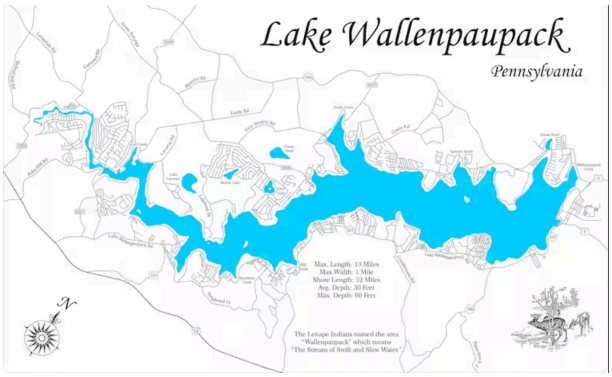
Road Tripping - April 2024

This month we are driving northwest to Lake Wallenpaupack. Try saying that 3 times fast. Lake Wallenpaupack is a reservoir in Northeastern PA. It is the second-largest lake contained entirely in PA. It has 52 miles of shoreline, length of 13 miles, and maximum depth of 60 feet. It was created in 1926 by PPL for hydroelectric power as well as flood control. It is one of the major recreational places in the Pocono Mountains. The drive will be a little over an hour. The first stop you should make is at the Visitor's Center which is located on Route 6. It has lots of information about the area and has a great view of the lake.



For an outdoor adventure at the lake you can hike the Wallenpaupack Lake Trail. It is a gentle, 3 mile trip out and back route along the lake. However you do not need to go the entire 3 miles. The path is packed gravel and heads over the dike and gives a great view from the top of the lake. Just a note, dogs are not allowed on this trail. https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/pennsylvania/lake-wallenpaupack-trail If you want a view from the lake, the Wallenpaupack Scenic Boat Tours run 50 minute scenic pontoon book tours. You will get a description oft the area and the history of the lake. Or if you prefer, you can rent boats, kayaks, and stand up paddle boards. https://wallenpaupackboattour.com/ Other activities that are available at Lake Wallenpaupack are fishing, swimming (several beaches), and biking.

There are many restaurants either on the lake or in the town of Hawley. Look on your favorite food website to find something that appeals to you. We have not been there for a meal for a few years, so I hate to recommend anything. But all the places we have been to in the past were very good. The Settlers Inn and the Glass at Ledges Hotel are unique restaurants that are well known. The Dock on Wallenpaupack overlooks the Lake.

The town of Hawley has much to offer also. There are several antique markets such as Hawley Antique Exchange and Miss Elly's Antiques & Such. Shopping at The Potting Shed at the Settlers Inn is a nice treat. The Hawley Silk Mill has been a vital part of the community since 1880 when it was a silk factory with the foremost technology of the day, also a textile factory, and an antique center. Today it has several small shops to browse such as Art on the Edge, Looking Glass Art Gallery, and Lake Lights Candles. You can also take a 2 mile self-guided walking tour that takes you along the Lackawaxen River and past several historic buildings in town.

So as the weather warms, head toward an enjoyable day in the Lake Wallenpaupack area of the Poconos. https://wallenpaupackboattour.com/

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