania, *Travel Savvy Magazine* named it one of the top six fall foliage drives in the United States. Fall really is bigger here!

**Plan your Road Trip!** From Canada and points north travel via New York’s Interstate 86 to Route 219 south. Traveling from the south? Drive Interstate 80 to Route 66 or Route 153 and head north into the forest! Downloadable maps, current weather, trail apps and travel information are available at visitANF.com. Check us out on Facebook for the latest event postings.

## You’re on the Trail to Something Big



### Nearby...But a World Away

Estimated Travel Distance From:

Cleveland, OH . . . . .	194 miles
Erie, PA . . . . .	120 miles
Pittsburgh, PA . . . . .	142 miles
Rochester, NY . . . . .	164 miles
Toronto, Canada . . . . .	198 miles

Welcome Center  
 ATV Trails  
 ANF Ranger Station



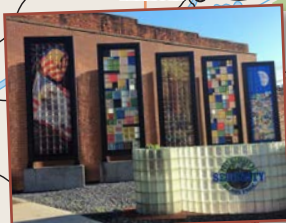
**WINE, BREW & CRAFT DISTILLERY**

**Bradford**  
 Bradford Brew Station

**Kane**  
 Bear Creek Wines  
 CJ Spirits Craft Distillery  
 Flickerwood Winery  
 Logyard Brewery  
 Flickerwood Wines

**Wilcox**  
 Wilcox Winery

**St. Marys**  
 Straub Brewery & Tap Room



Scenic "Route 6"  
 Southeast Gateway  
 Southwest Gateway  
 Longhouse National Scenic Byway  
 Eastern Continental Divide Loop  
 Tracy Ridge Loop  
 Eldred-Rock City Loop



## ■ SCENIC “ROUTE 6” *Touring the Allegheny Highlands*

Perfect for touring by car, motorbike or RV. **Route 6** is the major west-east corridor through the northern counties of Pennsylvania. Visitors from the west can get onto **Route 6** from the first Interstate 90 exit in Pennsylvania or from Erie by way of **Route 19** or **Route 79**.

As you travel through the gentle rolling farmlands of western Pennsylvania, the terrain changes to increasingly rugged hills. You are entering the Allegheny Highlands with elevations of more than 2,040 feet above sea level. Trees practically swallow the highway as it winds higher in elevation. The world’s finest hardwoods are grown in this area.



Just before Ludlow, watch for signs on the right that lead to the Tionesta National Scenic Area. This is the largest strand of ancient trees on the Allegheny National Forest. Bring your hiking boots! Nearby, the labyrinth of Olmsted Manor and the waterfall at Hector Falls offer lovely diversions.

Continuing east on **Route 6**, plan to tour and taste: in Kane, CJ Spirits Craft Distillery, Flickerwood Wine Cellars, Twisted Vine Beverage Company, and Logyard Brewing offer tasting and tours. McCleery Discovery Center is located at the Historic Kane Depot. Texas Hot Lunch and Bell’s Meat & Poultry are great stops for foodies.



Traveling east on **Route 6** you will pass the historic Nebo Chapel before entering Mt. Jewett. Stop at Kaffee Sol for a sampling of Swedish pastries. From Mt. Jewett, take an interesting four-mile side trip on the Kinzua Bridge Scenic Byway to the Kinzua Sky Walk, “One of the World’s Top 10 Most Beautiful Skywalks and Viewpoints in the World” located at the Kinzua Bridge State Park. The new family friendly Kinzua Bridge Visitors Center is open year round. The park offers nature programs, picnic areas, trails, and a park pavilion.

Return to **Route 6**, travel east to the Victorian village of Smethport, here you can stroll the streets lined with mansions built in the 1800s by lumber barons. You may pick up a free copy of the self-guided Smethport Mansion District Walking Tour at the kiosk in front of the McKean County Courthouse. Hamlin Lake and a variety of trails offer a chance to enjoy the outdoors. Visit the Old Jail Museum to learn about the famous American Civil War Regiment-the Bucktails!

Heading east your next stop is Port Allegany. You can kayak or canoe on the Allegheny River, visit the Serenity Glass Park, and in the summer, free musical concerts are offered on the square. If you continue traveling along **Route 6** your next stops can be the Pennsylvania Lumber Museum and the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon.



## ■ SOUTHEAST GATEWAY

### Into The Pennsylvania Wilds

### *I-80 Exit at Penfield, Route 153, Route 219, South to North*

As you exit from **I-80** onto **Route 153 North** you are just approaching the highest point on **I-80** east of the Mississippi River. It is an appropriate start for your journey to the Allegheny National Forest. Immediately to your south, the land drops into the northern tip of the Allegheny Mountains. Driving northward, you will be climbing into the heart of the Allegheny Highlands.

Soon after exiting off **I-80**, you pass S.B. Elliott State Park on the right, a few miles farther along **Route 153**, you pass the access road to Parker Dam State Park. This is part of the Elk Scenic Byway and the southwest corner of the Pennsylvania elk range.

After dropping into a steep valley at Penfield, you begin climbing again over Boone Mountain, then dropping to the intersection with **Route 219**. Turn right and head north to Ridgway.

The highway skirts along the eastern edge of the Allegheny National Forest near Wilcox, home of the Wilcox Winery. **Route 219** then crosses into the Allegheny National Forest just past Lantz Corners in McKean County.



At Tallyho you cross over Kinzua Creek, one of the favorite trout streams in the region and the second-largest tributary to the Allegheny Reservoir. Just downstream is a Delayed Harvest Artificial Lures Only special trout regulations area. It stretches 2.3 miles from **Route 219** at Tallyho downstream to Camp Run providing better-than-average trout fishing. Turn west onto Westline Road and travel 3 miles along Kinzua Creek to access the trailhead for the Kinzua Valley Trail system near Westline Inn.



Return to, and continue north, **Route 219** becomes a four-lane highway just before arriving at Bradford. Watch for the world famous Zippo/Case Museum on your left. It is easy to find by taking the Elm Street exit. The City of Bradford is your gateway to the eastern shore of the Allegheny Reservoir, Marilla Reservoir and the Marilla Trail System. Other sites to explore are the Penn Brad Oil Museum, the Marilyn Horne Museum, the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, and the nearby Allegheny State Park in New York.

## ■ SOUTHWEST GATEWAY

### *Route 66 to Kane from I-80*

Approaching from the west on **Interstate 80**, take **Route 66** north exit to the Allegheny National Forest and Kane, the heart of the world's finest hardwood forest.



This route into the Allegheny National Forest (ANF) passes close to Cook Forest State Park, location of the finest strand of ancient timber in Pennsylvania, including the third tallest tree in the eastern United States. Several state record trees are in this park. Turn right onto **Route 36** at Leeper and drive about six miles to park headquarters.



Approaching Marienville on **Route 66**, you can see the true plateau nature of the Allegheny Highlands. Here, miles from the major creeks and rivers, the terrain is gently rolling.



The southern trailhead for the 96-mile section of the North Country National Scenic Trail, which passes through the ANF, is about two miles to the left along **Route 3005**, Muzette Road, at the village of Roses. This section of the trail ends just west from Bradford. The entire North Country Trail, when complete, will be the longest continuous foot path in the United States, about 4,600 miles from Crown Point, N.Y., to Lake Sakakawea, N.D.

After passing through Marienville, which is the hub of activity for ATV and snowmobile riders, you enter the ANF. There is an ANF office on the left, about 1.5 miles past the center of Marienville, where you can find plenty of helpful information.

About four miles past the ANF office, you will pass a historical marker at Pigeon. In this area, passenger pigeons were hunted by Native Americans and later for commercial markets in New York and other cities. Then, the great flocks blackened the sky. By the early 20th Century, they were extinct.

The remainder of your journey to Kane takes you through a beautiful forest dominated by hardwood trees. Shop, dine and enjoy the nightlife in Kane at Flickerwood Wine Cellars, Table 105, Twisted Vine, Logyard Brewing and CJ Spirits Craft Distillery.

In the morning, continue east on PA Route 6 to the Kinzua Bridge State Park in Mt. Jewett to view the fall foliage in the Kinzua Gorge from the Kinzua Sky Walk. Tour the Kinzua Center, and take a hike!



## ■ LONGHOUSE NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY

The Longhouse National Scenic Byway circles the Kinzua Creek Arm of the Allegheny Reservoir through some of the most beautiful scenery on the Allegheny National Forest. It is a 36-mile loop from Kane.

Leave Kane on **Route 321 North**. This road enters the Allegheny National Forest just outside of Kane. The actual start of the scenic byway is about eight miles from Kane at the intersection with Longhouse Drive. Continue on **Route 321** past Red Bridge. This is the head of the Kinzua Creek Arm. A campground and bank-fishing area are to the left.

**Route 321** follows the reservoir for a short distance, and then begins to rise into the highlands through a beautiful forest of hardwoods and hemlock. Nearing the top of the plateau, you pass the Old Powerhouse Museum, an original timepiece from the glory days of oil in this region.

The Bradford Ranger Station is located at the intersection of **Routes 321** and **59**. You can find virtually any information about the Allegheny National Forest here, including topo maps for trail enthusiasts.

Turn left on **Route 59** toward the Allegheny Reservoir. Along this stretch of the loop, you pass the trailhead for Morrison Trail. This trail has two loops, the 5.3-mile Morrison Trail Loop which passes boulder fields and forgotten homesteads, and the 8.3-mile Rimrock Trail Loop, which drops to the shore of the Allegheny Reservoir.

About a mile past the Morrison Trailhead is the entrance to Rimrock, a magnificent rock outcrop and overlook above the Kinzua Creek Arm of the Allegheny Reservoir. This area offers picnic areas and hiking/biking trails.



As you go on **Route 59**, you will see the Kinzua/Wolf Run Marina on your right, just before crossing the Allegheny Reservoir on the Morrison Bridge. Immediately past the bridge, turn left onto Longhouse Drive. The access road to Jakes Rocks is about a mile up Longhouse Drive. This rock outcrop offers a spectacular vista over the Allegheny Reservoir and mountain biking trails.

Longhouse Drive continues a winding course high above the Kinzua Creek Arm, passing the Dewdrop Recreation Area, Elijah Run Boat launch and Kiasutha Recreation Area before ending back at **Route 321**. Turn right to return to Kane.

# EASTERN CONTINENTAL DIVIDE – ELK WATCHING

*Smethport, Emporium, Sizerville, Port Allegany*



A loop from Smethport, along **PA Route 6** past Lynn Hall and Serenity Glass Park in Port Allegany, south past Sizerville Park, looping around for elk watching at the Elk County Visitors Center, brew tasting at Straub Brewery and then returning north to the Victorian Village of Smethport.

Start this loop by heading east of Smethport along **PA Route 6**, you will pass through rolling farmlands, with large changes in elevation. Along this section of road is a wonderful example of Allegheny Modernism Architecture- Lynn Hall. If you wish to tour this building call ahead to schedule an appointment at 954-554-8492.



Continuing east on **PA Route 6** you will arrive in Port Allegany, leave time for photos at Serenity Glass Park, a sparkling artistic gem.

Just east of Port Allegany, turn onto **Route 155 South**, this loop passes through some of the most rugged terrain in the Allegheny Highlands and the Pennsylvania Elk Range. You will pass Sizerville State Park about seven miles north of

Emporium. This is an excellent area for viewing the flaming fall foliage during the fall. Majestic white pines in the park were planted during the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps to replace trees cut during the logging boom. There are four hiking trails in the park, one of which climbs a 1,900-foot slope.

The East Branch of Cowley Run, which flows through the park, was the site of the first reintroduction of beavers to Pennsylvania after they had been eliminated by the early settlers. Continue driving on **Route 120 South**, watch for the sign for the Elk County Visitors Center. The elk center offers interpretive displays and an outdoor wildlife observation area where you have the opportunity to view elk in the wild.

Leaving the Elk Center, turn onto **Route 255 North** to Saint Marys, home of Straub Brewery. Stop to tour and taste at their new Visitor Center. Now catch **Route 120 North** which will circle back through forestlands to **Route 46 North**. Close to the McKean/County Cameron County border, in State Game Land No. 30, you crest the Eastern Continental Divide. You can see the land dropping very steeply ahead. Past here, streams flow southward and eventually into the Atlantic Ocean by way of the Susquehanna River and the Chesapeake Bay.

Continuing on **Route 46 North** will return you to **PA Route 6**, turn left and head west to the Victorian Village of Smethport. This is an excellent place to spend the night as two of the mansions, the Blackberry Inn and the Mansion District Inn now are operating as Bed & Breakfasts. Plan an evening stroll along Hamlin Lake to admire the colorful hillsides.



## ■ TRACY RIDGE LOOP

*NY I-86, Route 219, Route 321, Route 346*



Follow **Route 219 South** from **Interstate 86** to Bradford for the start of the 39.5-mile loop through the highest and most remote land in the Allegheny National Forest. Drive this loop evenings or early mornings for the best opportunities to observe white-tailed deer, wild turkeys, porcupines or even black bears and coyotes.

Exit from **Route 219** at Bradford onto **Route 346 West**. Route markers will direct you along Main Street, Mechanic Street, then out of town on West Washington Street, past the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford campus.

About six miles off **Route 219**, you pass the Marilla Reservoir. This picturesque reservoir area features a wooden covered bridge, a series of interconnecting hiking trails, and is a favorite spot for kayaking and fishing – it is generously stocked.

You enter the Allegheny National Forest about 8.5 miles into this drive. Turn left onto **Route 321** about 5.5 miles farther. If you were to stay on **Route 346**, it would take you to the Willow Bay Recreation Area on the shore of the Allegheny Reservoir. This area has rustic cabins, campgrounds, picnic areas, kayak, canoe, and boat rentals, and a boat launch ramp.

**Route 321** starts rising immediately toward the top of the plateau. After driving about three miles and climbing about 700 feet in elevation, you arrive at Tracy Ridge. A large meadow is an excellent place to watch for deer. Just past this meadow is the entrance to Tracy Ridge Recreation Area. Here you will find a campground and the trail head to Bullis Hollow Trail.

Past Tracy Ridge, **Route 321** drops to the head of Sugar Bay, then climbs again to a junction with **Route 59**. Turn left on **Route 59** toward Bradford. This part of the loop will give you the best view that the Allegheny Highlands is actually a plateau. In most other areas, the land is so deeply eroded that it has the appearance of hills.

The trailhead for Timberdoodle Flats is located along the right-hand side of **Route 59**.

Timberdoodle Flats features two loop trails totaling 1.5 miles. There's the Woodcock Trail with 12 interpretive stops or the shorter gravel surfaced Bluebird Trail with six interpretive stops. The Bluebird Trail is suitable for strollers, wheelchairs or walking assistance equipment.

Turn left onto **Route 770**. Soon after passing Pine Acres Golf Course, the road goes into a long decline toward **Route 219** at Custer City. Turn left on **Route 219** to return to Bradford.





## ■ ELDRED-ROCK CITY LOOP

*NY I-86, Route 219, Route 321, Route 346*

The 48-mile loop takes you to a World War II museum and a spectacular rock formation. Starting in downtown Bradford, take **Route 346 East**. Exit at Foster Brook, staying on **Route 346 East**.

**Route 346** ends at a "T" intersection with **Route 446**. Turn right into Eldred. The Eldred World War II Museum is on the right.

This world class museum is history you can see, touch and feel. Allow at least two hours to tour the museum. During the fall/winter season call ahead to check hours as they change seasonally. While at the Eldred WW II Museum pick up the Historic Collectible Pin Trail Map and purchase one of the new Eldred WW II Pins. Maps can also be downloaded from [www.visitANF.com/maps](http://www.visitANF.com/maps).

After visiting the museum, turn back onto **Route 446**, heading north to Olean, N.Y. You cross into New York 21.5 miles from Bradford. The highway destination changes to **Route 305**. As you pass through Portville, N.Y., look for the dikes to your left. These hold back the floodwaters of the Allegheny River. Turn left at the "T" intersection in Portville, staying on **Route 305** to the opposite side of town then go straight onto **Route 417** into Olean.



In Olean, two recommended sites to visit are Cutco-KaBar Visitors Center. In downtown Olean, turn left onto **Route 16**, which makes a steep climb to Rock City Park, 35.6 miles from the start. An admission fee will give you access to an amazing vista and a trail which winds through a field of gigantic boulders formed about 320 million years ago. Rock City Park is open daily May 1 through October 31.

Continue along **Route 16** about two miles to a historical marker by the Knapp Creek Fire Hall which notes that this quiet little village was once an oil boom town that supported at least a dozen saloons, and that this was the birthplace of aviation pioneer William T. Piper.

Past Knapp Creek, **Route 16** follows the top of the narrow ridge into Pennsylvania, where the road designation changes to **Route 646**, then goes into a steep drop to **Route 346**. Turn right at the intersection and follow **Route 346** back to Bradford.

Once back in Bradford, plenty of places to shop or stay the night. Lodging includes Airbnb's, B & Bs, and the Best Western Plus Bradford Inn, Comfort Inn or the Holiday Inn Express. Or kick back and relax in Afterwords or the Bradford Brew Station.



# SCENIC DRIVE AMENITIES

## Bradford

### Allegheny Site Management

Recreation in the Allegheny National Forest. Tent & RV camping. Cabins and paddle boat rentals. Outfitting needs. Reservations: 877-444-6777 or recreation.gov  
PO Box 2395, Bradford, PA 16701  
814-368-4158 alleghenysite.com **f**

### Beefeaters at the Historic Carnegie Library

The area's finest beef and seafood. Full bar. Free parking. Open Monday – Saturday from 11 am to 10 pm.  
27 Congress Street, Bradford, PA 16701  
814-362-9717 thebeefeatersrestaurant.com **f**

### Best Western Plus Bradford Inn

Free hot breakfast bar. Free high-speed Wi-Fi. King suites. Fitness room. Restaurant/Lounge. Heated seasonal outdoor pool.  
100 South Davis Street, Bradford, PA 16701  
814-362-4501 bwbradford.com **f**

### Main Street Mercantile

Antiques, art, and gifts galore! This co-op offers over 60 unique stores in one.  
45 Main Street, Bradford, PA 16701  
814-368-2206 bradfordmsm.com **f**

### John Williams European Pastry Shop

Authentic old-fashioned bakery with a charming café. Serving breakfast and lunch. Open daily. Seasonal outside dining. Buses welcome.  
20 Mechanic Street, Bradford, PA 16701  
814-362-6637 visitanf.com/john-williams-european-pastry-shop **f**

### Penn Brad Oil Museum

Local Oil Heritage! Tour a standard rig, tool house, and lease house. Movie theater & library. Gift shop.  
901 South Avenue, Bradford, PA 16701  
814-362-1955 pennbradoilmuseum.org **f**

### Togi's Family Restaurant

Family-owned. Italian cuisine, steaks, seafood, salad bar. Full bar. Large groups welcome. Open seven days a week. Plenty of parking.  
412 East Main Street, Bradford, PA 16701.  
814-368-6447 visitanf.com/togis-family-restaurant/ **f**

### Zippo/Case Museum

Visit the home of Zippo lighters and Case knives. Free admission. Retail store on-site. Open daily. Monday thru Saturday 9 am to 5 pm & Sun. 11 am to 4 pm.  
1932 Zippo Drive, Bradford, PA 16701  
814-368-1932 zippocasemuseum.com **f**

## Olean, NY

### Rock City Park

Gigantic rock formations. Hiking trails. Scenic views. Museum & Gift Shop. Open daily May through October: 9 am to 6 pm.  
505 Route 16 South, Olean, NY 14760  
866-404-7625 rockcitypark.com **f**

## Kane

### Art in the Wilds

Signature Juried Fine Arts Show of the PA Wilds. June 22 & 23, 2019. June 27 & 28, 2020. Evergreen Park, Corner of Chestnut & Birch Streets, Kane, PA 16735 814-837-7167 artinthewilds.org **f**

### Bell's Meat & Poultry

Newly remodeled – same tasty products! Fresh produce, meats and cheeses. Home-made sausage varieties from family recipes including Swedish Korv & Big Foot sausage.  
401 North Fraley Street, Kane, PA 16735  
814-837-7321 jackbellmeats.com **f**

### CJ Spirits Craft Distillery

Hand-crafted spirits from "grain-to-glass." Vodka, Gin, Whiskey and Rum. Tours, tastings, cocktails, appetizers and sandwiches.  
120 Willow Run Drive, Kane, PA 16735  
814-837-1500 cjspirits.com **f**

### Flickerwood Wine Cellars & Lounge

Stop, shop, tour & taste award-winning Pennsylvania wines. Wine lounge featuring a daily menu. "The Wine that Rocks." Buses welcome.  
309 Flickerwood Road, Kane, PA 16735  
814-837-7566 flickerwood.com **f**

### McCleery Discovery Center at Historic Kane Depot

Discover the history of wolf preservation. Largest collection of Buffalo Wolves Artifacts in the World. Open year-round. Saturday 11 am to 5 pm, Sunday Noon to 4 pm. Free admission.  
1 South Fraley Street, Kane, PA 16735  
814-837-8752 mcclerydiscoverycenter.org kanedepot.org **f**

### Spoonwood Inn

Recently remodeled, friendly, family-owned lodging. Wi-Fi, Cable TV, Complimentary breakfast. Hike & bike right from your room. Free parking.  
5509 Route 6, Kane, PA 16735  
814-561-1365 visitanf.com/spoonwood-inn **f**

### Texas Hot Lunch & 4 Sons Restaurant

Home of the original 'Texas Hot.' Specializing in Souvlaki, Greek & American cuisine. Breakfast, lunch and dinner. Legal beverages. Since 1914. Open 7 days a week.  
24 Field Street, Kane, PA 16735  
814-837-8122 texashotlunch.com **f**

### Twisted Vine Beverage Company

Winery, Brewery, Distillery and Restaurant! Specializing in fruit wines, craft beer, and homemade spirits. Five Star dining. Open Daily.  
117 Fraley Street, Kane, PA 16735  
814-837-8298 twistedwinery.com **f**

## Benezette

### Wapiti Woods – Guest Cabins

Comfortable modern lodging in Elk Country. Private forested creek-side setting. Ten cabins for two to six people each. Romantic cabins.  
5186 River Road, SR 555, Elk Scenic Drive, Weedville, PA 15868  
814-787-7525 wapitiwoods.com **f**