



THE FOREST VILLAS

MARIENVILLE / PENNSYLVANIA

A little closer *to the wild.*

Your local guide to Cook Forest, Marienville
and the Pennsylvania Wilds.

FOREST WALKS / RIVER DAYS / LOCAL FINDS

WELCOME TO YOUR TIME IN THE WOODS

Less planning. *More being here.*

A good cabin stay leaves room for both: a little adventure and a little doing nothing. Use this guide to find a walk, plan a river day or choose somewhere for dinner.

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All featured destinations are off-property. Check current hours, access and seasonal notices before traveling. Prepared October 10, 2026.



COOK FOREST STATE PARK

01 / FOREST WALKS

Among the old growth.

Start in Cook Forest, where the trees are the destination. Choose a walk that fits your group, then leave room to linger.

Cook Forest State Park

Make this your classic forest day: old-growth trees, woodland trails and time along the Clarion River.

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Longfellow Trail

Walk among the old-growth trees of the Forest Cathedral. DCNR lists the trail at 1.2 miles and rates it more difficult. Use the park map to choose your route, with sturdy shoes and time to take it slowly.

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Seneca Point & the historic fire tower

Plan a viewpoint outing around Seneca Point and Historic Fire Tower #9. Use the park map to choose your approach; the full Seneca Trail is rated most difficult.

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RIMROCK OVERLOOK / ALLEGHENY NATIONAL FOREST

02 / FARTHER INTO THE FOREST

Follow your curiosity.

The Allegheny National Forest rewards a little planning. Choose an overlook or waterfall, and make the journey part of the day.

Allegheny National Forest

A wider world of forest roads, trails and waterside scenery. Pick one destination and enjoy the drive rather than trying to cover the whole forest in a day.

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Rimrock Overlook

Look across the Allegheny Reservoir from this rock-lined overlook. Stone steps and passages add interest; watch your footing and check access before setting out.

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Hector Falls

A waterfall outing for guests comfortable with rugged terrain. Confirm the access route, carry an offline map and expect uneven ground around the ravine.

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KINZUA BRIDGE STATE PARK

03 / A BIG-VIEW DAY TRIP

A different perspective.

Make Kinzua Bridge State Park the focus of a day out. The structure, the valley and the story of the bridge give you plenty to take in.

MOUNT JEWETT

Kinzua Bridge State Park

A distinctive day trip built around a former railroad viaduct and the Kinzua Skywalk. Check current park alerts before planning your visit.

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Seasonal planning note: DCNR announced Skywalk and Kinzua Creek Trail access through October 31, 2026, followed by a rehabilitation closure. Check the latest notice before traveling.

BEFORE YOU GO

Kinzua Bridge and Kinzua Dam are different destinations. Route them separately, and check drive times from your cabin.



THE CLARION RIVER

04 / RIVER TIME

Let the day drift.

The Clarion River is a beautiful change of pace. In paddling season, start with an outfitter and build your day around the current conditions.

CLARION RIVER

Cook Forest Canoe Rental

Choose a seasonal river outing with a local outfitter. Confirm trip options, launch arrangements and water conditions directly before you go.

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CLARION RIVER

Pale Whale Canoe Fleet

Canoe, kayak and tube outings on the Clarion River when the season and conditions allow. The operator reports that it is closed for the 2026 season; check next season's opening before planning a trip.

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05 / FIND YOUR KIND OF ADVENTURE

A day with a little more.

Something for the family, or a day on the riding trails. Choose the outing that fits your group and check the details before you leave.

COOK FOREST AREA

Double Diamond Deer Ranch

A seasonal family stop for seeing whitetail deer, with a wildlife museum and playground.

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ALLEGHENY NATIONAL FOREST

Marienville ATV Trailhead

Plan a riding day on the Forest Service trail system. Review the current trail map, permit requirements, vehicle rules and closure notices before loading up.

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BEFORE YOU GO

ATV access is seasonal and subject to closures. Use the Forest Service's current information for permits, trail suitability and conditions.

06 / AROUND THE TABLE

A little local love.

Start with our Marienville picks: Bettina's first, then the Kelly. These are local businesses we're happy to send our guests toward.

OUR NO. 1 LOCAL PICK / MARIENVILLE

Bettina's Italian Restaurant

Great owners, great staff, great food, and great pizza. Bettina's is our number-one local pick for dinner in Marienville. It's a place we love recommending to our guests!

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ANOTHER LOCAL FAVORITE / MARIENVILLE

Kelly Hotel

Great food and great staff make the Kelly another local favorite. Come for a meal and a drink, then stay for a game of shuffleboard or pool. It's one of our first recommendations for an evening in Marienville.

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ALSO IN LEEPER

The Sawmill Restaurant

A diner-style stop in Leeper for a meal around your Cook Forest outing.

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Sportsman's Paradise

A casual restaurant and bar on Route 66 near Leeper.

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Vince's Tavern

A local tavern offering casual dining in Leeper.

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Check current hours and menus before heading out.

06 / AROUND THE TABLE, CONTINUED

Good stops along the way.

Pair your outing with a meal in the surrounding towns. These are places to consider as you plan the route back to your cabin.

CLARINGTON

Cousin Basil's

A casual restaurant and bar on Route 36 in Clarington.

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COOK FOREST AREA

The Clarion River Lodge

A riverside restaurant and pub for a meal in the Cook Forest area.

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COOK FOREST AREA

The Forest Nook

A seasonal, family-style restaurant tucked into Cook Forest on Forest Road.

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FRYBURG

Washington House

A historic restaurant and bar serving home-style meals in Fryburg.

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LEAVE ROOM FOR AN EVENING BACK AT THE CABIN.

07 / THE LOCAL POUR

Start with our locals.

Lucky's and the Kelly are our first recommendations for a bar night in Marienville. Start here, then explore the regional breweries when you feel like venturing farther.

OUR LOCAL BAR PICKS

Lucky's Pub

Lucky's has that cool, unique dive-bar style we love, along with great staff. It's one of our first picks for a laid-back night out in Marienville with a little local character.

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OUR LOCAL BAR PICKS

Kelly Hotel

Great food, great staff, shuffleboard, and a pool table: that's why we recommend the Kelly. Grab a bite, enjoy a drink, and stay for a game at one of our favorite local stops.

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MARIENVILLE

Ray's Hot Spot

A local grill-and-bar option. Check the current menu and any entertainment listings.

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SHIPPENVILLE

Lost in the Wilds Brewing

A craft brewery in Shippenville with space to unwind after a day outside.

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CLARION

Clarion River Brewing Company

A downtown brewery and restaurant pairing house beer with American fare.

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RIDGWAY

The Brew Bank Brewing Co.

A brewery and restaurant inside a former bank in downtown Ridgway.

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Check current hours and menus before heading out.

08 / LITTLE LOCAL FINDS

Fresh finds. Local roots.

Make a little room in your cabin kitchen for a stop at Baughman's Market. This is one of those local businesses we love sharing with our guests.

A LOCAL WE LOVE / MARIENVILLE

Baughman's Market

Delicious apples, a variety of fresh produce, and a local business we're especially happy to recommend. John, the owner, is a great guy, and his family's market is part of Marienville's long grocery and produce tradition. Stop by for something fresh to bring back to the cabin.

LOCAL ROOTS

Marienville's historical marker dates Baughman's Market to 1892, and the Forest County Historical Society documents its grocery-store past. This is a local name with deep roots.

The market's history

RINI'S SEASONAL FAVORITES

The donut peaches are my absolute favorite when they're in season. I love the wild cherries, too.

119 Cherry Street, Marienville, PA

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[Call 814-927-6624](#)

Call ahead for current hours and what is fresh today. Donut peaches, wild cherries and other produce depend on the season and availability.

08 / LITTLE LOCAL FINDS, CONTINUED

Bring a little back.

Wine or beer for a slow evening, maple syrup for breakfast and provisions for the cabin kitchen. A few useful stops to keep in mind.

KANE

Flickerwood Wine Cellars

A Kane winery for sampling local wine and choosing a bottle to take home.

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LEEPER

Leeper Red & White Market

A grocery and deli stop for meats, hoagies and supplies for your cabin kitchen.

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SHEFFIELD

Allegheny Cellars

A winery and tasting room on Route 6 near Sheffield, with wines from dry to sweet.

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MARIENVILLE

Marienville Beverage

A local stop to check for beer to enjoy back at the cabin.

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MARIENVILLE

Yeany's Maple

Local maple syrup and maple treats to bring back for a cabin breakfast.

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BEFORE YOU GO

Markets, tasting rooms and seasonal businesses may have limited visiting times. Check ahead when planning a dedicated stop.



MAPLE VILLA / THE FOREST VILLAS

09 / COME HOME

Your own little retreat.

After the day out, settle into your own cabin, kitchen, bathroom and private hot tub. Make time for the property's forest trail, small pond, fire pits and shared axe range.

[Maple Villa](#)[Shire Villa](#)[Mossy Oak Villa](#)[Pin Oak Villa](#)

Bring everyone. Reserve all four cabins together for up to 16 overnight guests. Review the listing for current terms and sleeping arrangements.

[Explore all four](#)

A FEW THINGS TO KNOW

Keep the day simple.

Where is The Forest Villas?

The Forest Villas is in Marienville, Pennsylvania, near Cook Forest State Park and the Allegheny National Forest.

Are these attractions on the property?

The parks, trails, outfitters and businesses in this guide are off-property destinations. The property itself has a forest trail, a small pond, fire pits and a shared axe range.

Which walk should we choose?

Choose by difficulty and current conditions. Longfellow Trail is rated more difficult by DCNR; the full Seneca Trail is rated most difficult. Rimrock and Hector Falls also have uneven terrain. Check the park or Forest Service map for your group.

Can we canoe or kayak nearby?

Local outfitters offer Clarion River outings during their operating seasons, depending on water conditions. Confirm the current season and trip arrangements directly.

How should we plan drive times?

Use the map links for your exact destination, starting from your cabin. Forest roads, trailheads and seasonal access can change the route; download directions before setting out.

Can we book all four cabins together?

Yes. Maple, Shire, Mossy Oak and Pin Oak can be reserved together for up to 16 overnight guests. Check the all-four listing for guest limits, sleeping arrangements and current terms.

THE DETAILS

A guide worth keeping.

A selection of local places for your Forest Villas stay, with links to park and visitor information. Businesses and seasonal access can change; confirm the details before your visit.

VISITOR INFORMATION

[Cook Forest State Park](#)

[Allegheny National Forest](#)

[Kinzua Bridge State Park](#)

[Cook Forest Canoe Rental](#)

[Pale Whale Canoe Fleet](#)

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