This month's daytripping is going to start with a history lesson. In 1943 Fred Waring, who was a band leader of his own band called the *Waring's Pennsylvanians,* purchased the Buckwood Inn in Shawnee on Delaware. He renamed it the Shawnee Inn. To promote the inn, he created, rehearsed, and broadcast his radio programs from the inn throughout the 1950's. This was the beginning of music venues in the Pocono Mountains. Now there are many venues that range from Broadway productions to bands performing in restaurants throughout the Pocono area. I am going to share some of these with you.

Dear Head Inn located in Delaware Water Gap is the oldest continuously running jazz club in the country and Home of Jazz in the Pocono Mountains. You can make reservations for dinner and enjoy the jazz as you enjoy your meal. Most of the nights, the cost is $20 for the music, dinner would be an additional charge. The schedule for the next several months can be found at https://deerheadinn.com/category/music/

The Wilds (I know nothing about this one but thought it looked interesting). They have a summer concert series.starting in June and continuing until September. Cost is a $6 cover, some are $10. They have sine by the glass and bottle, large selection of beer for purchase. They also have a wide range of food selections all made in house. You may not take any of your own food or drink in. Information at https://www.marathonbarevents.com/

Harmony in the Woods is an outdoor venue that showcases a diverse mix of blues, folk. bluegrass, jazz, Broadway, Celtic, country, funk, opera, comedy and dance. Harmony started in 2011 in the Hawley Silk Mill till 2021 when Harmony in The Woods was started. The outdoor amphitheater is located at 19 Imagination Way in Hawley on Rt 6. .There is seating at the venue, but you may bring your own folding chairs, however the price for the ticket will be the same. If the weather is bad, the performance is moved indoors. You can bring your own snacks and drinks. The cost of tickets varies from $25 and up depending on the performers. More information and 2025 lineup is found at https://harmonyinthewoods.org/

Wildflower Concert Series at Dorflinger-Suydam Wildlife Sanctuary in White Mills. You bring your own chair or blanket and also food. If inclement weather the concert is moved indoors. Cost is $30. Concert Schedule for 2025 https://dorflinger.org/wildflower-music-festival-landing-page/schedule/

Penn's Peak is an entertainment venue located in Jim Thorpe overlooking nearby Beltzville Lake. They offer a variety of entertainment options, from country to rock. There is also a full-service restaurant on the premises. Ticket sales and upcoming events can be found at https://www.pennspeak.com/events/all

Shawnee Playhouse

Shawnee Playhouse is located in Shawnee on Delaware has a rich history of performances since 1904. They present affordable, high-quality productions year round with local actors and actresses. Upcoming shows and tickets sales are located at https://www.shawneeplayhouse.org/

Milford Theater located in Milford has been a staple since the 1920's as a host of live musical performances, plays, movies and even dance performances. The schedule of performances can be seen at https://themilfordtheater.com/events/

Mauch Chunk Opera House in Jim Thorpe is one of America's oldest vaudeville theaters. The venue seats about 450 and is still a great intimate concert venue featuring entertainment from classic rock and jazz to bluegrass, folk, theater and other events. The upcoming events are listed at https://themilfordtheater.com/events/

Many of the local restaurants that have starting having music in the evenings especially on the weekends,. Here is a listing of some of the:

Murph's Hideaway in Pocono Lake has live entertainment on Wednesdays and Fridays.

The Hub in Split Rock has live music every Friday and Saturday https://www.the-hub.biz/?pgid=liokij4p-83dfd3ff-cf2c-4ef4-9643-d2f715132f95

Boulder View Tavern in Lake Harmony has live music every Friday and Saturday https://www.boulderviewtavern.com/events/