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# PA's Laurel Highlands



## Welcome to Pennsylvania's Laurel Highlands!

A magnificent mountainous region, the Laurel Highlands spans 3,000 square miles of Fayette, Somerset, and Westmoreland Counties in southwestern Pennsylvania. Located east of Pittsburgh, our beautiful year-round destination offers some of the Mid-Atlantic's most spectacular natural scenery, outstanding outdoor recreation venues, historic sites and attractions, family activities, and world-class resorts.

Located within 200 miles of the major metropolitan areas of Pittsburgh, Baltimore, Cleveland and Washington D.C., the Laurel Highlands can be easily accessed from exits 67, 75, 91 and 110 of the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

Discover all that the Laurel Highlands has to offer!

### FLIGHT 93 NATIONAL MEMORIAL VISITORS CENTER NOW OPEN

On the morning of Tuesday, September 11, 2001, the United States came under attack when four commercial airliners were hijacked and used to strike targets on the ground. Nearly 3,000 people tragically lost their lives. Because of the heroic actions of the 40 passengers and crew aboard one of the planes, Flight 93, an attack on the nation's capital was thwarted. The passengers and crew showed unity, courage, and defiance in the face of adversity. The new Flight 93 National Memorial Visitor Center uses photographs, artifacts, tactile models, audio, and video pieces to convey the Flight 93 story in the context of the other terrorist attacks on that tragic day.

### THE WRIGHT KIND OF DAY

See two mountain retreats designed by legendary American architect Frank Lloyd Wright and spend the night in another. Stand on the cantilevered terraces of Fallingwater overlooking the rushing waterfall while basking in the magical natural setting that inspired Wright. Visit Kentuck Knob, a stunning home built from cypress, stone, and copper with a sweeping view of the Youghiogheny River Gorge. End the Wright day with an overnight stay at the secluded Duncan House tucked deep in the woods.



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## LAUREL MOUNTAIN STATE PARK SKI AREA REVIVAL UNDERWAY

After more than 10 years of dormancy, construction is underway at Laurel Mountain State Park Ski Area. Seven Springs Mountain Resort and the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources have partnered together to resume skiing and snowboarding operations at the 64-acre property.

Once Laurel Mountain is re-opened, the Laurel Highlands of Pennsylvania will be home to four diverse ski resorts including Seven Springs Mountain Resort, Pennsylvania's largest ski resort with 33 slopes and trails, seven terrain parks and the East Coast's only Olympic-size halfpipe on 285 skiable acres; Hidden Valley Resort with 31 slopes and trails and two terrain parks on 110 skiable acres; and Nemacolin Woodlands Resort with seven slopes and one terrain park on 25 skiable acres.

## FUN-BASED LEARNING - REINVENTING LEARNING HOW TO SKI AND SNOWBOARD

Skiing and snowboarding in the Laurel Highlands is fun, so learning either sport should be just as much fun! The new Fun-Based Learning program at Seven Springs Mountain Resort and Hidden Valley Resort provides first-time skiers and snowboarders with a fun, easy way to get started with winter sports. Inside the specially-designed learning area, beginners will encounter shaped snow that naturally controls their speed and direction, making it incredibly easy to start, turn and stop. This program is so effective that a successful run on a beginner slope is virtually guaranteed on your first day!

## PITTSBURGH STEELERS SUMMER TRAINING CAMP

Football season officially kicks off for Steelers Nation with the start of the Steelers annual summer training camp at St. Vincent College in Latrobe at the end of July through mid-August. See why this is the favorite NFL camp experience for one of America's premier pro football writers, Sports Illustrated's Peter King.

## THE GREAT ALLEGHENY PASSAGE – ONE OF CNN TRAVEL'S 50 STATES, 50 SPOTS FOR 2014

See why CNN Travel selected the Great Allegheny Passage bike trail as the attraction to represent Pennsylvania for its 50 States, 50 Spots 2014 List. The 150-mile rail trail connects to the 184.5-mile C&O Canal Towpath in Cumberland, Maryland, creating a 334.5 non-motorized route between Pittsburgh and Washington, D.C. The trail gently winds through the Laurel Highlands using historic tunnels, viaducts, and bridges while offering sweeping views of natural scenery and rugged terrain.

## NEWLY-EXPANDED WESTMORELAND MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART NOW OPEN

The Westmoreland Museum of American Art is a regional museum with a national presence. The museum has been transformed into a LEED certified, architecturally dynamic museum that captures the region's agrarian and industrial history and spectacular natural beauty. More than 3,400 objects of fine and decorative American art provide a rich and engaging cultural experience for visitors. The newly landscaped grounds provide a beautiful backdrop for temporary and outdoor sculpture.

## EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED AT NEMACOLIN WOODLANDS RESORT

Just when we think that the world-class luxury and family destination resort cannot get any better – they surprise us with a \$30 million dollar renovation of the Chateau and Lodge Annex rooms, add the new Fatbird Super Flyer dueling zip line, and open the new Holistic Healing Center at Horizon Point. Another only-in-the-Laurel Highlands tidbit is that the resort houses Pennsylvania's largest private wine cellar with a capacity to hold 25,000 bottles with a current inventory of 21,000 bottles which include 1,600 labels.

