

to be on private lands, then you may not be welcome. Good visitors is critically important. If you don't have permission Being courteous and showing respect to landowners and other

Courtesy and Respect

unpredictable free-roaming wild animals.

For everyone's safety, don't stop in the road, pull off onto the shoulder, park in private driveways or on private property, or block traffic when viewing elk. Never attempt to approach, touch, or feed elk or any other wildlife. Please remain a safe distance from all wildlife and remember that elk are quick and

Safety

of their day.

open fields to sheltered woodlands where they spend most when elk are most active as they move from feeding areas in adventures for the hour or two after dawn or before dusk, To increase your chances of seeing elk, time your viewing Elk Viewing in Elk County

these majestic creatures.

surviving. Currently, the herd numbers more than 1,000 of animals released in the north-central mountains successfully fluctuated through the years across the state with only the and northeastern Pennsylvania. The elk herd population Monroe County, Pennsylvania, and released in central from Yellowstone National Park and a private reserve in hundred and seventy-seven elk were trapped and transferred Mountain elk back into the state from 1913 to 1926. One The Pennsylvania Game Commission introduced Rocky

hunting and habitat loss.

been eliminated from the state, mainly due to unregulated destroyed the herds. By 1867, wild, free-roaming elk had settlements and exploration by early immigrants to the region Elk once roamed freely throughout Pennsylvania, but rapid nine counties, with the epicenter of elk activity in Elk County. range covers more than 3,000 square miles including parts of "The Elk Capital of Pennsylvania." Pennsylvania's wild elk Woods. Elk can be easily spotted in and around Benzetze, This is one of the most scenic and remote regions of Penn's

Welcome to Pennsylvania's Elk Country



Elk Viewing Guide



the Elk Scenic Drive is 127-mile route through the region, best known for scenic vistas and nature/wildlife watching, as elk do not inhabit the entire length of route. Twenty-three viewing sites along the drive have been established to provide both parking and safe wildlife viewing for visitors. The Quehanna Spur also offers visitors access to wildlife-viewing sites, hiking trails, and waterfalls within the remote Quehanna

including nesting bald eagles.

Wildlife Center, and opportunities for wildlife watching, a small resident elk herd, viewing platforms, an interactive

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Benzetze on Route 555, features a covered handicapped-accessible viewing blind that provides an exceptional viewing plot. experience to watch elk undetected as they feed in a lush food

the elk herd.

rooms and pull out sofa bed. Relax on the deck and watch the wildlife. (814) 787-8926 Bennetts Branch Lodge - Enjoy all the amenities of home. Sleeps six comfortably with two bedrooms and a full bathroom. Queen beds, bathroom, in every room. (814) 834-0000 • 1002 Earth Road, St. Marys, PA 15857

Woodring Farm features a ½-mile interpretive hiking trail that encircles more than 80 acres of prime elk-viewing habitat and an overlook with incredible views. The farm is located about ½ mile from the Winslow Hill Viewing Area.

Bar None Lodge - Beautiful Cape Cod with all the comforts of home in the heart of the Elk Range. Visit us at Vrbo.com/881159 or BarrTopRentals.com. (724) 840-3642 • 4072 Barr Hollow Road, Dittwood, PA 15832 • BarrTopRentals.com

observation areas, and viewing blinds.

Antler Shed Cabins - Year round cabins in Elk Country. One and two bedroom, full amenities, spectacular views, elk viewing. Near Elk Country Visitor Center, bottom of Gray Hill Road. (814) 737-7323 • 27 Elk Country Road (Gray Hill Road), Benzetze, PA 15821

Public Viewing Areas Considered to be the heart of Pennsylvania's elk country, the town of Benzetze is located along State Route 555 in Elk County. With patience and a little luck, elk can be seen from roadways throughout their range. The following elk-viewing areas are some of the best places for you to experience elk and wildlife watching:

manners are a prerequisite for visits to the elk range and will tolerance will aid you and your family in dealing with traffic help lead to a more positive experience for all. Patience and



A DRIVE AWAY. A WORLD APART.

Accessible off Interstate 80, the Elk Country Visitor Center is the premier destination for elk viewing in the Northeastern United States.

134 Homestead Drive
Benzetze, PA 15821
(814) 787-5167
ElkCountryVisitorCenter.com



Forest Edge Cottage - Two bedroom cottage on 1 acre. Minutes to walking, ATV, snowmobile trails. Fully equipped kitchen, wifi, blu-ray, movies, games, books. Local telephone service. Cozy, comfortable and clean. (724) 894-2522 • 222 Hickey Road, Kans, PA 16735 • Vrbo.com/888927

743 Old Red Mill Dam Road, Ridgway, PA 15853

Flying Dove Ranch, Inc. - A non-denominational Christian camp and non-profit organization that provides individuals and organizations recreation and a place to strengthen personal relationships with the Lord and each other. (814) 594-1598

BenzetzeRentalCabins.com

more. (877) 818-1013 • 458 Buck Drive, Benzetze, PA 15821

ElkStone Lodge - Lovely, newly built 3BR cabin with wifi, indoor/outdoor fireplaces and gorgeous mountain views. Easy access to wineries, restaurants, elk viewing areas and hot tub, central air, satellite TV. Sleeps eight comfortably. Large kitchen. Cooking utensils available. (814) 772-4854 • 75 Elk Terrace Road, Benzetze, PA 15821

ElkTerracelodge.com

Elk Terrace Lodge - Three bedrooms, two full baths, two story luxurious lodge. Fireplace, shower. Satellite TV, free wifi. Close to visitor center and elk viewing. Occasional elk in back yard. (814) 787-8025 • 18473 Bennetts Valley Hwy, Weedville, PA 15868

Elk Mountain Homestead - Lodging on the grounds of Elk Country Visitor Center. Comfortable bedrooms, full bath and kitchen, living room with fireplace, 12-person capacity, nestled on 245-acres. Elk viewing on property. (814) 787-5168 • 401 Homestead Drive, Benzetze, PA 15821 • ExperienceElkCountry.com

The Elk Grove - Located within walking distance of several local attractions. The Elk Grove is a quiet haven in the heart of Benzetze, Pennsylvania. (412) 216-16-191

34 Church Street, Benzetze, PA 15821 • Vrbo.com/888810

Elk County Elk Farm Bed & Breakfast - Elk County's only working domestic elk farm. Sprung newborn calves & bulls in velvet, hear bugling in fall. Stay in our 1800s remodeled

ElkCountyElkFarm.com

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Benzetze Hotel - Full service restaurant offering great food at a reasonable price, served in a friendly, casual atmosphere. Clean, comfortable rooms available year round. (814) 787-4240 • 95 Winslow Hill Road, Benzetze, PA 15821 • BenzetzeHotel.com

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Elk County Retreat - Nice four bedroom home along the river in elk country. Sleeps 8+.

Elk Country Hideaway - Peaceful, private hideaway on Winslow Hill, the heart of Elk County. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, fully equipped kitchen, fire ring, ping pong and satellite TV. (724) 388-1007 • 146 Terraces Hill Lane, Benzetze, PA 15821 • ElkCountryHideaway.com

The Elk Antler Inn - is a cozy mountain cabin nestled in the heart of Elk Country, only minutes away from local attractions. (814) 771-4861

Cozy Red Camp - Heart of Elk country. Sleeps 8, central air conditioning, comfortable accommodations. Outdoor lover's dream, plenty of wildlife to see from covered porch. (814) 590-3368 • 22890 Quehanna Hwy, Weedville, PA 15868 • Vrbo.com/47878

Cozy Creekside Cottage - Cozy 2 bedroom cottage by the creek. Great family getaway. Walking distance to Benzetze Winess & Benzetze Hotel. Sleeps up to 6 comfortably. (814) 354-2932 • 169 Front Street, Benzetze, PA 15821

StayCobblestone.com/Pa/St-Marys

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Cobblestone Hotel and Suites - St. Marys - We feature a refrigerator, microwave, coffee-maker and 48" flat tv in every room, complimentary hot breakfast, free wifi, bar and

Woifgang Puck coffee. (814) 245-2020 • 328 Depot Street, St. Marys, PA 15857

Vrbo.com/700308

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Allegheny National Forest



E. Branch Dam
Clarion River



Ridgway

Johnsonburg

St. Marys

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948

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255

Byrnedale

219





Weedville

555

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Dents Run

To Sinnemahoning State Park

-  Parking
-  Medical Facility
-  Canoe Launch
-  Trailhead
-  Equestrian Trail



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GREAT OUTDOORS

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