

## National parks

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### [Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site](#) - **Gallitzin, PA** **Icon#1**

The Allegheny Portage Railroad was a great achievement in early travel. Charles Dickens, Jenny Linn, and Ulysses S. Grant traveled over the Allegheny Mountains. They braved a system that injured passengers on a weekly basis. A system of inclined planes and a nine hundred foot tunnel carved through solid rock by Welsh coalminers made this feat possible. For twenty years, it was the fastest way to transgress the rough and wild terrain of Pennsylvania.

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### [Appalachian National Scenic Trail](#) - **Maine to Georgia, CT,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA,TN,VA,VT,WV**

The Appalachian Trail (A.T.) is a 2,175-mile long footpath stretching through 14 eastern states from Maine to Georgia. Conceived in 1921 and first completed in 1937, it traverses the wild, scenic, wooded, pastoral, and culturally significant lands of the Appalachian Mountains. The A.T. is a hiking trail, enjoyed by an estimated 4 million people each year. It is within a day's drive of 2/3rds of the U.S. population. People of all ages and abilities enjoy short walks, day hikes, and long-distance backpacking journeys. It offers a variety of opportunities for viewing spectacular scenery, for exploring, for adventure, for exercise, for nature study, and for renewal.

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### [Flight 93 National Memorial](#) - **Shanksville, PA** **Icon#4**

On September 11, 2001, the passengers and crew of Flight 93 courageously gave their lives thwarting a planned attack on our Nation's Capital. Flight 93 National Memorial will be a permanent memorial to the heroes on that plane.

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### [Fort Necessity National Battlefield](#) - **Farmington, PA** **Icon#5**

The battle at Fort Necessity in the summer of 1754 was the opening action of the French and Indian War. This war was a clash of British, French and American Indian cultures. It ended with the removal of French power from North America. The stage was set for the American Revolution.

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[Friendship Hill National Historic Site](#) - **Point Marion, PA Icon#6**

Albert Gallatin is best remembered for his thirteen year tenure as Secretary of the Treasury during the Jefferson and Madison administrations. In that time he reduced the national debt, purchased the Louisiana Territory and funded the Lewis & Clark exploration. Gallatin's accomplishments and contributions are highlighted in his restored country estate, Friendship Hill.

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[Gettysburg National Military Park](#) - **Gettysburg, PA Icon#11**

The Battle of Gettysburg was a turning point in the Civil War, the Union victory in the summer of 1863 that ended General Robert E. Lee's second and most ambitious invasion of the North. Often referred to as the "High Water Mark of the Confederacy", it was the war's bloodiest battle with 51,000 casualties. It also provided President Abraham Lincoln with the setting for his most famous address.

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[Johnstown Flood National Memorial](#) - **South Fork, PA Icon#7**

There was no larger news story in the latter nineteenth century after the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. The story of the Johnstown Flood has everything to interest the modern mind: a wealthy resort, an intense storm, an unfortunate failure of a dam, the destruction of a working class city, and an inspiring relief effort.

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[North Country National Scenic Trail](#) - **Seven States-New York to North Dakota , MI,MN,ND,NY,OH,PA,WI**

Hiking Adventures in Seven States The North Country National Scenic Trail links scenic, natural, historic, and cultural areas in seven states. When completed, through the efforts of many people, the trail will be the longest continuous hiking trail in the United States. The trail allows hikers to experience a variety of

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northern landscapes. Come and experience your America, at a walking pace.

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[Oil Region National Heritage Area](#) - **Oil City, PA** **Icon#12**

Oil Region National Heritage Area in northwestern Pennsylvania tells of the world's first successful commercial oil well and a legacy of petroleum that continues to shape industry, society, and politics. The Oil Region includes oil artifacts, scenic communities, farmlands and woodlands, and industrial landscapes, and offers visitors heritage attractions and four seasons of outdoor recreation.

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[Path of Progress National Heritage Tour Route](#) - **Hollidaysburg, PA**

The Path of Progress is a 500 mile driving route which winds through the hills and valleys of nine scenic southwestern Pennsylvania counties linking key historical sites and diverse points of interest. A distinct portrait of the combined industrial, cultural, and economic heritage of the area is revealed by traveling all or portions of the route.

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[Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail](#) - **the corridor between the Chesapeake Bay and the Allegheny Highlands, DC,MD,PA,VA**

The Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail is a partnership to develop a network of locally-managed trails in a 425-mile corridor between the Chesapeake Bay and the Allegheny Highlands. As of mid-2007, 17 trails have been recognized as segments of the National Scenic Trail.

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[Rivers Of Steel National Heritage Area](#) - **Homestead, PA** **Icon#13**

The Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area reveals how one region, in a sustained and thunderous blast of innovation, ambition and fire, forever changed America and its place in the world. It is the story of the industrialists and the workers who pushed an infant industry to its ultimate limits and in doing

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so pushed the world into the Age of Steel.

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## Ohio

### [Cuyahoga Valley National Park](#) - **Cleveland and Akron, OH** **Icon#2**

Though a short distance from the urban environments of Cleveland and Akron, Cuyahoga Valley National Park seems worlds away. The winding Cuyahoga—the "crooked river" as named by American Indians—gives way to deep forests, rolling hills, and open farmlands. The park is a refuge for flora and fauna, gives a sense of times past, and provides recreation and solitude for Ohio's residents and visitors.

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### [First Ladies National Historic Site](#) - **Canton, OH** **Icon#3**

Two properties, the home of First Lady Ida Saxton McKinley and the seven-story 1895 City National Bank Building, are preserved at this site, which honors the lives and accomplishments of First Ladies throughout history. The site is managed by the National Park Service and operated by the National First Ladies' Library.

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### [Hopewell Culture National Historical Park](#) - **Chillicothe, OH** **Icon#14**

Mounds of various shapes and enclosures often built in geometric patterns dot the landscape of the Ohio River Valley. These earthen structures were doubtless the work of many human hands. Evidence suggests that Hopewell earthworks were used for a variety of ceremonial and social activities between 200 BC to AD 500. Come learn about these sacred spaces and reflect upon the lives of their builders.

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### [Perry's Victory & International Peace Memorial](#) - **Put-in-Bay, OH** **Icon#15**

Established to honor those who fought in the Battle of Lake Erie, during the war of 1812, but in equal part it is here to celebrate the long-lasting peace between Britain, Canada and the U.S. Situated 5 miles from the longest undefended

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border in the world. Monument Construction began in October 1912, opened to the public on June 13 1915, and became a National Park Service Memorial in 1936.

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## West Virginia

[New River Gorge National River](#) - **Hinton, Beckley, Glen Jean, and Fayetteville, WV** **Icon#16**

A rugged, white water river, flowing northward through deep canyons, the New River is among the oldest rivers on the continent. The park encompasses over 70,000 acres of land along the New River, is rich in cultural and natural history, and offers an abundance of scenic and recreational opportunities.

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## National Forests

[Allegheny National Forest](#) **Icon#8**

The **Allegheny National Forest** is a National Forest located in northwestern Pennsylvania. The forest covers over 500,000 acres (2,000 km<sup>2</sup>) of land. Within the forest is the [Kinzua Dam](#), which created the Allegheny Reservoir. The administrative headquarters for the Allegheny National Forest is located in Warren, Pennsylvania. The Allegheny National Forest has two ranger stations, one in Marienville, located in Forest County, and the other in Bradford, located in McKean County.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Allegheny\\_National\\_Forest](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Allegheny_National_Forest)

[Monongohela National Forest](#) **Icon#10**

The Monongahela National Forest was established following passage of the 1911 Weeks Act. This act authorized the purchase of land for long-term watershed protection and natural resource management following massive cutting of the Eastern forests in the late 1800's and at the turn of the century.

In 1915, 7,200 acres were acquired to begin the forest, called the Monongahela Purchase, and then on April 28, 1920 it became the Monongahela National Forest. Today the forest is over 919,000 acres in federal ownership in 10 counties in West

Virginia, making it the fourth largest National Forest in 20 northeastern states. It is within one day's drive of one-third of the population of the United States.

- The forest is a recreation destination and major tourism attraction, hosting approximately 3 million visitors annually.
- There are 23 campgrounds, 17 picnic areas, and 500 plus miles of hiking trails. The extensive backwoods road and trail system is used for hiking, mountain biking and horse riding. There are many miles of railroad grades that are a link in the recreation use of the Forest. The longest is the Glady to Durbin West Fork Railroad Trail which is 23 miles long.
- Recreation ranges from self reliant treks in the wildernesses and backcountry areas to the challenges of mountain climbing to traditional developed site camping.
- Five federally designated Wildernesses: Otter Creek, Dolly Sods, Laurel Fork North, Laurel Fork South, and Cranberry; and one National Recreation Area, Spruce Knob - Seneca Rocks.

**[Wayne National Forest Marietta District](#) Icon#9**

## **The Only National Forest in Ohio**

The park is located in Southeastern Ohio. It is within a day's driving distance of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

### **Terrain:**

Rolling Appalachian foothills.

### **Land Status:**

The Wayne NF is located in three units. These units are located across twelve Ohio Counties. Although the boundaries include 833,990 acres, most of the land within those boundaries is in private ownership. The national forest exists as a patchwork across the land, normally occupying lands less suitable for agricultural or commercial development. Click here for [land statistics](#) for the Wayne National Forest.

### **Unique Features**

[Points of Interest](#) - There are many points of interest on the Forest including historical and natural sites - a few are listed below but others are linked to the Points of Interest site.

[Vesuvius Furnace](#) - A partially restored iron furnace built in 1833.

[Irish Run Natural Bridge](#) - One of 7 natural rock bridges in Ohio, 51' long, 16' thick and 39' high.

[Covered Bridges](#) - Several century old covered bridges are found on the Forest.

[Shawnee Lookout Tower](#) - Constructed by the CCC in 1939.

### **Wildlife:**

The mix of openland and forest provides a wide variety of [wildlife](#) habitats. Common mammals include white-tailed deer, gray fox, woodchuck, opossum, and gray squirrel. Common birds are turkey, ruffed grouse, pileated woodpecker and wood duck.

- **There are 300 miles of trails on the Forest open to [hiking](#).**
- **Trails are closed until April 15, 2009 to [mountain biking, ATV and horse back riding](#).**
- **[2007 Year in Review](#) is available for review**
- **[Five new administrative corrections have been posted to the 2006 Forest Plan](#) - **NEW****
- **[OHV Riders asked to Ride Responsibly](#). - **NEW****
- **Check out [Recreation](#) opportunities in America's Great Outdoors.**
- **[Success Stories](#) from the Wayne National Forest**
- **See the [Wayne Schedule of Proposed Actions](#) that summarizes Forest projects.**