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We're home to small towns and big adventures. We're trail blazers by day and star gazers by night, with adrenaline-fueled runs down the Yough and relaxing evenings by the campfire.

You are welcome here, whether camping in a tent in one of our eight state parks, glamping in a geodesic dome with an incredible view or kicking back in a luxury suite with a butler on call. Your needs are important to us, which is why we have partnered with other organizations to make our region more accessible for all.

We're home to America's favorite building and the nation's best fall foliage. To Pennsylvania's highest mountain and its largest ski resort. To incredible works of art and moments – not to mention meals – to savor.

We've shaped a nation – from the first battle of the French and Indian War at Fort Necessity to George Washington's formative experiences at Fort Ligonier, and to the heroic actions of those aboard Flight 93 on Sept. 11, 2001. We invite you to come and experience those historic stories first-hand.

We know that weekends are popular for the outdoors and kicking back, perhaps with a fishing rod in one hand and a locally made craft beverage in the other. But they are also perfect for families, with a visit to Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood, drive-in movies, and ice cream cones for everyone. We're the relaxing getaway – complete with spa treatments, wine with a view and an outdoor concert – and escapes that include a ride on the Great Allegheny Passage, craft breweries, and dinner on the patio.

We're the summer home of the Pittsburgh Steelers and a winter wonderland, a place to fall in love as you unplug and reconnect.

We're at home in the Laurel Highlands, and when you're here – for a day, a long weekend or a week – we hope you feel that way, too.





keep our region BEAUTIFUL

ere at GO Laurel Highlands, we are thrilled to welcome visitors to our unique and remarkable outdoor recreation area. We believe the natural beauty in the Laurel Highlands rivals top destinations around the world – but we need your help to keep it that way. Follow these tips for responsible recreation so generations to come can continue to enjoy the Laurel Highlands.

EXPLORE RESPONSIBLY

LEAVE NO TRACE.

If you take something into a natural area, take it with you when you leave. Everyone deserves to see the same pristine location, plus your trash can harm local flora and fauna.

DON'T FEED THE BEARS - OR ANY WILDLIFE.

While the Laurel Highlands is home to one picnic-basket stealing bear at Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park in Mill Run, the rest of our wildlife is, well, wild. Don't feed, pet, chase, or disturb them in any way, outside of legally licensed fishing and hunting in designated areas. This is their home, too.

BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHERS.

Remember that we are all sharing the natural areas. Be mindful of noise levels, respectful of rules and regulations, and generally be kind to anyone you encounter. Know the symptoms of COVID-19, and if you don't feel well, stay home.

USE FIRE RESPONSIBLY.

If you choose to make a fire for cooking or telling ghost stories at night, do so only in dedicated areas. Pay attention to ranger warnings about fire risks during dry seasons. Keep a bucket of water nearby, and don't go to bed with a lit fire. One careless mistake could cause catastrophic damage.

PROTECT OUR WATER SOURCES.

The Laurel Highlands is home to dozens of creeks, rivers, waterfalls, and lakes. Be mindful of what you dump, where you dump it, and how it might impact the waterways around you. Washing your camping dishes in a creek might feel harmless, but it is introducing more pollutants into the environment.

TAKE ONLY PHOTOS AND MEMORIES.

If every visitor took a stone, flower, or fossil on their visit, eventually there would be very little left for others to enjoy. We want you to thoroughly enjoy your trip, but please leave it how you found it.



OUR PARTNERS IN PRESERVATION

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Getting Here »

BALTIMORE, MD 2.5 hours | 160 miles

BUFFALO, NY 3.5 hours | 230 miles

CINCINNATI, OH 4.5 hours | 268 miles

CLEVELAND, OH 2.5 hours | 146 miles

COLUMBUS, OH 3 hours | 182 miles

DETROIT, MI 4.5 hours | 296 miles

ERIE, PA 2.5 hours | 141 miles HARRISBURG, PA 2 hours | 120 miles

LANCASTER, PA 3 hours | 180 miles

MORGANTOWN, WV .5 hours | 10 miles

NEW YORK CITY, NY 5 hours | 289 miles

PHILADELPHIA, PA 4 hours | 222 miles

PITTSBURGH, PA .5 hours | 18 miles

RICHMOND, VA 4 hours | 234 miles

WASHINGTON, D.C. 3hours | 158 miles

WHEELING, WV 1 hour | 57 miles

ARNOLD PALMER

REGIONAL AIRPORT As the largest airport in the Laurel Highlands, Arnold Palmer Regional Airport, located in Latrobe, provides a convenient travel option for visitors looking to explore the region with direct flights to and from Florida and South Carolina.

FROM NORTH TO SOUTH Via I-79, U.S. 119, and U.S. 219.

FROM EAST TO WEST

Via highways I-70, U.S. 22, U.S. 30, U.S. 40, Pennsylvania Route 31, and the Laurel Highlands Scenic Byway (Routes 381/711).

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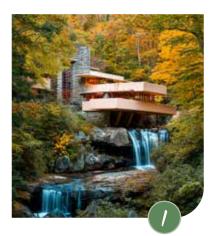
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Explore our three COUNTIES



FAYETTE COUNTY

Population: 128,804 Founded in: 1783

Area: 798 square miles

Known for: Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater & Kentuck Knob, Ohiopyle State Park, Fort Necessity National Battlefield, Laurel Caverns, Nemacolin

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SOMERSET COUNTY

Population: 74,129 Founded in: 1795

Area: 1,074 square miles

Known for: Flight 93 National Memorial, Maple Syrup Production, Quecreek Mine Rescue Site, Seven Springs Mountain Resort, Jennerstown Speedway, Covered Bridges

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WESTMORELAND COUNTY

Population: 354,663 Founded in: 1773

Area: 1,036 square miles

Known for: Idlewild & SoakZone, The Westmoreland Museum of American Art, Fred Rogers Center at Saint Vincent College, Fort Ligonier, Bushy Run Battlefield, The Banana Split Celebration

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HONORING HISTORY IN THE LAUREL HIGHLANDS



s America gears up for its 250th birthday in 2026, the celebration has already begun in Pennsylvania's Laurel Highlands, a region steeped in history. This area, rich in cultural sites, offers travelers a unique chance to experience key moments from America's past.

FORT NECESSITY

Where Washington's Leadership Began

In 1754, a young George Washington was tasked with building a westward military supply road and established a permanent encampment in the Great Meadows. There, he constructed Fort Necessity, which became the site of the first battle of the French and Indian War. Although Washington's forces surrendered, this event marked the beginning of his illustrious military career. Today, you can visit Fort Necessity National Battlefield, explore its museum, watch a feature film, and walk through the restored fort. Nearby, the Liberty Tree at Mount Washington's Inn commemorates America's 250th anniversary.

FORT LIGONIER

The Road to the Revolution

In 1758, an impressive fortification was built along the newly cut Forbes Road which overlooked the Loyalhanna Creek. Today, Fort Ligonier <u>is one of the</u> finest reconstructed fortifications from the French and Indian War. Historical interpreters talk about soldiering and the rigors of 18th century life. Visit the Washington Gallery to learn how his "Friendly Fire Incident" impacted the future founding father and changed the course of the French and Indian War. Don't miss the beautiful portrait of Queen Charlotte and other original art works and the restored parlor of Arthur St. Clair.

FLIGHT 93 MEMORIAL

A Tribute to Modern Heroes

The Laurel Highlands also holds a more recent chapter in American history. On September 11, 2001, the passengers and crew of Flight 93 heroically fought back against hijackers, preventing further tragedy. The Flight 93 National Memorial in Shanksville honors these brave individuals with a Visitor Center, educational programs, and the Tower of Voices, a musical tribute to the 40 heroes. As the 25th anniversary of 9/11 approaches, Somerset County has dedicated their 250th celebrations to volunteers and first responders.

Visiting the Laurel Highlands offers a journey through time, where the American spirit of courage and resilience shines bright.

Fort Necessity National Battlefield

Honor & Remember at

FIGHES NATIONAL MEMORIAL

"A common field one day. A field of honor forever."

hose words, which adorn the overlook at the Flight 93 National Memorial near Shanksville, still ring true nearly a quarter century after a hijacked Boeing 757 violently crashed into the earth in Somerset County.

A large boulder now stoically marks the crash site of United Airlines Flight 93, honoring the 40 passengers and crew members who lost their lives in that field on Sept. 11, 2001.

Nearly a half-million visitors come to the memorial each year to pay tribute to those 40 men and women, but it still maintains a tranquility that belies the violence that took place in the skies above. The Tower of Voices provides a soundtrack for the memorial, giving an eternal voice to those who lost their lives aboard Flight 93. On a windy day, the 40 wind chimes of the 93-foot tall landmark create a melodic symphony like no other in the world.

The Visitors Center, open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, is an educational but moving tribute to the events that began early on the morning of Sept. 11. It features a permanent exhibition that focuses on the Flight 93 story within the context of the larger terrorist attack, including a self-guided experience around artifacts, multimedia and interactive exhibits. The museum store offers a variety of souvenirs, such as challenge coins, postcards, magnets, and park ranger-recommended books.

Tower of Voices, Flight 93 National Memorial

A stroll along the park's Memorial Plaza allows time for reflection. The walkway follows a quarter-mile long path along the northern boundary of the crash site and leads to the Wall of Names, which pays tribute with the name of each passenger or crew member inscribed on one of the 40 polished marble stones.

When you visit the Flight 93 National Memorial, plan to include two other nearby tributes. **Remember Me Rose Garden** serves as a "living memorial" to Flight 93's passengers and crew, while **Patriot Park** honors armed forces with a display of more than 7,000 American flags representing the men and women who have lost their lives in the nation's efforts to eradicate terrorism.





Plan a Laurel Highlands FUN-FOR-ALL!

he Laurel Highlands has been synonymous with family fun for nearly 150 years. Come out to play!

Idlewild & SoakZone in Ligonier, which has been named the "Best Children's Park" by Amusement Today, has been the place to play in the Laurel Highlands since 1878. A trolley ride tour of Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood is always a special experience for tiny tots, while a stroll through Story Book Forest makes fairy tales come alive. The Wild Mouse and Round Up are great for teens and adults.

SoakZone delivers cool experiences for all age levels, from the Little Squirts kiddie pool and Float Away Bay lazy river to the downhill excitement of the Serpentine Slides and Hydro Races.

FOUR SEASONS OF FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS

Looking to see a brown bear or a white tiger in the Laurel Highlands? Or maybe something a bit more cuddly, like a baby kangaroo? Living Treasures Animal Park, located near the Pennsylvania Turnpike in Donegal, is the place for animal lovers, with more than 300 creatures.

Located on the same property as Living Treasures, Log Cabin Lodge and Suites offers a perfect place for families to stay while visiting the Laurel Highlands, with suites ranging from one to six bedrooms, and 50% discount on admission to the animal park.

Located on nearly 1,000 acres of rolling hills in Somerset County, the **Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium's International Conservation Center** (ICC) seems an odd place to find African elephants roaming, but this extension of the zoo provides the perfect landscape to focus on conservation science, wildlife management and recovery, and education. The ICC opens to the public on select dates for wagon rides, wild encounters and special events.



Little Blessings Farm in Avonmore offers the chance to snuggle with Highland calves, goats, babydoll sheep and kune kune pigs, but it's more than just a petting zoo. While the petting zoo is weather-dependent, an artisan boutique is open year-round.

Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park







THE NEED FOR SPEED

Put the pedal to the metal on family fun with a visit to **Caddie Shak Family Fun Center** in Donegal. Caddie Shak has an array of go-kart options with a long track, a fast track and a kiddie track.

If you'd rather leave the driving to the professionals, check out six divisions of stock car racing action at **Jennerstown Speedway** each Saturday night from May through mid-September. Get your motors running with this family friendly option, which includes free parking and free admission for children under age 12.

Full Throttle Adrenaline Park in Monroeville is a high-speed haven with pro karts (14 years and older), junior karts (7 and older) and mini karts (3 to 6 years). The Sodikart – RTX models can get up to 40 mph on the track!

In addition to go-karts, Full Throttle has axe throwing, a rage room and break bar plus an arcade with everything from classic games to virtual reality experiences.



PUTTERING AROUND

Miniature golf is a big deal in the Laurel Highlands!

Walnut Hill Miniature Golf in Uniontown includes a scenic but challenging 18-hole course and the Wave Runner Café features frozen custard that is made fresh daily. It's delicious, whether you get it in a cone, a sundae or a milkshake.

When one round just isn't enough, check out **Caddie Shak Family Fun Center** in Donegal, which has a pair of 18-hole courses – the Olde Course and the Highlander. If you'd rather swing than putt, Caddie Shak has a driving range and batting cage.

Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park in Mill Run features an 18-hole miniature golf course that is open to campers and non-campers. If you prefer backstrokes to golf strokes, go for a swim at Yogi Bear's Wetlands, relax by the Lower Pool or take an exciting ride down the Water Slide. If playing WITH the water is more your style, try your hand at a game of Water Wars or cool off in the Lower Spray Zone!



Hour Way

inety years after Frank Lloyd Wright designed Fallingwater, the Laurel Highlands has become a global destination for those fascinated by his worl

In addition to Fallingwater, which instantly became one the most recognizable private residences in the world and is now a UNESCO World Heritage site, the region is home to three other Wright-designed homes as well as several with designs influenced by the architectural master.

So, what types of people visit Fallingwater, Kentuck Knob and Polymath Park – which includes Wright's Mäntylä and Duncan House as well as two homes designed by Wright protégé Peter Berndtson?

THE ARCHITECTURE LOVER | The Laurel Highlands is a bucket-list trip for those who chart their journeys on graph paper. From the cantilevered design and "invisible" corner windows at Fallingwater to the hexagonal cutouts on the terrace roof at Kentuck Knob and the meticulously reconstructed lines of Mantyla, there's an intriguing story at every turn. Those looking for a little more time to study these masterpieces can book overnight stays at Polymath Park. **THE INTERIOR DESIGNER** | Wright was decades ahead of his time – he paved the way for the mid-century modern movement – and his homes still inspire creative ideas today.

THE ARTIST I Fallingwater is home to works by legendary artists such as Pablo Picasso and Diego Rivera, and each year the Fallingwater Institute welcomes visiting artists/scholars of exceptional talent to live, study, and work at the historic site. The current owner of Kentuck Knob, Lord Peter Palumbo, previously served as chair of the Arts Council of Great Britain, and an art walk around the grounds is a perfect way to end a tour.

THE HISTORY BUFF I The fact that Fallingwater was designed and built during the Great Depression makes it even more remarkable. Perhaps nothing demonstrates the length of Wright's incredible career better than the furniture in the living room at Kentuck Knob, which serves as a historical timeline ranging from a turn-of-thecentury recliner to a 1950s-era office chair that still looks futuristic today.

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THE OUTDOORSY TYPE I Edgar and Liliane Kaufmann would probably love to see hiking boots on visitors touring their historic home. The location was chosen, in part, because of their love for the outdoors. Fallingwater is also part of the Bear Run Nature Preserve and is located just outside Ohiopyle State Park, which draws more than a million visitors each year.

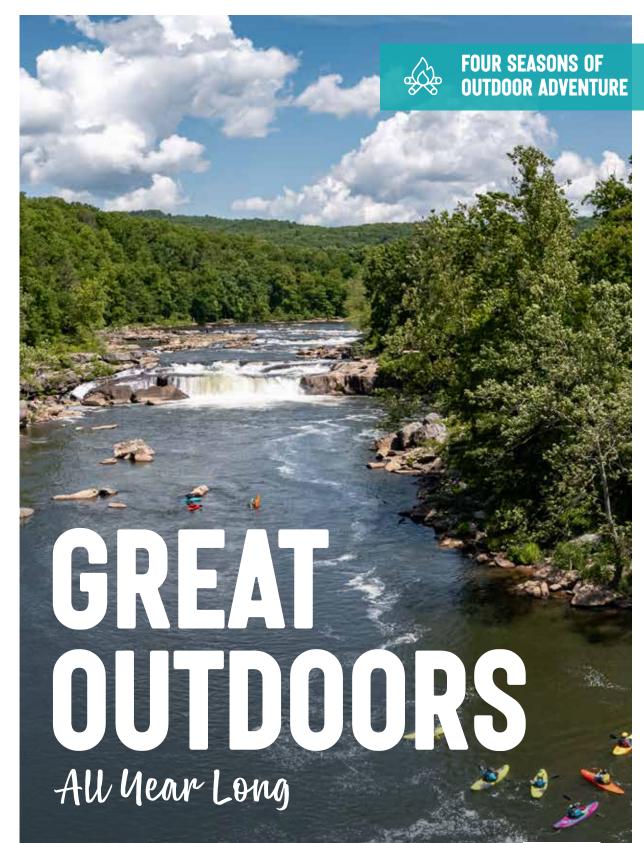
THE STUDENT | Everyone from elementary pupils to graduate students make their way to these hallowed houses. Fallingwater and Kentuck Knob each feature gift shops with reading material on Wright and architecture. Fallingwater Institute welcomes virtual summer camps, high school programs and college residencies.

THE FOODIE | A brunch, lunch or dinner tour of Polymath Park's homes combines Wright's exquisite architecture with an incredible dining experience at TreeTops Restaurant. The Fallingwater Café is committed to serving locally sourced meals onsite, and Fallingwater Institute periodically hosts an exclusive Forest-to-Table Dinner and a private tour of the home. Be sure to sample the ice cream at Kentuck Knob, which was built by I.N. and Bernadine Hagan, owners of the Hagan Ice Cream Co. in Uniontown.

THE INSTAGRAMMER Add these to your social media for instant clout: A photo from the iconic view of Fallingwater, one of the Youghiogheny River Gorge from behind Kentuck Knob (bonus points if it's in autumn) and another from a private dining pod during a twilight dinner at TreeTops Restaurant at Polymath Park.

YOU I Don't know a buttress from a hole in the ground? You don't have to be an expert to enjoy Fallingwater, which a poll of the American Institute of Architects named the "best all-time work of American architecture." Use the tips above to find delicious meals, fantastic photos and unforgettable experiences.

Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater



hether you find your thrills zooming downhill on two skis, bouncing around a trail on four wheels or prefer a more serene approach to the outdoors, the Laurel Highlands has something to satisfy your interest.

Ohiopyle State Park

🗱 | WINTER

Head to the mountains! There's snow much to do in the Laurel Highlands when the weather turns cold.

With more than 285 acres of ski and snowboard terrain, **Seven Springs Mountain Resort** is one of the most popular cold-weather destinations in Pennsylvania. Home to 33 trails and ten lifts, Seven Springs is a favorite for skiers and snowboarders. Ski and board lessons and a snow tubing park provide thrills for all snow lovers. Enjoy a bite to eat at Helen's, the Slopeside Restaurant or the Foggy Goggle – named the No. 1 après-ski bar in North America by USA Today readers – and then stay for an unforgettable weekend getaway.

Hidden Valley Resort and **Laurel Mountain Resort** are each located within a short drive of Seven Springs. Vail Resorts Epic Pass includes all three resorts.

Hidden Valley is a family-friendly resort with 28 slopes and trails, two terrain parks, eight lifts and excellent ski and snowboard schools. Clocktower, Glaciers Pub and Sunrise Sunset Cafe offer a variety of dining options. Stay in a **Highlands Ventures Cabin** with ski-in, ski-out access.

Laurel Mountain has 70 acres of skiable terrain, with 20 trails and two lifts. It's best known for the iconic double diamond Lower Wildcat, which has an average slope of almost 60%, making it one of the steepest in the state.

Cross country skiing and snowshoeing are also quite popular in the Laurel Highlands in Forbes State Forest, Laurel Mountain State Park, Laurel Ridge State Park and Roaring Run Natural Area.

Get your motor running with snowmobiling options in Forbes State Forest, Ohiopyle State Park and Laurel Hill State Park.



Seven Springs Mountain Resort

GO LH // OUTDOOR RECREATION



The Laurel Highlands region comes alive in the spring, as the temperatures climb, the flowers bloom and outdoor recreation kicks into high gear.

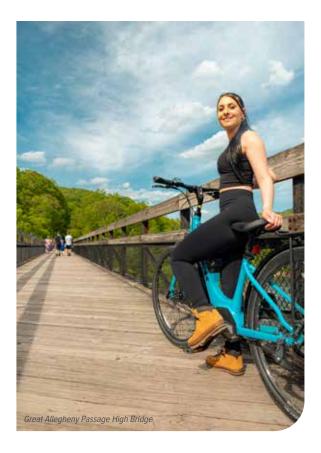
Mountain Ridge ATV Park in Central City offers ATV, UTV and dirt bike owners a chance to get out and ride, with more than 150 miles of trails and 40 miles of single track on 3,000 acres. Mountain Ridge continues to add to its lodging options, with primitive camping, campsites with electric hookups and rustic cabins available.

For anglers, spring in the Laurel Highlands means the start of trout season. With cool mountain waters in creeks, streams, rivers and lakes, the region is home to some of the best fishing in the state. Somerset County has more approved trout streams than any county in the state. The **Laurel Highlands Trout Trail** is the best way to find out about trout fishing in the region.

Waterfall lovers can take advantage of spring weather to see easy-to-reach spots such as Ohiopyle Falls and the nearby Cucumber Falls. Ohiopyle State Park provides one of the best waterfall hikes in Southwestern Pennsylvania with access to four impressive waterfalls. **Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater** – the UNESCO World Heritage Site featuring a home built over a waterfall – is a mustsee, while the lesser-known Packsaddle Bridge in Somerset County is the only covered bridge over a waterfall in Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania's largest cave, **Laurel Caverns**, is in Uniontown. Rain is never an issue and it's always 52 degrees inside the caverns, which have more than four miles of underground passages. It generally opens in late April or early May.





Make a splash in the Laurel Highlands with easily accessible waterways.

Paddling the waters of the Youghiogheny and Stonycreek rivers are popular options. The Yough features some of the best whitewater experiences in the eastern United States. Outfitters such as Laurel Highlands River Tours & Outdoor Center, Ohiopyle Trading Post and River Tours, White Water Adventurers and Wilderness Voyageurs offer family-friendly floats on the Middle Yough to more adventurous trips down the Lower Yough. Thrill seekers can take on the Upper Yough for heartpounding Class IV and V rapids.

Canoeing and kayaking is popular in the Laurel Highlands, with rental options is available in Keystone State Park, Laurel Hill State Park and Ohiopyle.

The beaches at Keystone State Park, Laurel Hill State Park and Quemahoning Family Recreation Area are a cool escape from the heat. The truly adventurous love sliding down the Meadow Run Natural Waterslide in Ohiopyle.

Hundreds of miles of hiking trails crisscross the region. Backpackers love the **Laurel Highlands Hiking Trail**, a 70-mile thru hike with conveniently located shelter areas perfect for multi-day trips. A great hike can be found in any of the eight state parks and two state forests in the Laurel Highlands.

🚸 | FALL

The **Great Allegheny Passage** is spectacular any time of year but fall might be the best season to experience one of the nation's best recreational trails. Cyclists from around the world take on the 150-mile thru ride from Pittsburgh to Cumberland, Maryland, with some opting to pick up the **C&O Canal Trail** and ride to Washington, D.C., for a staggering 330-mile journey.

Many businesses in the Laurel Highlands cater to cyclists, including Maple Leaf Outfitters and Sunshine Luggage Shuttle, both of which will transport your luggage from one lodging accommodation to another.

The GAP is rarely crowded, but fall allows riders even more solitude, and the trail is spectacular once the leaves begin to change colors in late September. Cooler temperatures make for a more comfortable ride, and October is historically one of the driest months in the Laurel Highlands.

Leaf peeping is one of the biggest reasons visitors flock to the Laurel Highlands, as Pennsylvania features a longer and more varied fall foliage season than anywhere in the world. USA Today readers took notice, naming **Keystone State Park** the nation's best fall foliage destination in 2023, and vibrant oranges, reds and yellows make autumn drives through the Laurel Highlands an incredible experience. Climb the observation tower at **Forbes State Forest's Mount Davis**, the highest point in Pennsylvania, for an incredible vantage point.



SOME OF THE MOST POPULAR DRIVING ROUTES FOR FALL FOLIAGE

National Road Heritage Corridor (Route 40) from Brownsville to Addison Laurel Highlands Scenic Byway: Routes 711 and 381 Route 30 from Irwin to Stoystown Route 31 from West Newton to Somerset

HUSIC Fills the Mountains

he Highlands are alive with the sound of music, to borrow a phrase from a popular movie.

Built into a hillside near Farmington, **Timber Rock Amphitheater**, which opened in 2023, delivers panoramic views of the Laurel Highlands and optimal acoustic value. With the ability to seat about 4,000 fans, Timber Rock hosts legendary country music acts with plans to expand its schedule and lineup in the future.

The Palace Theatre in Greensburg plays host to some of the biggest names in music. From Motown legends to Rock 'n Roll Hall of Famers and country, blues and jazz greats, they've all played The Palace.

The **Lamp Theatre** in Irwin, opened in 1937, now shines a spotlight on local music with its summer series and popular rock and pop tribute bands.

Windber's historic **Arcadia Theater** opened in 1921 and now welcomes tribute acts and seasonal performances each year.

Several parks in the Laurel Highlands also serve as popular music venues. St. Clair Park in Greensburg hosts **SummerSounds**, a weekly free concert series with acts that run the musical gamut from jazz to country to rock. The **AmeriServ Flood City Music Festival**, presented by the Johnstown Area Heritage Association, is a twoday concert spread over three stages at Peoples Natural Gas Park in Johnstown each summer. The **Laurel Hill Bluegrass Festival**, held at Laurel Hill State Park, and the **Ligonier Valley Bluegrass Festival** in Ligonier draw fans of the traditional musical style from far and wide.





Following

f you're looking for a weekend getaway that you can really sink your teeth into, check out some fabulous foodie options in the Laurel Highlands.

1 | DEER CREEK WINERY & WATSON ESTATE UNIONTOWN

Start by booking a room at the Deer Creek Winery & Watson Estate in Uniontown. This beautifully secluded bed and breakfast inn offers a blend of modern conveniences with the ambiance of early America. You'll be greeted with a free glass of wine of your choice – and a chance to add a location to your Laurel Highlands Pour Tour passport. Wake up to a full country breakfast that will fuel your first day in the Laurel Highlands, which can include a hike on the paved path to the Cross of Christ at Jumonville and a visit to Fort Necessity National Battlefield or a shopping excursion in Uniontown.

2 | BITTERSWEET CAFE O

Make your way to the Bittersweet Café outside Farmington, where fresh and local are always on the menu. The Bittersweet Burger is a large slab of angus – no antibiotics or growth hormones – topped with a Footprints Farm egg, a blend of provolone and white cheddar, crispy bacon, and drizzled with house red pepper jelly on a homemade bun. Add a baked treat or handcrafted drink to top off the experience.

WHILE IN THE AREA ...

Head into Ohiopyle to grab a picture of the falls and go for a hike in the Ferncliff Peninsula Natural Area, or, if you've booked tickets ahead of time, visit Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater, a UNESCO World Heritage site in nearby Mill Run. Be sure to check out Baughman Rock Overlook for stunning views of the Youghiogheny River Gorge just steps from the parking lot.

A ROADTRIP FOR Your tastebuds

3-4 | RIVER'S EDGE CAFE & HARTZELL HOUSE BED & BREAKFAST CONFLUENCE, ADDISON

Dinner at the River's Edge Café in Confluence is a delight, especially if you're able to sit outside on the wrap-around porch next to the Youghiogheny River on a warm summer evening. Seafood is a specialty at the River's Edge, where you'll swear that the stuffed rainbow trout was just pulled from the Yough. Located near the Great Allegheny Passage, the River's Edge also has a small bed-and-breakfast, with three rooms, or you can make the short drive south to the Hartzell House Bed and Breakfast in Addison. Known for its "casual luxury," the Hartzell House is a five-star property on TripAdvisor that has become renowned for its outstanding omelets and waffles.

9 5 OUT OF THE FIRE CAFE

DONEGAL

Head north for lunch at Out of the Fire Café in Donegal – don't miss the signature smoked salmon – and enjoy the incredible views from the deck. Visit nearby Living Treasures Animal Park or Caddie Shak for a dose of family-friendly fun.

6 | TREETOPS RESTAURANT AT POLYMATH PARK

ACME

Cap your day with a truly unforgettable experience with a twilight dinner at TreeTops Restaurant at Polymath Park. Book ahead and enjoy four and a half courses of handcrafted culinary plates served in a private treehouse-style dining pod plus a glass of bubbly and coffee or tea with dessert.

7 | OAK LODGE O ····· **STAHLSTOWN**

Discover Oak Lodge near Stahlstown, where you can book a private cabin or a suite within the main lodge for a delightful blend of rustic and luxurious surroundings. Wake up to a lovely breakfast that rotates menu options but always includes local coffee and house-made granola. Relax with a couples massage and find inner peace with a reiki energy balancing session or embrace forest bathing courtesy of Whispering Woods Spa. The Café at Oak Lodge is found in the heart of the faux 18th-century Jimberg Village and is open to the public year-round with a seasonal menu featuring a variety of weekly dinner specials.

8 | CONNECTIONS CAFE LIGONIER

Discover a light, healthy lunch at Connections Café in Ligonier, followed by some retail therapy in the incredibly shoppable small town filled with boutique shops and galleries. Take a break from shopping with some candy made the "old-fashioned" way at O'Shea's Ligonier Sweet Shoppe. With four generations of family ownership, O'Shea's uses the same methods that their grandparents developed more than 80 years ago.

9 | LINCOLN HIGHWAY EXPERIENCE LATROBE

If time allows, visit the Lincoln Highway Experience in Latrobe, the museum dedicated to America's first coast-to-coast highway, where each guest receives a free slice of pie and a cup of coffee in the 1930s-style diner.

6 10 | J. CORKS

GREENSBURG

Finish your long weekend in style with dinner at J. Corks in Greensburg, which offers high-end American fare – ranging from a surf-n-turf macand-cheese to filet mignon – and allows patrons to choose their atmosphere with a full bar, formal dining room, and patio.



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Markets, Crafts & Hidden Gems

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S hoppers find a wide variety of artisanal works and handmade crafts as well as locally grown produce and baked goods in the Laurel Highlands.

Ligonier Country Market has been honored as the best farmers market in the state. The oldest and largest market in Western Pennsylvania takes place each Saturday at Loyalhanna Watershed Farm from May until October. About 120 vendors sell products from pierogies to handcrafted furniture.

The **SoCo Farmers Market** in Somerset brings farm-fresh food and hand-crafted goods to Uptown Somerset on Saturday mornings from June to mid-October, while the **Springs Farmers Market** is part local produce and part flea market with freshly made doughnuts and pastries each Saturday morning in Somerset County's Amish country. **Cinder Shack's** 15,000 square feet in Farmington has the feel of an outdoor market. The multi-vendor marketplace has products from more than 100 local artisans and antique shops.

Neubauer's Flowers and Market House, located in the restored U.S. Livery Building in Uniontown, offers an array of home decor, silk arrangements and wreaths, home fragrance, gardenware and outdoor plants, and year-round Christmas merchandise.

In Somerset, **Baker's Home & Garden Center** is a onestop garden shop with a curated collection of home decor, candles, seasonal decorations, hand-crafted furniture and massive selection of seasonal plantings.

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Falls Market

CELEBRATE THE REGION'S ROBUST HISTORY

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Compass Inn Museum

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Explore Local

istory is always on display in the Laurel Highlands.

Two hundred years ago, the **Compass Inn Museum and Historic Site** in Laughlintown served as a popular inn for travelers on the Philadelphia-Pittsburgh Turnpike. Now, the authentically restored stagecoach hostelry and tavern welcomes guests of a different sort. Dressed in 1830s period clothing, docents take visitors on an entertaining and informative tour through the original inn and three reconstructed outbuildings. Special events at the Compass Inn include Living History Weekends, Halloween Storytelling, Harvest Tours and the very popular Holiday Candlelight Tours.

Just 12 miles down Route 30 in Latrobe, the **Lincoln Highway Experience** tells a much different story of travelers. Dedicated to America's first coast-to-coast road, which stretched from New York City to San Francisco, the 5,000-square-foot museum includes audio wands for custom tours at 16 stops. Admission also includes a free cup of coffee and slice of pie inside the restored Serro's Diner.

Did you know that the Laurel Highlands claims first shots fired in the French and Indian War? Artifacts verify this was indeed the case at Jumonville Glen, part of **Fort Necessity National Battlefield** in Farmington. Lieutenant Colonel George Washington commanded the troops in this 15-minute skirmish in 1754 which launched the Seven Years' War. Learn all about this battle and more at Fort Necessity.

The **Rivers of Steel Natural Heritage Area** offers unique experiences across eight counties, including the Laurel Highlands. Sightseeing tours of the Carrie Blast Furnaces and excursions on the Explorer riverboat, which are offered regularly from late spring to early fall, are especially popular in Pittsburgh.

"A Steelworker's Story," is told from a different perspective as the exhibit at the **Heritage Discovery Center** in Johnstown includes signs, product samples and personal effects from steelworkers. "Forging a Nation: Johnstown Iron & Steel" opened in 2024 to rave reviews, as the three-story permanent exhibit draws extensively from the Johnstown Area Heritage Association's collection and includes newly acquired artifacts. A 25-minute film – "The Mystery of Steel" – chronicles the rise and fall of the industry in Johnstown.





Not-to-Miss FESTIVALS



here's always something to celebrate in the Laurel Highlands – from banana splits to UFO sightings!

The **Fire and Ice Festival** is one of the hottest events in the region, as dozens of ice sculptures are crafted around Uptown Somerset. Held around the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, the event is free to attend and includes live music, an ice slide and fireworks.

Dozens of boutique shops, art galleries and restaurants always make Ligonier a great place to walk and shop, but January's annual **Ice Fest** provides an even more charming experience in this quaint borough often referred to as a "Hallmark Christmas" town. March and April are the sweetest months on the events calendar, as Somerset County Maple Producers present **Maple Taste & Tour Weekends** and **the Pennsylvania Maple Festival**. Somerset produces more maple than any county in the state, and Meyersdale has celebrated the industry for nearly 80 years with delicious foods, handmade crafts and contests.

Ohiopyle Borough celebrates the Youghiogheny in late May/early June with its **Spirit of the River: Ohiopyle Wine and Arts Festival**. The event supports the borough, which was named the Best Small Town in the Northeast in 2024, and includes wine and spirit tasting, arts and craft vendors. The Westmoreland Arts and Heritage Festival recently celebrated its 50th year. Held at Twin Lakes Park in Greensburg each July, it features visual and live performing arts, traditional and fine crafts, cultural heritage activities and tasty ethnic foods.

Seven Springs Mountain Resort brings the ultimate backyard barbecue experience to the Laurel Highlands each July with its annual Rib & Wing Festival. Some of the nation's top rib-and-wing makers gather for this saucy experience that also includes live music and games.

The **Kecksburg UFO Festival** provides an out-of-this-world experience. A highly publicized incident on Dec. 9, 1965, has led some to refer to the tiny unincorporated area in Westmoreland County as "Pennsylvania's Roswell." Each July, festival attendees come dressed as their favorite alien for information on the unexplained as well as food, games and fireworks.

Uptown Somerset's **Chalk the Block** festival brings art to the streets in July, with chalk artists from across the country demonstrating their fun and creative works. Art demonstrations and free kids' activities "draw" even more people to the event.

Thousands of vinophiles unite each August for Seven Springs Mountain Resort's annual **Wine Festival**. This huge celebration features nearly two dozen Pennsylvania wineries with complimentary sampling as well as wine available for purchase.

What's better than a scoop of ice cream on a hot summer day? Three scoops of ice cream, of course. Latrobe celebrates one of its signature inventions in August with the **Great American Banana Split Festiva**l.

The **Bedford Fall Foliage Festival** was named one of the most popular autumn celebrations in the country by OprahDaily.com. The event, which is centered in Bedford's historic downtown over two weekends in October, brings the best local arts, crafts and culture together in the crisp mountain air just outside the Laurel Highlands.

Fort Ligonier Days annually commemorates a key French and Indian War battle from Oct. 12, 1758. The three-day festival features historic battle reenactments, top-rated juried crafts, delicious foods, local spirits, live music and a grand parade.

It might be one of the newest local festivals, but **Bonfires, Barrels and Brews** quickly became a favorite for craft beverage lovers. The Laurel Highlands Pour Tour passport program brings breweries, wineries and distilleries together with food and craft vendors for an autumn celebration of the region's spirits.

During the holiday season, head to **Overly's Country Christmas**[®] at the Westmoreland Fairgrounds on select dates in November and December. This Christmas Village is filled with old-fashioned traditions such as a model train display, pictures with Santa and horse-drawn wagon/ sleigh rides.



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hether you're looking to sleep on the ground in a tent or in a luxurious hotel suite with butler service – or anything in between – there's a lodging option in the Laurel Highlands to fit your needs.

Wander Ridge

Cory Camping

Camping options abound in the region's state parks and forests. Keystone, Kooser, Laurel Hill and Ohiopyle offer primitive tent sites as well as sites available for recreational vehicles and trailers. Keystone and Ohiopyle each feature camping cottages and yurts.

Wander Ridge in Mill Run has family-friendly domes that offer a unique camping experience with plush queen beds, wood burning stoves and solar lighting. Benner's Meadow Run RV Campground near Ohiopyle has tent and RV sites as well as yurts and cabins. Pine Creek Glamping in Stoystown offers a luxurious creekside escape with a cozy king bed, heat and air conditioning and refrigerator.

One of the top RV campgrounds in the country according to USA Today readers, **Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park Camp-Resort** in Mill Run adds family fun to the camping experience. Tent and RV sites are available as well as cabins ranging from one-room spaces to the enormous family lodge that sleeps 24. The resort also boasts two heated swimming pools, two huge waterslides, wagon rides, miniature golf, family activities and, of course, Yogi and Boo Boo.



Unique lodging

Short-term rental options in the Laurel Highlands range from treehouses to hobbit houses and even houses designed by Frank Lloyd Wright!

Get back to nature at **Ohiopyle Luxury Treehouse**, which features three covered patios and a mile-long private hiking trail leading to this two-bedroom home that sleeps six. It's just minutes from Ohiopyle State Park, Fallingwater and Kentuck Knob, as is **Ohiopyle Hobbit House**. This luxury vacation rental, which sleeps 10, will transport you to a magical world inspired by the Lord of the Rings.

Oakleaf Treehouse, located on the bank of the Stony Fork Creek, features a loft bedroom adorned in beautifully handcrafted woodwork. The nearby Hobbit House at Fernstone features heavy oak timbers and a clear glass dome over the bed that will allow you to gaze up at the stars as you drift off to sleep. Vacation Ohiopyle offers the stunning stream-front **Creek Haven**, which sleeps six and has a hot tub, outdoor fire pit and grill. Creek Haven is just minutes from Youghiogheny Lake and is close to Ohiopyle State Park and Confluence.

Located just 1 ½ miles from Seven Springs Mountain Resort, **Fin & Feather** provides a secluded retreat any time of year. Featuring a combined eight bedrooms and 10 beds, this incredible property has a main lodge, a carriage house and a guest house plus a game room.

Polymath Park, near Acme, provides the rare opportunity to spend the night in a home designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. The 130-acre property is home to the architectural master's Mäntylä and the Duncan House as well as the Balter and Blum houses designed by Wright protégé Peter Berndtson.





Luxury Escapes

Nemacolin is one of the top destination resorts in the nation, according to USA Today readers, and it's easy to see why. The Chateau, modeled after the Ritz in Paris, reopened after extensive renovations in 2023 with an extravagant weekend that brought some of the world's biggest celebrities to Farmington. The Chateau harkens back to 18th-century France, yet bears a modern and appealing flair.

The Grand Lodge was also recently renovated. Combining woodsy charm with the height of luxury, this reimagined hotel offers all-suite accommodations, elevated in-room services, and plenty of magical surprises.

Located just 11 miles from Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater, Nemacolin also features a hotel that is an homage to the architectural genius. Falling Rock is Nemacolin's most sophisticated hotel. With breathtaking views and elevated amenities, this masterpiece is perfect for a romantic getaway.

Nemacolin also features The Estates, exclusive properties within the resort that sleep up to 22 guests, and The Homes, which range from two to five bedrooms and are perfect for families and mid-sized groups. No matter how large your group, they won't get bored at Nemacolin, which features experiences ranging from The Peak's heated pool and massive television screen to a pair of championship golf courses, a nationally renowned spa and wellness center, an extensive art collection on the grounds and the Rod and Range Club. Dining options include the culinary masterpiece that is Lautrec, the farm-to-table Fawn & Fable and Gusto, the Italian eatery that is Nemacolin's newest restaurant.



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he Laurel Highlands, with its spectacular views, exhilarating outdoor recreation and incredible dining options, has captured the nation's attention!

Again and again, USA Today readers have honored the region as well as its businesses and destinations as being the best in the country. Some of the top honors bestowed on the region include:

Keystone State Park | Best Fall Foliage Destination Ohiopyle State Park | Best Small Town in the Northeast Foggy Goggle (Seven Springs) | Best Apres-Ski Bar in North America Laurel Highlands | Top Five Best Summer Travel Destinations Great Allegheny Passage | Top Five Best Recreational Trails Woodlands Spa and Salon (Nemacolin) | Top Five Best Resort Spas SummerSounds (Greensburg) | Top Five Best Outdoor Concert Series Wilderness Voyageurs | Top Five Best Bike Tours Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park (Mill Run) | Top Five Best RV Campgrounds El Diablo Brewing Co. (Greensburg) | Top 10 Best New Breweries Evergreen Drive-In (Mount Pleasant) | Top 10 Best Drive-In Theatres Circle Bar and The Study (Nemacolin) | Top 20 Best Hotel Bars Fawn & Fable (Nemacolin) | Top 20 Best Hotel Restaurants Nemacolin | Top 20 Best Destination Resorts Nemacolin | Top 20 Best Hotel Pools



Enjoy ARTS



Home to more than 3,400 objects of fine and decorative art, **The Westmoreland Museum of American Art** is a free regional museum with a national presence. Located in Greensburg, the museum itself is a work of art. The cantilever wing recalls one of the most famous buildings in the Laurel Highlands – or the world – in Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater and has been hailed for its architectural design.

Exhibitions slated for 2025 include "All the Right Notes," which presents artworks and objects inspired by the ethereality of music, and "George Hetzel and Scalp Level," which celebrates the rich artistic heritage of Southwestern Pennsylvania and the profound influence that George Hetzel and his students had in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Touchstone Center for Crafts is a creative community located on 230 acres of lush woodlands near Farmington. In addition to exhibition and retail galleries, which showcase the talent of local, regional and national artists, Touchstone offers artist residencies and internships for emerging artists. Multi-day workshops range from blacksmithing and glass to drawing and painting. Date nights are the perfect way to try your hand at a new craft in a fun environment.

The **Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art** includes several locations including one in Ligonier. SAMA offers a full schedule of exhibits, programs and activities including a variety of educational activities for kids of all ages.





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Pittsburgh

he Laurel Highlands has served as Pittsburgh's playground for more than a century, and for good reason. The region's forests, rivers and mountains have provided an escape from city life since at least the 1880s, when a roundtrip train ticket to Ohiopyle was just \$1.

Today's travelers will notice Laurel Highlands signage at Pittsburgh International Airport, and those who still love to ride the rails can take Amtrak from the Steel City to Greensburg, Connellsville and Latrobe. Most visitors prefer taking the wheel to get here from Pittsburgh, as most of the Laurel Highlands is located within a 30- to 90-minute drive of the city.

Fans of the Pittsburgh Steelers have been escaping to the mountains since the football team started holding their Training Camp at Saint Vincent College in Latrobe more than 50 years ago. The chance to get an early glimpse of the team – or an autograph from a favorite player – draws thousands each summer. Tickets are free but need to be obtained online in advance.

The Laurel Highlands is recognized as A Preferred Vacation Destination of the Pittsburgh Steelers, meaning the organization will help its global fanbase discover this wonderful area. Cameron Heyward, one of the team's most popular players and the 2023 Walter Payton Man of the Year Award winner for his charitable actions, has joined GO Laurel Highlands to help promote the region and its assets.

The link between Pittsburgh and the Laurel Highlands runs even deeper than the waters of the Youghiogheny and Monongahela rivers, which eventually end up in the Ohio River at Pittsburgh's Point State Park. The same waterways that connected the city and countryside through transportation and industry now unite them through outdoor recreation.

The Great Allegheny Passage - a 150-mile path, which USA Today 10Best ranks as one of the top-five recreational trails the nation - begins in Pittsburgh and crosses the Laurel Highlands before ending in Cumberland, MD. Each year, more than a million users enjoy the trail, with many cyclists connecting to the C&O Canal Trail in Maryland to ride all the way to Washington, D.C. – 330 miles from Pittsburgh.

A strong cultural connection binds Pittsburgh to the Laurel Highlands as well. GO Laurel Highlands and Discover Westmoreland partner with the Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, including the Natural History and Art museums. Meanwhile, visitors to Pittsburgh are drawn to architectural marvels in the Laurel Highlands, including Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater, Kentuck Knob and Polymath Park.

It's easy to see why more visitors to the Laurel Highlands come from Pittsburgh than any other location and why the bond between the city and the region is only growing stronger.



FOR THE BIRDS

Hour Guide to Birding in the Laurel Highlands

WHAT TO SEE

Large birds such as bald eagles, blue herons and redtailed hawks are popular, but the Laurel Highlands is home to some more obscure species that appeal to birdwatchers, such as snow buntings, sora and pileated woodpeckers.

he biggest bird that can be found in the Laurel Highlands might also be its grandest. The bald eagle – America's national emblem since 1782 – has become a common sight here over the past few decades.

"Decades after DDT was outlawed, the bald eagles are nesting in many hundreds of locations throughout Pennsylvania, including the Laurel Highlands," says Jim Kellam, an ornithologist with Saint Vincent College in Latrobe who holds a doctorate in biological sciences. "All major rivers have them, as well as large reservoirs like Quemahoning."

The bald eagle has a wingspan of 80 inches and weighs about 9.5 pounds, making it the largest bird in the region. Some other large birds that call the Laurel Highlands home include the great blue heron (72-inch wingspan, 6.4 pounds), turkey vultures (67 inches, 4 pounds) and red-tailed hawks (49 inches, 2.4 pounds).

Nearly 300 species of birds have been found in the Laurel Highlands, with about 130 of those appearing most years.

Birding Basics

WHAT TO KNOW

If you're a newcomer to birding, Kellam suggests getting a pair of mid-range binoculars – such as the 8x42 combination of magnification and lens size – to help spot birds and an app for your phone, such as the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's Merlin app, which can identify birds by calls and songs.

"It's about 95% accurate and it's an excellent learning tool," he says. "Birding in the summer is almost always done by ear because you simply can't see many birds up in the leafy trees."

WHERE TO GO

Looking for a great place to birdwatch? Here are some of Kellam's top recommendations:

• Powdermill Nature Reserve – great for woodland species such as warblers, vireos, woodpeckers and thrushes. A hike up the Porcupine Ridge Trail to the overlook is taxing, but it's worth it in terms of both birds and natural beauty. Powdermill also has a museum exhibit that is open to the public, and the Avian Research Center is one of the oldest bird-banding operations in the nation.

• Keystone State Park – Davis Run Trail features a variety of woodland species, plus there's the lake that hosts a different set of birds such as osprey, herons, cormorants, kingfishers and flycatchers.

• Flight 93 National Memorial – Many grassland species live here, including sparrows you won't see anywhere else. A pond along Approach Road almost always delivers a surprise, such as a swan, a duck or a sandpiper.

• Ohiopyle State Park – The diversity of habitats attracts a range of bird species. Check out the cliff swallows that live under the Route 381 bridge that crosses the Youghiogheny River, and then walk around the Ferncliff Peninsula to find vireos, kinglets and warblers. Try to take less popular trails to find a quiet, undisturbed forest to hear the musical song of the wood thrush.



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Getaways on the Greens

s the world's best golfers gather in southwestern Pennsylvania, 2025 is the perfect time to recognize the special place that the Laurel Highlands holds in the sport.

Arnold Palmer, one of the true giants of the game, was born and raised in the Laurel Highlands, and the first golf course he designed – The Peninsula Golf Club, which was known as Indian Lake Golf Club – is now open to the public. Combined with Northwinds Golf Course, which is less than two miles away, and a stay at the Lodge at Indian Lake, Peninsula makes for a great weekend of golf.

Another popular stay-and-play option in the Laurel Highlands can be found at **Chestnut Ridge Golf Resort and Conference Center** in Blairsville, which features a pair of picturesque courses as well as the on-site Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton. **Tom's Run Golf Course** has been ranked as the fifth-best public course in Pennsylvania, while **Chestnut Ridge Golf Course** offers breathtaking views.

Nearly a decade after his death, Palmer's presence

is still felt in the Laurel Highlands. Arnold Palmer's Latrobe Country Club – the course he grew up playing – bears the name of the seven-time major champion, as does Arnold Palmer Regional Airport in Latrobe, which includes a statue of The King.

Palmer's longtime friend Dick Groat, owned **Champion Lakes Golf Course** in Bolivar before his death in 2023. Champion Lakes has been ranked as one of the top 50 public courses in the U.S., and on-site lodging is available for multiple-round stays.

Highlands Ventures Outdoor Sports includes two courses – the Highlands Golf Club at Seven Springs and the Highlands Golf Club at Hidden Valley. The clubs offer a high-level experience on pristine courses without the country club expenses.

Nemacolin is home to two of the best public courses in America. **Mystic Rock**, which hosted a PGA Tour event from 2003 to 2006, and **Shepherd's Rock** are both open to guests staying at the 2,200-acre resort in Farmington. The Pete Dye-designed courses are as challenging as they are beautiful.



hether you want to call it blended travel, bleisure (business + leisure) or a mullet trip (business in the front, party in the back), more and more travelers are looking to combine work and fun while traveling.

The Laurel Highlands region is a popular spot for conferences.

Nemacolin offers an unforgettable conference experience at the luxury resort in Farmington. In addition to five-star accommodations and dining, the resort has a lecture hall that can hold up to 175 people as well as the Nemacolin Rooms, a space that can break into three or six individual salons. Team-building excursions range from ropes courses and climbing walls to paintball. Extended stays allow guests to explore some of the incredible experiences available on the grounds of the 2,200-acre resort, from instruction in everything from golf to cooking as well as relaxing poolside or at the award-winning spa and holistic healing center.

With more than 77,000 square feet of meeting space and state-of-the-art facilities plus lodging options ranging from comfortable condos to gorgeous slopeside townhomes, **Seven Springs Mountain Resort** is an ideal conference host. Come before or stay after the conference to check out Pennsylvania's larges ski resort with 33 slopes and 10 lifts. Hop on the Alpine Slide for a thrilling downhill ride during warmer months or take advantage of one of the resort's signature events such as the Rib & Wing Festival, Wine Festival or Autumnfest, which was recognized as one of the top Fall Festivals by USA Today readers. Whenever you visit, be sure to leave time for a refreshing beverage at the Foggy Goggle, which was named the Best Apres-Ski Bar in North America.

With lodging, meeting space and dining facilities capable of hosting more than 300 people, **Laurelville Retreat Center** in Mount Pleasant is popular for overnight retreats and day trips. The 600-acre campus features hiking trails, a ropes course, a mini golf course and community pool. The Christian-based retreat center even includes a prayer labyrinth intended to calm participants and provide a meditative space.

Travelers in need of meeting space as well as access to the Internet, printing and basic office supplies while in the Laurel Highlands can find a productive spot at **Uptown Works**. Conveniently located in Somerset, Uptown Works features hourly, daily and monthly passes that are perfect for those working remotely while enjoying all that the Laurel Highlands has to offer.

Laurel Highlands

he Laurel Highlands Pour Tour just keeps getting bigger and better.

More than 50 craft beverage makers were featured partners in Pour Tour 4.0, and thousands of individuals participated in the popular tour by picking up a paper passport or using a digital app to get a sticker or digital stamp each time they made a purchase.

From moonshine to merlot to Monongahela rye and pale ales to porters, there's something to please almost every palate on the Laurel Highlands Pour Tour. With breweries, wineries, distilleries, cideries and even a meadery spread across a 3,000-square-mile region, it's never difficult to find a refreshing beverage.

Bonfires, Barrels and Brews, which launched in 2023, makes it even easier to taste the Laurel Highlands, as Pour Tour partners and participants gather each fall for a celebratory event. With a bevy of beverage makers on hand, participants can gather several stickers/digital stamps in one location.

Pour Tour 5.0 will launch in 2025, with complete details available at golaurelhighlands.com/pour-tour

CELEBRATE THE AREA'S WHISKEY HERITRAGE ON THE LH POUR TOUR

aise a glass to the birthplace of American whiskey in the region that made it famous.

Long before Kentucky became known for bourbon, Monongahela rye – distilled right here in the Laurel Highlands – was what 19th century Americans meant when they spoke of whiskey. Today, local distillers are embracing their rye roots.

In 2024, **West Overton Village & Museum** opened the James B. Beam Pennsylvania Whiskey Heritage Center in conjunction with Suntory Global Spirits, which produces Overholt, the longest-standing American whiskey brand.

West Overton is where Abraham Overholt began distilling in 1810 and is considered the "spiritual home" of his namesake brand. Located on the second floor of the museum in Scottdale, the Heritage Center includes the Sam Komlenic Gallery, which is home to the largest publicly accessible collection of artifacts related to Pennsylvania's history of whiskey production, with more than 450 objects on display. The Overholt Stateroom, a vintage-inspired lounge, features a modern bar, antique furniture and decor, vintage and modern bottlings, and a mural of Abraham Overholt.

The museum includes an educational distillery and even distills its own brand of Monongahela rye whiskey, which can be purchased on-site. While most American whiskeys are corn-based, rye is used in the distilling process to create a deep, rich and full-bodied flavor profile.

Ponfeigh Distillery in Somerset also celebrates Monongahela rye's important role in the region's history. Located in a former 84 Lumber building, Ponfeigh has the largest capacity for any distillery in Pennsylvania. While Ponfeigh's 20,000-foot property opened in late 2023, Maximillian Merrill began the distilling process three years earlier. He shipped locally grown rye to a sister facility in North Carolina, where it was distilled using the process that Ponfeigh now uses, and the product was aged in oak barrels for three years.

Ponfeigh has since added a tasting room and event center and plans to add an amphitheater and whiskey museum so that the brand, whose name comes from a Welsh word meaning "watering place of deer," not only honors the region's whiskey history but adds to it.



Laurel Highlands PHOTO CONTEST

2024 CONTEST WINNERS

Featured below, ranked top to bottom

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- Carol Saylor -Appalachian Wagon Train, Meyersdale
 Dana Echard Bullskin Rodeo, Mount Pleasant
 Christina Stoner Loucks Park, Scottdale
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- 3 Elijah Spellman Laurel Caverns, Farmington



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Don't forget your camera when traveling through the Laurel Highlands. You never know what unique flora, special moment, or gorgeous vista you will encounter. Enter your photos in the 2025 Laurel Highlands Photo Contest for a chance to win cash prizes and have your work featured in our Destination Guide and beyond.

FESTIVALS & EVENTS

JANUARY

January-November, Saturdays MUSIC SERIES Glades Pike Winery 2208 Glades Pike Somerset, PA gladespikewinery.com 814-445-3753



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January 17-19 30TH ANNUAL FIRE & ICE FESTIVAL



Uptown Somerset, 109 E Main St Somerset, PA somersetinc.org/fireandice 814-443-1748 50+ space themed ice sculptures, fireworks, food trucks, winter 5K, children's activities, chili cook-off, live music, and winter marketplace

January 30, February 27, March 27, May 29, April 17, May 29, June 26, July 31, August 28, September 25, October 30, November 12, December 11 **GREENSBURG NIGHT**

MARKET

South Pennsylvania Avenue Greensburg, PA greensburgnightmarket.com 724-201-1607

MARCH

March 12-15 SPRING OPEN HOUSE

Neubauer's Flowers & Market House 36 E. Church Street Uniontown, PA neubauersflowers.com 724-437-5500

March 26-30

ART IN BLOOM The Westmoreland Museum of American Art 221 North Main Street Greensburg, PA thewestmoreland.org 724-837-1500

APRIL

April 5-6, 9-13 **PENNSYLVANIA MAPLE FESTIVAL** 120 Meyers Avenue Meyersdale, PA pamaplefestival.com 844-634-0213

April 26

GREENSBURG ARTSWALK The Westmoreland Museum of

The Westmoreland Museum o American Art 221 North Main Street Greensburg, PA thewestmoreland.org 724-837-1500

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May 3 SPRING FAMILY DAY AT HISTORIC HANNA'S TOWN 809 Forbes Trail Road Greensburg, PA westmorelandhistory.org 724-836-1800

May 3 THE SOMERSET COUNTY GOLF BASH

Bakersville VFD Bakersville, PA somersetpa.net 814-445-6431 The premier Golf Bash event in Southwestern PA! Win amazing prizes!

May 11

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH Foggy Mountain Lodge & Pub 117 Foggy Mountain Lane Stahlstown, PA fmlpub.com 877-364-4968 Celebrate Mom at our annual Mother's

May 17 HANNA'S TOWN RESOLVES REVISITED AT HISTORIC HANNA'S TOWN 809 Forbes Trail Road Greensburg, PA westmorelandhistory.org

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May 17 LIGONIER COUNTRY

Day brunch!

MARKET OPENING DAY Springer Road

Ligonier, PA ligoniercountrymarket.com 724-858-7894

May 17 - June 4 WESTMORELAND ART NATIONALS

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JUNE

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June 6 - August 29, Fridays GREENSBURG SUMMERSOUNDS

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June 7 ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE



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June 7

FAYETTE COUNTY FIBER FESTIVAL

Dunbar, PA fayettecofiberfestival.weebly.com 724-961-3382 Local yam festival featuring hand-dyed yarn, spinning fiber and fleeces.

June 8 ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES

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July 13-19

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July 24 - August 2

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Uptown Somerset, 102 W Main Street Somerset, PA somersetinc.org/chalktheblock 814-443-1748 Street painting festival set in historic Uptown Somerset. 20+ professional artists, youth chalk competition, live music, food!

July 26-27

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somersetcountyfairpa.com 814-634-5619 August 15-23

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August 21

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August 22 YELLOW TIE GALA

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August 22-23



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latrobelaurelvalley.org

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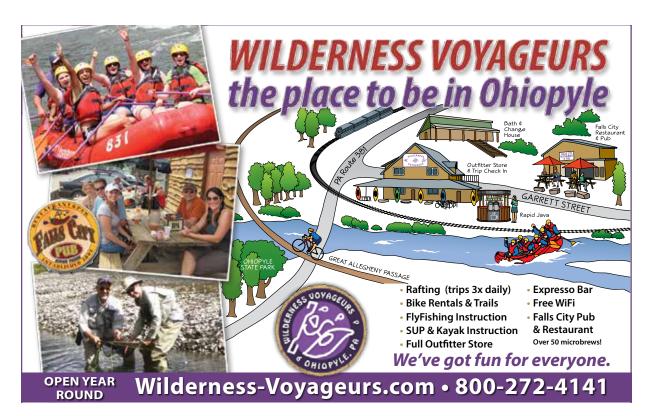
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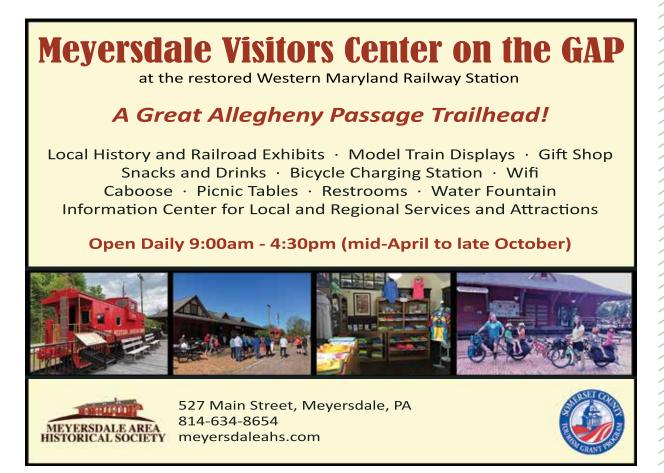






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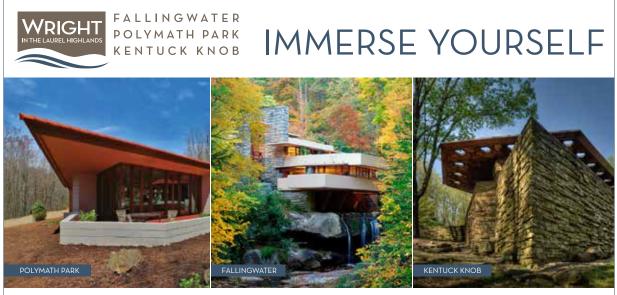
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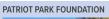
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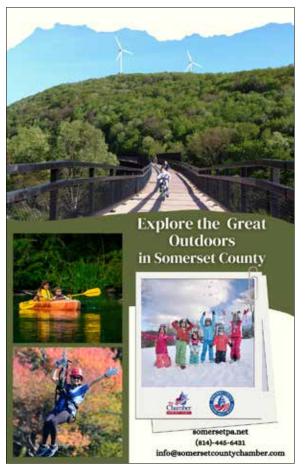
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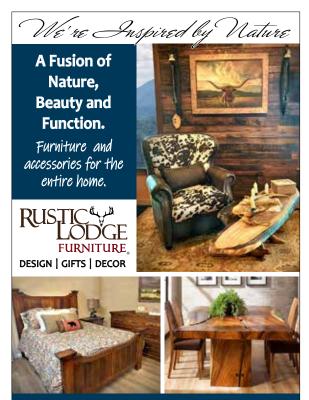
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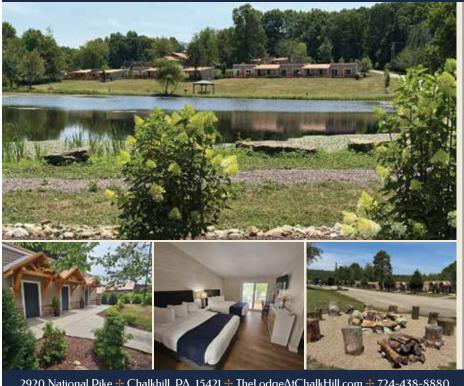
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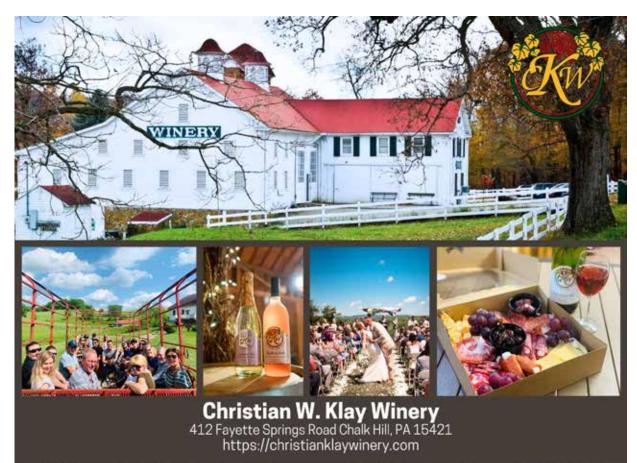
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