

# Scenic Wonders & Scenic Beauty

## *Allegheny National Forest Region*

### **Like winding roads and scenic byways?**

Seeking an area where one car in front of you at a stop sign is considered “heavy” traffic? The seven driving trails in this brochure take you to the amazing Kinzua Sky Walk at the Kinzua Gorge, the forestlands of the Allegheny National Forest, and the quaint villages and farmlands throughout the region.

In the Allegheny National Forest the sky is more vast, the mountains higher, the trees a bit taller. McKean County is known as Trail Central because of the over 600 miles of year-round multi-use trails. Cruise the Longhouse National Scenic Byway, the Kinzua Bridge Scenic Byway and Pennsylvania Route 6 to get into the heart and soul of America.



*Kinzua Bridge Scenic Byway links PA Route 6 to the Kinzua Bridge State Park*

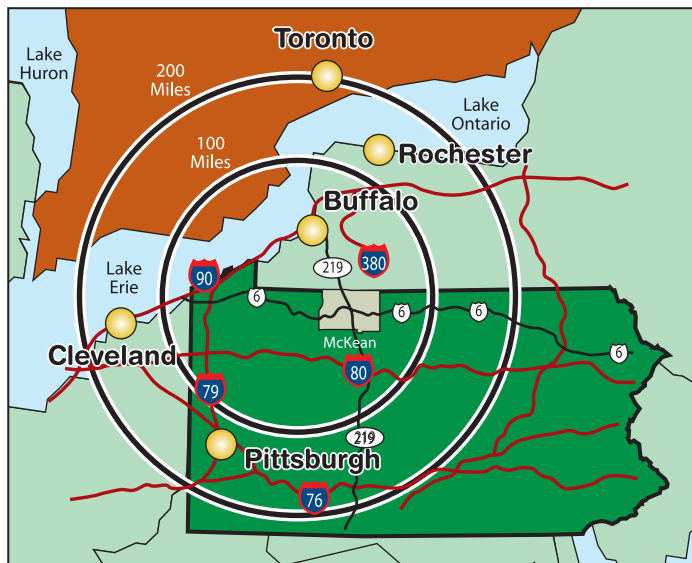


“One of the top 10 most scenic skywalks in the world,” *The Culture Trip, U.K.*

**Fall Foliage Peeks Early.** Here in the upper elevations of the Alleghenies, prime “leaf peeping” is late September and the first two weeks of October. *Travel Savvy* magazine named the Longhouse National Scenic Byway, in the Allegheny National Forest, as one of the top six fall foliage drives in the United States. Fall really is bigger here!

**Plan your Road Trip!** From Canada and points north travel via New York’s Interstate 86 to Route 219 south. Traveling from the south? Drive Interstate 80 to Route 66 or Route 153 and head north into the forest! Downloadable maps, current weather, trail apps and travel information are available at visitANF.com. Check us out on Facebook for the latest event postings.

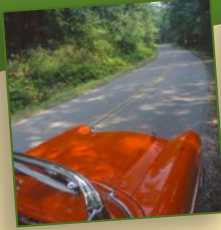
## You’re on the Trail to Something Big



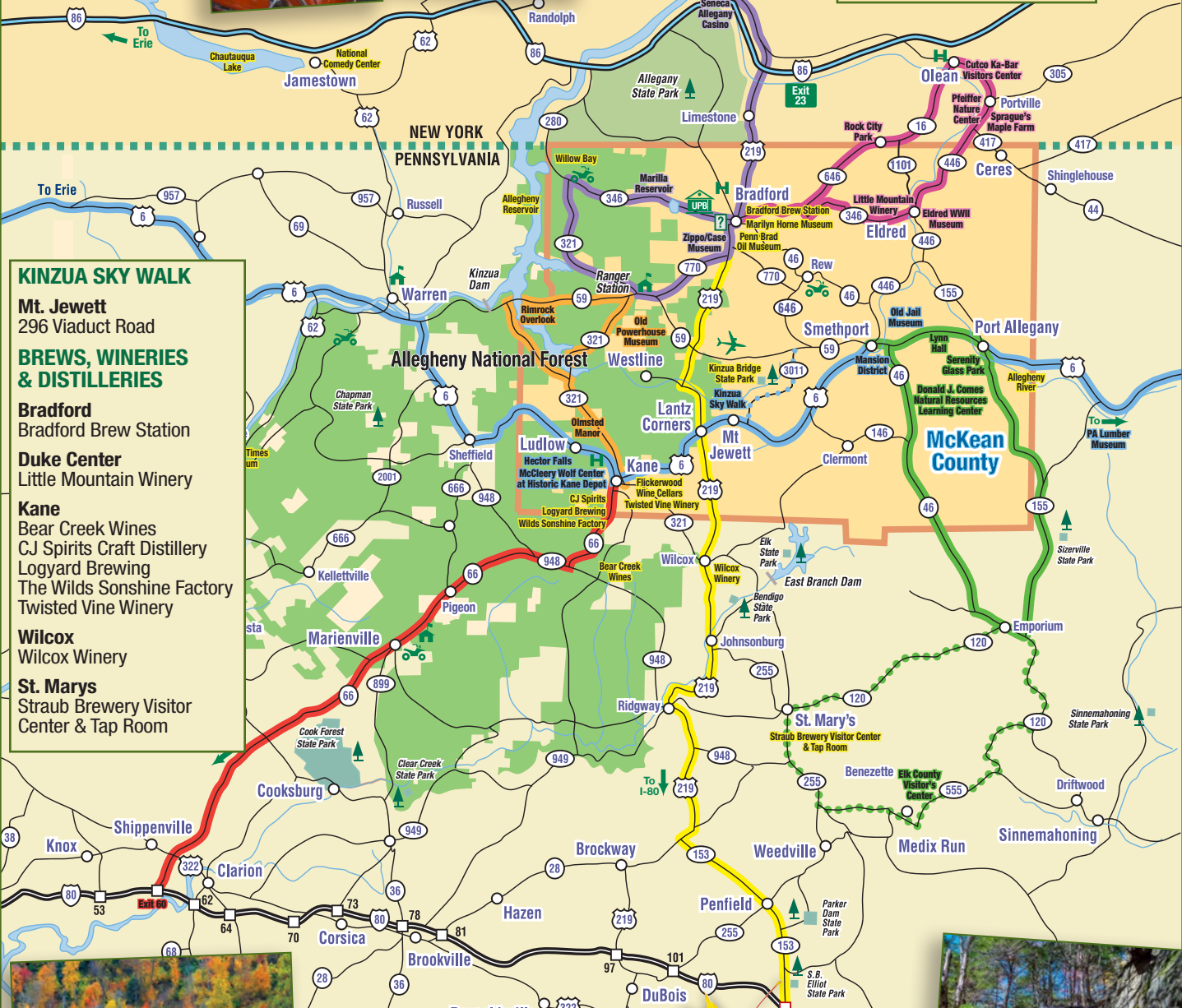
### **Nearby...But a World Away**

#### **Estimated Travel Distance From:**

Cleveland, OH . . . . .	194 miles
Erie, PA . . . . .	120 miles
Pittsburgh, PA . . . . .	142 miles
Rochester, NY . . . . .	164 miles
Toronto, Canada . . . . .	198 miles



- University of Pittsburgh at Bradford
- ANF Visitors Bureau Welcome Center
- ATV Trails
- ANF Ranger Station



- KINZUA SKY WALK**  
Mt. Jewett  
296 Viaduct Road
- BREWS, WINERIES & DISTILLERIES**
- Bradford**  
Bradford Brew Station
- Duke Center**  
Little Mountain Winery
- Kane**  
Bear Creek Wines  
CJ Spirits Craft Distillery  
Logyard Brewing  
The Wilds Sunshine Factory  
Twisted Vine Winery
- Wilcox**  
Wilcox Winery
- St. Marys**  
Straub Brewery Visitor Center & Tap Room

- Scenic "Route 6"
- Southeast Gateway
- Southwest Gateway
- Longhouse National Scenic Byway
- Eastern Continental Divide Loop
- Tracy Ridge Loop
- Eldred-Rock City Loop







# SCENIC "ROUTE 6"

## Touring the Allegheny Highlands

Perfect for touring by car, motorbike or RV. **Route 6** is the major west-east corridor through the northern counties of Pennsylvania. Visitors from the west can get onto **Route 6** from the first Interstate 90 exit in Pennsylvania or from Erie by way of **Route 19** or **Route 79**.

As you travel through the gentle rolling farmlands of western Pennsylvania, the terrain changes to increasingly rugged hills. You are entering the Allegheny Highlands with elevations of more than 2,040 feet above sea level. Trees practically swallow the highway as it winds higher in elevation. The world's finest hardwoods are grown in this area.



Just before Ludlow, watch for signs on the right that lead to the Tionesta National Scenic Area. This is the largest strand of ancient trees on the Allegheny National Forest. Bring your hiking boots! Nearby, the labyrinth of Olmsted Manor and the waterfall at Hector Falls offer lovely diversions. Olmsted Manor Retreat Center offers a sacred space for personal and special events. Overnight at their Manor House or at the Carriage House..

Continuing east on **Route 6**, McCleery Wolf Center is located at the Historic Kane Depot. Art in the Wilds, the premier juried art show in the region, is held annually in June at Evergreen Park. Shop for local artisan treasures at Artworks on the Summit downtown Kane.



Then plan to tour and taste in Kane at CJ Spirits Craft Distillery, Logyard Brewery, Twisted Vine Winery, Flickerwood Wine Cellars, and just south on Route 948, Bear Creek Wines. (Wilds Sunshine Factory to open Spring 2023). A variety of restaurants along **Route 6** in Kane offer delicious dining options. Bell's Meat & Poultry is a must stop for foodies.

The beautiful, historic Kane Manor Inn, the Kane Tourist Home & Motor Inn, the Flats on Fraley, and the Lodge at Twisted Vine offer overnight accommodations in Kane.

Along **Route 6**, just east of Kane, is Spoonwood Inn, and at the intersection of **Route 219 & Route 6**, Lantz Corners Getaway and Barrel House Restaurant also offer lodging and dining.

Continuing east on **Route 6**, you will pass the picturesque Nebo Chapel. In Mt. Jewett, Kaffee Sol offers a taste of their Swedish heritage, with Lick & Sip for ice cream, local foods, and more. The Post, a new Airbnb, offers lodging. The Kane & Kane Rail Trail trailhead is behind the Kane Borough Office building.



Just east of Mt. Jewett, take an interesting side trip on the Kinzua Bridge Scenic Byway to the Kinzua Bridge State Park to see the skywalk. The Kinzua Sky Walk is "One of the Top 10 Most Scenic Skywalks in the World." The family-friendly Kinzua Bridge Center is open year-round. The park offers nature programs, hike/bike trails, a children's playground and picnic areas.

Return to **Route 6**, travel east to the Victorian village of Smethport. Enjoy a self-guided walking tour of the mansions built in the 1800s by lumber barons. Pick up a free copy of the walking tour at the kiosk in front of the McKean County Courthouse. Hamlin Lake and a variety of trails offer outdoor recreation. Two of the mansions are available for overnight stays: The Blackberry Inn and the Mansion District Inn.



Old Town Smethport offers a glimpse into Smethport's past with a General Store for shopping, the Cottage House Restaurant for dining, and America's First Christmas Store. Visit the Old Jail Museum to learn about their resident ghost, the county's oil & lumber industries, and the famous American Civil War Regiment—the Bucktails!

Heading east on **Route 6**, Lynn Hall is carved out of the mountainside, where it overlooks the Allegheny River Valley. Lynn Hall is an early example of Organic Prairie architecture. Designed and built by Walter J. Hall, a self-taught practitioner of the style. He is best



known as the primary builder of Frank Lloyd Wright's famous Fallingwater. Lodging is available at Lynn Hall via Airbnb.

Heading further east, you will cross the Allegheny River before you reach Port Allegany. In the summer, concerts are held in the gazebo in the Town Square. Chef Ed Vicic offers delicious entrees for lunch & dinner, plus special food themed events at Eddie's on Main. Visit Serenity Glass Park to view the brilliant



architectural displays in shimmering glass. The Inn on Maple Street offers delicious breakfasts at their B&B.

If you continue traveling along **Route 6** your next stop will be the Lumber Museum, a fascinating museum highlighting the timber industry in Pennsylvania.





## SOUTHEAST GATEWAY

### Into The Pennsylvania Wilds

### *I-80 Exit at Penfield, Route 153, Route 219, South to North*



As you exit from **I-80** onto **Route 153 North** you are just approaching the highest point on **I-80** east of the Mississippi River. It is an appropriate start for your journey to the Allegheny National Forest. Immediately to your south, the land drops into the northern tip of the Allegheny Mountains. Driving northward, you will be climbing into the heart of the Allegheny Highlands.

Soon after exiting off **I-80**, you pass S.B. Elliott State Park on the right, a few miles farther along **Route 153**, you pass the access road to Parker Dam State Park. This is part of the Elk Scenic Byway and the southwest corner of the Pennsylvania elk range.

After dropping into a steep valley at Penfield, you begin climbing again over Boone Mountain, then dropping to the intersection with **Route 219**. Turn right and head north to Ridgway.

The highway skirts along the eastern edge of the Allegheny National Forest near Wilcox, home of the Wilcox Winery. **Route 219** then crosses into the Allegheny National Forest (ANF) just past Lantz Corners in McKean County. High Pines RV Park just north of the intersection offers both camping sites and cabin rentals. For those that like to hike/bike, visitors can access the Knox & Kane Rail Trail from this location.

Continue north on **Route 219**, at Tallyho you cross over Kinzua Creek, one of the favorite trout streams in the region and the second-largest tributary to the Allegheny Reservoir. Just downstream is a Delayed Harvest Artificial Lures Only special trout regulations area. It stretches 2.3-miles from **Route 219** at Tallyho to Camp Run providing better than average trout fishing.



At Kinzua Creek, if you turn left onto Westline Road, you will discover the Kinzua Valley Trail's beautiful red roof covered bridge as it crosses Kinzua Creek. A great excuse to get out of the car for a photo opportunity, or park, and hike/



bike a section of trail. The trail is a total of 10.8-miles from **Route 219**, past Westline, to Red Bridge Campground in the ANF. Westline Inn, 3 miles off of **Route 219**, offers fine dining in a casual atmosphere and overnight lodging.



Returning to, and continuing north, on **Route 219** you will find the Penn Brad Oil Museum where you can experience the excitement of the first billion dollar oil field. In 1881, the Bradford Oil Field produced an incredible 83% of the United States total oil output.



Driving further north on **Route 219**, the highway becomes a four-lane, just before arriving at the City of Bradford. Watch for the world famous Zippo/Case Museum on the left. It is easy to find by taking the Elm Street exit and turning onto Chestnut Street. The Zippo/Case Museum tells the story of the invention

of the Zippo lighter in Bradford, and of the Case Knife. Both are still proudly manufactured in Bradford, Pennsylvania.

Heading back to town along Chestnut Street, you will find the Quality Inn & Suites and the Best Western Plus Bradford Inn. Within walking distance from the hotels is Bradford's only craft brewery, the Bradford Brew Station. In addition, the downtown offers a wide variety of shopping and dining options.



At the corner of Chestnut & East Corydon is the Allegheny National Forest Visitors Bureau's Welcome Center. They offer free maps, trail, outdoor recreation information, a small gift shop, and the Bradford Walking Tour brochure which highlights the National Historic District of Bradford's downtown. Two Art Deco buildings bookend Main Street, one houses the Marilyn Horne Museum, a true musical experience for all ages, the other the Main Street Movie House.



For outdoor enthusiasts there are over 40 miles of trails built and maintained by the Tuna Valley Trail Association. A local favorite is the Marilla Bridges Trails, at the Marilla Reservoir, a 1-mile loop trail with a wooden covered bridge. For trail maps check out: [tunavalleytrails.com](http://tunavalleytrails.com).

Other lodging choices in Bradford, include the Bradford Flat Iron Airbnb, the Mountain Laurel Inn, and the Lodge at Glendorn, a 4-star resort. In the nearby Allegheny National Forest you will find cabins and campsite rentals.





## ■ SOUTHWEST GATEWAY

### *Route 66 to Kane from I-80*

Approaching from the west on **Interstate 80**, take **Route 66** north exit to the Allegheny National Forest and Kane, the heart of the world's finest hardwood forest.

This route into the Allegheny National Forest (ANF) passes close to Cook Forest State Park, location of the finest strand of ancient timber in Pennsylvania, including the third tallest tree in the eastern United States. Several state record trees are in this park. Turn right onto **Route 36** at Leeper and drive about six miles to park headquarters.

Approaching Marienville on **Route 66**, you can see the true plateau nature of the Allegheny Highlands. Here, miles from the major creeks and rivers, the terrain is gently rolling.



The southern trailhead for the 96-mile section of the North Country National Scenic Trail, which passes through the ANF, is about two miles to the left along **Route 3005**, Muzette Road, at the village of Roses. This section of the trail ends just west from Bradford. The entire North Country Trail, when complete, will be the longest continuous foot path in the United States, about 4,600 miles from Crown Point, N.Y., to Lake Sakakawea, N.D.

After passing through Marienville, which is the hub of activity for ATV and snowmobile riders, you enter the ANF. There is an ANF office on the left, about 1.5 miles past the center of Marienville, where you can find plenty of helpful information.



About four miles past the ANF office, you will pass a historical marker at Pigeon. In this area, passenger pigeons were hunted by Native Americans and later for commercial markets in New York and other cities. Then, the great flocks blackened the sky. By the early 20th Century, they were extinct.

The remainder of your journey to Kane takes you through a beautiful forest dominated by hardwood trees. Watch for wildlife!





## LONGHOUSE NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY



The Longhouse National Scenic Byway circles the Kinzua Creek Arm of the Allegheny Reservoir through some of the most beautiful scenery on the Allegheny National Forest. It is a 36-mile loop from Kane.

Leave Kane on **Route 321 North**. This road enters the Allegheny National Forest just outside of Kane. The actual start of the scenic byway is about eight miles from Kane at the intersection with Longhouse Drive. Continue on **Route 321** past Red Bridge. This is the head of the Kinzua Creek Arm. A campground and bank-fishing area are to the left.

**Route 321** follows the reservoir for a short distance, and then begins to rise into the highlands through a beautiful forest of hardwoods and hemlock. Nearing the top of the plateau, you pass the Old Powerhouse Museum, an original timepiece from the glory days of oil in this region.

The Bradford Ranger Station is located at the intersection of **Routes 321 and 59**. You

can find virtually any information about the Allegheny National Forest here, including topo maps for trail enthusiasts.

Turn left on **Route 59** toward the Allegheny Reservoir. Along this stretch of the loop, you pass the trailhead for Morrison Trail. This trail has two loops, the 5.3-mile Morrison Trail Loop which passes boulder fields and forgotten homesteads, and the 8.3-mile Rimrock Trail Loop, which drops to the shore of the Allegheny Reservoir.

About a mile past the Morrison Trailhead is the entrance to Rimrock, a magnificent rock outcrop and overlook above the Kinzua Creek Arm of the Allegheny Reservoir. This area offers picnic areas and hiking/biking trails.



As you go on **Route 59**, you will see the Kinzua/Wolf Run Marina on your right, just before crossing the Allegheny Reservoir on the Morrison Bridge. Immediately past the bridge, turn left onto Longhouse Drive. The access road to Jakes Rocks is about a mile up Longhouse Drive. This rock outcrop offers a spectacular vista over the Allegheny Reservoir and mountain biking trails.

Longhouse Drive continues a winding course high above the Kinzua Creek Arm, passing the Dewdrop Recreation Area, Elijah Run Boat launch and Kiasutha Recreation Area before ending back at **Route 321**. Turn right to return to Kane.

## EASTERN CONTINENTAL DIVIDE – ELK WATCHING

*Smethport, Emporium, Sizerville, Port Allegany*



A loop from Smethport through Emporium, Sizerville and Port Allegany passes through some of the most rugged terrain in the Allegheny Highlands and the Pennsylvania elk range.

Start this loop by heading east from Smethport on **Route 6**, then turn south onto **Route 46** in East Smethport. For the first few miles, this road follows Potato Creek, which flows northward into the Allegheny River and eventually into the Gulf of Mexico by way of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers.

Close to the McKean County/Cameron County border, in State Game Land No. 30, you crest the Eastern Continental Divide. You can see the land dropping very steeply ahead. Past here, streams flow southward and eventually into the Atlantic Ocean by way of the Susquehanna River and Chesapeake Bay.

Turn left onto **Route 120 East** into Emporium, and then at the east side of Emporium, turn left again onto **Route 155 North**. In this area, you are on the edge of the Pennsylvania elk range.

Plan a side trip loop to the Elk Country Visitors Center. Take **Route 120** past **Route 155**, then west on **Route 555** at Driftwood to Benezette. The Elk County Visitors Center offers interpretive displays and an outdoor elk observation area. From here travel west on **Route 255** to St. Marys, home of the Straub

Brewery Visitors Center & Tap Room. Return to Emporium via **Route 120 East**.

Then drive north on **Route 155**. You will approach Sizerville State Park about seven miles from Emporium. This is an excellent area for viewing mountain laurel and wildflowers during the spring/summer and fall leaf-peeping. Majestic white pines in the park were planted during the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps to replace trees cut during the logging boom. There are four hiking trails in the park, one of which climbs a 1,900-foot slope.

The East Branch of Cowley Run, which flows through the park, was the site of the first reintroduction of beavers to Pennsylvania after they had been eliminated by the early settlers. **Route 155** continues north over the Eastern Continental Divide to Port Allegany, site of the Serenity Glass Park. Turn left here onto **Route 6** and return to Victorian Smethport.





## ■ TRACY RIDGE LOOP

*NY I-86, Route 219, Route 321, Route 346*



Follow **Route 219 South** from **Interstate 86** to Bradford for the start of the 39.5-mile loop through the highest and most remote land in the Allegheny National Forest. Drive this loop evenings or early mornings for the best opportunities to observe white-tailed deer, wild turkeys, porcupines or even black bears and coyotes.

Exit from **Route 219** at Bradford onto **Route 346 West**. Route markers will direct you along Main Street, Mechanic Street, then out of town on West Washington Street, past the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford campus.

About six miles off **Route 219**, you pass the Marilla Reservoir. This picturesque reservoir area features a wooden covered bridge, a series of interconnecting hiking trails, and is a favorite spot for kayaking and fishing – it is generously stocked.

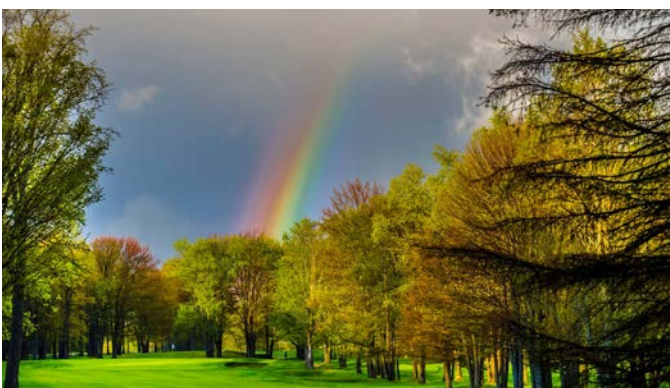
You enter the Allegheny National Forest about 8.5 miles into this drive. Turn left onto **Route 321** about 5.5

miles farther. If you were to stay on **Route 346**, it will take you to the Willow Bay Recreation Area on the shore of the Allegheny Reservoir. This area has rustic cabins, campgrounds, picnic areas, kayak, canoe, and paddle board rentals, and a boat launch ramp.

**Route 321** starts rising immediately toward the top of the plateau. After driving about three miles and climbing about 700 feet in elevation, you arrive at Tracy Ridge. A large meadow is an excellent place to watch for deer. Just past this meadow is the entrance to Tracy Ridge Recreation Area. Here you will find a campground and the trail head to Bullis Hollow Trail.

Past Tracy Ridge, **Route 321** drops to the head of Sugar Bay, then climbs again to a junction with **Route 59**. Turn left on **Route 59** toward Bradford. This part of the loop will give you the best view that the Allegheny Highlands is actually a plateau. In most other areas, the land is so deeply eroded that it has the appearance of hills.

The trailhead for Timberdoodle Flats is located along the right-hand side of **Route 59**. Timberdoodle Flats features two loop trails totaling 1.5 miles. There's the Woodcock Trail with 12 interpretive stops or the shorter gravel surfaced Bluebird Trail with six interpretive stops. The Bluebird Trail is suitable for strollers, wheelchairs or walking assistance equipment.



Turn left onto **Route 770**. Soon after passing Pine Acres Golf Course, the road goes into a long decline toward **Route 219** at Custer City. Turn left on **Route 219** to return to Bradford.



## ELDRED-ROCK CITY LOOP

*NY I-86, Route 219, Route 321, Route 346*

The 48-mile loop takes you to a World War II museum and a spectacular rock formation. Starting in downtown Bradford, take **Route 346 East**. Exit at Foster Brook, staying on **Route 346 East**.

**Route 346** meets at a "T" intersection, turn onto **Route 446**, continue east, then turn right onto Main Street in Eldred. The Eldred WWII Museum is on the right.



This world class museum is history you can see, touch and feel. Allow at least two hours to tour the museum. It is open March through November, Tuesday – Saturday 10 am to 4 pm.

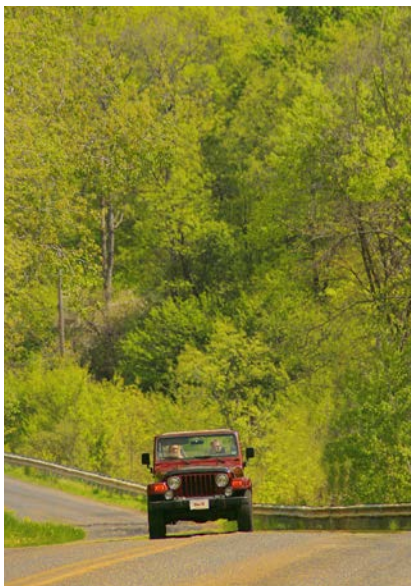
Sunday 1 to 4 pm. December to February – Saturday 10 am to 4 pm, or by appointment.

After visiting the museum, turn back onto **Route 446**, heading north to Olean, N.Y. You cross into New York 21.5 miles from Bradford. The highway destination changes to **Route 305**. As you pass through Portville, N.Y., look for the dikes to your left. These hold back the floodwaters of the Allegheny River. Turn left at the "T" intersection in Portville, staying on **Route 305** to the opposite side of town then go straight onto **Route 417** into Olean.



In Olean, be sure to visit the Cutco-KaBar Visitors Center. In downtown Olean, turn left onto **Route 16**, which makes a steep climb to Rock City Park, 35.6 miles from the start. An admission fee will give you access to an amazing vista and a trail which winds through a field of gigantic boulders formed about 320 million years ago. Rock City Park is open daily May 1 through October 31.

Continue along **Route 16** about two miles to a historical marker by the Knapp Creek Fire Hall which notes that this quiet little village was once an oil boom town that supported at least a dozen saloons, and that this was the birthplace of aviation pioneer William T. Piper.



Past Knapp Creek, **Route 16** follows the top of the narrow ridge into Pennsylvania, where the road designation changes to **Route 646**, then goes into a steep drop to **Route 346**. Turn right at the intersection and follow **Route 346** back to Bradford.

