



About Pennsylvania

Along the highways and roadways of Pennsylvania, discover places full of diversity, rich in culture and filled with surprises. Applaud outstanding performances of world-renowned symphonies and theater. Relax at a quaint bed and breakfast tucked into a secluded corner of Pennsylvania's Wilds. Pass through wooded forests, picturesque covered bridges and towns full of antique stores and quaint shops. Enjoy sandy beaches along Lake Erie or the historic battlefields of Gettysburg. Visit the Amish or float away on one of many meandering rivers through Pittsburgh. Come and visit the State of Independence.

Pennsylvania's Outdoors

- Pennsylvania boasts 17 million acres of forest with breathtaking views, at places such as Pine Creek Gorge, and unique wildlife including hundreds of roaming elk in Elk County.
- Pennsylvania is home to over 83,000 miles of rivers and streams, many of which are brimming with trout or prime for white water rafting and outdoor adventure.
- The undeveloped region of northcentral Pennsylvania, the "Pennsylvania Wilds," covers more than 2 million acres of public land and is larger than Connecticut, Rhode Island and part of Massachusetts combined.

Pennsylvania's Past

- The first capital of the United States and the first sparks of independence are found in Pennsylvania.
- Other Pennsylvania firsts include: the nation's first library, zoo, newspaper, all motion-picture theater, institute of art, television broadcast, radio broadcast, Bingo game, volunteer fire company, botanical garden, anti-slavery resolution, pretzel factory, beauty salon, Slinky, bubble gum, and banana split.

Pennsylvania's Art & Entertainment

- Visit the Andy Warhol Museum in Pittsburgh, the largest museum dedicated to the work of one artist, or neighboring Fallingwater, an architectural masterpiece by master artist Frank Lloyd Wright.
- Spend an evening at a world-class performing arts center like the Kimmel Center in Philadelphia or see the dancers from the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre, ranked as one of the top eight ballet companies in the country.

Sit Back, Relax and Enjoy the View

- *National Geographic* named Route 6 one of the top 10 scenic drives in the country.
- *USA Weekend Magazine* rated the "Nighttime view from Mount Washington in Pittsburgh" second on its list of the 10 most beautiful places in America.
- *National Geographic* rated Sunset Point, located in Erie's Presque Isle State Park, as having the second most beautiful sunsets in the world.
- *Field and Stream* magazine recognized Raystown Lake in its May 2003 issue as one of the top 25 hottest American fishing destinations.

State Icons: Mountain laurel (flower), Hemlock (tree), Whitetail deer (animal), Brook trout (fish), Ruffed grouse (game bird)

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