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STATE OF INDEPENDENCE



GROUNDHOG DAY CELEBRATION 2010

Pennsylvania Snapshot

Along the highways and roadways of Pennsylvania, discover places full of diversity, rich in culture and filled with surprises. Applaud outstanding performances of world-renowned symphonies and theater. Relax at a quaint bed and breakfast tucked into a secluded corner of the Pennsylvania Wilds. Pass through wooded forests, picturesque covered bridges and towns overflowing with antique stores and unique shops. Enjoy sandy beaches along Lake Erie. Visit historic Philadelphia and the battlefields of Gettysburg. Meet the Amish. Steal away on Pittsburgh's Rivers of Steel. Ready, Set, Go!

PENNSYLVANIA'S FIRST

Pennsylvania firsts include: the nation's first capital, hospital, library, zoo, newspaper, all motion-picture theater, institute of art, television broadcast, radio broadcast, paper mill, locomotive for railroad use, high-speed multi-lane highway, professional baseball stadium, computer, oil well, banana split, police officer and American flag.

PENNSYLVANIA'S BEAUTIFUL

- Pennsylvania has been recognized as having some of the most beautiful rides in the nation, including Route 6, named into the top 10 most scenic drives in America by *National Geographic*.
- *USA Weekend Magazine* rated the "nighttime view from Mount Washington in Pittsburgh" second on its list of the 10 most beautiful places in America.
- *National Geographic* rated Sunset Point, located in Erie's Presque Isle State Park, as having the second most beautiful sunset in the world.
- Astronomers proclaim the night sky of Potter County's Cherry Springs State Park the best choice for amateur stargazing, boasting the darkest skies east of the Mississippi with a 360-degree view of the sky and almost zero light pollution.

PENNSYLVANIA WILDS

The Pennsylvania Wilds region boasts more than 5 million acres of forested land and the largest herd of free-roaming elk in the Northeast. Listen to bull elk call to each other from the Gilbert Farm and Dent's Run sites on Winslow Hill, or photograph them grazing at first light in the fields of Hicks Run Wildlife Viewing Area.

The Pennsylvania Wilds includes thousands of miles of streams and waterways, including 2,067 wild trout streams and 99 boat launches. For trail lovers, the region offers more than 1,100 miles of designated hiking trails, 100 miles for horseback riding and even more for cross-country skiing and snowmobiling. For an overnight stay, try one of the area's 1,800 camping sites or a cozy Victorian B&B.

STATE ICONS

Mountain laurel (flower), Hemlock (tree), Whitetail deer (animal), Brook trout (fish), Ruffed grouse (game bird).