

# Moshannon Day Trip

This ride is for serious riders only. It covers 255 miles and is seven hours long, without stops. It's a very scenic ride with several attractions to stop at for breaks. It takes you northeast of Ebensburg through the Moshannon State Forest.

The ride begins on Manor Drive into Loretto, and then Syberton Road toward Gallitzin. In Gallitzin we stop to see the Gallitzin Tunnels. They can be viewed from the Jackson Street Bridge. There is also a visitor center with a museum and theatre.



Gallitzin Tunnels



Horseshoe Curve

A short ride out Coupon Road brings us to Horseshoe Curve Road. The world-famous horseshoe curve is a must see.

We head down the mountain to Altoona and take Valley View Blvd. parallel to Rt. 99 to Kettle Road (Rt. 45). Rt. 45 will take us all the way to Boalsburg. This is another good place for a break.

Boalsburg claims to be home of the very first Memorial Day celebration, and is home to the Pennsylvania Military Museum. This quaint small town boasts over 20 antique shops.



Pa Military Museum, Boalsburg



Route 144 south of Renovo

We continue out Rt. 45 to Centre Hall where we turn west onto Rt. 144. We will pass through Bellefonte, Milesburg, Snowshoe and Moshannon. Rt. 144 turns northeast, where we will ride through Sproul State Forest on our way to Renovo. From Renovo we will head west on Rt. 120, but we need to make one out-of-the-way stop first. Six miles east of Renovo on Rt. 120 is Hyner View State Park. We drive to the top of the mountain for an outstanding view.

American Road Magazine lists Hyner State Park as "one of the grandest views in the United States."

From there it's due west on Rt. 120 to Sinnemahoning. Rt. 120 is also known as the Bucktail Trail.

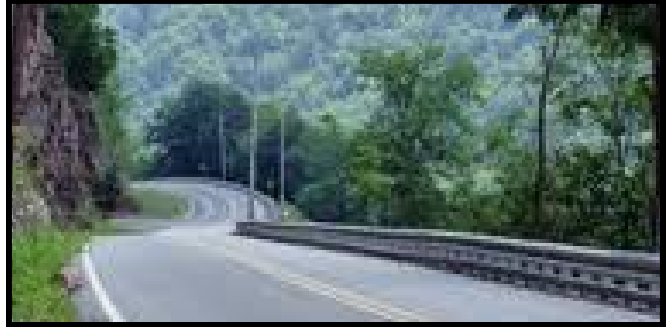


Hyner View State Park

Rt. 120 is another very scenic highway. We follow it from Renovo to Sinnemahoning.



Town of Sinnemahoning



Route 120

We cross the bridge shown in the photo above and follow Wykoff Run Road a very windy distance of 10 miles to the top of the mountain. This ride is so much fun you will want to turn around and do it again; but we don't have time. It's time to start our return trip to Ebensburg.

It is especially important to watch out for wildlife on Wykoff Run. It is not unusual to encounter elk, deer, turkey buzzards, and even a bear.



Wykoff Run Road

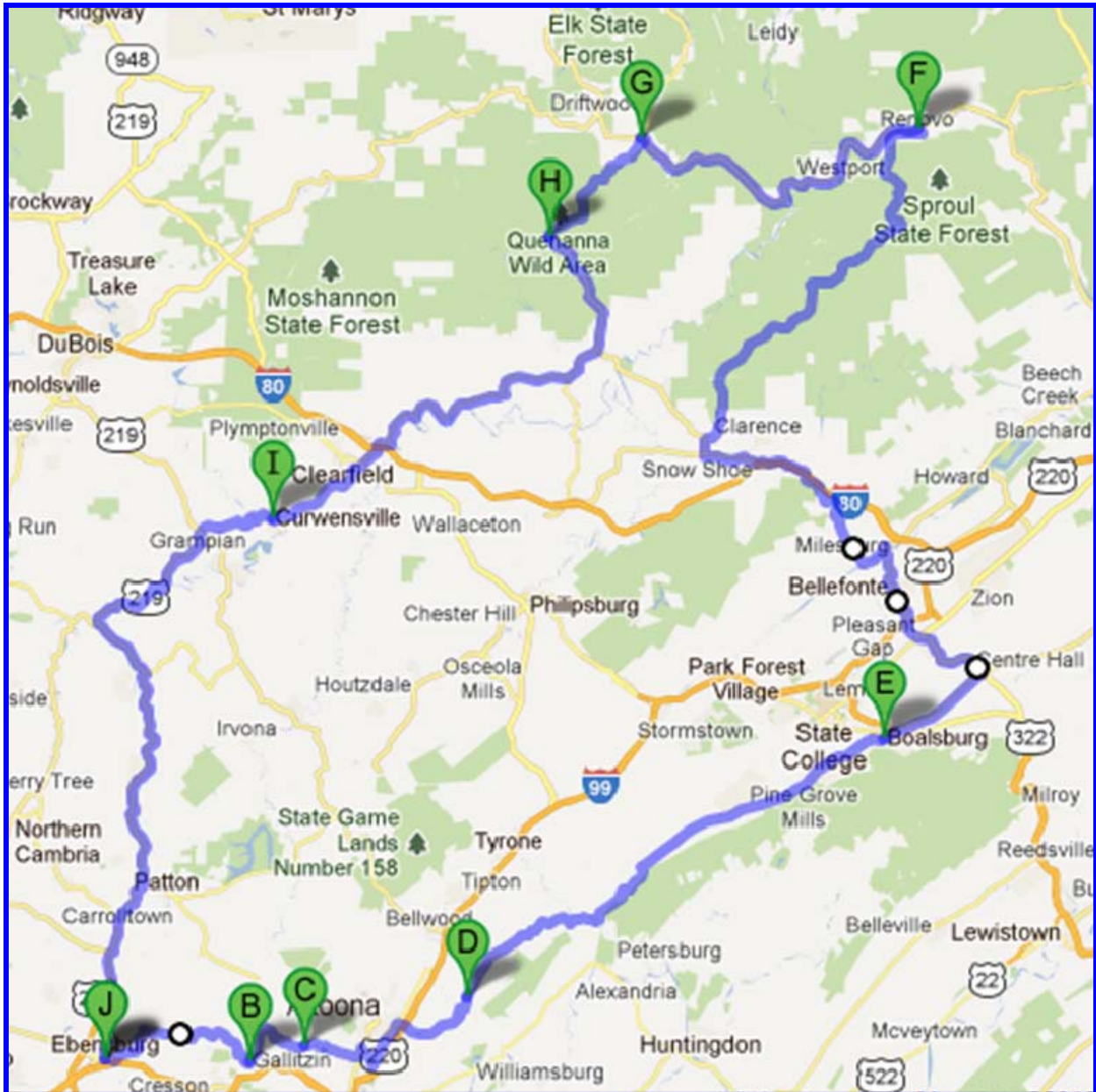


Quehanna Parkway

At the top of the mountain we turn left on Quehanna Parkway. This will become Rt. 879 and take us under Interstate 80 through Clearfield, Curwensville and to Grampion. In Grampion we take Rt. 219 south to Mahaffey, and then Rt. 36 through Westover toward Patton. Sunset Road will take us through Carrolltown and home to Ebensburg.



Total ride time on this day trip through Moshannon State Forest is 7:00 and we will have traveled 255 miles.



Moshannon Day Trip Route

A = Ebensburg		
B = Gallitzin Tunnels	:30	12 mi.
C = Horseshoe Curve	:15	6 mi.
E = Boalsburg	1:30	49 mi.
F = Renovo	1:40	69 mi.
G = Sinnemahoning	:40	24 mi.
H = Quehanna Parkway	:25	10 mi.
I = Curwensville	:55	37 mi.
J = Ebensburg	1:10	48 mi.

# Directions

## Moshannon Day Trip

- ◆ From center of Ebensburg head east on East High Street and bear left onto Manor Drive at the traffic signal at Lake Rowena heading to Loretto. (6 miles)
- ◆ In Loretto, turn right on St. Elizabeth Street. Turn left on Syberton Road heading toward Gallitzin. (4 miles).
- ◆ At Route 53 turn right toward Gallitzin. In 2 miles turn left on Chestnut Street into Gallitzin. Turn left on Jackson Street to see Gallitzin Tunnels. (38 miles).
- ◆ Follow Hemlock Street or Tunnelhill Street north to Coupon Road. Follow to Horseshoe Curve Road. (2.5 miles).
- ◆ Turn right on Horseshoe Curve Road. The Horseshoe Park is in 3.5 miles.
- ◆ Continue to Altoona. Turn left on Beale Avenue, then right on Logan Blvd. Left on Pleasant Valley Blvd. Follow parallel to Route 99 to Kettle Road. (9 miles)
- ◆ Turn right on Kettle Road Rt. 45) Follow all the way to Route 322 in Boalsburg. (46 miles)
- ◆ Continue out Route 45 toward Centre Hall to Route 144. (8 miles)
- ◆ Turn left on Route 144. Follow Route 144 through Bellefonte, Milesburg, Snowshoe and to Moshannon. (30 miles)
- ◆ In Moshannon, turn northeast on Route 144 to Renovo. (32 miles)
- ◆ In Renovo, turn right on Route 120 and travel 6 miles to Hyner View State Park.  
(After Hyner View, return to Renovo. Yesterday's Restaurant in Renovo is a highly recommended landmark)
- ◆ From Renovo head west on Route 120 to Sinnemahoning. (24 miles)
- ◆ Turn left on Wykoff Run Road. Follow up the mountain to Quehanna Highway. (10 miles)
- ◆ Follow Quehanna Highway (becomes Route 879) through Curwensville to Grampian. (42 miles)
- ◆ Follow Route 219 south to Mahaffey. (16 miles)
- ◆ Bear left onto Route 36 through Westover and past St. Boniface. (20 miles)
- ◆ Turn right on Sunset Road toward Carrolltown. Continue through Carrolltown on Route 219, staying on old Route 219 back to the center of Ebensburg. (12 miles)