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We are lucky to live here in Northeastern Pennsylvania, where we are close to so many perfect getaway destinations. You can drive as little as 20 minutes or as far as two hours, but the possibilities are endless! With all this variety, it can seem overwhelming trying to decide what actually to do or where to go. Don't worry about that.

We compiled this guide to help make your planning easier! Read on for tips, ideas, events happening in surrounding areas and tidbits of info on some of the best businesses catering to the weekend getaway crowd.

Explore a nearby winery or vineyard

Those who enjoy sipping from a bottle of red, white or blush wine but find that a trip to the Bordeaux region of France simply isn't in the cards right now needn't give up their desires to visit a winery or vineyard. Wineries and fully functioning vineyards dot the landscape of North America. In fact, wine aficionados may be surprised to learn of a winery or vineyard is just a short drive from home.

The American Winery Guide offers that visitors can find a winery and tasting room in just about every state. Colorado boasts 107, Texas has 296, and even Rhode Island, the smallest state, is home to five wineries.

If the goal is to travel to northern regions of North America, Alaska has four wineries, and areas of Nova Scotia, British Columbia, Ontario, and Québec have famed wineries for Canadian oenophiles.

Visiting a local winery or vineyard can be educational and fun. Wine tours can be entertaining because some allow visitors to choose their own tasting adventure depending on their level of interest in wine, their budget and what they would like to get out of the experience. Some wineries and vineyards offer extensive tours of the harvesting and production aspects of wine-making. Others will give visitors a chance to mingle among wine barrels and witness the fermentation process. Still, some wineries or vineyards may limit visitors to tasting rooms where they can sample select vintages.

In regions such as Napa Valley where there are many wineries and vineyards in close proximity to one another, guided tours may be available, or wine aficionados can explore areas on their own.

Thanks to the diverse North American climate, the types of grape varietals available in one state or province to the next will be quite different. For example, vineyards that thrive in New Jersey are subject to similar climates to those in many areas of France and Germany. As a result, it's not uncommon to find varieties like Cabernet, Char-



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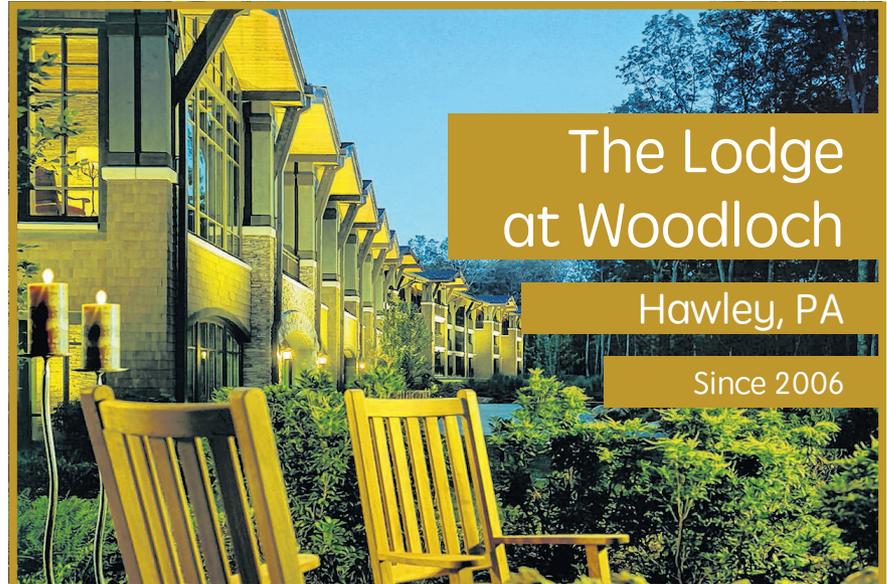


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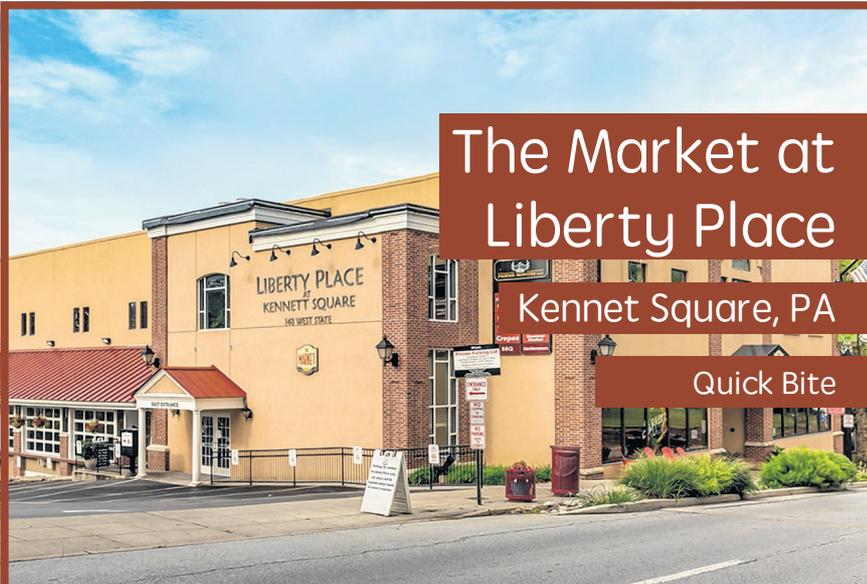
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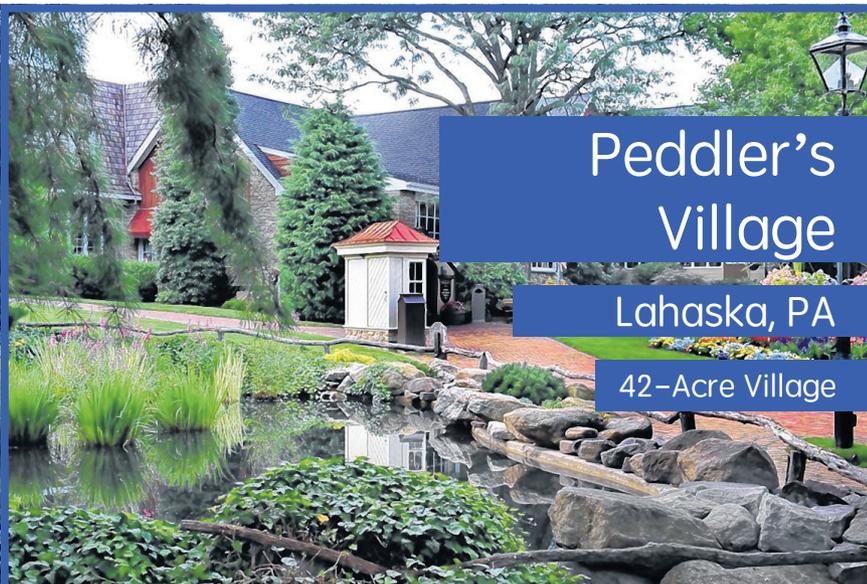
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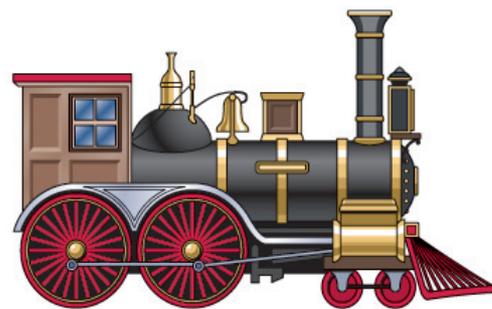
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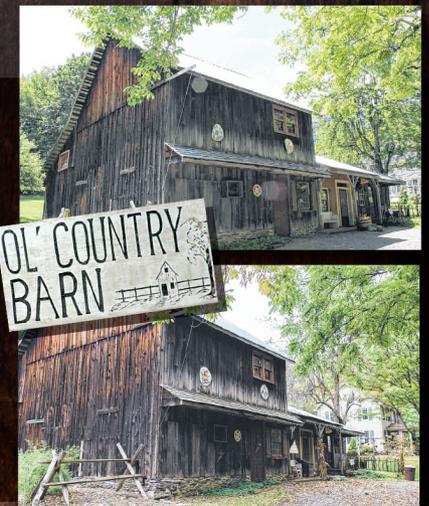


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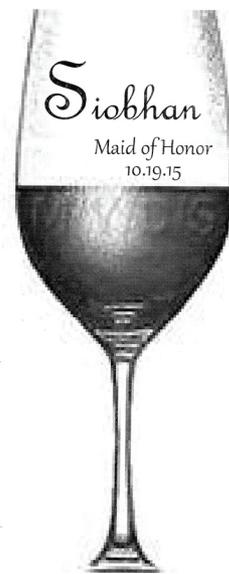
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Events near NEPA

Unsure when to take a weekend getaway this summer? It's a great idea to plan your trip around a certain event, perhaps a concert you're dying to see or a festival you can't say no to! We rounded up some events happening near NEPA this year to help make your planning easier. Where will your adventure take you?

New Hope

- New Hope Film Festival (**July 19-28**)

More info: newhopefilmfestival.com

- Wine on the Waterfront (**July 27**)

More info: visitbuckscounty.com/event/wine-on-the-waterfront/14903/

- New York State of Mind: The Music of Billy Joel Live at The New Hope Winery (**June 22**)

More info: eventbrite.com/e/new-york-state-of-mind-

[the-music-of-billy-joe-live-at-the-new-hope-winery-tickets-54140642118](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-music-of-billy-joe-live-at-the-new-hope-winery-tickets-54140642118)

Longwood Gardens

- Longwood Gardens Wine and Jazz Festival (**June 1**)

More info: longwoodgardens.org/events-and-performances/events/wine-jazz/festival

- Philadelphia Orchestra Concert in Kennet Square (**July 2**)



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More info: wegow.com/en/concerts/philadelphia-orchestra-concert-in-kennett-square-longwood-gardens

- The Fleetwood Mac Experience **(June 29)**

More info: kennetflash.org/event/1758359-fleetwood-mac-experience-kennet-square/

Honesdale

- Roots & Rhythm Music & Arts Festival **(June 15)**

More info: poconomountains.com/event/roots-%26-rhythm-music-%26-arts-festival/14226/

- Arts & Crafts Fair in Bingham Park **(June 8)**

More info: poconomountains.com/event/arts-%26-crafts-fair-in-bingham-park/14247/

Jim Thorpe

- Penn's Peak Summer Concerts **(Summer Long)**

More info: pennspeak.com/events/concerts

- Great Tastes of Pennsylvania Wine & Food Festival **(June 22-23)**

More info: poconomountains.com/event/great-tastes-of-pennsylvania-wine-%26-food-festival/17169

- First Friday Wine Tastings **(1st Friday of Every Month)**

More info: business.carboncountychamber.org/events/details/first-friday-wine-tastings-05-03-2019-8220

Lancaster

- Martina McBride Concert **(June 23)**

More info: amtshows.com/matrina-mcbride-2/

- Lancaster's Wine Shine 'n TacoPalooza Wine Fest PA **(May 11)**

More info: localwineevents.com/events/detail/717001/Lancasters-Wine-Shine-n-nTacoPalooza

- Lancaster Craft Beer Fest **(Aug 24)**

More info: lancastercraftbeerfest.com

Gettysburg

- Gettysburg Wine & Music Festival **(Sep 7)**

More info: Gettsburgwineandmusicfestival.com

- Gettysburg Outdoor Antique Show **(May 18)**

More info: destinationgettysburg.com/event/dtails/7939

- Taste of South Africa: Food & Wine Pairings **(May 24)**

More info: destinationgettysburg.cm/event/details/13346

- Pa Cider Fest **(June 22)**

More info: paciderfest.com

Tunkhannock

- Books & Brews Wine & Beer Fest **(May 18)**

More info: localwineevents.com/events/detail/743381/Tunkhannock-Books-Brew-Wine-Beer-Fest

- 2019 NEPA Bluegrass Festival **(May 30-June 2)**

More info: fairsandfestivals.net/events/details/2019-nepa-bluegrass-festival

- Wine Festival – 4th Annual **(June 15)**

More info: fairsandfestivals.net/events/details/2019-nepa-bluegrass-festival

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According to viniculture experts from Professional Friends of Wine, grapevines are fairly adaptable plants that can thrive in a variety of soil types and temperatures. Soil, sun exposure, drainage, and topography all play roles in how the grapes will ripen and taste.

The chance to support a local business is another reason to make a trip to a nearby winery or vineyard. These facilities often produce wine and sell it close to home. By supporting small business, consumers can contribute to the success and the diversity of offerings where they live.

Wine tastings are an enjoyable recreational pursuit. Remember to drink responsibly, and join the mailing lists of nearby wineries and vineyards to learn more about tasting events and food pairings.



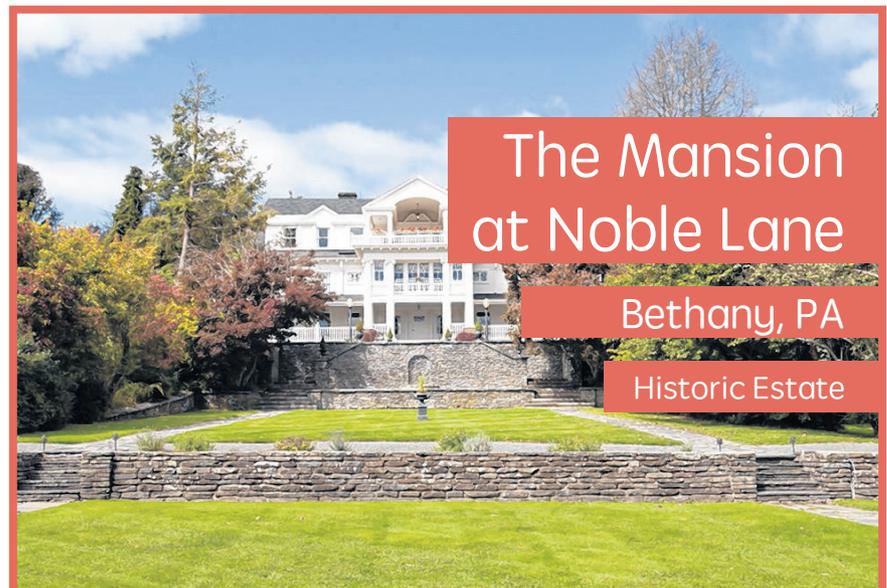
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Weekend getaways in the great outdoors can be a great way for families to break from the norm and spend some quality time together while getting some fresh air. Such trips are popular, as the U.S. Travel Association notes that nearly three out of four domestic trips are taken for leisure purposes.

Families looking to get away from home on weekends often look for activities or locales that appeal to kids and parents alike while getting everyone out of the house. The following are a handful of outdoor getaway ideas the whole family can enjoy.

Hiking:

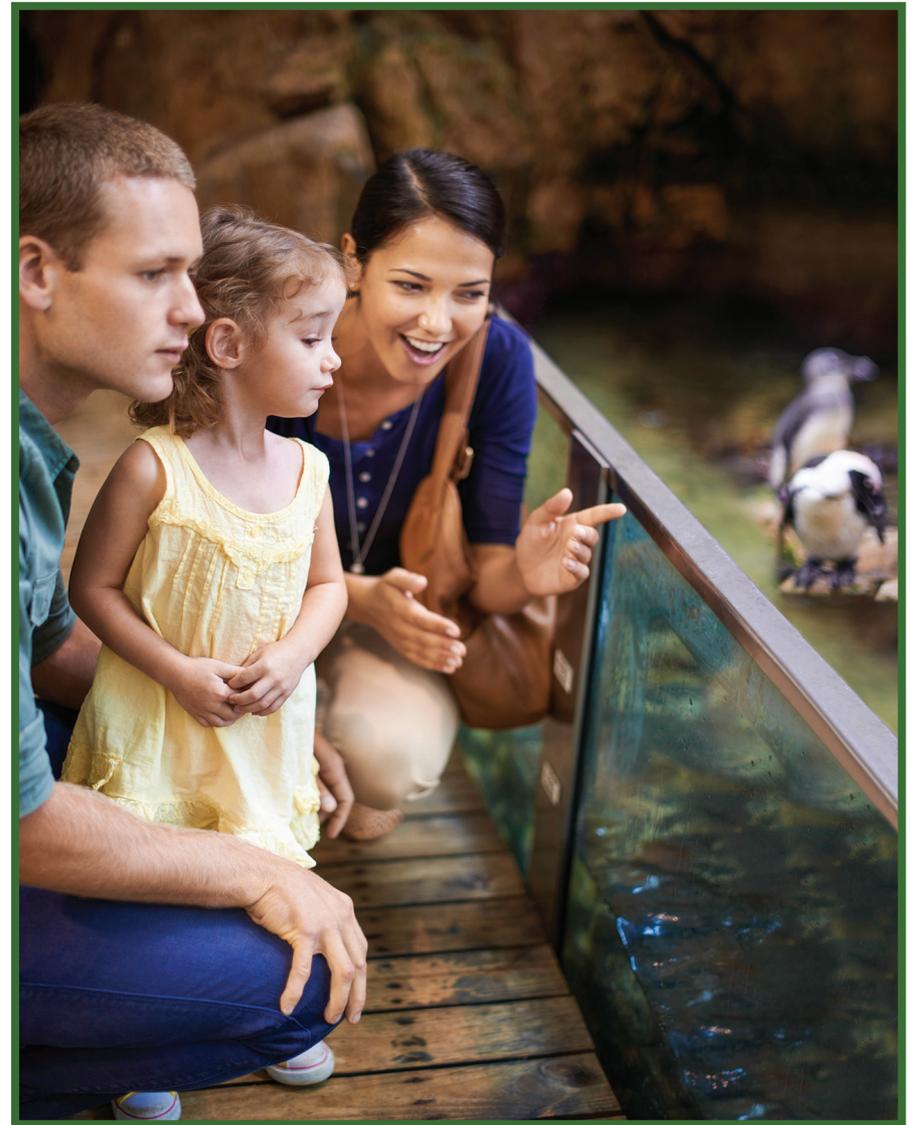
By 2015, the United States was home to nearly 240,000 miles of hiking trails on federal and state lands. Hiking opportunities also are abundant in Canada, where the 2016 General Social Survey found that 44 percent of Canadians go hiking in a given year, making it the country's most popular outdoor activity. Hiking is a rewarding, healthy hobby that also happens to be free, which can be especially appealing to budget-conscious parents. When exploring potential hiking destinations, parents should look for parks with kid-friendly trails. Many parks have paved trails on flat surfaces, which are ideal for families with small children.

Rivers/lakes:

Escaping to a nearby river or lake for a day on the water can make for a memorable, family-friendly getaway. Look for activities like fishing and bring your own rods or rent from nearby bait and tackle shops. If cruising is more your family's style, look for boat tours that offer a chance to explore local history while giving the whole family a chance to relax on a boat and soak up some sun.

Zoo/aquarium:

According to the Association of Zoos & Aquariums, there are more than 220 accredited zoos and aquariums in the United States and Canada. That makes it easy for families that live just about anywhere to plan day trips to local zoos, where they can spend the day soaking up some sun and marveling at exotic wildlife. Zoos and aquariums with out-



door exhibits make for wonderful, family-friendly weekend getaways.

Theme parks:

Theme parks make for a great weekend getaways for families. Many theme parks even offer rides and attractions for young children, but parents should call ahead to confirm this before planning their trips.

Weekend getaways are great ways for families to spend time in the great outdoors and take advantage of local attractions. With some simple investigation, families might find there are lots of local attractions within driving distance of their homes.

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