

I encourage my fellow members to get out, enjoy their car and see some of our beautiful state. Throughout the year, I have enjoyed sharing ideas for many trips within an easy drive of Lancaster. Most of the trips have been to the amazing rural areas of the state because for me, the curvy roads and beautiful scenery are a double bonus.

Now I have never been to New England, and I want to see it someday, but I've been to an area that chances are, would give the best of New England a run for it's money. The place is Eagles Mere. It's tops, at 2,100 ft. elevation, and is situated in the heart of the Endless Mountains, a stone's throw from the Wyoming State Forest, Worlds End State Park ([WWW.DCNR.Sate.pa.us](http://WWW.DCNR.Sate.pa.us)) and the Loyalsock Trail and Creek. Find it on the map, just northeast of Williamsport.

In the late 1800's, Eagles Mere was one of America's finest Victorian resorts, featuring five huge hotels, bringing in thousands of guests, most arriving by train, for extended summer stays. Sadly, all the resorts have fallen into ruin, mostly ravaged by fire, as time marched on. What remains relatively untouched though, is one of Americas most intact Victorian Villages (minus the large hotels), billed as "The Town that Time Forgot". The heart of Eagles Mere is a 100-acre, spring-fed crystal clear/clean lake, used for swimming in the summer and toboggan slide runs in the winter.

Eagles Mere should be a Mecca for tourists, but the hoards stay away because of the lack of national chain lodging. Lucky for us, there's Eagles Mere Inn. It's an oasis of gourmet dining, fine wines and excellent accommodations awaiting guests throughout the year. The inn was originally built to house the carpenters who came to build the grand hotels, and has remained in continual operation, providing lodging in some fashion or another since then. The owners provide guests with an insider's knowledge of local trails and waterways, and offer a lending library of sports gear, ice skates, cross country skies, bicycles, and canoes. For info and reservations contact them @ ([www.eaglesmereinn.com](http://www.eaglesmereinn.com)).

For a more rustic experience, move downstream to Worlds End State Park, offering cabins and tent camping with toilet/shower facilities. You'll be amazed by the majestic experience awaiting you. There are sheer cliffs, hemlocks growing hundreds of feet tall and clinging impossibly to mountainsides, waterfalls galore, and the centerpiece of the park which is the Loyalsock Creek..

Get a "Pennsylvania Gazettner" from the local bookstore, a handy map that shows all local roads. Then chart your own course while driving the area to see those out of the way sites. Be sure, however to take some time to get out of the car and hike, fish, canoe or generally enjoy the beauty of the area.