

Our region is proud to have almost half of the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) certified buildings.

DCNR is responsible for more than 4,700 buildings statewide and the LEED green building certification program is just one way the state agency demonstrates its commitment to energy-efficient systems and materials and sustainable practices when constructing and managing its facilities and lands. The five DCNR facilities and the PA Lumber Museum highlighted in this brochure offer inspiring takeaways for how we can all be better stewards.

Check them out as you explore the PA Wilds region.



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Nestled amid the region's 2.1 million acres of public land are inspired green buildings that showcase how we can build smarter and adjust small habits to conserve energy, boost our local economy, and reduce environmental impact.

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THE NATURE INN AT BALD EAGLE STATE PARK

201 Warbler Way • Howard • Centre County

This ground-breaking lodge is the first of its kind in Pennsylvania's award-winning State Park system. It offers guests a way to get up close and personal with the latest in green building design, including native water-efficient landscaping, a 2,800-gallon rainwater harvesting system, on-site renewable energy (a solar-thermal hot water system), and more.

Interpretive panels on green features are included throughout the facility, and each guest room is outfitted with a monitoring system that allows overnight guests to see how much energy they have used during their stay. The Nature Inn is part of the Bald Eagle State Park, which is known for its excellent swimming, boating, and angling opportunities, and especially for birding since its diverse habitat, large reservoir, and position along the ridge line attract many bird species.



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ELK COUNTRY VISITOR CENTER

134 Winslow Hill Road • Benezette • Elk County

The location and layout of the building and parking lot were chosen to minimize the facility's impact on the ecosystem. The building features energy-efficient materials and designs, solar-oriented windows for warmth and lighting, a renewable geothermal heating and cooling system, an outdoor classroom heated by a highly efficient biomass boiler, and the collection of rainwater for use in the building's restrooms.

Interpretive panels on green features are available throughout the campus. This magnificent facility sits atop Winslow Hill in the remote and stunning Bennetts Valley – ground zero for viewing Pennsylvania's wild elk herd.

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WILDLIFE CENTER AT SINNEMAHONING STATE PARK

4843 Park Road • Austin • Cameron + Potter Counties

The Wildlife Center boasts geothermal heat, recycled materials, a rainwater harvesting system, use of regional materials, and many other green features.

Interpretive panels on green features are available throughout the 9,300-square foot building, which serves as both a visitor center and park office. The Wildlife Center is a popular location for viewing elk, bear, birds, and other wildlife, and includes a state-of-the-art interpretive gallery with interactive exhibits that help connect the visitor to the parks and the larger Pennsylvania Wilds region.

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KINZUA BRIDGE STATE PARK VISITOR CENTER AND SKYWALK

296 Viaduct Road • Mt. Jewett • McKean County

This Visitor Center, opened in 2016, boasts many green features, including a building envelope that exceeds code minimums for insulation values, geothermal heating and cooling systems, stormwater management using rain gardens and stabilized turf overflow parking, and daylighting and automated lighting technologies to conserve energy.

Thousands of people trek to this park each year to experience the historic Kinzua Viaduct, a railroad bridge (once the world's tallest) that has been transformed into a Skywalk with a glass floor.

The Kinzua Bridge State Park Visitor Center is also the site of the first Pennsylvania Wilds Conservation Shop, featuring products crafted and manufactured in the PA Wilds.

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PENNSYLVANIA LUMBER MUSEUM

5660 US Route 6 • Galeton • Potter County

A premier PA Historical & Museum Commission facility for learning about Pennsylvania's forests and forest industries and their role in growing our state and nation, the Pennsylvania Lumber Museum was built with locally-sourced materials. This includes countertops and trim made from hemlock, cherry, and pine harvested from the surrounding Susquehannock State Forest and cut at the Museum's own sawmill. Other green features include automated, high-efficiency LED lighting, using daylight to reduce lighting electric costs, low- to no-water fixtures, re-used and recycled building materials, and geothermal HVAC.

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TIADAGHTON STATE FOREST RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CENTER

10 Lower Pine Bottom • Waterville • Lycoming County

This 12,655 square foot facility, completed in 2010, incorporates numerous strategies that support environmental sustainability and energy-efficiency, including DCNR's first 'green roof', a geothermal HVAC system, specialized roof panel assemblies, extensive use of FSC-certified lumber products, and the use of recycled content for doors, trim, tiles, and more.

Portable interpretive plaques are available at the counter to walk visitors through various stations highlighting the building's green features. This facility is a jumping off point for the Pine Creek Rail Trail, a star attraction in the region, and includes 2-D topographical map displays of the entire Pine Creek Valley.



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