



## ■ 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.

Continuing east on **Route 6**, plan to tour and taste: in Sheffield, sample wines at Allegheny Cellars Winery; in Kane, CJ Spirits Craft Distillery and Flickerwood Wine Cellars both offer tasting rooms and tours. ArtWorks at the Depot is located in a historic railroad depot; The Sweet Shoppe and Bell’s Meat & Poultry are great stops for foodies.



Traveling east on **Route 6** you will pass the historic Nebo Chapel before entering Mt. Jewett. Stop at Kaffee Sol for a sampling of Swedish pastries. From Mt. Jewett, take an interesting four-mile side trip on the Kinzua Bridge Scenic Byway to the Kinzua Bridge State Park to “Walk the Tracks Across the Sky” - the Kinzua Sky Walk. Enjoy stunning views of the Kinzua Gorge from the skywalk. The new family friendly Kinzua Bridge Visitors Center is open year round. The park offers nature programs, picnic areas, trails, and a park pavilion.

Return to **Route 6** travel east to the Victorian village of Smethport, here you can stroll the streets lined with mansions built in the 1800s by lumber barons. You may pick up a free copy of the self-guided Smethport Mansion District Walking Tour at the kiosk in front of the McKean County Courthouse. Hamlin Lake and a variety of trails offer a chance to enjoy the outdoors. Visit the Old Jail Museum to learn about the famous American Civil War Regiment-the Bucktails!

Heading east your next stop is Port Allegany. You can kayak or canoe on the Allegheny River, visit the Serenity Glass Park, and in the summer, free musical concerts are offered on the square. If you continue traveling along **Route 6** your next stops can be the Pennsylvania Lumber Museum and the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon.

