



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, classic 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!

Lincoln Highway Heritage Experience

CELEBRATE THE AMERICAN FAMILY VACATION ROAD TRIP

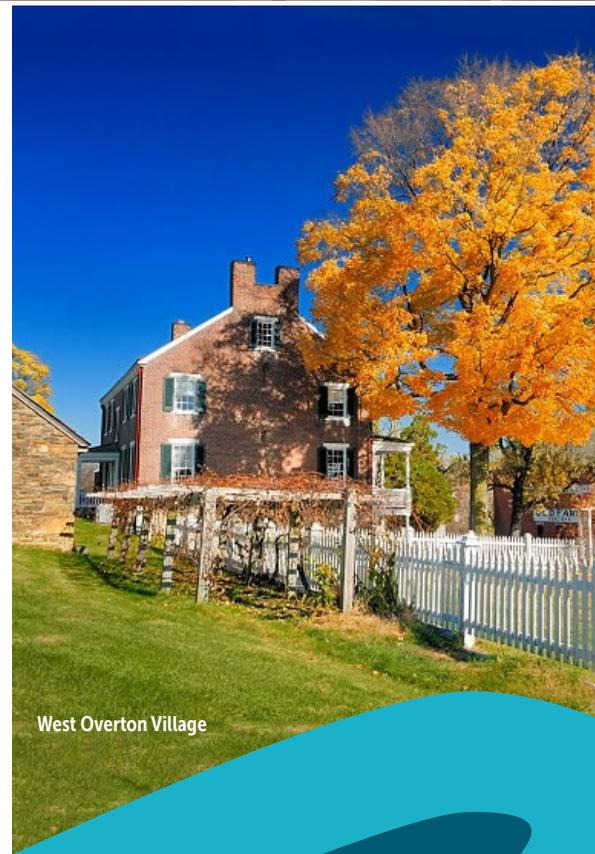
The first transcontinental highway in the United States, the Lincoln Highway was created in 1913. Today, it stretches from Times Square in New York City to San Francisco, with 70 scenic miles weaving through Pennsylvania's Laurel Highlands. The creation of the historic road meant vacation destinations weren't limited to locations serviced by the railroad. The options were endless and families could explore the country at their own pace.

Take a step back in time at the Lincoln Highway Experience museum to explore the history, retro memorabilia, vintage roadside signage and a stunning new expansion featuring a beautifully restored 1938 diner, a 1937 Packard-120, vintage tourist cabin and filling station.

A TASTE OF LAUREL HIGHLANDS HISTORY: WEST OVERTON DISTILLING COMPANY

After a 100-year hiatus, the whiskey will be flowing once again at West Overton Village. Perhaps best known as the birthplace of 19th century industrialist and financier Henry Clay Frick, West Overton was the original distilling site for Old Overholt Rye Whiskey until Prohibition began in 1920. The Old Overholt brand, said to be the oldest continually maintained whiskey brand, is currently produced by the makers of Jim Beam.

In summer 2019, West Overton Distilling Company will open its doors in what was formerly a stock barn. Visitors will be able to see the distillery process up close, sample the whiskey made onsite and eventually purchase a bottle to enjoy at home.



West Overton Village



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Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater



Frank Lloyd Wright's Kentuck Knob



FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT'S MÄNTYLÄ MOVES TO PENNSYLVANIA'S LAUREL HIGHLANDS

Sixty years after the death of America's most prominent architect, Frank Lloyd Wright's legacy lives on, not only at his landmarks like Fallingwater and Taliesin West, but also in architecture schools across the world. Wright's legacy also lives on with Tom and Heather Papinchak, owners of Polymath Park, an architectural park tucked away in the Laurel Highlands, where Wright fans can tour and stay overnight in two of his designs, including the newly-rebuilt Mäntylä house, and two homes designed by his apprentice, Peter Berndtson.

Built for the Lindholm family in Cloquet, Minn., Mäntylä had been on the market for many years and was in danger of demolition due to encroaching development. The property owners donated the home and all of its original furnishings to the Usonian Preservation Inc., a non-profit associated with Polymath Park, in hopes that Mäntylä would find a new life. Thanks to the Papinchaks, it did. The L-shaped home with a distinct prow is now tucked away under the towering trees of Polymath Park and will open to visitors for tours and overnight lodging in 2019.

Just a short scenic drive from Polymath Park are Wright's masterpiece, Fallingwater, and his grand Usonian, Kentuck Knob, making the Laurel Highlands a must-see for architecture fans.

EXPLORE THE FRED ROGERS TRAIL

"It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood. Won't you be, won't you be my neighbor?" Fred Rogers began his PBS children's television show Mister Roger's Neighborhood with this song every weekday from 1968 to 2001, with a total of 895 episodes. Come visit Mr. Rogers' neighborhood in Pennsylvania's Laurel Highlands! Tour the Fred Rogers Center at Saint Vincent College, where you can see artifacts from Mister Rogers' Neighborhood, including his iconic cardigan sweater and tennis shoes. Take a selfie with a statue of Fred in downtown Latrobe, his hometown and birthplace of the banana split. Spend a day at Idlewild & Soak Zone where Daniel Tiger and friends invite you and your kiddos to ride the trolley through the Neighborhood of Make-Believe.



Fred Rogers Center



Flight 93 National Memorial



Great Allegheny Passage



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