

Pike County

# Rich in history

# and natural beauty.



Waterfalls abound in Pike County.



Roebling Bridge, forerunner to the Brooklyn Bridge.

Looking for a place that's natural, but refined? Visit Pike County, a fascinating blend of nature, history and culture.

➤ More than 140,000 acres of the county are designated as national or state parks and gamelands. Campers, hikers and bikers can head for **Promised Land State Park**. Or hike to a waterfall in beautiful 154 acre **Childs Park**. The **Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area** offers hiking trails, waterfalls, birdwatching, nature study and more. ➤ Tour the **Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River** to see nature up close. Watch for eagles in the winter months. Visit the **Zane Grey Museum** in Lackawaxen, PA. It's the former home of the famous Western novelist. Be sure to see the **Roebling Aqueduct**. Designed by John Roebling, it is a forerunner to the Brooklyn Bridge. ➤ The **Lackawaxen River** is nationally known for trout fishing.

It empties into the mighty **Delaware River**, a great place to catch American Shad. Both offer scenic beauty, canoeing and kayaking. **Lake Wallenpaupack**, Pennsylvania's third largest lake is another angler's paradise. Sightseeing tours, jet and water skiing and boating are also available. ➤ **Milford**, the county seat, is a charming village of tree lined streets with fine shops, restaurants, historic sites and inns. A portion of its business district has received National Historic Landmark Status. **The Columns**, the Museum of the Pike County Historical Society features a number of civil war era artifacts, including the "Lincoln Flag" brought back from Ford's Theatre after the assassination. ➤ **Grey Towers**, the mansion that was the home of Pennsylvania Governor and legendary conservationist Gifford Pinchot has recently been refurbished to return it to the era when the family inhabited it. In September of 1963, President John F. Kennedy dedicated Grey Towers as the Pinchot Institute for Conservation Studies. Effective in August 2001 it will reopen for

Grey Towers, home of Gifford Pinchot.



tours of the mansion and grounds.

➤ Did you know? In early 1900's the primary industry in Pike County was Bluestone mining and you can still see it in use in the Tom Quick Monument, Grey Towers and Forrest Hall, all made of bluestone. ➤ W.D. Griffith shot the films "The Informer" and "A Feud in the Kentucky Hills" in the area around Milford in 1912. Dorothy and Lillian Gish and Mary Pickford, America's sweetheart came along on the trip. Films come alive at the black Bear Film Festival held in October.

## EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

**Pear Blossom Festival** - April

**Milford Borough Sidewalk Sale** - May

**The Delaware River Sojourn** - June

**4th of July Fireworks** - Lake Wallenpaupack

**Pike County Fair** - August/September

**Black Bear Film Festival** - October

**Festival of Lights** - December

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