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— TRI-STATE RETREAT —

## MOCA 2025 J.O.E. Out-of-Camp Points of Interest (P.O.I)

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When camp is closed and you cannot stay in, look at this Activity & Recreation document to find something to return the grin!

Note: If browsing this document digitally, click the names for websites. Addresses will open your GPS for navigation.

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## HIKES

FEATURED HIKE: [Stairway Wild Area](#)—hike to a lake, off-trail waterfall, quarries, & more!

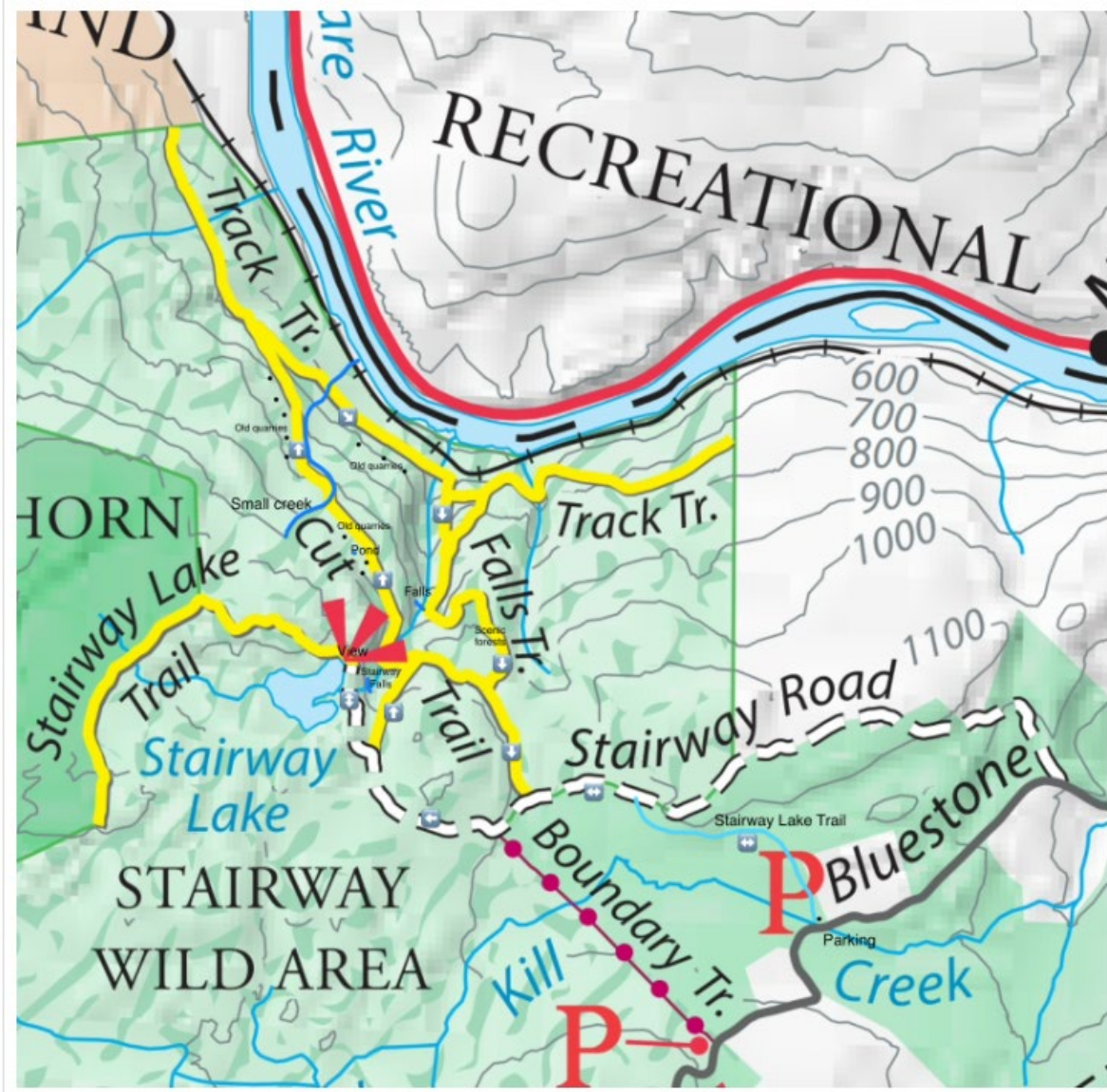
This ~7mile moderate hike (or ~4 miles that is relatively flat to the Lake & back) has ~1000ft of elevation gain. [A version of the hike has been uploaded to AllTrails here](#). The trek ventures through the diverse vegetation of the Delaware State Forest observing both human-caused & natural features along the way. Stairway Lake, an early pitstop, is a sublime body of water that offers a primitive camping spot with a verdant vista of the NY valley. Hikers can enjoy a snack break here then retrace their steps back to the trailhead for a shorter hike or can instead witness the outflow of the lake in waterfall form, by adventuring off-trail via a short spur. Afterwards, the hike descends by Bluestone quarries then parallels railroad tracks as well as the Delaware (DE) River. Anticipate some vegetative overgrowth if trekking this far.

Latter of the circuit crosses a couple of small, stony streams. Before frolicking through a forest filled with pine & hemlock, the trail then greatly ascends. Another waterfall may be in sight here as the trail is surrounded by rocky cliffs & ledges. A human-caused feature to search for afterwards is a rusted Ford car hood followed by the vehicle's front cab; leaves hide the rest including logging ruins. Hikers conclude the trek by proceeding on a fabulous fire road enroute back to the trailhead. For more info, browse the [Penn. DCNR map/ info here](#). Pack the bug repellent too!



(Stairway Lake)

(Stairway Wild Area Trail Map w/ Blazes)



(image credit: Mitchell hiking blog)

Driving directions from Camp:

1. Proceed East on US-6 into Milford, PA
2. About halfway through town, turn North on US-209 leaving Milford.
3. After 2+ miles, turn west on Cummins Hill Rd. This road becomes Bluestone Blvd.
4. The winding road eventually snakes down switchbacks then crosses a short, one- lane steel bridge.
5. The parking area for the trailhead is almost immediately after. A brown “P” sign is in the opposite side of the road, while the connecting trail into Stairway Wild Area reads “Stairway Lake Trail” ...
6. AFTER the hike, continue driving North on Bluestone Blvd. (rather than returning southbound to Camp), which goes through the acute cute Milrift township, then parallels the Delaware River.
7. Once passed the township, the road name becomes Delaware Dr. This road eventually junctions with US-209 after travelling 6+miles from the trailhead.
8. Proceed south on US-209 back to Milford. Turn west after entering town on US6 to return to Camp.



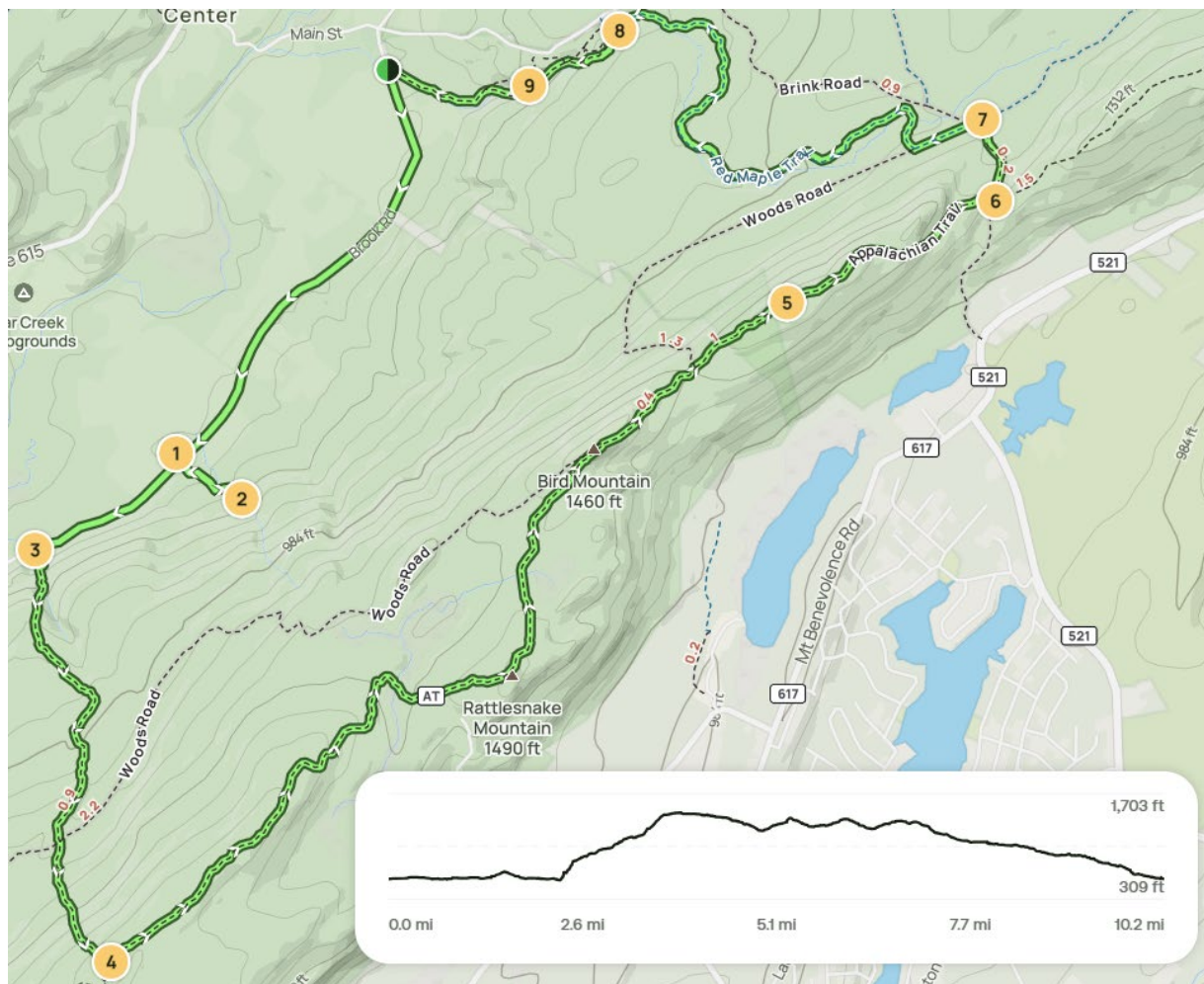
## Buttermilk Falls & Rattlesnake Mtn. Loop feat. the old Walpack Cemetery & the Tillman Ravine

[Trailhead Parking lot \(Walpack Cemetery\)](#) | [AllTrails](#)

Note: Walpack may also be spelled as Wallpack.

“This [strenuous ~11 mile loop with 1700+ ft. of elevation gain that is estimated to be a 6 hour trek duration] is made up of (a) Mountain Road, Buttermilk Falls Trail, AT (Appalachian Trail), Connector Trail, Red Maple Trail, Tillman Ravine Trail, and lastly the Cemetery Trail [ back to the start. This loop is a wonderful way to explore the area around Buttermilk Falls. There are two waterfalls, a forest stream, a couple of nice views of the Delaware River valley, and varied hiking from low-elevation forests to scenic ridge tops” ... A sublime solid day hike!

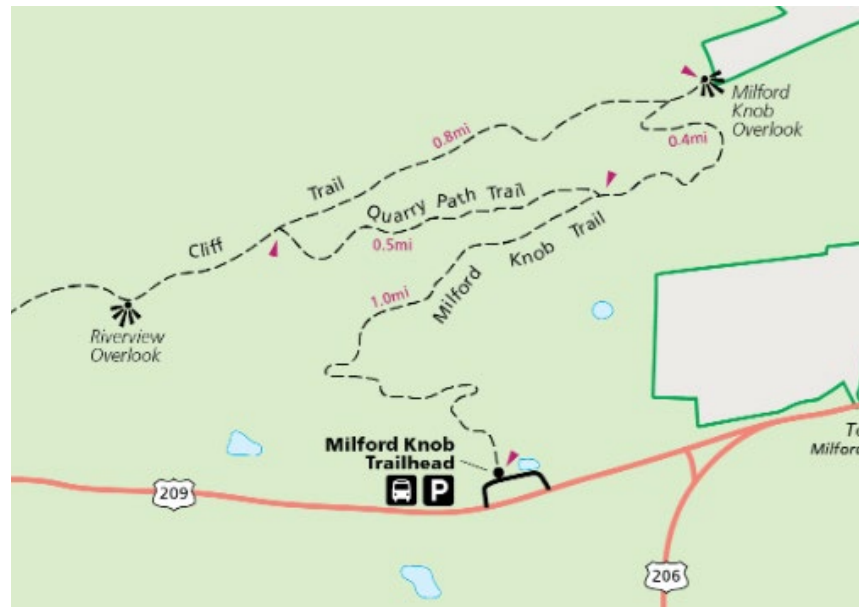
(image credit: AllTrails)



## Milford Knob

[Trailhead Parking lot](#) | [AllTrails](#)

“A challenging [but easily doable by all, ~3.7 mile] loop hike to the top of the Raymondskill Ridge that traverses through lowland forests to the mixed hardwood and scrub found in the upland forest. The steep climb is rewarded with a charming view of historic Milford.” Expect ~400 ft. of elevation gain during an estimated 2-hour trek duration. Alternatively, this hike can also be completed as an Out-&-Back for ~2.8 miles.

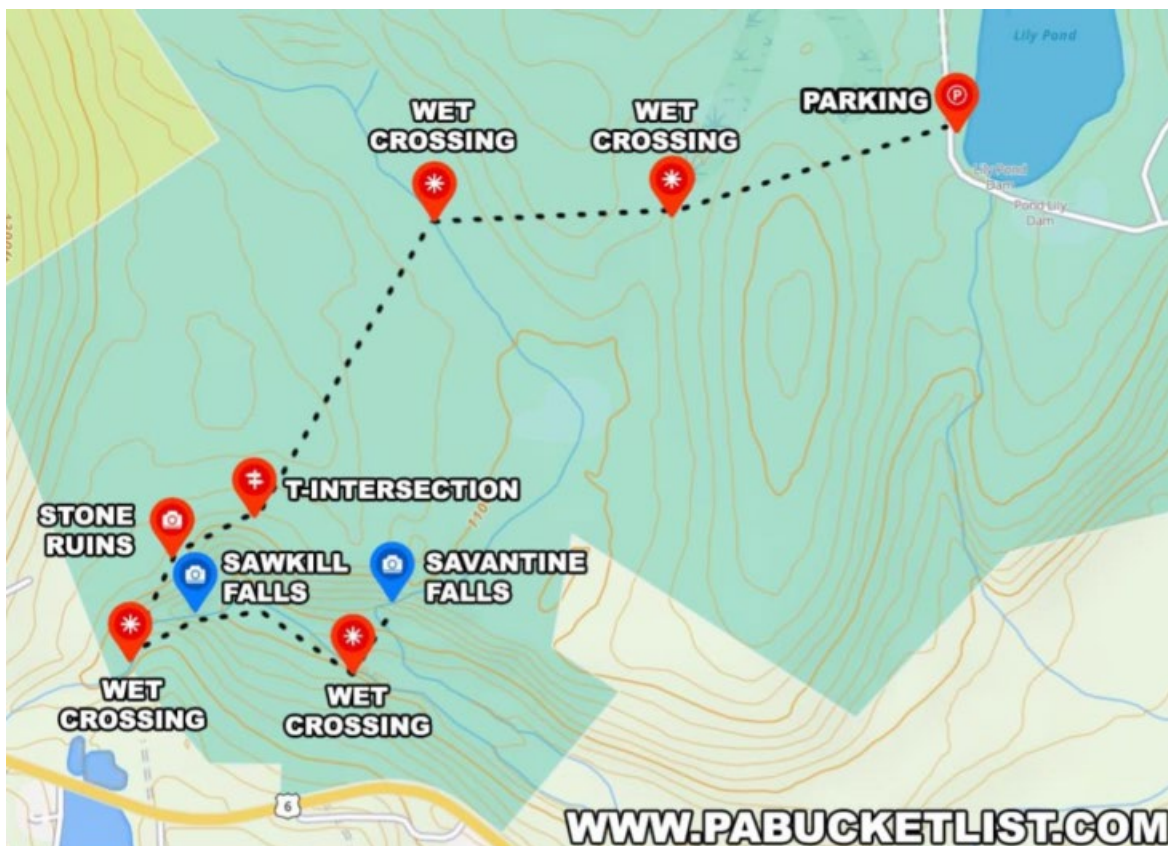


(image credit: NPS)

## Sawkill Falls & Savantine Falls Out-&Back

[Trailhead Parking lot](#) | [AllTrails \(known as the “Huckleberry trail”\)](#)

“Sawkill and Savantine Falls are a pair of picturesque but seldom-seen waterfalls in the Delaware State Forest. Located less than three hundred yards apart on separate streams, these waterfalls make for an enjoyable hike [that is estimated to be a 2-hour trek duration.] The hike to Sawkill and Savantine Falls involves a **3-mile trek** along the Huckleberry Trail. The parking area is located on the western side of the Lily Pond Picnic Area; if navigating by GPS, use 41.36098, -74.85645 to find a large dirt on the far side of the pond. [This lot is located just beyond 398 Schocopee Rd.] The Huckleberry Trail begins right behind the parking area and is marked by a State Forest trail sign. The first mile of the hike follows this obvious but non-blazed trail through the forest, with about one hundred feet of elevation change. There are two small [but easy & stony] stream crossings in the first mile. After a mile, you will reach a T-intersection; hang a right at the T-intersection and continue to follow the Huckleberry Trail along what now looks more like an old forest road [with some] ruins of stone walls. [The waterfalls are just beyond!] Retrace your steps to get back to the Lily Pond Picnic Area parking area.”



(image credit: PABUCKETLIST.COM)

## **Scenic Drives/ Roads**

FEATURED DRIVE: Rio Reservoir Dam

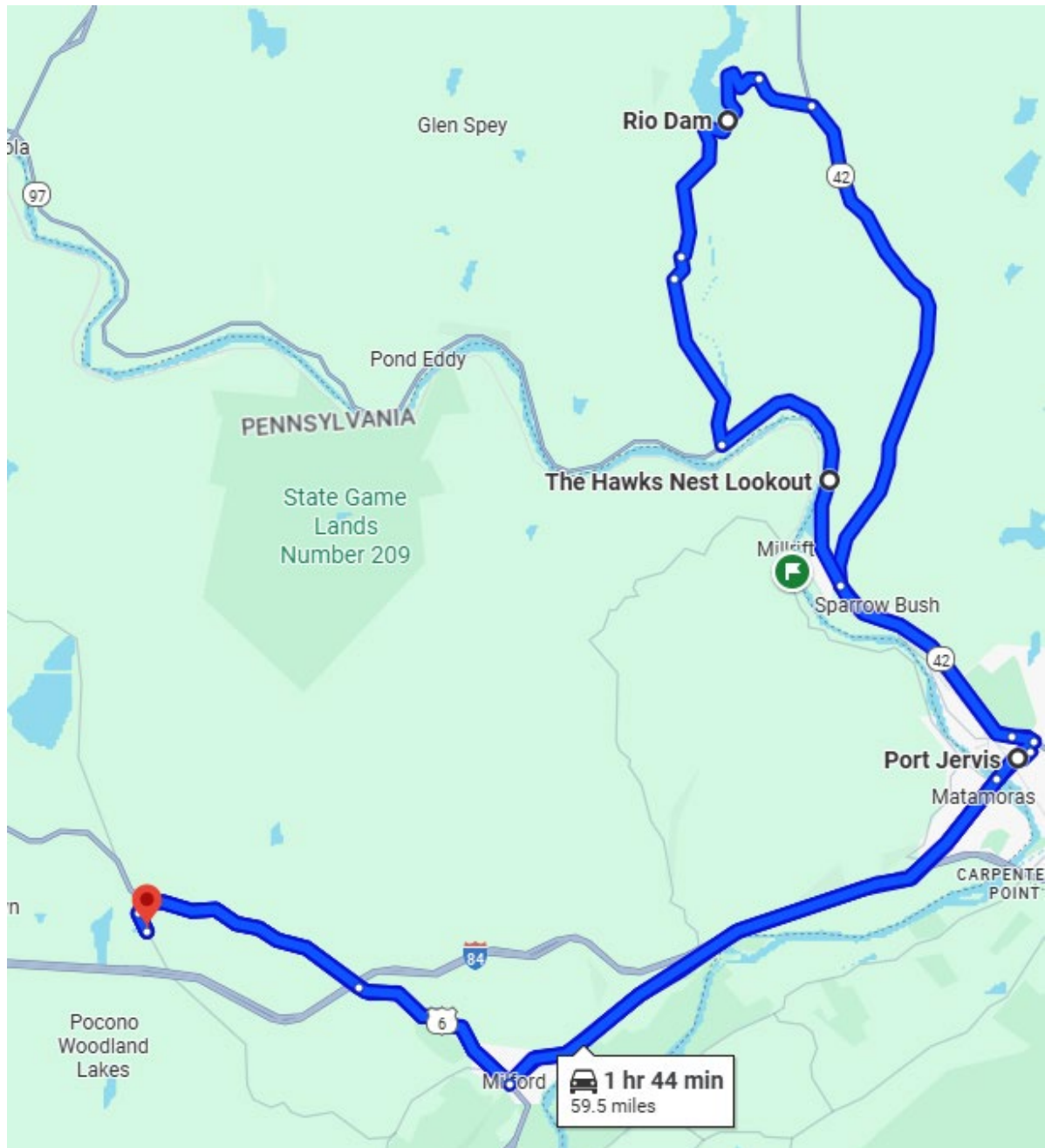
[Rio Dam Rd, Glen Spey, NY 12780](#) | An approx. 2-hour, 60-mile drive

Driving directions from Camp:

1. Proceed driving East on US-6 through town of Milford, PA.
2. Turn left/ North onto US-209 when in town. Continue on US-209. Cross the Delaware River into Port Jervis, NY.
3. Turn left/ West onto NY-42. Follow NY-42 North/ Northwesternly for about 9miles, nearing the small hamlet of Forestburgh.
4. Turn left/ West onto Old Plank Rd which may also be called Griffith Rd.
5. Turn left/ West onto Rio Dam Rd. Eventually, this road proceeds over the Rio Reservoir Dam. There are pull-off areas before & after the Dam.
6. Turn left/ South onto Knights Rd, then turn left/ proceed South again onto Upper Mongaup Rd, which is also 'County Rd 31'.
7. Proceed Southbound, then turn onto NY-97. This turn offers some historical hiking trails/ ruins of the past. Continue East on NY-97, which parallels the Delaware River.
8. Pitstop along the drive at the scenic '[Hawk's Nest](#)' ([GPS link](#)) pull-off lookout.
9. Continue East on NY-97 which leads back to Port Jervis.
10. Turn right/ South onto US-209. Cross the Delaware River back into PA.
11. Continue South on US-209 to Milford, PA. Turn right/ West back onto US-6. Continue on US-6 to return to Camp.



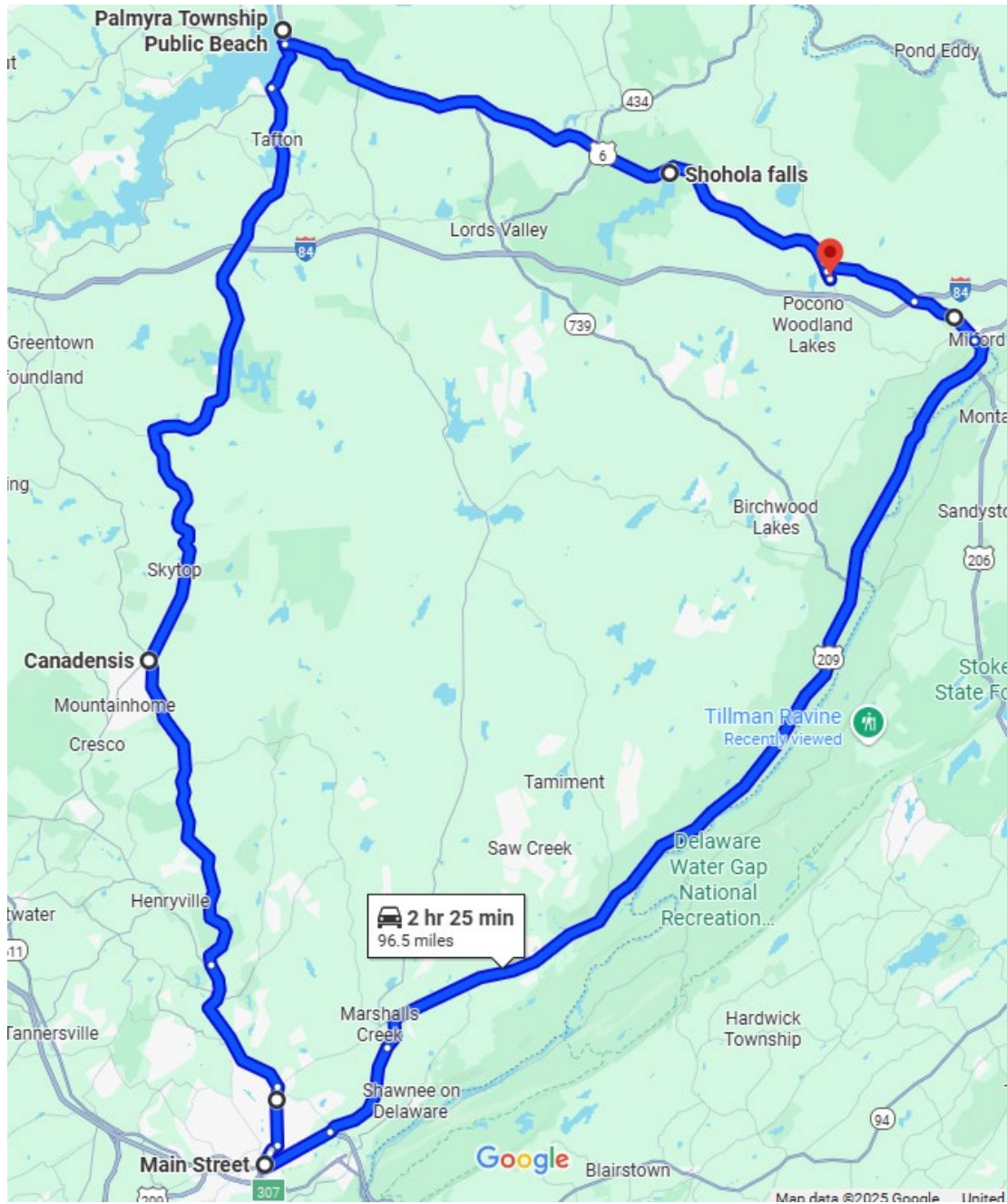




## The “Pennsylvania Peregrination” | An approx. 2.5-hour, 100-mile drive

### Directions from Camp:

1. Proceed East on US-6, through the town of Milford, PA. Continue through town as this road is also treated as US-209.
2. Continue South on US-209 enroute to Stroudsburg.
3. Eventually, US-209 is absorbed by I-80. Follow the interstate to Exit 307 for downtown Stroudsburg/ Broad St/ PA-191. Exit here.
4. Turn right/ North onto PA-191. Shortly after, bear right/ North onto ‘Main St.,’ remaining on PA-191. Eventually, the road crosses Brodhead Creek, which afterwards the road is also named ‘Brown St.’
5. Bear left/ North onto S Courtland St. which is also Business US-209. Shortly after, the road bends to the right then left. S Courtland St becomes N Courtland St, but the road is still Business US-209.
6. Continue on Business US-209 as it then junctions with PA-447. A few intersections after, bear left/ North onto PA-447.
7. Follow PA-447, which parallels a serene stream for approx. 14 miles to the small hamlet of Canadensis.
8. Turn right/ North onto PA-390. Follow this road for approx. 20 miles. This road does proceed through [Promised Land state park \(website\)](#). Eventually, the road goes underneath I-84 (which is a shortcut back to Camp) but instead of the Interstate, continue onward.
9. Turn right/ North onto PA-507. Continue for a brief period as the road junctions with US-6.
10. Turn LEFT/ WEST to SPUR onto US-6 enroute to a Beach- pitstop known as [Palmyra Township Public Beach](#). This pull-off requires a left turn.
11. Exit the parking lot/ Beach- pitstop by turning right/ East back onto US-6.
12. For another pitstop, view the [Shohola Falls](#) which requires walking a very short descent from a parking lot off of US-6.
13. Continue East on US-6 which returns to Camp.



## **Food/ Drink**

FEATURED EAT: [Forage Pizza](#)

[2846 NY-42, Forestburgh, NY 12777](#) | 845-707-4620

“Highlighting seasonal ingredients from nearby farms and woodlands, Chef Anthony Marušić fires up his wood-burning 8,000 lb. Stefano Ferrara Forni oven to serve Neapolitan-style pizzas in Forestburgh, New York. Forage Pizza is inspired by his Croatian lineage, his fine dining career in Italy and New York City, and his family's rustic hunting lodge in nearby Cuddebackville. The wood-fired pizzas champion the diversity of the Catskills with wild flavors like giant puffball mushrooms, roasted foraged greens, and homemade 24-month Dalmatinski pršut.”



[Back Road Brewing Company](#)

[248 Old Milford Rd, Milford, PA 18337](#) | 570-409-3188

“Nestled just outside the historic town of Milford, Pennsylvania, Back Road Brewing Co. is set on 13 acres of picturesque old farmland. Our brewery offers a spacious outdoor oasis where you can bask in the beauty of nature. We are a family-friendly and pet-friendly venue, so whether you choose to unwind on our expansive patio, surrounded by lush greenery, or explore our sprawling grounds, you’ll find the perfect setting to savor our handcrafted brews while immersing yourself in the tranquility of Back Road.”



### [Up the Creek Café & Pizzeria](#)

[1214 NJ-23 Building B, Wantage, NJ 07461](#) | 973-702-1400

“We are a local family excited to feed the community from our kitchen and our hearts! Breakfast, lunch, dinner, basic grocery needs, various seasonal/outdoor supplies. Stop in and get what you need, or do not! (Cuz, we can bring it to you!) Great central location! On the South Bound side of State Route 23! Just north of the Colesville Fire Department! Close to local High Point State Park! Stop here for any last-minute things you may have forgotten... or maybe something you did not think you needed... **Voted NJs Best Cheesecake-19 ribbons in 5 years**”!!!

### [Milford Dairy Bar](#)

[307 W Harford St, Milford, PA 18337](#) | 570-296-6337

“Fresh Homemade Ice Cream in Pike County. Hosting free live music on weekends”

### [The Naked Bagel](#)

[312 Broad St, Milford, PA 18337](#) | 570-409-0400

“‘The Naked Bagel’ continues the decades-long legacy of a family-owned deli and local hot-spot. Fresh rolled bagels, baked on site daily. Sandwiches with Boar's Head meats. Homemade deli salads, cream cheeses, soups and more!”

### Milford’s Daily Grind

[115 Seventh St, Milford, PA 18337](#) | 570-409-3399

“Simple [walk-up and/or] drive-thru cafe featuring coffee drinks, smoothies & baked goods.”

## Town of Milford

FEATURED BUSINESS/ SITE: [Grey Towers National Historic Site](#)

[151 Grey Towers Dr Drive, Milford, PA 18337](#) | 570-296-9630

“Grey Towers, the ancestral home of Gifford Pinchot—the first chief of the U.S. Forest Service and a two-time Governor of Pennsylvania—is celebrated as the birthplace of conservation in America. It now serves as a conservation education center, offering programs highlighting the Pinchot family's legacy.” For more info, [browse the 2025 J.O.E. Tour here.](#)



(photo credit: NPS)

## The Milford Theater

[114 E Catharine St, Milford, PA 18337](#) | 570-300-5990

“Since the 1920s, Milford Theater has served as the community’s movie-house and sanctuary for performing arts. A staple of the community and historic fixture, Milford Theater is a home for live music, plays, classic film, and more. Located in a vibrant borough with a rich history, the theater provides entertainment that lies at the intersection of modern comfort and nostalgia. Enjoy a classically art deco stage updated to accommodate a wide variety of performances.”

## [The Columns Museum of the Pike County Historical Society](#)

[608 Broad St, Milford, PA 18337](#) | 570-296-8126

“The stately home known as 'The Columns' was designed by Jersey City architect Charles Fall for businessman and politician Dennis McLaughlin (1842-1912). McLaughlin came to the states from Ireland as a child and showed his ambition early on by working tirelessly selling newspapers in 'The Horseshoe', a bustling business district located in Jersey City.

Best described as neo-classical, the contraction began in 1898 and involved moving a farmhouse off the present-day front lawn (this house can be found on 5th Street - current day 'Milford Manor'), so that the 22 room 11-bedroom little country house could be built. The house was completed by 1904 and features 6 distinctly different fireplaces.”

## Ann Street Antiques

[109 E Ann St, Milford, PA 18337](#) | 570-296-3539

Recent Internet reviews say, “Great prices and unique finds! Cookie the owner is so kind and knowledgeable. This place is a hidden gem and worth the stop!” And “an amazing assortment of jewelry, handbags, antique hats, and other fun finds. Very reasonable prices.”

## [The Artery Fine Art & Craft Gallery](#)

Forester's Hall, 210 Broad St, Milford, PA 18337 | 570-409-1234

“The ARTery, started in the summer of 1999, is a gallery now located in the historic Forest Hall building in Milford, Pennsylvania. It is a cooperative owned and operated by successful and emerging artists and artisans from the Tri-State area. Their work is shown in galleries throughout the US and Europe...The eclectic collection includes photography, paintings, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, and fine burl wood objects.”

## Miscellaneous P.O.I.

FEATURED: [Extrados Graffiti Art](#) at the Paulinskill Viaduct

[Station Rd, off NJ- 94 in Columbia, NJ](#)

A small parking lot for observing Graffiti is located underneath the Viaduct; each support column highlights detailed, colorful, & sometimes symbolic art. The Viaduct, which, “when completed in 1910, was the largest reinforced concrete structure in the world,” according to Wikipedia... “It is known for the internal chambers used to inspect the structural integrity of the bridge, which are popular among urban explorers.” **WARNING: Do NOT enter atop/ inside the Viaduct due to debris/ private property.**





## Fairview Miniature Golf Course

246 PA-390, Tafton, PA 18464 | 570-390-7860

“We are a miniature golf spot with 18 holes and lots of *FUN!* Come check out our family friendly miniature golf [for \$10] place right near Hawley, PA, and Lake Wallenpaupack. Beautiful scenery and fun for the whole team!”

## LEGOLand NY resort/ amusement park

1 Legoland Blvd, Goshen, NY 10924 | 845-410-0290

“Ride, climb, splash, and build [your] way through seven themed lands. Transform into a Minifigure on the world-premiere Factory Adventure Ride, master the art of Spinjitzu on LEGO NINJAGO® the Ride, save the kingdom on the Dragon Coaster, and explore awesome built cities in MINILAND!”

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