

# One With NATURE



Lackawanna County is host to a vibrant city surrounded by mountains and lush forests. We're home to numerous waterfalls, scenic vistas, and beachfront lakes. Your group will experience the countryside of Lackawanna County while enjoying activities such as farmers markets, cideries, apple picking, and so much more! For the thrill seekers, we have the trails and waterways just for you! Hiking, fishing, hunting, biking, kayaking, camping, skiing, can all be found in Lackawanna County!



## DAY ONE

### NAY AUG PARK & THE EVERHART MUSEUM

Ironically, your tour will start in the heart of the city! The city of Scranton's largest park, Nay Aug, grants visitors a touch of nature amid the city landscape. Walking trails, picnic areas, swimming complexes, a greenhouse, coffee shop, Rose Garden, veteran and war memorials, and the Brooks Mine are located within the park. Visitors are encouraged to walk down the stone steps to get up close to a rock-strewn gorge and waterfall located in the park's center. The gorge has been designated as a National Natural Landmark and it is a site to behold! The David Wenzel Treehouse is the first of its kind in Pennsylvania and provides a bird's eye view of the gorge, rising 150 feet above.

Your group can also visit the Everhart Museum located at the entrance of Nay Aug Park. The Everhart Museum has been engaging visitors with art, science, and natural history for over 110 years. Enjoy exhibits, events, and educational programs.

### DINNER AT THE NEW CAFÉ

Venture outside of the city to the town of Clarks Summit where you will find a beautiful restaurant nestled in the corner of Greystone Gardens. The New Café serves fresh Mediterranean style dishes including falafel, Farro Risotto, and Lamb Kabobs, while also providing classic favorites such as New York Strip Steak, Salmon, and Panini. Groups can sit inside or outside and enjoy the scenery of Greystone Gardens.

### ROBA FAMILY FARMS

With a picturesque countryside as the backdrop, Roba's provides old-fashioned fun that is guaranteed to make you smile. As night falls, Roba's illuminates with campfires! Your group can rent campfire sites or a tent where your guests can relax and make s'mores while they reminisce about their day.

**TIPS!** Bring walking shoes! Nay Aug Park is comprised of 7 acres. Paths are wheelchair accessible except for the hiking trails and the path down to the gorge. The David Wenzel Treehouse and numerous bridges are ADA accessible.

The Everhart Museum has limited hours, be sure to check they are open the days you plan to visit.

**TIPS!** Call well in-advance to book a larger group. While the restaurant can fit a group, it does not have a private dining room.

Call in advance to get bus parking directions.

**TIPS!** Ask to have the campfire sites near each other so your group can mingle. Depending on the size of the group, a tent rental with campfires may be more affordable.

Bring your own s'mores supplies and don't forget the hot chocolate!

Roba's has a gift shop on-site your group can enjoy. They sell fresh honey, apple cider donuts, and home décor.



# DAY TWO

## LACKAWANNA COUNTY WINE TRAIL

Sip and socialize as you stroll along the Lackawanna County Wine Trail! The Trail consists of 10 wineries and range from center city locations to countryside escapes. Sip on homemade wines from the old country, delight in Italian meats and cheeses, and enjoy the scenic route from city to country. For lunch and dinner, Maiolatesi Wine Cellars and RiverView Winery are the places to visit. Maiolatesi's offers their famous wood fire pizza while RiverView can provide a catered meal or a riverside BBQ!

**TIPS!** If the group does the entire trail, they will be out all day. Most locations provide meats, cheeses, and charcuterie products as snacks.

Ask the Lackawanna County Visitors Bureau for the best route options to accommodate meals and winery hours.

# DAY THREE

## LACKAWANNA HERITAGE TRAIL

Stretching more than 70 miles, located amid the mountains and along the Lackawanna River, this trail is an artery that connects more than 30 communities through Lackawanna, Luzerne, Susquehanna, and Wayne Counties. Wildlife is all around! Watch for bald eagles, river otters, beavers, deer, herons, and more! Explore Scranton's Elm St. Trailhead section and you'll find rock carvings of wildlife, a sculpture of a Haudenosaunee Chief, and an amphitheater that pays homage to the area's Native American heritage.

**TIPS!** The trail is divided into trailheads with city and town streets interrupting the sections. Make sure to get a map at LHVA.org before heading out.

Most of the trailheads are wheelchair accessible with paved walkways. There are a few that are still gravel- make sure to ask the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority (LHVA) for the best sections to accommodate your group.

Get photos in front of the murals! Murals dot the trail throughout, while other memorials, artistic sculptures, and historical landmarks keep you entertained while you work off all that food and wine!

## FARMERS MARKETS

Lackawanna County has 15+ farmers markets throughout its countryside. Some provide convenience by stationing themselves within the cities such as the Co-Op Farmers Market in Scranton, while others invite you to their country abodes to mingle with the animals and pick produce from the fields. Take home fresh goodies such as pies, honey, candy, produce, meats, cheeses, and more!

**TIPS!** Ask the Lackawanna County Visitors Bureau for a full list of markets and their seasonal hours.

## LAKELAND ORCHARD & CIDERY

Lakeland Orchard & Cidery is on the list for farmers markets, but it is an attraction unto itself. Lakeland kicks off their season with fresh strawberry picking on a 3-acre field and vegetable picking that includes tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, beans, and more! Towards the end of summer and moving into fall, Lakeland starts their festival season starting with Zinnias and Sunflowers before transitioning to their apple picking. Walk among thousands of Zinnias and Sunflower plants and pick a bouquet to take home. The farm has over 20,000 trees growing more than 30 different kinds of apples! Pick a bushel to bring home and try your hand at a delicious apple pie! Visitors can also enjoy live music, hard cider, a carousel, and axe throwing.

**TIPS!** Groups should plan to spend about 2 hours at the farm.

A gift shop is on-site to purchase produce and flowers without having to pick them in the fields.

## DINNER AT ALTER HOUSE

Alter House Restaurant & Bar is a family-owned Farm-to-Table restaurant dedicated to seasonal, sustainable cuisine. It is their culinary mission to source the finest ingredients from farmers markets, regional farmers, artisan purveyors, and local farms whenever possible. The seasons define their menu, and their goal is to provide guests with unique culinary offerings paired with incredible service in a relaxed atmosphere.

**TIPS!** The restaurant does have a private dining room for groups that can accommodate 12-40 people, while the main space restaurant can accommodate groups of up to 70 people. A group menu can be customized to your needs.

## ADVENTURE SEEKERS

*Feel the adrenaline rush in Lackawanna County! We are an outdoorsman's paradise, with an adventure waiting for you in each of our four picture-perfect seasons. Zipline down a mountain, paddle our rivers and lakes, or get some mud on your ATV tires. You can hike, bike, fish, hunt, ski, or horseback ride- the opportunities are endless!*

Ask the Lackawanna County Visitors Bureau about all the thrilling adventures awaiting you in Lackawanna County.