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PENNSYLVANIA WILDS

OUTDOOR DISCOVERY ATLAS

ELK COUNTRY Landscape

Ramm Road Vista, Lycoming County

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Elk Country Visitor Center, Benezette

LARGEST WILD ELK HERD IN THE NORTHEAST

This is a place that lives up to its name. Home to the largest free-roaming elk herd in the northeastern United States, Elk Country features a number of prime locations to experience and learn about elk in its natural habitat. One of the most popular locations in the entire PA Wilds, the Elk Country Visitor Center is a 245-acre site near the village of Benezette and a premier elk watching and conservation education facility.

One of the best ways to explore more of Elk Country is a ride along the Elk Scenic Drive. But take a few days to do it because there will be plenty of reasons to stop, look and appreciate the world around you. Home to the Quehanna Wild Area and four state parks, the Elk Country landscape is a treasure trove of photogenic byways, vistas and wildlife.



Elk Country is also home to some extraordinary destinations, like the town of St. Marys, the proud home of Straub Brewery and its famous Eternal Tap. On the western edge of Elk Country, you'll be close enough for a long stay in Ridgway, an eclectic and charming trail town, the Northernmost Point of the Clarion-Little Toby Trail, nestled in the valley of the Clarion River on the edge of the Allegheny National Forest.



PLAN YOUR TRIP

Our local tourism partners provide on-the-ground tips, maps, itineraries and more



CLINTON COUNTY VISITORS BUREAU

The Clinton County Visitors Bureau is on the eastern border of the Elk Country Landscape and offers maps, visitor planning and more. An extension of the Elk Scenic Drive begins in Lock Haven and takes travelers to the Elk Country Visitor Center via the Bucktail Scenic Byway.

ClintonCountyInfo.com | (570) 748-5782
212 N Jay St, Lock Haven, PA 17745

PENNSYLVANIA GREAT OUTDOORS VISITORS BUREAU

The Pennsylvania Great Outdoors Visitors Bureau provides traveler resources and itineraries for a six-county region that covers a large portion of the Elk Country Landscape, including expert elk viewing tips, road trips, special events and more.

VisitPAGO.com | (814) 849-5197
2801 Maplevale Rd, Brookville, PA 15825

VISIT CLEARFIELD COUNTY

On the southern border of Elk Country, Clearfield provides a south-central entry point off of I-80. Visit Clearfield County provides traveler resources for those heading into Elk Country, including tips on spotting wild elk, outdoor recreation, historical sites and more.

VisitClearfieldCounty.org | (814) 765-5734
208 Plaza Drive, Clearfield, PA 16830

RIDGWAY

BENEZETTE,
EMPORIUM,
RENOVO,
RIDGWAY,
SNOW SHOE,
ST. MARYS,
AND MORE...

WILDS TRAVEL TIP

CELL RECEPTION,
GAS STATIONS,
CONVENIENCE SERVICES
ARE LIMITED IN THIS AREA

Make sure to prepare accordingly!



ELK COUNTRY - EASTERN

STATE PARKS

			ATV Riding	Biking	Boating	Boat Launch	Kayak/Canoe Launch	Kayaking/Canoe	Fishing	Swimming	Hiking	Camping	Picnic Area	Playground	Pavilion	XC Skiing	Ice Skating	Snowmobiling	Sledding	Equestrian	Hunting	Pets	
1	Bucktail Natural Area*	Route 120 (Lock Haven to Emporium)					•	•	•														•
2	Hyner View	Hyner View Road, Hyner, PA 17738									•		•										•

Need a map of state parks, recreation areas, trails or more? Download one to your phone or mobile device - scan the QR Code on page 8

*Bucktail Natural Area is a unique natural area that follows Route 120 and is not a one-stop location/park.

RECREATIONAL TRAILS & BICYCLE ROUTES

	TOTAL MILES**
3 Chuck Keiper Trail	51.77 miles
4 Eagleton Mine Camp Trail	20 miles
5 Quehanna Trail	72.96 miles
6 Bloody Skillet ATV Trail	7 miles
V BicyclePA Route V	370.88 miles

SCENIC BYWAYS

	TOTAL MILES**
7 Elk Scenic Drive	127 miles
8 Bucktail Scenic Byway	100 miles
9 West Branch Susquehanna Byway	228 miles

**Total miles from terminus to terminus. Actual mileage covered per region varies. See trail map for full details

STATE FORESTRY OFFICE

Sproul	15187 Renovo Road, Renovo, PA 17764
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THE WILDS ARE WORKING

STRAUB BREWERY



Straub Brewery, based in St. Marys, Pennsylvania, is humbled and proud to be designated as an American Legacy Brewery™ because it celebrates over 146+ years of Fierce Independence in brewing! The brewery is committed to sustainability, and in 2016, Straub was honored to receive the “Leadership in Reusable Packaging” Award from Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC) for its popular 16-ounce returnable beer bottle, known as the Straub “Pounder.”

FOR MORE INFO VISIT: StraubBeer.com/Awards

DOMTAR



Domtar, a leading provider of a wide variety of fiber-based products including paper, operates manufacturing facilities around the world including those in Johnsonburg and Dubois, in the PA Wilds. Domtar has developed Sustainable Forestry Principles to ensure the continued health of forestlands, and its mills are largely fueled by renewable energy. Locally, Domtar has restored land impacted by strip mining, developed wetlands and wildlife habitats, and operates an on-site trout nursery along the Clarion River. The PA Wilds Outdoor Discovery Atlas: First Edition was printed on sustainably-harvested paper sourced in-region from Domtar.

FOR MORE INFO VISIT:

Domtar.com/en/how-we-work/sustainability-domtar

ELK COUNTRY - WESTERN

STATE PARKS & RECREATION AREAS*

		ATV Riding	Biking	Boating	Boat Launch	Kayak/Canoe Launch	Kayaking/Canoe	Fishing	Swimming	Hiking	Camping	Picnic Area	Playground	Pavilion	XC Skiing	Ice Skating	Snowmobiling	Sledding	Equestrian	Hunting	Pets	
1	Bucktail Natural Area**	Route 120 (Lock Haven to Emporium)				•	•	•														•
2	Parker Dam	28 Fairview Road, Penfield, PA 15849	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	
3	Bendigo	533 State Park Road, Johnsonburg, PA 15845						•	•			•	•	•								•
4	Elk	631 East Branch Dam Road, Wilcox, PA 15870		•	•	•	•	•		•		•								•	•	
5	East Branch	631 East Branch Dam Road, Wilcox, PA 15870		•	•			•			•	•										

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*Recreational areas are not managed by the DCNR. Find contact information for recreation areas in the Directory on page 53 **Bucktail Natural Area is a unique natural area that follows Route 120 and is not a one-stop location/park.

RECREATIONAL TRAILS

	TOTAL MILES**
6 Quehanna Trail	72.96 miles
7 Bucktail Path	34.73 miles
8 Clarion River Water Trail	78 miles
9 Clarion-Little Toby Trail	18 miles
10 West Creek Rail Trail	18.9 miles

SCENIC BYWAYS

	TOTAL MILES**
11 Elk Scenic Drive	127 miles
12 Bucktail Scenic Byway	100 miles
13 Wykoff Run Road	9.9 miles

**Total miles from terminus to terminus. Actual mileage covered per region varies. See trail map for full details

STATE FORESTRY OFFICE

Elk	258 Sizerville Road, Emporium, PA 15834
Moshannon	3372 State Park Road, Penfield, PA 15849

LANDSCAPE HIGHLIGHTS

QUEHANNA WILD AREA

Nearly 50,000 acres, the Quehanna Wild Area is a protected wildlife area, home to many species of birds and other animals, including elk, deer and turkey.

CHECK OUT:

ELK COUNTRY VISITOR CENTER

The Elk Country Visitor Center offers opportunities to see the elk herd year round and learn about elk and other wildlife in the PA Wilds, conservation practices and our amazing ecosystem.

FOR MORE INFO VISIT:

PAWilds.com/asset/elk-country-visitor-center

MUSEUMS

14 Little Museum	Rt 120/Sterling Run, Emporium, PA 15834
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EXPLORE YOUR PA WILDS

The region is home to more than two million acres of public land, including 29 state parks, eight state forests, 50 state game lands, two National Wild & Scenic Rivers, the Allegheny National Forest – Pennsylvania's only national forest; abundant wildlife, hundreds of miles of land and water trails, some of the darkest night skies in the country, and the largest elk herd in the northeast.

THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN YOU PLAN AND START YOUR TRIP:

- SEASONALITY MATTERS

Check the weather ahead of time, dress appropriately, and remember, what may be a fun activity when it's warm, may not be the same in the cooler months.

- TALK TO RESIDENTS

If you're lost or need directions, don't forget to ask the people who know the area the best - the residents.

- LIMITED CELL COVERAGE & GPS

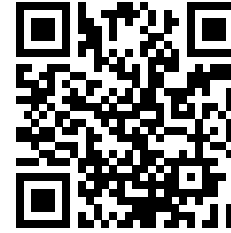
The PA Wilds has deep valleys, canyons and gorges worn through the centuries by water, and this topography means no cell and GPS in some places. Pack a map and plan for limited access.

- WILDLIFE IS WILD

Remember wildlife is wild and should be left alone. Don't feed the animals or attempt to interact closely with them.

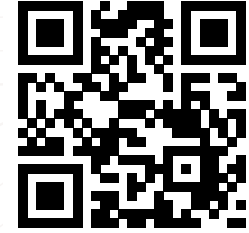
NEED A MAP? WE CAN HELP WITH THAT! SCAN THE CODE BELOW OR VISIT THE WEBSITE PROVIDED

LOCAL PARKS



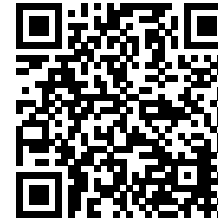
OR VISIT:
[MAPS.DCNR.PA.GOV/LOCALPARKS](https://maps.dcnr.pa.gov/localparks)

TRAILS & BIKE ROUTES



OR VISIT:
[TRAILS.DCNR.PA.GOV](https://trails.dcnr.pa.gov)

STATE FORESTS



OR VISIT:
[BIT.LY/2X6JBQA](https://bit.ly/2X6JBQA)

STATE PARKS



OR VISIT:
[BIT.LY/2WJOPCR](https://bit.ly/2WJOPCR)

ALLEGHENY NATIONAL FOREST



OR VISIT:
[BIT.LY/304XNLN](https://bit.ly/304XNLN)

Instructions:

Open the QR Code reader on your phone. If you do not have a QR Reader, one can be found on most major app stores. Some phones have QR Scanning capabilities built in to their cameras, check your phones user's guide for more information.

Hold your device over the QR Code shown so that it's clearly visible within your smartphone's screen. Once visible within the scanning area, the app should scan the code and display or travel to the link provided. Functionality varies from app to app. Check app's user's guide for more information.

HAVE COMMENTS OR FEEDBACK?

Please send comments and feedback on the PA Wilds Outdoor Discovery Atlas: First Edition to maps@pawildscenter.org

DIRECTORY

RECREATION AREAS

East Branch 6

SCENIC BYWAYS

Bucktail Scenic Byway 4, 6
Elk Scenic Drive 4, 6

STATE FOREST OFFICES

Moshannon 6
Sproul 4

STATE GAME LANDS

Number 14 7
Number 25 7
Number 34 7
Number 44 7
Number 77 7
Number 94 7
Number 293 7
Number 311 7
Number 331 7

STATE PARKS

Bendigo 6
Bucktail 4, 6
Elk 6
Parker Dam 6

TRAILS

BicyclePA Route V 4
Bucktail Path 6
Quehanna Trail 4, 6
Tanbark Trail 4
West Creek Rail Trail 6

STATE PARKS & FORESTS

Easily find contact information for State Parks and State Forests based on where they are located within the identified PA Wilds Landscape.

Elk Country

Bendigo State Park
533 State Park Road,
Johnsonburg, PA 15845-0016
Phone: 814-778-5467

Bucktail Natural Area
260 Sizerville Road,
Emporium, PA 15834
Phone: 814-486-3365

East Branch Dam
631 East Branch Dam Road,
Wilcox, PA 15870
Phone: 814-965-2065

Elk State Forest
258 Sizerville Road,
Emporium, PA 15834
Phone: 814-486-3353

Elk State Park
631 East Branch Dam Road,
Wilcox, PA 15870
Phone: 814-778-5467

Parker Dam State Park
28 Fairview Road,
Penfield, PA 15849-9799
Phone: 814-765-0630

Sproul State Forest
15187 Renovo Road,
Renovo, PA 17764
Phone: 570-923-6011

ATLAS ICON KEY

	NATURAL AREA		HIKING TRAIL HEAD
	PA WELCOME CENTER		PUBLIC SWIMMING
	STATE FOREST DISTRICT OFFICE		SNOWMOBILE TRAIL
	STATE FOREST PICNIC AREA		ATV TRAIL
	STATE PARK		CROSS COUNTRY SKI TRAIL
	RECREATIONAL AREA		DOWNHILL SKI AREA
	ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER		BICYCLE TRAIL HEAD
	INFORMATION		MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL HEAD
	NATIONAL RECREATION AREA		PUBLIC CAMPING
	STATE PARK		TENT CAMPING
	STATE GAME LAND AND NUMBER		CABIN RENTAL
	STATE FOREST		EQUESTRIAN TRAIL HEAD
	ATV PARK AREA		HANG GLIDING
	STATE FOREST WILD AREA		BOAT LAUNCH
	SPECIAL REGULATION TROUT WATERS		SMALL BOAT/CANOES
	WATER TRAIL		WATERFALL
	PA BICYCLE ROUTE		OVERLOOK / NATURAL ATTRACTION
	MAJOR TRAIL		COVERED BRIDGE
	SCENIC BYWAY		BIRDING SITE
	COUNTY BOUNDARY		FISH HATCHERY
	MUSEUMS		PUBLIC SHOOTING RANGE
	POINT OF INTEREST		ARCHERY
	I-80 FRONTIER		POPULATION SYMBOLS
	PINE CREEK VALLEY & PA GRAND CANYON		0 - 1,000
	DARK SKIES		1,000 - 5,000
			5,000 - 10,000
			10,000 - 30,000
			COUNTY SEAT
			ELK COUNTRY
			ALLEGHENY NATIONAL FOREST & SURROUNDS
			COOK FOREST & THE ANCIENTS

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