

*"The soul of a journey is liberty, perfect liberty, to think, feel, and do just as one pleases"*

-William Hazlitt



# Who knew the American Dream...



## This is Route 6

A magical and tranquil highway through

Northern Pennsylvania. It's where getting away from it all means finding everything you were looking for. This is a road that ties together towns big and small, generations of people and wondrous sights often forgotten. Here, the American dream is alive and well. It's where apple pie, yellow ribbons, antique stores, museums, parks and trails create a journey unique to everyone who travels it. This historic 400 miles of road is America. It reflects all we hold dear and all we believe in. Here is a simpler life. One of family, heritage, tradition and honor. It's a place where losing yourself really means finding yourself. And where your journey is truly your destination. Welcome to Route 6. The heart of the American dream.

US Route 6 stretches from the tip of Cape Cod to Long Beach California, from the Atlantic to Pacific Ocean. Pennsylvania's portion is 400 miles long from when it enters the state on the east from New York and New Jersey until it exits in the west to Ohio. A small spur in the western part of the state, called Route 6N, is the original terminus of the highway at Lake Erie.

US Route 6 in Pennsylvania is perfect for touring by car, motorcycle, motorhome or camper.

### Six Themes on 6: 1. Natural Resources

As you drive Route 6, you witness first hand what has fueled, and continues to fuel America. It is a look inside the country's engine, allowing the visitor a deeper understanding of our culture.

- The highway has a strong heritage of lumbering, oiling, coal mining, farming, and other natural resource assets such as the Tom Ridge Environmental Center, Kinzua Dam, Drake Well, PA Farm Museum and the PA Anthracite Museum.

- Historical sites and museums tell the stories of transporting the natural resources to market. Visit places like Stourbridge Line Train, Steamtown National Park Site, and the PA Lumber Museum.



### 2. Scenic Vistas

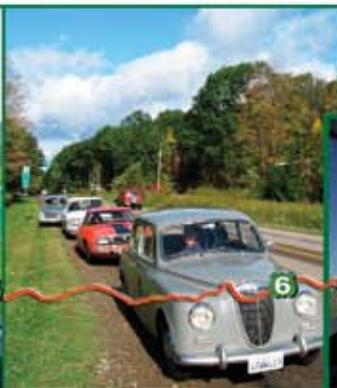
As you travel the highway, enjoy views ranging from farms to rural landscapes to quaint and picturesque villages and towns, to large urban areas. A beautiful overview of what the state's scenery, and arguably a microcosm for what the country's scenery, has to offer.

- Don't miss the pull-offs and overlooks at places like Lake Wallenpaupack, Wyalusing Rocks, and Marie Antoinette Lookout
- Or get out of the car and explore the views from Bushkill Falls, PA Grand Canyon and Pymatuning State Park.
- If you are adventurous at night, explore the view over our heads at PA's Dark Sky Preserve.

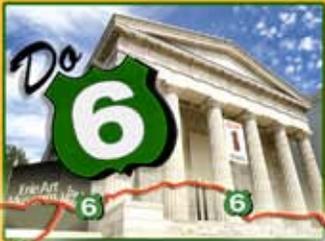


### 3. Recreational Pursuits

Route 6 offers an abundance of activity from cycling the Bike Route Y, to hiking, water sports, snow sports, canoeing, kayaking, golfing, hunting, fishing and more. It's a road trip to recreation.



# ...is just down the road?



"Happiness is a journey... not a destination."



• Over 19 state parks, half-dozen state forests, and the Allegheny National Forest provide plenty of open land for whatever your recreational pursuits.

• If your idea of recreation is spectator sports, we have that too with the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Yankees, bull rider events at Hickory Creek Wilderness Ranch and ice hockey with the Otters in Erie.

#### 4. Cultural Exploration

Whether exploring the sites of the Route 6 Artisan Trail, or visiting one of the many community museums, culture abounds along Route 6.

• You can see the real America through handmade crafts, local galleries, and niche museums.

• The arts here are extremely accessible and authentically American.

• Displays of world renowned glass can be seen at the Dorflinger Glass Museum

• Murals grace the sides of buildings in towns like Conneaut Lake, Mt. Jewett, and Coudersport.

• A unique display of community art created with old road signs can be found on Route 6 in Meadville.

• Certainly learning about a culture means tasting their food. Route 6 has over 16 old-fashion diners.

• Erie County has been known for its wineries and grape producers for a while, but more recently wineries are emerging throughout the corridor in places like Carbondale, Tunkhannock, Kane, and Sheffield.

#### 5. Heritage and History

All of these share a common undercurrent of Americana and traditional values. Because of the diversity, you are free to choose which parts of America that you want to experience.

• Battle sites for several wars can be found along Route 6.

• Stories abound about writers and visionaries like Gifford Pinchot, Zane Grey, and John Brown.

• Preserved historic downtowns offer walking tours in Corry, Smethport, Galeton, and Tunkhannock.

## The 6 Freedoms of Doing

# 6

- 1.) Do as you please
- 2.) Choose your own itinerary
- 3.) Go as fast or slow as you want (within legal limits)
- 4.) Choose how far you want to go – let our mile marker system guide you on the distances between attractions and locations
- 5.) Choose your history – Visionaries, Revolutionary War, Civil War and Slavery, Industrial Revolution, the Growth of America, Railroads experiences and the Survival of Small Town America
- 6.) Choose your recreation – hiking, biking, touring, sightseeing, fishing, and even star gazing

#### 6. The Road Itself

The road connects a unique collection of special places and communities. By spanning across the entire state, the Route captures the spirit of the state's diversity: rural, farmland, dramatic topography, urban vitality, quaint towns, Americana

• It is a journey of surprise and freedom

• It is a journey with or without a destination.

• Recognized by Harley-Davidson as one of Pennsylvania's best touring routes

• National Geographic called it "One of America's most scenic drives."

It is **okay** to:

- Linger
- Not know where you are going
- Be inspired
- Commune with nature
- See things from a new perspective
- Reconnect with American culture

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