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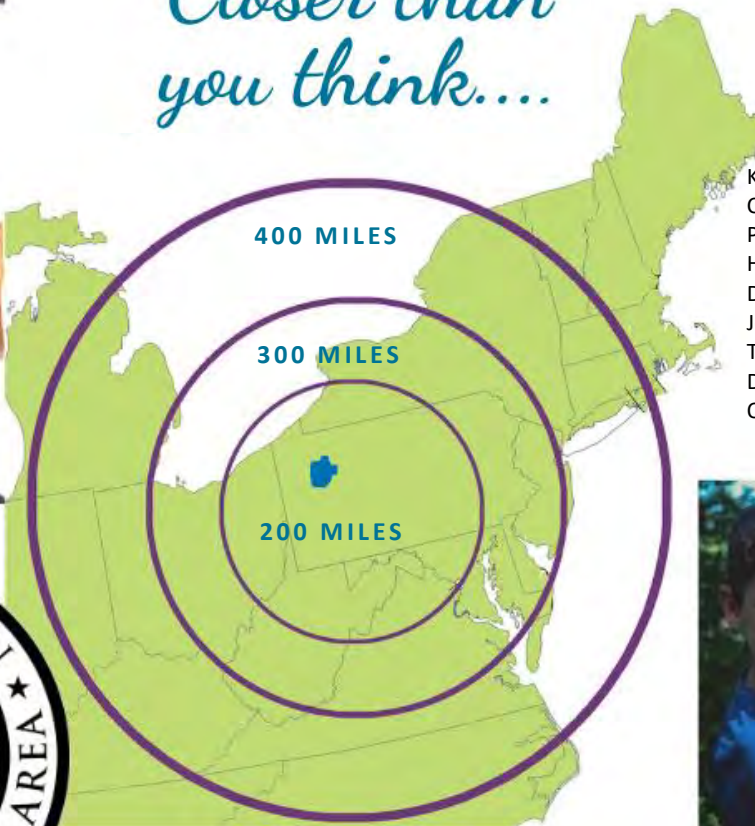
The birthplace of oil industry, known as “the Valley that Changed the World,” the Oil Region is home to fascinating stories of fortune, innovation, and perseverance. Much of the late 1800s Victorian style architecture remains along with vibrant small towns brimming with art, culture, and special events. The restored natural beauty of the area offers abundant opportunities for outdoor recreation.

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# HERITAGE TRAILS

These trails traverse Venango and Crawford counties, as both have been key locations for major events in history. Today you can see reminders of why this region is referred to as “the Valley that Changed the World.”

The Seneca nation within the Iroquois Confederacy used the Allegheny River as a transportation corridor and the surrounding hills as hunting territory. **Indian God Rock** is a large upright boulder on the eastern riverbank nine miles downstream from Franklin; its surface was chiseled with hieroglyphics prior to European settlement. An interpretive panel along the adjacent Allegheny River Trail illustrates the earlier markings, which unfortunately have since been covered by graffiti. In appreciation for assistance during the Revolutionary War, in 1791 the PA Legislature gave **Chief Cornplanter** three land grants, including what is now Oil City’s Northside. A life-size bronze statue of Cornplanter stands in Oil City’s Creekside Park (left).

In 1753 young British officer **George Washington** was assigned to deliver letters to the commandants of several French forts demanding them to depart from present-day northwestern PA. He and his contingent traveled upstream along the Allegheny River on horseback, pausing at what is now known as Riverfront Park in Franklin. The group went on to Fort LeBoeuf in Erie County and borrowed canoes for the return trip down the waterway Washington named French Creek. The roadways nearest their route are marked with **Washington's Trail** signs and can be followed through western PA to the Maryland border.

On August 27, 1859, crude oil was produced from the **world's first successful commercial well**, drilled by **Edwin L. Drake** at Watson's Flats along Oil Creek just south of Titusville. Within months, derricks marked the spots of numerous wells -- some gushers, some pumpers, and some dry holes. A new industry developed to solve the challenging problems of extraction, transportation, storage, record-keeping, royalty agreements, and marketing oil for ever-widening uses including lubrication, medication, illumination, and then fuel for vehicles. Oilfield equipment (some now rusting and quiet, others pumped by several independent producers) can still be seen throughout the Oil Region.





The **second oldest Civil War monument** in PA stands tall in South Park beside the Venango County Courthouse in Franklin. Using a marble obelisk the community won in 1865 in a competition to raise funds for medical care of the war-wounded, citizens erected it in 1866 on a base listing the county's fallen soldiers.

Oil boomtowns sprouted like mushrooms following the war, as exploration wells uncovered more oil fields in western PA. While some communities like **Pithole, Shamburg, Red Hot, Petroleum Centre, Pearl, and Funkville** are just memories or crossroads with few remnants today, others such as Oil City and Emlenton flourished by hosting manufacturing and commercial services to support the burgeoning petroleum and natural gas industries. Miniature dioramas depicting life in an oil boomtown are displayed inside the **Petroleum Centre Train Station** and the **Pithole Visitor's Center**.

The wealth that came with the oil boom is amply demonstrated in the area's existing **Victorian architecture**. Self-guided walking tours with accompanying brochures and interpretive panels are available for Emlenton, Franklin, Oil City, and Titusville.

Travel the Oil Creek valley via the **Oil Creek & Titusville Railroad** or hike or bike the **Oil Creek State Park Trail**. Nearby **McClintock Well #1**, just off Route 8 south of Rouseville, remains in periodic production and is a trailhead for the **McClintock Trail**, one of the many linked segments comprising the **Erie to Pittsburgh Trail**.

These are just some examples of how the site where a world changing industry sprung up from the ground has become an amazing place to get away and play.







## TITUSVILLE

Nicknamed the “Queen City” for its elite cultural standing in the 1860s, Titusville had hotels, theaters, and concert halls patronized by wealthy lumber and oil magnates. Now much less bustling, but still brimming with charm and Victorian architecture, Titusville remains a destination thanks to its proximity to “the Valley that Changed the World” as the birthplace of the modern petroleum industry.

- **Drake Well Museum & Park**, is the site of the first commercially successful oil well, drilled by Edwin Drake August 27, 1859. Enjoy a state-of-the-art museum with interactive exhibits demonstrating the impact of oil on our daily lives and the grounds that bring the Oil Boom to life.
- **Oil Creek & Titusville Railroad** takes guests from **Perry Street Station** on a three-hour tour through **Oil Creek State Park** aboard a vintage excursion train, which boasts the nation’s only operating **Railway Post Office** car.
- The **Tarbell House**, the fully restored 1870s home of investigative journalism pioneer Ida Tarbell, hosts events and is open periodically for tours.
- **John Heisman**, namesake of the national award for outstanding college football player of the year, played an early version of the game here before going on to revolutionize the sport as an athlete and coach. A monument memorializes the field where he played and a plaque credits him with improvements to the game.
- **Historic Walking Tour** highlights people and places of significance. The vibrant **Ceiling Mural** at Farmers National Bank depicts the history of the oil industry.
- The **Titusville Iron Works** is a former factory turned into an event space with live music, dining, and drinks that also houses installations and exhibits of local history.





Black Bridge Mural

- **Outdoor Recreational offerings** include the **Splash Pad** at Burgess Park, **Queen City Trail** for hiking and biking, **Oil Creek**, and **BMX Bike Course**, ball fields, tennis courts, and running track at the **Ed Myer Complex**.
- **Community Events** include a weekly **Open Air Market** June through October, a **Farm to Fork Dinner** celebrating regionally sourced food, art events such as outdoor concerts and movies, a spectacular **drive through nativity** and **holiday light display**, and **Oil Fest**, Titusville's annual festival with food and craft vendors, beer and wine events, parade, fireworks, art exhibits, car show, live music, and activities for kids of all ages.
- Access the **Community Calendar** using this QR code for details on all the events.



Farm to Fork, Drake Well Train Depot

For more information, visit  
[TapIntoTitusvillePA.com](http://TapIntoTitusvillePA.com)





## OIL CITY

Concerts in Town Square

The largest of the Oil Region's cities, Oil City was first settled in 1803 partly on land once owned by Seneca leader Chief Cornplanter. The beginning and growth of the oil industry spurred the development of Oil City, which was chartered in 1871. Oil City's slogan is "Renowned, Rugged, and Refined."

- Architectural treasures including the **Oil City Library**, the **National Transit Building**, and iconic **twin steeples** of **St. Joseph Church** contribute to the three historic districts listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- **Venango Museum of Art, Science, and Industry** is the official Oil City Visitor Center and houses an artifact-dense exhibit area demonstrating the many ways oil has changed our lives.
- **Center Street Bridge** is a distinctive landmark with arched trusses and was illuminated in 2017.
- The **vibrant downtown** is home to **shops and restaurants** and numerous **outdoor murals and statues**, along with multiple **art studios** coordinated by **ARTS Oil City**, a program that has relocated more than 40 artists to Oil City to take advantage of affordable homes and studio spaces.
- **Justus Park** and the **Oil City Marina** offer access to the **Allegheny River** and **Oil Creek** for fishing, kayaking, and other water sports. **Oil Creek Memorial Landing** serves as both a canoe and kayak launch and as a bike trailhead.
- The **Erie to Pittsburgh Trail** runs through downtown, which was designated a Trail Town in 2014. **Hasson Park** is home to a collection of rare rhododendrons, a disc-golf course, picnic pavilions, a public pool, dek hockey, playgrounds, and ball fields.
- Three **primitive camping sites** were added alongside the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail and Allegheny River near the Oil City Marina in 2021. The campsites feature picnic tables, fire pits, garbage cans, and poles that can be used to hang a hammock or pitch a tent. They are ADA compliant and within walking distance of parking and restrooms. Call the City of Oil City at 814.678.3009 to reserve.





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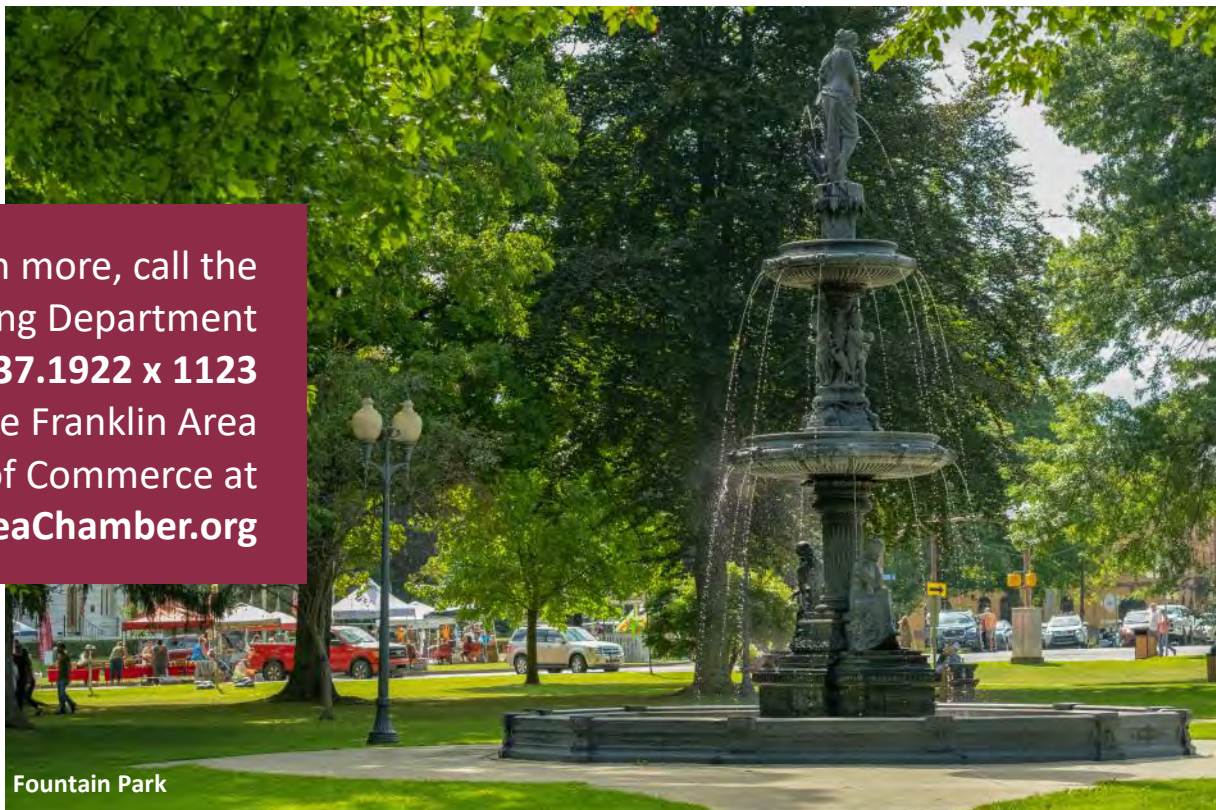




# FRANKLIN



Franklin Visitor Center



Fountain Park

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or visit the Franklin Area  
Chamber of Commerce at  
**[FranklinAreaChamber.org](http://FranklinAreaChamber.org)**





A small town with growing renown, Franklin, PA has great festivals, natural beauty, historic architecture, and independently owned shops and restaurants.

- Architectural gems include the **Venango County Courthouse**, a full set of **Tiffany Windows** at St. John's Episcopal Church, a beautifully preserved commercial downtown, and numerous Victorian homes. A **self-guided walking tour** brochure is available.
- **Applefest®**, one of the Top 20 PA Festivals, is held each October along with a slate of other events throughout the year including **Franklin on Ice**, an annual ice carving competition, and **Rock in River Festival**. Held at the beautiful **Riverfront Park** overlooking the confluence of **French Creek** and the **Allegheny River**, this fest brings amateurs and professionals to compete and attempt to set Guinness World Records for stone-skipping. BBQ, music, kayak demos, boat rides, rock decorating, and more make it a fun day for the whole family.
- Cultural offerings include the **Barrow-Civic Theatre**, **DeBence Antique Music World**, and the Venango County Historical Society's **Egbert-Mullins-Koos House**.
- Home to the newest **Oil Region Visitor Center**, the "Discover Franklin" exhibit traces the community's history back to the time when it was the American frontier, and its guest list included George Washington, Johnny Appleseed, and John Wilkes Booth.
- **Outdoor Recreational opportunities** include access to 40+ miles of paved bike trails including the **Allegheny Valley Trail** and the **Sandy Creek Trail**, and water activities on the Allegheny and French Creek. Hunting, fishing, cross country skiing, and golf are also popular pastimes.



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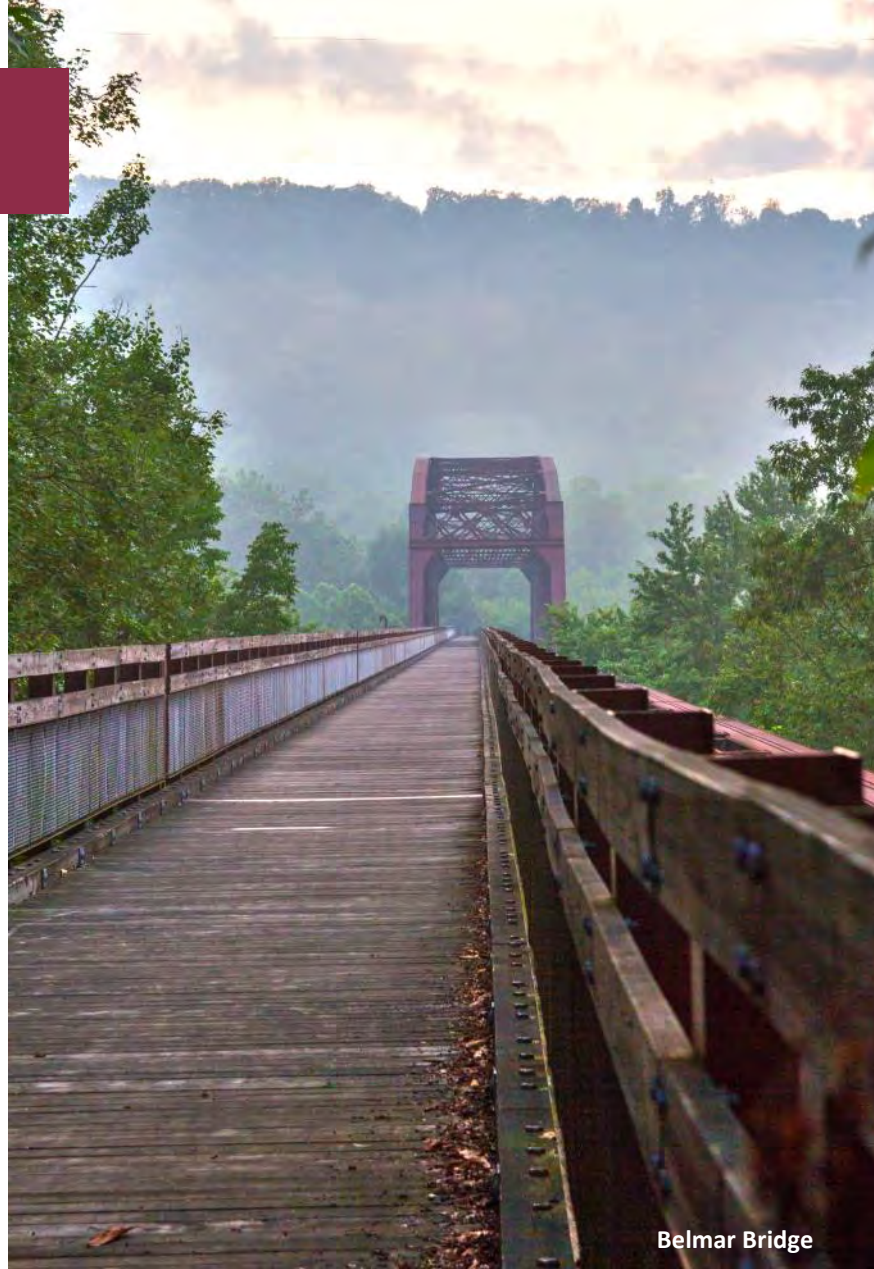
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# CRANBERRY

Named for the nearby cranberry bogs, Cranberry Township was officially organized in 1830 thanks to iron production, coal mining, and the oil industry. Now it is a great place for shopping, dining, and recreation.

- **Belmar Bridge**, a 1,385 foot long bridge with wooden deck and railings, provides a stunning view of the Allegheny River and its valley.
- **Outdoor Recreation opportunities** include the 5.8 paved miles of the **Samuel Justus Trail** and the first 5 miles of the **Allegheny River Trail**, which connects Franklin to Emlenton, and portions of the **Sandy Creek Trail**.
- **Moody Park** is a great place to sit a spell by the pond and fountain. **Morrison Park** is home to pavilions, tennis courts, and open and wooded areas. Both parks have playground equipment.
- **Cranberry Festival**, which takes place each September, includes food, crafts, children's activities, and more. **Fireworks** light up the sky each July 2, the first of three straight nights of Independence Day fireworks in the Oil Region.
- **Wildcat Mansion** is breathing new life into a landmark as a special event, arts and entertainment, and educational venue with lodging, too.



Belmar Bridge



Wildcat Mansion



For more information, visit  
[CranberryTwp.org](http://CranberryTwp.org)





Allegheny River Trail



# EMLENTON

Founded in 1859, Emlenton reportedly once had more millionaires per capita than anywhere else in the U.S. Still nationally recognized for its hardwood production, Emlenton retains a rich history. Just off Interstate 80, the town hugs the Allegheny River at the southern tip of the Oil Region National Heritage Area.

- A **Self-Guided Walking Tour** and **Visitor Center** inside the **Crawford Center** celebrate Emlenton's history and display artifacts.
- **Chicken Coop –Studio 360** provides a creative outlet with monthly workshops, open studios, and events for artists and the general public.
- **Emlenton Brew Haus** is new on the scene, but already adding to the Oil Region's night life with pool, shuffleboard, duck pin bowling, and, of course, craft beers and German-style food.
- **Mineral Springs Park** and **Ritchey Run Creek** provide a great place to picnic and enjoy nature. The park is also home to one of the oldest continuous pumping oil wells at its original depth in the country. It was drilled by Eben Crawford in 1867.
- **Outdoor Recreational opportunities** include biking on the **Erie to Pittsburgh Trail** and hiking the **North Country Trail**. Boating and fishing on the **Allegheny River**, the **2017 PA River of the Year**, can be accessed from a public boat launch on River Avenue.



Allegheny River



For more information, visit  
[EmlentonPA.com](http://EmlentonPA.com)

Emlenton Brew Haus





For more information, visit  
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Foxburg Inn





# FOXBURG

Foxburg has blossomed into a premier destination, just 10 minutes from Exit 45 on I-80 and three miles from Emlenton at the southern border of the Oil Region National Heritage Area. Take full advantage of this picturesque setting along the Allegheny River.

- **Foxburg Country Club** is the oldest golf course in continuous use in the U.S. Play its nine holes then visit the **American Golf Hall of Fame** inside the clubhouse.
- Enjoy casual or fine dining, high quality accommodations, and **locally made wine and chocolate**.
- Hike or bike the 3.5 mile **Allegheny River Trail**.
- **Cultural offerings** include live shows at **Lincoln Hall** at the **Allegheny RiverStone Center for the Arts**, the **Red Brick Gallery & Gift Shop** with hundreds of items by local artisans and emerging talent, and the **Foxburg Free Library**.
- The **Foxburg Food, Art, and Crafts Festival** is the perfect place for anyone seeking autumn fun. Join food and craft vendors surrounded by beautiful fall foliage.



Foxburg Country Club





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# ARTS & CULTURE



*The Oil Region is a lively hub for the visual and performing arts. Whether you love art exhibits, concerts, or theater productions, the Oil Region has it all.*

## TITUSVILLE

A vibrant arts environment is essential to every community for residents and out-of-town guests alike. The mission of the **Titusville Council on the Arts (TCA)** is to stimulate, encourage, expand, and support the practice, appreciation, and understanding of the performing and visual arts.

TCA hosts free **Concerts in the Park** summer Monday nights at Scheide Park. Live bands perform folk, rock, country, bluegrass, and more. TCA also hosts the **TCA Music Festival**, a weekend of live music throughout downtown.

**Expressions**, an exhibit of female artists from the Oil Region, and the **Youth Art Camp** held each summer are also hosted by TCA.

**Titusville Iron Works** has fast become a nighttime hot spot in the Oil Region with regular live music from a variety of acts. The space itself is historic. A former iron factory from the oil boom, it contains numerous museum-quality installments of vehicles, including a restored trolley car, equipment, photos, neon signs, and mid-century furniture perfect for breaks from the dance floor.

**Tarbell Teas** are a favorite way to step back in time. Hosted at the fully restored 1870 Italianate teenage home of Progressive Era

investigative journalist **Ida Tarbell**, student re-enactors from her alma mater, Titusville High School, serve a multi-course tea as historical figures from Titusville's past. Advanced tickets are required. Details can be found on the Tarbell House Facebook page.

## OIL CITY

The historic **National Transit Building** is a hub for the growing arts movement. Artists from across the country have relocated here, attracted by the low real estate prices and strong commitment to the arts. Many work and exhibit in the second-floor **National Transit Studios**, which are open to the public by appointment, for special events, and during open studios scheduled throughout the year. The **Oil Valley Center for the Arts**, at the National Transit Building, offers classes through **Oil Creek Earthworks Studio**. **Graffiti Gallery** and the **Transit Art Gallery** are non-profit galleries showcasing the work of local and regional artists.

**First Night® Oil City**, a family-friendly celebration with numerous concerts and a parade, is held every New Year's Eve.

Oil City offers a robust live music scene. A **Bluegrass Festival** is held in February. In the summertime, free outdoor entertainment includes **Music on the Square**, **Pipeline Alley Concerts**, and additional performances during the city's **BridgeFest** and in Justus Park along the banks of the Allegheny River. The **Venango Museum** also hosts concerts throughout the year. **Oil City Community Playhouse** produces quality dramatic productions with local talent. The group is renovating the **Lyric Theatre**, a downtown performance space from the early 1900s, to its former glory.

## FRANKLIN

Franklin is "Always Eventful" with its family-friendly festivals, events, and performing arts venues. The jewel in Franklin's arts and culture crown is the fully restored **Barrow-Civic Theatre**, which presents great performances and does not have a bad seat in the house. The **Oil Region Ballet** produces original full-length performances staged at local venues including the Barrow.

**DeBence Antique Music World** houses more than 100 unique antique mechanical instruments and calliopes. St. John's Episcopal Church provides tours of its collection of 30 brilliant, authentic **Tiffany stained glass windows** completed in 1917. Multiple outdoor concerts are held weekly during the summer months and often feature the **Silver Cornet Band**, one of the oldest volunteer bands in the country. A number of **arts-based businesses** have grown downtown to provide an outlet for the many creatives in the Oil Region. A **Self-Guided Walking Tour** of Historic Downtown Franklin is available to visitors.





Barrow-Civic Theatre

**Wildcat Mansion** is the former home of an oil magnate and the latest arts venue in the Oil Region. Just outside of Franklin, Wildcat Mansion hosts concerts, performances, and special interactive events such as haunted houses as well as classes and artisan markets. Those who dared to chase the dream of striking oil were called “wildcatters”.

#### EMLENTON & FOXBURG

Throughout the year Emlenton’s **Crawford Center**, a former school, hosts an assortment of musical and dramatic acts in the auditorium. Also in the Crawford Center is the **Chicken Coop — Studio 360**. Founded as a space for local artists to create and share their work, it is the site for monthly workshops and events.

Foxburg is home to the **Allegheny RiverStone Center for the Arts** (ARCA). ARCA provides a wide variety of programs in music, drama, literature, the media, and visual arts. They also present an annual **Performance Concert Series** including classical, jazz, and popular music, drama, and film in **Lincoln Hall**.

**The Red Brick Gallery and Gift Shop**, a boutique fine art gallery and gift shop, strives to nurture artistic creativity by providing an inspiring venue for local artisans and other emerging art talent.





# ARTS, CULTURE, AND ATTRACTIONS



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**Venango Museum of Art, Science & Industry**

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[VenangoMuseum.org](http://VenangoMuseum.org)



Center St. Bridge

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## EVENTS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

*Concerts in the Park*  
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*Youth Theater Program*  
*Art Camp*  
*Fine Art Exhibit*  
*Chalk Walk*  
*Expressions!*  
*Holiday Concert*  
*Artist Workshops*

## Oil City Arts Council

### Cultural Experiences for Everyone

- Oil Country Bluegrass Festival**  
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- Food Truck Frenzy**
- Oil Region Indie Music Festival**
- Jolly July 3rd Celebration**
- Oil Heritage Festival Art Show**  
partnered with Arts Oil City
- Oil City BridgeFest**  
partnered with Oil City Main Street
- First Night™ Oil City**
- Oil Valley Center for The Arts**  
Educational Classes
- Graffiti Gallery**
- Oil Creek Earthworks Pottery Studio & Workshop**
- Transit Art Gallery & Gifts**



21 Seneca St.  
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 814-678-3017  
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## ARTIST RELOCATION

Oil City's artist relocation program has been going strong for more than 15 years. Through the program, more than 50 professional artists and performers have relocated from around the country.

Initially attracted by the affordable housing in our historic and architecturally rich neighborhoods, creatives choose to make their life here for many reasons. Transplants are met by a welcoming community enthusiastic to share the legacy of the region, the clean waterways, hiking and biking trails, parks, and nearby forests.

Oil City's downtown historic residential neighborhood is designated an arts district, allowing for in-home commercial studio and gallery space. Additionally, affordable studios and store fronts are available in historic and inspiring buildings. The community has a full calendar of arts-focused festivals and events.

For those seeking bigger city galleries and museums, major markets, in all directions, are accessible for day trips or weekend getaways.

Several incubators and co-ops throughout the region provide opportunities to sell work. Industrial parks have additional space for more factory-style environments.

With modern connectivity, even established artists can appreciate the perks of living in this beautiful and serene river valley!



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### Oil Region Alliance

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[OilRegion.org](https://www.OilRegion.org)

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[OilCityArtsCouncil.org](https://www.OilCityArtsCouncil.org)

### Venango Co. Co-Op

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Cranberry, PA 16319

### Victorian City Art & Frame

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[Sites.Google.com/site/VictorianCityArtAndFrame](https://www.Sites.Google.com/site/VictorianCityArtAndFrame)

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Stonehouse Jack



# TOURISM AWARDS

*For the second year in a row in 2022, the public nominated their favorite things about the Oil Region. The following were voted the best of the best from the more than fifty nominees. Make sure you check them out on your visit, and get the full list of nominees and winners every year at [OilRegion.org/Tourism/tourism-awards](https://OilRegion.org/Tourism/tourism-awards).*

## Best Dish

Liberty Street Burger at Trails to Ales in Franklin

## Best Drink

Broken Spoke Blueberry Beer at Trails to Ales in Franklin

## Best Room

Peddlers and Paddlers Inn, Franklin

## Best Shop

Core Goods in Oil City

## Best Industry Advocate

Ronnie Beith, Franklin Marketing & Events

## Best Industry Partner/Organization

The Venango Chamber of Commerce

## Best Must Do Activity or Attraction

Applefest

## Best Landmark

Two Mile Run County Park



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The map displays the Oil Region of Pennsylvania, highlighting major transportation routes and industrial areas. Key features include:

- Major Roads:** Interstate 76 (I-76) runs north-south through the center. State Routes 222, 27, 8, 36, 47, 157, 257, 408, 193, 173, 417, 423, 426, and 427 are also shown.
- Towns and Cities:** Titusville, Hydetown, Pleasantville, Cherrytree, Rouseville, Oil City, Sugar Creek, Franklin, Polk, Utica, and Cooperstown are labeled.
- Oil Fields:** Numerous oil fields are indicated by brown shaded areas, including SGL 96, SGL 253, SGL 47, and SGL 157.
- Water Bodies:** The Allegheny River, French Creek, and Sugar Creek are shown.
- Trails:** The Middle Allegheny River Water Trail, French Creek Water Trail, and Samuel Jones Trail are marked.
- Other Features:** The Village of President, Drake Well, and Two Mile Run County Park are also noted.







# FESTIVALS & EVENTS



Rock in River Fest

## JANUARY

### LEARN-TO-SKI DAY

at Two Mile Run County Park. [TwoMileRun.net](http://TwoMileRun.net)

### LEARN-TO-SKI CLINICS

at Oil Creek State Park. [DCNR.State.PA.US](http://DCNR.State.PA.US)

## FEBRUARY

### FRANKLIN ON ICE

See professionals carve blocks of ice into works of art at Fountain Park. [FranklinPa.gov](http://FranklinPa.gov)

### NATURE ART SHOWCASE & SALE

Two-day free admission exhibit of original artwork depicting nature and outdoor

recreation available for purchase at Barrow Civic Theatre hosted by Council on Greenways and Trails. [NwpaGreenways.org](http://NwpaGreenways.org)

### OIL COUNTRY BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

A full day of live bluegrass music at the Oil City Moose Lodge coordinated by CASA of Venango County and the Oil City Arts Council. [OilCityArtsCouncil.org](http://OilCityArtsCouncil.org)

## MARCH

### WISDOM AND WINE

Engage in the people, places & events of petroleum history while sampling regional wine at Drake Well Museum & Park. [DrakeWell.org](http://DrakeWell.org)

### CHARTER DAY

Celebrate Pennsylvania's birthday with free admission to Drake Well Museum & Park. [DrakeWell.org](http://DrakeWell.org)

## APRIL

### EASTER EVENTS

Egg hunt & activities for kids at the Titusville YWCA. [YWCATitusville.org](http://YWCATitusville.org)

## MAY

### MAY GARDEN MART

Celebrate the arrival of spring. One-stop shopping for anything you need for your lawn & garden. [FranklinPa.gov](http://FranklinPa.gov)

### FAM-JAM: FOOD TRUCK, ART & MUSIC JAMBOREE

Enjoy delightful music, delectable food, and dynamic art created before your eyes! [OilCityArtsCouncil.org](http://OilCityArtsCouncil.org)

### OIL CREEK CLASSIC

Fly fishing tournament hosted by Titusville Rotary. [Facebook.com/OilCreekClassic](http://Facebook.com/OilCreekClassic)

### ROUGHNECK GRAVEL ROUBAIX

Gravel bicycle race/ride, starting & finishing in Historic Titusville. [RoughneckGravelRoubaix.com](http://RoughneckGravelRoubaix.com)

### MEMORIAL DAY BOAT RACES

Two Mile Run County Park hosts this annual race on Justus Lake. [TwoMileRun.net](http://TwoMileRun.net)

## JUNE

### NATIONAL TRAILS DAY CELEBRATION

Find your adventure on the Queen City Trail, starting at Jersey Bridge Trailhead at Drake Well Museum & Park. [Facebook.com/TitusvilleAreaTrailsAssociation](http://Facebook.com/TitusvilleAreaTrailsAssociation)

### WILDCATTER DAY AT PITHOLE

Explore Pennsylvania's legendary oil boomtown & enjoy guided tours & more. [DrakeWell.org](http://DrakeWell.org)

### TCA Music Festival

A weekend of live music throughout town. [TitusvilleCouncilOnTheArts.com](http://TitusvilleCouncilOnTheArts.com)

### BLUES & BARBEQUE

Downtown Franklin is the place to be for great blues music & barbecue vendors all day long. [FranklinBluesAndBBQ.com](http://FranklinBluesAndBBQ.com)

### CHICKS IN THE STICKS

A variety of women-only outdoor workshops hosted by Oil Creek State Park. [DCNR.State.PA.US](http://DCNR.State.PA.US)

### EMLENTON SUMMER FESTIVAL

Held each year at Hughes Park. [EmlentonPa.com](http://EmlentonPa.com)

### WORLD WAR II REENACTMENT WEEKEND

Encampment, battle re-enactment, USO dance & historic displays at Perry Street Station in Titusville. [OCTRR.org](http://OCTRR.org)

## FARMERS MARKETS

### TITUSVILLE

Tuesdays & Saturdays  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. June to October

### OIL CITY

Thursdays  
11 a.m. - 6 p.m. June to September

### FRANKLIN

Wednesdays & Saturdays  
8 a.m. - Noon June to October

## WINE & BEER EVENTS

### OIL CITY

"Oil City Uncorked" Spring Wine Walk.  
April. Southside Business District.  
[OilCityMainStreet.org](http://OilCityMainStreet.org)

Oil Heritage Festival Bike 'n Brew.

Saturday before Oil Heritage Festival in July. [OHFBikeNBrew.org](http://OHFBikeNBrew.org)

"Oil City Uncorked" Fall Wine Walk.

September. Northside Business District.  
[OilCityMainStreet.org](http://OilCityMainStreet.org)

### TITUSVILLE

Wine Walk. Summer.

[VictorianTitusvillePA.com](http://VictorianTitusvillePA.com)

Beer Fest. Saturday of Oil Fest in

August. [TapIntoTitusvillePa.com/calendar](http://TapIntoTitusvillePa.com/calendar)

### FRANKLIN

Wine Walk. Friday before Thanksgiving.

[FranklinAreaChamber.org](http://FranklinAreaChamber.org)





## Three Nights of Independence Day Fireworks

## JULY

### 4TH OF JULY WEEK FESTIVITIES

A full week of nightly concerts, parades & fireworks on the 4th in downtown Franklin. [FranklinPa.](#)

### CRANBERRY FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR

Live music, food, fun & fireworks at Routes 322 & 257 in Cranberry. [Facebook.com/CranberryFireworksSpectacular](#)

### JOLLY JULY 3RD FESTIVAL

One-day festival in Justus Park, Oil City, with fun for the entire family including fireworks! [OilCityArtsCouncil.org](#)

### INTERNATIONAL BOWHUNTING ORGANIZATION COMPETITION

3D target shooting competition for all levels at Two Mile Run County Park. Spectators welcome. [TwoMileRun.net](#)

### OIL HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Car show, artisan & fine crafts fair, children's events, concerts, parade & fireworks, all in Oil City. [VenangoChamber.org](#)

### OIL HERITAGE FESTIVAL ART SHOW

A combined Oil City Arts Council & Arts Oil City event exhibiting local artists & their work. [OilCityArtsCouncil.org](#)

## AUGUST

### TASTE OF FRANKLIN- TASTE OF TALENT

Sample the city's finest cuisine & hear the finals of the vocal competition at Fountain Park. [FranklinPa.gov](#)

### BRIDGEFEST

Two great evenings of music, art, food & more on Veterans Memorial Bridge & the iconic, illuminated Center Street Bridge in downtown Oil City. [OilCityMainStreet.org](#)  
[OilCityArtsCouncil.org](#)

### TITUSVILLE OIL FEST

Concerts, fine art exhibit, antique car show,

parade, fireworks, food & crafts - fun for the entire family. [VictorianTitusvillePA.com](#)

### DRAKE WELL MARATHON

Full- & half-marathon course through Titusville & surrounding area. This Boston qualifier race benefits the Friends of Drake Well, Inc. [DrakeWell.org](#)

### WINGS & WHEELS FLY-IN/CRUISE-IN

Gyrocopters on display, helicopter & airplane rides, car show & more at Venango Regional Airport. 814.758.5470

### MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE

Two Mile Run County Park hosts this annual mountain bike race in the Bike the Wilds series. Registration required. [TwoMileRun.net](#)

### ROCK IN RIVER FEST/PA STONE SKIPPING COMPETITION

BBQ, games, kayak rides, crafts & PA stone skipping competition all at Riverfront Park in Franklin. [FranklinPa.gov](#)

### DRAKE DAY

Celebrate the anniversary of the Drake Well oil strike & the birth of the modern petroleum industry at Drake Well Museum & Park. [DrakeWell.org](#)

## SEPTEMBER

### FALL GAS UP

Annual fall show featuring antique engines & oil field equipment at Drake Well Museum & Park. [DrakeWell.org](#)

### CRANBERRY FESTIVAL

Games, arts & crafts show & car show at Morrison Park in Seneca. [VenangoChamber.org](#)

### EXPRESSIONS

Showcase of women artists of the Oil Region in Titusville by Titusville Council on the Arts. [Facebook.com/TitusvilleCouncilontheArts](#)

### PETFEST

A celebration of pets. [FranklinPa.gov](#)

### FARM TO FORK

Multi-course local food event highlighting the bountiful harvest of the Titusville Open Air Market with beer & wine pairings & live music. [Facebook.com/Titusville-Renaissance-Inc](#)

## OCTOBER

### APPLEFEST®

Three-day festival in Franklin with a huge craft fair, 5K race, car show & free entertainment. [FranklinApplefest.com](#)

### PITHOLE LANTERN TOURS

Historic Pithole City serves as the backdrop for an evening that brings oil history to life. Visitors will meet historical figures during a nighttime tour of the legendary oil boomtown. [DrakeWell.org](#)

### OIL CREEK TRAIL RUNS

50K, 100K and 100 mile races through Oil Creek State Park. [OC100.org](#)

### BLACK AND WHITE BALL

Annual celebration benefiting Oil City Arts Council. Live music, food, and beverages. Tickets are limited. [OilCityArtsCouncil.org](#)

## NOVEMBER

### FRANKLIN LIGHT-UP NIGHT

Christmas shopping, parade, fireworks & Santa Claus. [FranklinPa.gov](#)

### SPEAKEASY EVENT

Step back in time through a secret doorway to the 1920s. Craft cocktails, era appropriate appetizers, live jazz. Tickets are limited. [OilCityArtsCouncil.org](#)

## DECEMBER

### HOLIDAY AT BURGESS

Free nightly drive-through display of Christmas lights in Titusville's Burgess Park from Black Friday through New Year's Eve. Santa & special guests weekends in December. [Facebook.com/Take-Pride-In-Titusville](#)

### OIL CITY'S CHRISTMAS PAST

A festive holiday celebration with tree lighting ceremony, children's activities, Jingle Bell 5K, craft & vendor events, live entertainment & of course - Santa! [OilCityMainStreet.org](#)

### DRIVE THROUGH LIVE NATIVITY

First Friday & Saturday in December at Grace Fellowship Church in Titusville by donation. [GFCTitusville.com](#)

### TCA HOLIDAY EVENT

From live action performances of Charlie Brown to hosting the Erie Philharmonic, Titusville Council on the Arts brings a great show for the holidays. [Facebook.com/TitusvilleCouncilontheArts](#)

### FIRST NIGHT® OIL CITY

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#### The Taco Shack

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#### Marvic Tavern

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#### Trails to Ales Brewery

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[TrailsToAlesBrewery.com](http://TrailsToAlesBrewery.com)

#### Titusville Iron Works Tap House

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#### Benjamin's Roadhouse

1211 Liberty St., Franklin, PA 16323  
814.432.7010  
[BenjaminsRoadhouse.com](http://BenjaminsRoadhouse.com)

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105 S. Franklin St., Titusville, PA 16345  
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[Facebook.com/CoffeeDaysTitusvillePA](https://www.facebook.com/CoffeeDaysTitusvillePA)

#### Country Grub

867 Mercer Road, Polk, PA 16323  
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#### Famoores Family Restaurant

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# STARGAZING TRAILS



Oil Region Astronomy Learning Center



The Oil Region is home to numerous astronomy buffs, enough so that they formed the Venango County Astronomy Club in 1991, which became the **Oil Region Astronomical Society**. The society built the **Oil Region Astronomy Learning Center** to further astronomy education for the ORAS members and for surrounding communities. They also organize public outreach programs to share their knowledge of astronomy throughout northwest Pennsylvania.

ORALC includes the **Bruce M. Bedow Memorial Observatory**, with several telescopes for sharing observations of space, the **David L. Jones Activity Building** where educational activities are held, and an observing field that provides a great location for viewing the night sky.

ORAS members share their passion for astronomy via a number of events and outreach programs including evenings of observing at ORALC, informative meetings with guest speakers, and the annual **AstroBlast**, a multi-day event for learning and observing with fellow astronomy fans. Pre-registration is required.

For more details, visit  
**ORAS.org**



# ECLIPSE 2024

Milky Way Galaxy Core over Pithole

The Oil Region has always been a great place to turn your eyes skyward, from the incredible bird watching to Bortle Class 3 and 4 dark skies perfect for stargazing.

A **total solar eclipse Monday, April 8, 2024** is yet another reason.

The map at right from AccuWeather shows the path of totality, meaning the locations where the shadow of the Moon will fully cover the face of the Sun, darkening the sky as if it were dawn or dusk in the middle of the day.

According to NASA, the partial eclipse will begin at 2:02 p.m. in Erie. Totality will begin at 3:16 p.m. Maximum darkness will be at 3:18 p.m. Totality ends at 3:20 p.m. The partial eclipse will be over at 4:30 p.m. Each time will be slightly earlier for the Oil Region.

Umbraphiles, literally translated to shadow lover, is the name given to those who chase eclipses, traveling almost anywhere to experience them.

Hotels were sold out all along the path of totality for the 2017 eclipse and thousands of umbraphiles and amateur fans alike drove hundreds of miles to get a good view.

The 2024 Eclipse promises much of the same excitement!

Don't miss this opportunity. After the April 8 eclipse, there won't be another eclipse visible in North America for twenty years!

Visit [OilRegion.org/Tourism/Eclipse2024](https://oilregion.org/tourism/eclipse2024) for details on events, lodging, and transportation. You can also order your eclipse viewing safety glasses here to make the most of this historic event.





# GRAB LIFE BY THE TRAILS



The Oil Region is the central hub of the developing **Erie to Pittsburgh Trail**, which will connect the Bayfront of Lake Erie to Point State Park in Pittsburgh, covering approximately 270 miles through two states and seven counties. Six local segments totaling 65 miles of mostly paved trail already exist for biking, hiking, roller blading, and cross country skiing, with some adjacent equestrian space. These trails are also part of a much larger network of inter-state trails, commonly referred to as destination corridors, connecting nearly 1,600 miles through 53 counties of Western PA, West Virginia, and Eastern Ohio. Details can be found at [EriePittsburghTrail.org](http://EriePittsburghTrail.org) and [OilRegion.org](http://OilRegion.org).

**The Queen City Trail** connects the City of Titusville with Oil Creek State Park (OCSF). Its 1.4 miles join with the 9.7 miles of the **OCSF Trail** through "the Valley that Changed the World." Enjoy the combination of natural beauty and historical significance as you ride and stop to read the interpretive panels. The OCSF Trail currently ends at Petroleum Centre. To continue south, follow State Park Road (SR 1007) through the park for about 3 miles to SR 8 at Rynd Farm.

**The McClintock Trail** (across Rt. 8) follows the dirt Waitz Road about 2 miles to the site of the historic **McClintock Oil Well #1**, the oldest continuous pumping oil well in the world. Then it goes off road again for another 1.7 miles on paved surface paralleling active railroad tracks. The trains may whistle if you wave.

Within Oil City follow the trail markings as you share the road through the business and residential districts.

Cross Oil Creek on the walkway of the railroad bridge and then proceed over the Allegheny River to the west end of town and the Marina. The trail continues for another mile.

**The Samuel Justus Trail** is approximately 6 miles long. It runs alongside the Allegheny River between Oil City and Franklin and meets the **Allegheny River Trail (ART)** at the Saltbox Visitors Center. The ART continues along the river for 28 miles and takes you through two railroad tunnels: the **Kennerdell Tunnel**, 15 miles south of Franklin is 3,350 feet long and the **Rockland Tunnel**, 21 miles south of Franklin is 2,868 feet long. Bring a light since both tunnels are very dark, but fun! About 14 miles south of Franklin, trail users follow a well-marked half-mile detour on a private dirt drive rejoining the pavement to continue south.

**The Sandy Creek Trail** travels east and west crossing over the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail at Belmar. There are 12 miles of paved surface, five pedestrian bridges, and the **Deep Valley Tunnel**. The **Belmar Bridge** spans the Allegheny River, is 1,385 feet long with a wooden deck and railing, and has a great view of the valley.

If you prefer dirt, roots, and rocks to pavement, the Oil Region is home to miles of mountain biking trails. Mountain bikes may be used on most roads and trails on the **Kennerdell Tract of Clear Creek State Forest** (located in southern Venango County) unless otherwise posted. Only Dennison Run Trail is permanently off limits to bicycles to protect this Exceptional Value watershed. Degree of difficulty varies considerably.

**The North Country Trail (NCT)** is America's longest National Scenic Trail stretching 4,600 miles from New York to North Dakota. Hikers can travel through this area as the NCT shares the Sandy Creek Trail to the connection with the Allegheny River Trail and then south to Parker Landing.

Within **Oil Creek State Park**, 52 miles of hiking, cross-country skiing, and interpretive trails lead visitors through areas rich in





historic and scenic interest. Discover how the face of the valley was changed with history and reclaimed by nature. Eleven miles of cross country skiing trails are groomed in the winter. The 36-mile **Gerard Hiking Trail** encompasses the entire park and is marked with yellow blazes while shorter day hikes use the five connecting loops. Two overnight hike-in Adirondack shelter areas are along the trail, but must be reserved.

A network of 35 miles of trails allows hikers to explore the **Kennerdell Tract of Clear Creek State Forest**. This 3,200 acre forest land depicts many different aspects of natural history and human influence. This tract includes vistas above the Allegheny River and a trail past a **stone iron furnace** on Bullion Run constructed in the 1840s.

**Two Mile Run County Park** has more than 30 miles of hiking trails through woods and fields. Stay close to the activity centers of the beach and nature lodge or enjoy the forest with views of the lake. In winter, cross country ski trails are groomed and marked for various levels of expertise.

This region with its natural, scenic beauty and gently rolling woodlands is the perfect setting for a trail ride any time of year for **horseback riding** enthusiasts. Most accommodating trails are shared-use so watch for other trail users. Horseback riding is authorized on all State Forest roads and trails, with a few exceptions. The trail system south of Dennison Run, the Goat, and the midsection of the River Trail are limited to hiking due to trail conditions and to protect the Exceptional Value watershed.

The **Allegheny Valley Trails Association** permits horses alongside the Sandy Creek Trail and Allegheny River Trail, each a multi-use (bicycle) trail.

**Road riding** (and racing) is growing in popularity and the Oil Region is an ideal location for the sport. Within a few miles of town centers and lodging, riders can access hundreds of miles of rural roads in good condition with minimal traffic. Hills and sharp grades keep things challenging, making the area a great place for tri-athletes to train. Road riding can be a four-season sport here since secondary roads are plowed bare of snow and have less anti-skid material than primary roads. These scenic backroads are a favorite with **motorcyclists**, too.

More than 80 **interpretive panels** dot the Oil Region, giving recreationists an opportunity to learn more about this area's rich and unique history.





# ERIE TO PITTSBURGH TRAIL

## RECREATION TRAILS IN THE OIL REGION

### Mileage Between Trailheads & Points of Interest, North to South

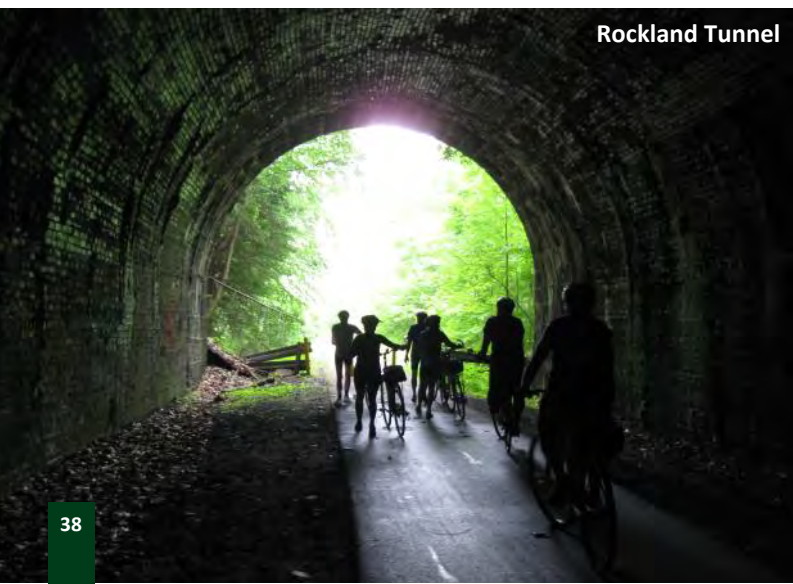
Trail/Connector	Trailhead/Point of Interest	Miles
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#### Erie to Pittsburgh Trail

East Branch Trail (southern section)	Mystic Park to Hydetown	0.75
Queen City Trail	Black Bridge to Jersey Bridge	1.44
Oil Creek State Park	Drake Well Museum to Rynd Farm	12.8
	Drake Well Museum to Petroleum Centre	9.7
(State Park Road)	Petroleum Centre to Rynd Farm at Rt. 8	3.1
McClintock Trail	Rynd Farm to Oil City	3.7
(Waitz Road)	Rynd Farm to McClintock Well #1	2
	McClintock Well #1 to Oil City	1.7
Oil City Trail (City Streets & Trail)	White Bridge through Oil City to West End	3.5
Samuel Justus Trail (Cranberry Twp.)	Oil City to Franklin	5.8
Allegheny River Trail	Franklin to Belmar	5.2
	Franklin to Indian God Rock	9
	Belmar to Brandon	5
	Brandon to Kennerdell Tunnel	5
	Kennerdell to Rockland Station (Tunnel)	7
	Rockland Station to Emlenton	6
	Emlenton to Foxburg via Route 268	3

#### Connector Trail to the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail

Sandy Creek Trail	Fisherman's Cove to Van	12
	Fisherman's Cove to Belmar	4.5
	Belmar to Sandy Creek Tunnel	2
	Belmar to Rockland Road	3
	Belmar to Van	7.5



Rockland Tunnel





# COMPETITION TRAILS

OC100, OCSP

*From fundraising 5Ks to a Boston-qualifying marathon to a grueling 100-mile trail run, the Oil Region has a race to test your speed, endurance, sense of adventure, or sense of humor. And there are lots of other ways to compete, too.*

## **Two Mile Run County Park Mountain Bike Races**

Each April and August, the mountain bike races at Two Mile Run County Park take place on a combination of mountain loops for a fun mix of endurance and skill, which is part of the Bike the Wilds series. Racers choose 1, 2, or 3 laps on the 8.5 mile course. [Facebook.com/TMRRaces](https://www.facebook.com/TMRRaces)

## **Oil Creek 5 & 13 Stacked Trail Races**

Enjoy a 5- or 13-mile trail race beginning at Drake Well Museum & Park and traveling through scenic Oil Creek State Park. [DrakeWell.org](http://DrakeWell.org)

## **Oil Creek Classic**

Titusville Rotary hosts this annual fly fishing competition in May on Oil Creek. [Facebook.com/OilCreekClassic](https://www.facebook.com/OilCreekClassic)

## **Roughneck Gravel Roubaix**

This gravel bike race tests the gutsy and dusty on a course around Titusville. [RoughneckGravelRoubaix.com](http://RoughneckGravelRoubaix.com)

## **Two Mile Run Regatta**

The Three Rivers Outboard Racing Association hosts boat races at Two Mile Run County Park in May and September. Spectators welcome. [TRORA.com](http://TRORA.com)

## **International Bowhunting Organization's Triple Crown**

Archers from across North America compete in this 3D target shoot at Two Mile Run County Park in the summer. All ages of amateur competitors and spectators welcome. [IBO.net](http://IBO.net)

## **Drake Well Marathon & 1/2**

This unique Boston Marathon-qualifying event starts and finishes at Drake Well Museum & Park, traveling along the historic streets of Titusville as well as the bike trail in Oil Creek State Park. [DrakeWell.org](http://DrakeWell.org)

## **Friends of OCSP Summer Biathlon**

Each August, Oil Creek State Park hosts the only running and target shooting race in a PA state park. [DCNR.State.Pa.US](http://DCNR.State.Pa.US)

## **Rock in River Fest/PA Stone Skipping Competition**

PA stone skipping competition at Riverfront Park in Franklin. [FranklinPa.gov](http://FranklinPa.gov)

## **OC100 Trail Runs**

Described as "Unforgiving. Historic. Gnarly." Choose from 50K, 100K, or 100-mile races through Oil Creek State Park in October. Registrations open March 1 and sell out quickly. [OilCreek100.org](http://OilCreek100.org)





*Conveniently located between Oil City, Franklin, and Titusville, Two Mile Run County Park has 2,695 acres of outdoor fun for everyone.*

The **family campground** usually opens the weekend before Memorial Day Weekend and has 72 secluded campsites including primitive walk-in sites, electric sites, sites along the lake, and full hook-up sites. Campground facilities include modern showers, restrooms, and a dump station. Pets are permitted in campsites, but must be on a leash at all times. The park also has two shelters with a pair of bunkbeds, which can accommodate up to four people. Each has electricity and an outdoor fire ring and picnic table. Call the park office in advance to make camping arrangements.

Two charming **country homes** are also available to rent by the week or weekend. Both are equipped with a complete kitchen, bathroom, washer and dryer, gas burning fireplace, and whole-house air conditioning. Reservations are required and are available up to one year in advance.

## TWO MILE RUN COUNTY PARK



**Pedal boat, canoe, kayak, rowboat, and water trike rentals** are available during the summer at **Crosby Beach**, which opens the second weekend in June and features a sandy beach, grass sunning area, shade trees, lifeguards, a sand volleyball court, and children's play area (upper left).

**Cross-country ski trails** are marked, and ski boots, poles, and skis are available for rent. The Pioneer Flats area is also a favorite spot for sledding, tubing, and snowboarding.

**Justus Lake**, stretching more than 144 acres, is open to electric motor boats, sail boats, canoes, and kayaks. An accessible boat launch is located at the north end of the lake and another launch is near the Nature Lodge. Anglers may test their skills for trout, bass, muskellunge, walleye, and pan fish. Ice fishing is also popular.

The **bridle trail** around the perimeter of the park provides a scenic excursion through the woods with views of the park and an inner loop stays closer to the lake. More than 35 miles of multi-use trails are available in total. Overnight horse camping is available in the Lockwood area and there are additional areas to park for day riding.

Mountain bikers enjoy a variety of terrain and conditions on both **double and single track** with bridges, rocks, roots, logs, and many other natural obstacles and rolling terrain that create a challenge for all levels of riders. About 12 miles of single track are marked with yellow blazes. Maps are available at the park office. There are more than 30 miles of marked multi-use trails and connectors.

**Picnic tables** are located throughout the park. **Pavilions** are available on a first-come first-serve basis unless they are reserved; pavilions may be reserved up to one year in advance.

The Park hosts several **events** throughout the year including boat and bike races, archery competitions, local fundraisers, educational events, and more.

Find out more about this county treasure  
at **TwoMileRun.net**



## ABOUT THE PARK

What was once the heart of the oil rush has been reclaimed by nature and is now a treasure trove of outdoor recreation opportunities. Camp, fish, canoe, kayak, picnic, hike, and bike in Oil Creek State Park.

**Environmental education specialist led programs** are offered regularly March through October on a variety of topics ranging from outdoor rec how-to's to local history to flora and fauna for varying age and skill levels. See the schedule to pre-register and get additional park info at **DCNR.State.PA.US/StateParks/Parks/OilCreek**.

## TRAILS

Oil Creek State Park has 52 miles of hiking trails and 9.7 miles of paved bicycle trail through the scenic Oil Creek Gorge. Trailheads are located at Rynd Farm in the South, Petroleum Centre

midway, and Jersey Bridge near Drake Well Museum in the north. Trail users may rent bicycles at the park office. Trail maps and additional information can also be found there.



## OIL CREEK STATE PARK



## WATERFALLS

Visitors can find numerous waterfalls tucked into the woodlands of the Oil Region. Four are located inside Oil Creek State Park. Pictured here is Miller Falls, which is approximately halfway between Titusville and Petroleum Centre along the Oil Creek Bike Trail. Pioneer Falls (also known as Gregg Falls) is near the ghost town of Pioneer and is easily visible from the Gerard Trail. Boughton Falls is a very nice 35' waterfall located in the northern end of the park. Plum Dungeon Falls is the highest at 60', but may disappoint if there has not been significant rain or snow melt.





# AREA PARKS

## FRANKLIN

**FranklinPA.gov 814.437.1619 x 123**

Bandstand Park 1160 Liberty St.  
Fountain Park 1220 Liberty St.  
Miller-Sibley Complex  
& Public Pool 30 Spruce St.  
Riverfront Park 200 Ninth St.

## TITUSVILLE

**CityOfTitusvillePA.gov 814.827.5300**

Burgess Park 714 E. Main St.  
Ed Myer Sports Complex 516 Allen St.  
Roberts Grove 513 N. 1st St.  
Scheide Park & Gazebo S. Perry St.

## OIL CITY

**OilCity.org 814.678.3012**

Hasson Park & James A. Nelles  
Memorial Swimming Pool 136 Park Ave.  
Justus Park 2 Seneca St.  
Oil City Marina 10 Wyllis St.  
Town Square Center & Seneca St.

## EMLENTON

**EmlentonPA.com 742.867.8611**

Hughes Park 910 Prospect St.  
Mineral Springs Park Main St./Rt. 38

## CRANBERRY

**CranberryTWP.org 814.676.8812**

Moody Park 2581 State Rt. 257  
Morrison Park 293 Allison Road  
Veterans Memorial Park 509 Myrtle St.

## OIL CREEK STATE PARK

**VisitPaParks.com 814.676.5915**

305 State Park Road, Oil City, PA

## TWO MILE RUN COUNTY PARK

**TwoMileRun.net 814.676.6116**

471 Beach Road, Franklin, PA



Hasson Park  
Rhododendrons

# ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS



A 2-plug, electric vehicle charging station is available for public use in the Egbert Farm Day Use Area of Oil Creek State Park. Users are asked to please move to another parking space once a vehicle has been charged.

A ChargePoint Charging Station is located at 100 Seneca St., Oil City. It is for public use for a fee, but access is limited while 100 Seneca is under construction.



# GOLF TRAILS



Wanango Country Club

The Oil Region has ample (and affordable) opportunities to hit the links, including the oldest golf course in continuous use in the U.S.: **Foxburg Golf Course & Country Club**. This nine-hole course was founded in 1887 by Joseph Mickle Fox. The second floor of the clubhouse is home to the **American Golf Hall of Fame**, where visitors enjoy a priceless collection of golf clubs and other exhibits depicting the 400-year history of golf.

At the other end of the Oil Region, **Cross Creek Resort** is home to a 27-hole course built in 1959 with Wynn Tredway as architect. The resort offers stay-and-play packages in addition to banquet rooms, a restaurant, and revolving bar.

**Wanango Country Club** is open to the public and situated between Oil City and Franklin. Its original 18 holes are credited to Donald Ross and Thomas Bendolow, but the course was later redesigned by A. W. Tillinghast. The course is a 6,246 yard, par 71 challenge. The Wanango County Club has a Grille Room, which serves meals, and the clubhouse is a popular site for weddings and events.

Visit [OilRegion.org/Tourism/Outdoor-Recreation](http://OilRegion.org/Tourism/Outdoor-Recreation) or use the QR code to get a listing of golf courses in the area.





# WATER TRAILS



Justus Lake, Two Mile Run County Park



The **Allegheny River**, named 2017 PA River of the Year by PA DCNR, flows free from Kinzua Dam east of Warren, PA to Emlenton at the southern tip of Venango County. The 107-mile section comprises the **Allegheny Wild and Scenic River Water Trail**, a recreational corridor for wildlife observation, fishing, paddling, and jet boating on a moderate-flow riffle-and-pool river. The Oil Heritage section extends from the launch at Tionesta to Emlenton. Overnight float trips are popular with primitive camping available at Franklin, Oil City, and Emlenton. Inexperienced paddlers should avoid the Class III rapids in Oil City by portaging river right. All pertinent information on access and camping can be found online at [fishandboat.com/watertrails](http://fishandboat.com/watertrails).

**Franklin's public boat ramp** with parking is at the corner of Elk and Third streets. A kayak and canoe access is at the Franklin Trailhead near the Eighth Street Bridge on Route 322. The **Oil City Marina**, located at the corner of Wyllis and West Front streets, has a public boat ramp, picnic tables, and parking. There's also an access point for small watercraft at **Oil Creek Memorial Landing** located just north of the business district on Route 8 in Oil City. Public parking is available.

Steeped in geological and historical significance, **French Creek** is recognized as the most biologically diverse stream of its size in Pennsylvania and was named PA River

of the Year for 2022. The **French Creek Water Trail** extends from Union City Dam tailrace to the confluence with the Allegheny River at Franklin, providing an incredible paddle sport resource. The final 14 miles flow through the Oil Region; a comfortable one-day float and fish trip is from PF & BC Access at Utica to **Riverfront Park in Franklin**. To learn more about access and points of interest, request the French Creek Water Trail brochure from the French Creek Valley Conservancy at [FrenchCreekConservancy.org](http://FrenchCreekConservancy.org).

Flowing through "the Valley that Changed the World," the story of **Oil Creek** is intertwined with the discovery and early production of Pennsylvania crude. In 2017 Oil Creek was officially named a PA Water Trail. Often too low to be dependable for kayaking, it's best known for fly fishing and as an excellent spot to see bald eagles and herons.





## WINTER TRAILS

Franklin on Ice



There's no reason to hibernate in the winter — not when there's **cross-country skiing, sled riding, snowshoeing, and ice fishing**. The region's location in northwest PA makes it subject to lake effect snow cover for much of the winter.

**Oil Creek State Park** has a network of 11.5 miles of **cross-country ski trails**. There are three main trails: green and blue loops are suitable for beginners or intermediates, and the red loop is designed for those with more experience. There's a large parking area, composting toilets, and a warming hut. There is room elsewhere in the park for sledding and snowshoeing, too.

**Two Mile Run County Park** has five miles of **cross-country ski trails**. Ski boots, poles, and skis are available for rent, as are snow shoes. It's also a favorite spot for sledding. **Ice fishing on Justus Lake** inside the park produces perch, trout, and even a few walleye.



The Venango Fatherhood Initiative hosts **Winterfest** at Two Mile Run County Park each winter, usually in January. It's a free, fun-filled, family-friendly day with cardboard box sledding and snowman building contests. The park offers a cross-country ski class that day complete with equipment.

Check the **Festivals & Events** section for more wintertime activities!





## HUNTING TRAILS

Venango County is a gateway to the **Allegheny National Forest**, which provides more than 500,000 acres of land open to public hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation.

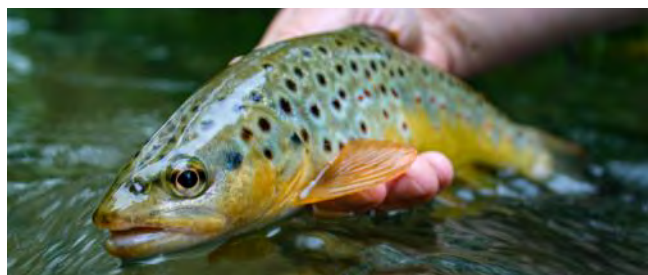
There are also **five state game lands** open for public hunting in Venango County in addition to Oil Creek State Park, the Kennerdell Tract of Clear Creek State Forest, and Two Mile Run County Park.

Hunting is great in the fall with healthy populations of white-tailed deer, turkey, and black bear. Small game is plentiful including grouse, pheasants, rabbits, and squirrels. Perfect your call for spring gobbler season. The Oil Region's wetlands are perfect locations for waterfowl and fur trapping.

The **PA Game Commission** website provides all the information needed to hunt in the Oil Region, including license information, seasons by region, maps, and safety regulations.







Justus Lake, Two Mile Run County Park

## FISHING TRAILS

**French Creek is the 2022 PA River of the Year.** Running from the western side of Venango County where it meets the **Allegheny River** in Franklin, it is recognized as the most biologically diverse stream of its size in the state of Pennsylvania.

Walleyes, smallmouth bass, northern pike, and muskellunge are the primary species of interest to anglers. The PF & BC Access in Utica to Riverfront Park in Franklin is comfortable for a one-day float and fish trip.

**Oil Creek**, which runs from Titusville south to meet the Allegheny in Oil City, is known for its exceptional fly fishing. Abundant fly hatches draw trout anglers for late spring/early summer fishing. Smallmouth bass are a popular species for summer. Then a Delayed Harvest Artificial Lures Only special regulation area near Drake Well Museum & Park brings those seeking trout back in mid-fall through early spring.

Check out **East Branch Sugar Creek, Little Sandy Creek, Lower & Upper Two Mile Run, Pithole Creek, Sandy Creek, Pine Creek, and Sugar Creek** for stocked trout.

If still water is more your thing, the 144-acre **Justus Lake** in Two Mile Run County Park has both coldwater and warmwater species. As an Approved Trout Water Open to Year-Round Fishing, Justus Lake is stocked with trout in spring and late fall. The lake is deep and cool enough to support trout through summer, too. Warmwater species include musky, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, bluegill, and yellow perch.

Justus Lake is limited to electric motors, making it very inviting to paddle craft. Two ramps create easy access to both ends of the lake.





## DREAM TRAILS

### HOTELS & MOTELS

#### **6406 Truck Plaza LLC**

6318 Emlenton/Clintonville Road  
Emlenton, PA 16373  
724.867.2314

#### **The Caboose Motel**

407 South Perry St.  
Titusville, PA 16354  
800.827.0690  
*OCTRR.org/CabooseMotel*

#### **Cross Creek Resort**

3815 State Route 8  
Titusville, PA 16354  
800.461.3173  
*CrossCreekResort.com*

#### **Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites**

225 Singh Drive  
Cranberry, PA 16319  
814.677.2640  
*HIExpress.com/FranklinPA*

#### **Idlewood Motel**

1566 Mercer Road  
Franklin, PA 16323  
814.437.3003  
*IdlewoodMotel-Storage.com*

#### **Knights Inn**

847 Allegheny Blvd.  
Franklin, PA 16323  
814.432.2101  
*KnightsInn.com*

#### **Kwik-Fill Travel Plaza**

5644 PA Route 8  
Harrisville, PA 16038  
814.786.7971

#### **Motel 6**

1010 Dholu Road  
Harrisville, PA 16038  
814.786.8375  
*Motel6.com*

#### **Quality Inn – Barkeyville**

137 Gibb Road  
Harrisville, PA 16038  
814.786.7901  
*ChoiceHotels.com*

#### **Quality Inn & Conference Center**

1411 Liberty St.  
Franklin, PA 16323  
814.437.3031  
*QualityInn.com/hotels/pa328*

#### **Quality Inn – Titusville**

511 W. Central Ave.  
Titusville, PA 16354  
814.827.0041  
*ChoiceHotels.com*

#### **The Foxburg Inn Hotel**

20 Main St.  
Foxburg, PA 16036  
724.659.3116  
*FoxburgInn.com*

### BED & BREAKFASTS

#### **And Through the Woods**

230 Jesus is the Way  
Franklin, PA 16323  
814.432.8891

#### **The Barnard House**

109 River Ave.  
Emlenton, PA 16373  
724.867.2261  
*TheBarnardHouse.com*

#### **D’Casa**

1501 Liberty St.  
Franklin, PA 16323  
814.437.7699  
*DCasaBB.com*

#### **The Inn at Deer Creek Winery**

3333 Soap Fat Road  
Shippensburg, PA 16254  
814.354.7392  
*DeerCreekWine.com*

#### **McMullen House B&B**

430 E. Main St.  
Titusville, PA 16354  
814.775.0005  
*McMullenHouse.com*

#### **Miller Park B&B**

1 Park Way  
Franklin, PA 16323  
814.516.0789

#### **Peddlers and Paddlers Inn**

1322 Elk St.  
Franklin, PA 16323  
814.758.0531  
*PeddlersAndPaddlers.com*

#### **Turtle Bay Lodge**

472 President Village Road  
Tionesta, PA 16373  
814.677.8785  
*TurtleBayLodge.com*

#### **The Witherup House**

828 Liberty St.  
Franklin, PA 16323  
814.437.7203  
*TheWitherupHouse.com*





## CAMPGROUND

### **Copperhead Retreat**

470 Truitt Road  
Kennerdell, PA 16374  
814.385.1058  
[CopperheadRetreat.com](http://CopperheadRetreat.com)

### **Gaslight Campground**

6297 Emlenton-Clintonville Road  
Emlenton, PA 16373  
724.867.6981  
[GaslightCamping.com](http://GaslightCamping.com)

### **Kamp Kennerdell Campground & RV Park**

527 Seneca Hemlock Road  
Kennerdell, PA 16374  
814.388.9533

### **Marlowe's Scenic River Campground**

1725 Kennerdell Road  
Kennerdell, PA 16374  
814.209.0019

### **Oil Creek Family Campground**

340 Shreve Road  
Titusville, PA 16354  
814.827.1023  
[OilCreekCampground.com](http://OilCreekCampground.com)

### **Two Mile Run County Park**

471 Beach Road  
Franklin, PA 16323  
814.676.6116  
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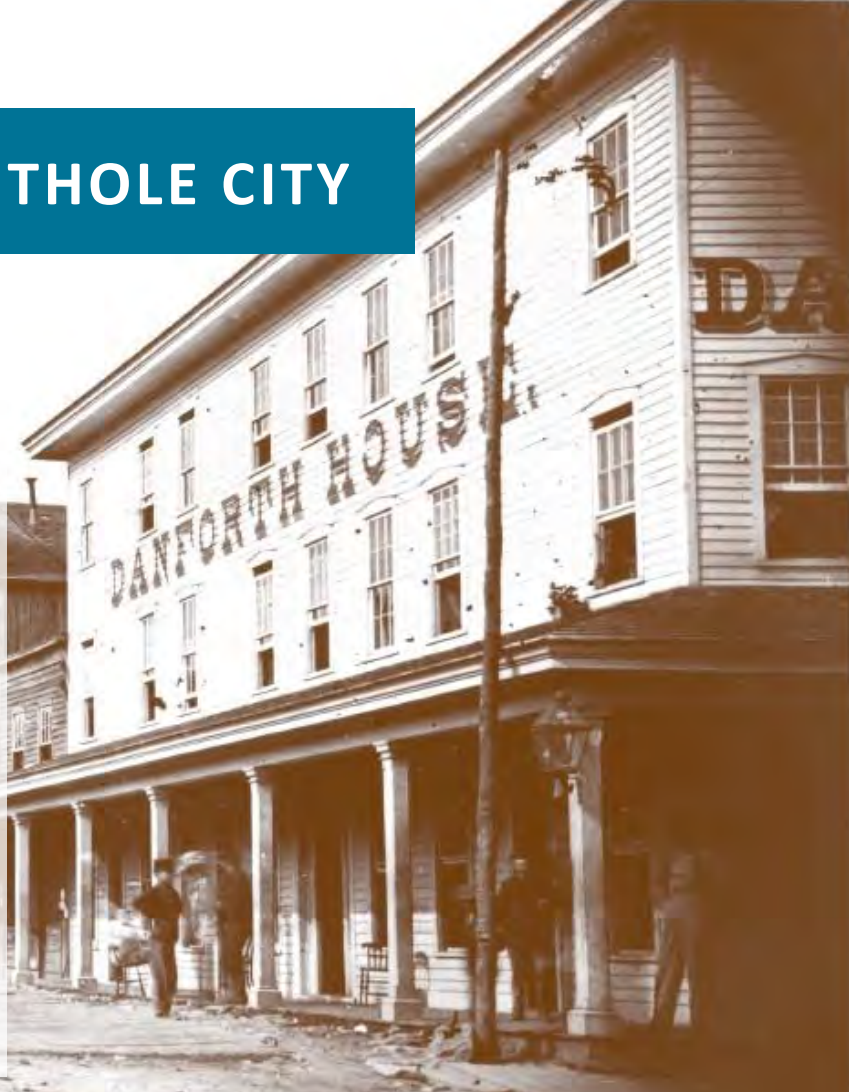
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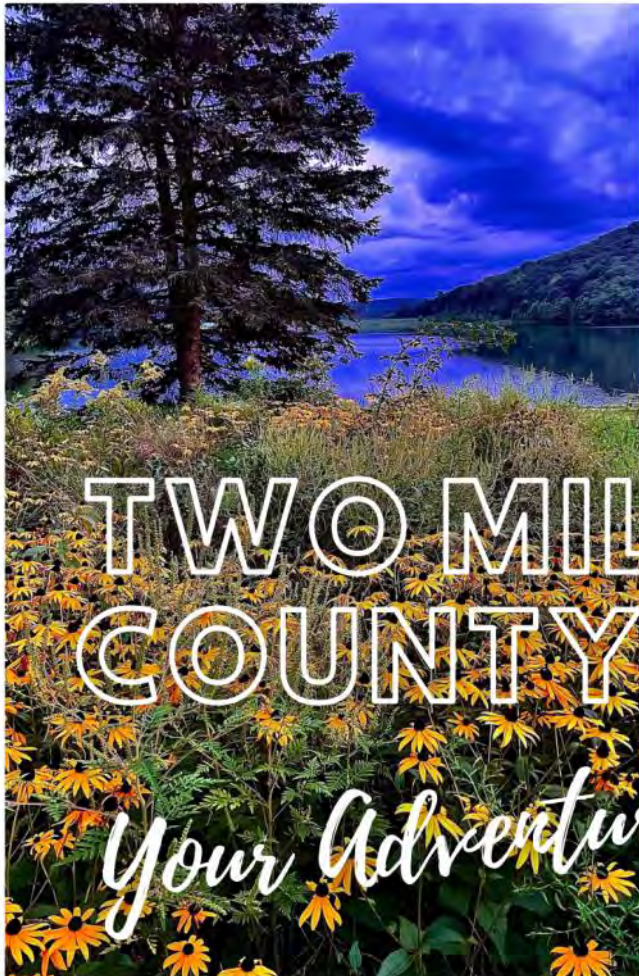


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