

■ 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 just past Lantz Corners in McKean County.



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 downstream to Camp Run providing better-than-average trout fishing. Turn west onto Westline Road and travel 3 miles along Kinzua Creek to access the trailhead for the Kinzua Valley Trail system near Westline Inn.



Return to, and continue north, **Route 219** becomes a four-lane highway just before arriving at Bradford. Watch for the world famous Zippo/Case Museum on your left. It is easy to find by taking the Elm Street exit. The City of Bradford is your gateway to the eastern shore of the Allegheny Reservoir, Marilla Reservoir and the Marilla Trail System. Other sites to explore are the Penn Brad Oil Museum, the Marilyn Horne Museum, the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, and the nearby Allegany State Park in New York.