

■ 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.