Day Tripping - April 2023

This month we are headed to the borough of Delaware Water Gap. It is adjacent to the Delaware Water Gap, the pass through which the Lackawanna Corridor and Interstate 80 run across the Pennsylvania-New Jersey border along the Delaware River. The history of the borough goes back to 1793 when Antoine Dutot founded the town and built the first inn. The arrival of the railway in 1856 brought many from New York City and Philadelphia to the mountains. The Deer Head Inn, the oldest continuously running jazz club in the country, started and brought many musicians to this venue. It is still know as the Home of Jazz in the Pocono Mountains. They still serve meals and have jazz music many evenings. A schedule for music for April - June can be found at this website: https://deerheadinn.com/april-2023-music-schedule/

The Antoine Dutot Museum and Gallery are located at 24 Main Street and is a place where you can find the history of the area and also find some art from local artists. It is open on the weekends.

For restaurants you can enjoy BBQ at Joe Bosch Authentic Smokehouse BBQ or interesting dishes at Sycamore Grille.

One of our favorite places is the Village Farmer and Bakery at 13 Broad Street. It is a farm market and bakery all in one. They have over 30 flavors of homemade pies, an array of savory pot pies, pastries, cakes, muffins, cookies, ice cream and more. Their chicken pot pie is amazing. It is full of large chunks of chicken along with veggies and an amazing crust, top and bottom. They have other flavors but the chicken one is our favorite. The pot pies come frozen and are great for that last minute meal. Their fruit pies are also very delicious. One of our favorites is their "fruits of the forest" pie.

The historic trolley rides have started again in the Gap. They take you on a tour of the area including the Historic Castle Inn, Deer Head Inn, Point of Gap overlook. cold air cave, village of Shawnee and more. We have not taken the new rides, but we really enjoyed the one that they used to have. It gave a nice history of the area and some of the famous people who used to summer here. Here is the link to the trolley rides: https://poconodaytripper.com/index.php/tours/historic-trolley-rides/

We have taken Main Street out of town toward the east and followed it to the town of Portland, Pennsylvania. There is a footbridge across the Delaware River to the town of Columbia, New Jersey. It is a nice walk over the Delaware River and a great view. Not sure if you can still travel there, but it was worth while.

Enjoy your explorations of the quaint borough of Delaware Water Gap.