

Explore the Pocono Mountain Region in Pennsylvania

The Pocono Mountain region in northeastern Pennsylvania is widely known as a four-season recreational resort area. Over 2,400 square miles of wooded peaks and valleys, numerous sparkling lakes and ponds, and clear, rushing rivers are spread across four counties. The Poconos have been designated as one of the 40 “Last Great Places” in the world by the Nature Conservancy because of the range of unusual ecosystems.

The Pocono region contains 9 state parks, 16 game lands, 150 lakes, 13 waterfalls, 170 river miles, and the Delaware Gap National Recreation Area. This abundance of forests, wetlands, and other natural areas is home to many rare species of plants and animals. Some of the loveliest waterfalls in the East are flanked by blossoming mountain laurel in the spring and brilliant foliage in the fall.

Hiking, picnicking, camping, horseback riding, mountain biking, swimming, canoeing, kayaking, tubing, boating, sailing, jet skiing, water-skiing, white-water rafting, downhill and cross-country skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, sleigh rides, golfing, tennis, fishing, and hunting are among the many outdoor activities available.

A free 68-page travel guide can be obtained from the Pocono Mountains Vacation Bureau, 1004 Main St., Stroudsburg, PA 18360. Call 570-424-6050 or 800-762-6667, or browse <http://www.800poconos.com>.

The top three suggested places nearest the hotel are indicated with a “”*

South of the hotel:

- ❑ **Jim Thorpe ***
 - quaint Victorian era town with interesting shops and historic Asa Packer Mansion and Mauch Chunk Museum
 - architecturally distinctive railroad station, now a train museum with vintage equipment excursion tours
 - mountain biking along 9-mile trail of former switchback gravity railroad route, rafting, canoeing, and boating
- ❑ **Lehigh Gorge State Park ***
 - Lehigh River carves through scenic steep-walled canyon with Class II-III whitewater
 - spectacular scenery on 26 mile self-guided trail on abandoned railroad route
- ❑ **Hickory Run State Park**
 - over 40 miles of trails, 3 state park natural areas, and 25-foot Hawk Falls
 - Boulder Field, a 400-by-1800-foot “lake of rocks” National Natural Landmark formed during the Ice Age
 - 15,500 acres of hiking, picnicking, camping, swimming, fishing, cross-country-skiing, and snowmobiling

East of the hotel:

- ❑ **Francis E. Walter Dam and National Recreation Area**
 - day-use facilities at U. S. Army Corps of Engineers flood control project on Lehigh River
- ❑ **Blakeslee**
 - Morgan Gallery of the Arts
- ❑ **Mount Pocono**
 - scenic overlook at Pocono Knob
 - Memorytown complex of museums, eating places, old-time country shops, and lake for fishing and boating
- ❑ **Stroudsburg**
 - Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm, a re-created late 18th century Pennsylvania-German farm

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❑ Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area

- picturesque break in the Kittatinny Ridge of the Appalachian Mountains created by the Delaware River, which runs the entire length of the gap, with over 200 miles of scenic roads through valleys and along ridges
- park encompasses 70,000 acres in Pennsylvania and New Jersey along a 40-mile stretch of the Delaware River

North of the hotel:

❑ Scranton

- Anthracite Museum Complex (includes Pennsylvania Anthracite Heritage Museum, Scranton Iron Furnaces, Museum of Anthracite Mining, and Eckley Miner's Village)
- Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour
- Steamtown National Historical Site
- Lackawanna Trolley Museum
- Everhart Museum
- restored 1908 Lackawanna railroad station

❑ Wilkes-Barre

- Sordoni Art Gallery
- Nathan Denison House at Forty Fort
- Wyoming Historical and Geological Society museum

❑ Ricketts Glen State Park

- scenic area with old growth timber and diverse wildlife, including Glens National Natural Landmark
- series of 22 wild, free-flowing, named waterfalls formed as Kitchen Creek cascades through two deep gorges between rock-strewn clefts in an ancient hillside

Factory outlet shopping:

❑ Tannersville *

- The Crossings Mall has over 100 stores

❑ Newfoundland

- Holly Farms pottery

❑ Stroudsburg

- Pocono Outlet Complex has over 150 stores

Gay and lesbian bars:

❑ Wilkes-Barre

- Twist (570-825-7300)

❑ Scranton

- Silhouette (570-344-4259)

❑ East Stroudsburg

- Secrets (570-420-8716)
- Rainbow Mountain (570-223-8484)