

Things To Do Near The White Haven, PA 2019 BAA Grand National

Come for the budgie show and experience a bit of Pennsylvania while here!

A few points of interest are mentioned here for those of you that might wish to explore White Haven and the surrounding area. We first suggest you visit these three much more complete websites for everything you need to know about visiting Pennsylvania. There are numerous listings of things to see or do, quaint towns, the Amish way of life, interesting facts, places to stay, area indoor water parks, etc. You can search by region, city, season, events, activities, deals, wineries, shopping, golf and more. Check websites or call for hours of operation, fees, rules, etc., before heading out. The average travel times and mileage from Mountain Laurel Resort at 81 Treetops Drive in White Haven to the destinations is meant to be a guideline and may vary depending on the actual route taken, weather and traffic at the time of your travel.

<https://visitpa.com>

<https://www.poconomountains.com>

<https://www.discoverlancaster.com/ter.com/index.asp>

Casinos

Mohegan Sun Pocono

1280 Hwy 315

Wilkes Barre, PA 18702

25 minutes - 18 miles

570-831-2100

<https://mohegansunpocono.com>

Slots, poker, blackjack, roulette, craps, baccarat, harness racing, eateries.

Mount Airy Casino Resort

312 Woodland Road

Mount Pocono, PA 18344

35 minutes - 26 miles

877-682-4791

<https://mountairycasino.com>

Slots, poker, blackjack, roulette, craps, baccarat, 18-hole golf course, eateries.

Parx Casino

2999 Street Road

Bensalem, PA 19020

90 minutes - 95 miles

888-588-7279

<https://www.parxcasino.com/bensalem/>

Slots, poker, blackjack, roulette, craps, baccarat, thoroughbred racing, eateries.

Wind Creek Bethlehem (formerly Sands Bethlehem)

77 Sands Boulevard,

Bethlehem, PA 18015

60 minutes; 53 miles

877-726-3777

<https://www.windcreekbethlehem.com>

Built on the former site of Bethlehem Steel. In size, about 3 football fields large at over 150,000 square feet with more than 3,000 slot machines, 180 table games and 36 poker tables. You will also find blackjack, roulette, craps, baccarat, pai gow poker, sic bo; eateries; shops and an outlet mall.

Horseback Rides

Call in advance for availability and a ride reservation time for any of these stables. No open shoes, sandals, etc. Ride times are about an hour which includes getting everyone properly saddled, instructions from guide, riding and return and dismount. Actual ride time is about 40-45 minutes. Average charge about \$40-\$45 per person for horseback rides, plus tax and tip for guide.

Daisy Field Farm

542 Oley Valley Road
White Haven, PA 18661
12 minutes; 7 miles
570-839-0925

<http://www.daisyfieldfarm.com>

Mick and Judy Mertz managed the stables at Pocono Mountain Resort for 35 years. They now do horse trail rides for smaller groups from their homestead. Also available are shorter pony trail rides for littler humans, wagon rides, horse drawn carriage rides, sleigh rides when there is snow, farm animals to visit while there and a picnic area for riders. Good chance of seeing deer, turkeys and other wildlife while on a ride.

Deer Path Riding Stable

95 Rt. 940
White Haven, PA 18661
4 minutes; 2 miles
570-443-4431

<http://www.deerpathstable.com/mobile/>

16-acre farm with great trail scenery and wildlife such as deer. Very safety conscious with strict weight limits for riders which the stable is very open about on their website. Welcomes first time riders.

Mountain Laurel Stables

Right here at the Grand National Mountain Laurel Resort! (Closed Thursday's)
81 Tree Tops Drive
White Haven, PA 18661
570-500-5826

<http://www.mountainlaurelridingstables.com>

Horseback and carriage rides. Go to website for \$2 off on horseback rides. Public or private trail rides. Cash only but credit card used for reservations.

Museums & Historic Sites

Eckley Miners Village

2 Eckley Back Road
Weatherly, PA 18255
(Use this address for GPS)
23 minutes; 15 miles
570-636-2070

<http://eckleyminersvillage.com>

About the story of anthracite coal mining, coal towns and their residents. Explore the preserved site and its collection of 160 years of mining history, period homes, church, museum, etc.

Schindler Museum of Wildlife & Natural History and McMunn Planetarium

East Stroudsburg University
Normal Street & Ransberry Avenue
East Stroudsburg, PA 18301
40 minutes; 35 miles
570-422-2705

<https://quantum.esu.edu/museum/>

Admission includes both for all day. The planetarium shows 5 different films and the museum has many dioramas and displays to show the creatures of various types of habitats. The 258-acre ESU campus can be walked. Take in the beautiful 100-acre landscaped arboretum with 48 different tree specimens among the hundreds of trees.

Pocono Indian Museum

5905 Milford Road
East Stroudsburg, PA 18302
50 minutes; 43 miles
570-588-9338

<http://poconoindianmuseumonline.com/shop/conditions.php>

History of the Delaware Indians on a 30-minute self-guided tour with an audio device to listen to. See the history of the museum building, artifacts, peace pipes, pottery, displays and a gift shop. A free arrowhead is given for each child admission.

Outdoors

Bushkill Falls

Bushkill Falls Road
Bushkill Falls, PA 18324
60 minutes; 50 miles
888-287-4545

<https://www.visitbushkillfalls.com>

Very scenic place to visit in the wooded Pocono Mountainside. Trails along streams with stairs, bridges and overlooks to view 8 waterfalls. Picnic areas, restaurant, ice cream, mini golf, children's playground, gemstone mining and gift shop. Three exhibits of the story of the falls, Native American life and local wildlife. Hiking and quite a bit of stairs but not extremely difficult and well worth the beauty of the property.

Claws 'N' Paws Wild Animal Park

1475 Ledgedale Road (Rt. 590)
Lake Ariel, PA 18436
60 minutes; 50 miles
570-698-6154

<http://clawspaws.com>

Petting zoo, exotic birds, lory parrots to feed, giraffe, monkeys, tortoises, big cats and more.

Hawk Mountain

1700 Hawk Mountain Road
Kempton, PA 19529
60 minutes; 50 miles
610-756-6961

<https://www.hawkmountain.org>

Visit the visitors center and view migrating hawks, eagles, falcons and other raptors from mid-August through the middle of December and from April to mid-May. Open year round for hiking, butterflies, viewing pond life, events, etc. A few lookout points but the 1,615-foot Pinnacle of the Kittatinny Ridge gives one of the best views on the Appalachian Trail. Hawk Mountain is a part of 1400 acres of land originally leased in 1934 by Rosalie Edge to stop the willful shooting of these migratory birds. She opened to the public the following year and soon purchased and then sold the property to the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association. It was incorporated in 1938 as a nonprofit.

Lehigh Gorge State Park

Lehigh Gorge Drive

Time and mileage differ depending on the chosen access point. Dog friendly park. Closest access point for D&L (Delaware & Lehigh) Trailhead is in White Haven and is easiest for hiking. Glen Onoko Trail near Jim Thorpe has waterfalls but is the most difficult terrain for a hike and appears to be a closed trail as of May 2019.

<https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/LehighGorgeStatePark/Pages/default.aspx>

6,107 acres of parkland with a steep gorge carved out of rock that follows the Lehigh River with trails, rock outcroppings, and waterfalls. It includes the **Francis E. Walter Dam** at the northern section and ends in the town of Jim Thorpe at the southern end. The **Lehigh Gorge Trail** is abandoned railroad that extends for 20 miles along the river. No motor vehicles allowed with parking areas in White Haven, Rockport, and Glen Onoko and very limited parking at Lehigh Tannery.

Francis E. Walter Dam

Walter Dam Road
White Haven, PA 18661
10 minutes; 5 miles

<https://www.recreation.gov/camping/gateways/198>

Built in 1961 by the Army Corps of Engineers across the Lehigh River at the Bear Creek Tributary and forms the Walter E. Francis Reservoir. Walter Dam Road is located off White Haven Road; picnic, hike, scenery.

Hickory Run State Park

3613 State Route 534
White Haven, PA 18661-9712
9 minutes; 5.5 miles

<https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/HickoryRunStatePark/Pages/default.aspx>

Almost 16,000 scenic acres made up of three parks in Carbon County. This large park in the Pocono Mountain foothills has 40 miles of trails, waterfalls, dams and more. Enjoy quiet nature and see the Lehigh Gorge from the Fireline Trail; Stametz Dam along Shades of Death Trail; or Hawk Falls. Walk on 16-acre Boulder Field, in the middle of nowhere in the park. Marcia Halbert and Barbara Waterman visited this gem last year.

Note: Hickory Run and Lehigh Gorge adjoin and have multiple access points and parking areas. Some trails may be closed.

Moyer Aviation Air Tours

188 Airport Drive
Tobyhanna, PA 18466
30 minutes; 25 miles
570-839-7161

<http://www.moyeraviation.com/index.cfm?e=inner2&itemcategory=70852>

Take in the beautiful scenery of the Pocono Mountains and Delaware Water Gap and other sights by choosing one of 5 air tours available or customize your own. Daily, year-round from 8 a.m. to sunset.

Philadelphia

There is so much to do in this historic city. It is about 1 hour and 30-45 minutes away and 100 miles for most site seeing locations. For a comprehensive list of festivals, parks, restaurants, historic sites and more, go to these websites:

<https://www.visitphilly.com>

<https://www.nps.gov/inde/index.htm>

Here are some of the sites that may be of interest.

Curtis Arboretum

1250 Church Road
Wyncote, PA 19095
90 minutes; 85 miles

<https://www.google.com/search?q=curtis+arboretum&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8&hl=en-us&client=safari>

No direct website or phone.

The Curtis Arboretum was founded in 1937 by Mary Louise Curtis Bok in honor of her father, Cyrus Curtis. Curtis Hall was the music room and ballroom in the Curtis estate 100 years ago and now serves as a renovated wedding and event location. Mary Louise was founder of the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. Her father, Cyrus, was publisher of magazines and newspapers such as the Ladies' Home Journal and The Saturday Evening Post. The landscaping of the 45-acre property was designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, the architect for New York's Central Park. Over 50 species of trees, 2 ponds, dog park, plantings, etc.

Independence National Historic Park - where you will find - Independence Visitor Center, Independence Hall, Liberty Bell

6th and Market St. and Chestnut St. Tickets are free but timed so look into this before you go for parking, tickets, etc.
215-965-2305

<https://www.nps.gov/inde/planyourvisit/independencevisitorcenter.htm>

Independence Hall

520 Chestnut Street
between 5th and 6th Street

Where the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution were both signed. Entrance to Independence Hall is by timed entry ticket only from March through December. No tickets are necessary in January and February. Enter through security on Chestnut Street, just west of 5th Street. After passing through security, visitors line up behind Independence Hall for their timed tour.

Independence Visitor Center

Independence Hall tickets are distributed each day (March through December) from the Ranger's Desk in the Independence Visitor Center. This is the only place to obtain your free, timed entry ticket to tour the hall.

Liberty Bell

Market Street
215-965-2305

<https://www.nps.gov/inde/learn/historyculture/stories-libertybell.htm>

The Liberty Bell is an iconic symbol of American independence, located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Once placed in the steeple of the Pennsylvania State House, the bell today is located in the Liberty Bell Center in Independence National Historical Park.

Eastern State Penitentiary -

Fairmont Ave.
90 minutes; 95 miles
215-236-3300

<https://www.easternstate.org>

Eastern State Penitentiary was once the most famous and expensive prison in the world but has gone unused for incarceration many years. It once held many of America's notorious lawbreakers, including "Slick Willie" Sutton and "Scarface" Al Capone. Now used for ghost tours, Halloween scares and tourists.

Elfreth's Alley

124-126 Elfreth's Alley - between Second Street and Delaware River

215-574-0560

<http://www.elfrethsalley.org>

Literally step your way into history on America's oldest continuously inhabited residential street. Cobblestones quilt the ground of this charming narrow pathway. The 32 houses once owned by some of the nation's earliest craftsmen, merchants and artisans are now private residences, but two of the homes have been turned into an informative public museum.

Franklin Institute

222 N 20th Street

215-448-1200

<https://www.fi.edu>

The Franklin Institute is a science museum and the center of science education and research in Philadelphia. It is named after the American scientist and statesman, Benjamin Franklin, and houses the Benjamin Franklin National Memorial.

Independence Seaport Museum 211 S Christopher Columbus Blvd.

215-413-8655

<http://www.phillyseaport.org>

The Independence Seaport Museum was founded in 1961 and is in the Penn's Landing area along the Delaware River in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The museum holds maritime artifacts, history and culture.

Museum of Art

2600 Benjamin Franklin Parkway

215-763-8100

<https://www.philamuseum.org>

The Philadelphia Museum of Art is an art museum originally chartered in 1876 for the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia. The main museum building was completed in 1928 on Fairmount, a hill located at the northwest end of the Benjamin Franklin Parkway at Eakins Oval. One of our nation's oldest art museums. This is where Rocky Balboa shot his famous movie scene running up the stairs and his statue is there today. Closed Monday.

Philadelphia Zoo

3400 W. Girard Ave.

215-243-1100

<https://www.philadelphiazoo.org>

The Philadelphia Zoo, located in the Centennial District of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the west bank of the Schuylkill River, was the first true zoo in the United States. Chartered by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on March 21, 1859, its opening was delayed by the American Civil War until July 1, 1874. Also, it is the first children's zoo in the USA and the first USA zoo that had births of chimps and orangutans in captivity. Easily spend a few hours here. Over 1300 creatures from across the globe; 500 plants in the botanical collection; face painting; swan boats; rope courses; food and snacks.

US Mint

151 N. Independence Mall East

(on 5th Street between Arch Street and Race Street). The United States Mint does not provide parking.

800-USA-MINT

<https://www.usmint.gov/about/mint-tours-facilities/philadelphia/tour-information>

Self-guided free tours of about an hour. See the coin making process from artist rendering to finished coins; artifacts from over the decades since opening in 1901; seven large Tiffany mosaics showing coin making in Ancient Rome; see Peter, a real bald eagle that is used as a model for money designs; gift shop.

Theme Parks

There are a few to visit but after Labor Day, most have limited or weekend hours or are open only for holiday periods. Check websites for availability if you are interested.

Dorney Park

4000 Dorney Park Road

Allentown, PA 18104

45 minutes; 42miles

610-395-3724

<https://www.dorneypark.com>

Hershey Park

100 W Hersheypark Dr.

Hershey, PA 17033

100 minutes; 100 miles

717-534-3900

<https://www.hersheypark.com/>

Shopping - Gifts - Goodies

American Candle

3414 Route 611
Bartonsville, PA 18321
50 minutes; 30 miles
570-629-3388

<https://american-candle.com>

<https://www.rolleysicecream.com>

Huge selection of candles, fashions, jewelry (Pandora, Alex & Ani, etc.), collectibles, home decor and gifts. There is also a candy room with over 200 barrels of candy and Rolley's Ice Cream Shop. Lots of flavors including some liquor based.

Bendixen's Giftware & Boutique

2414 Route 940
Pocono Summit, PA 18346
25 minutes; 25 miles
570-839-8795

<https://bendixens.com>

Country shop that has been in business over 40 years. Apparel, candles, soaps, stationary, calendars, souvenirs, home decor, pottery, local jams, outdoor decor, Christmas shop and unique finds.

Callie's Candy Kitchen

1111 Rt. 390
Mountainhome, PA 18342
40 minutes; 30 miles
570-595-2280

<http://www.calliescandy.com>

Homemade brittles, candies, chocolates, chocolate covered everything, fudges, lollipops, licorice and a walk-through museum. You will see antique candy making equipment and learn about the Callie family's candy making business, started in 1952.

Callie's Pretzel Factory

Rt. 390
Cresco, PA 18326
35 minutes; 27 miles
570-595-3257

<http://www.calliescandy.com>

Hard and soft pretzels of many kinds, flavored popcorn and other snacks can be purchased here. You can try twisting a pretzel; observe pretzels being produced through observation windows and try some free samples. Callie's Pretzel Factory opened in 1985 and is just 3 miles south of the family's candy business. Here you will also find a "left-handed shop" with items to purchase that would be useful to a left-handed person. Who knew there is such a store?

Country Junction "World's Largest General Store"

6565 Interchange Road
Lehighton, PA 18235
30 minutes; 25 miles
610-377-5050

<https://www.countryjunction.com>

Hardware, camping needs, furniture, candles, home decor, fudge, local wine, treats and so much more. Also, weekend activities, arcade, escape room, laser tag, mini bowling, Nerf arena, petting zoo and a large pet store. Harvest Festival is on for this weekend, September 14-15, 2019.

Country Kettle

2523 Milford Road
East Stroudsburg, PA 18301
45 minutes; 37 miles
570-421-8970

<https://www.country-kettle.com>

More than 250 barrels of bulk candy to dig into! The gift shop also has purses, jewelry, ladies' apparel, candles, crystal, home decor and giftware.

The Crossings Premium Outlets

1000 Premium Outlets Drive

Tannersville, PA 18372

30 minutes; 25 miles

570-629-4650

<https://www.premiumoutlets.com/outlet/the-crossings>

More than 100 brand name and designer stores and food options like Ann Taylor, Coach, Dress Barn, Gap, Johnny Rockets, Levi's, Michael Kors, Nike, North Face, Under Armour, etc.

Holley Ross Pottery

167 Rt. 191

LaAnna, PA 18326

40minutes; 34 miles

570-676-3248

<https://www.holleyross.com>

Over 125 manufacturers have product in this large factory showroom with savings up to 70%.

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to Our Organization for
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