Warren Heritage and Western Highlands: New Jersey Scenic Byways

These Scenic Byways are among eight statewide, where you can experience New Jersey’s authentic heart and soul—local communities promising open-air adventure, fascinating wildlife, historical treasures and endless natural beauty. Along the Warren Heritage and Western Highlands Scenic Byways, traverse bucolic farmlands, pivotal landmarks and distinctive mountain ridges, guided by our sample itinerary below. For full details, stops and directions, please visit NJScenicByways.com.

**DAY 1**

Rural Roots in the Skylands Region

Celebrate the intriguing past along the 19-mile Warren Heritage Scenic Byway. Begin in Stewartsville, with breakfast from Greenwich Deli or Rath’s Butcher & Delicatessen. Stow sweet treats for later from Buttercups Bake Shoppe.

Route 57 became NJ’s first paved road when Thomas Edison’s company laid the Concrete Mile. Drive it en route to sites including Bread Lock Park, to explore the Morris Canal and the towpath once trod by boat-pulling mules.

See Warne’s Mill (Broadway), a grist mill built following the American Revolution, and Eckel’s Autogiro Port, the first exclusive autogiro airport in the U.S. (Washington).

At Waterloo Village (Stanhope), tour a recreated, 400-year-old Lenape village and an early-1800s restored village with grist mills, saw mills, a general store, a blacksmith shop and historic houses.
DAY 2

Sussex County’s Captivating Country

Glorious nature awaits on the Western Highlands Scenic Byway. Also a National Scenic Byway—one of the most significant routes in the U.S.—it’s 23 miles of pure tranquility, leading north to the New York border.

Fuel up at Hamburg Hot Bagels or Granny’s Pancake House (Hamburg), or at Chappy’s Café or Café e Dolci (Franklin). Then, begin from the historic Stockholm United Methodist Church (Stockholm).

During your ride, glide over to the Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge (Sussex) to canoe, kayak, hike and view resident and migratory birds and lots of wildlife species.

Stay at Crystal Springs Resort (Hamburg), boasting two hotels, two award-winning spas, six championship golf courses and year-round recreation. Savor nine dining choices, such as the crown jewel Restaurant Latour and world-renowned Wine Cellar.

DAY 3

Mountain Escape to Hewitt, Vernon and Highland Lakes

Today, visit peaceful, 35,000-acre Wawayanda State Park (Hewitt), featuring a lake and 60+ miles of trails—perfect for a vast array of outdoor pursuits.

Among them is hiking its 20-mile stretch of Appalachian Trail. For a steep challenge, climb the Stairway to Heaven trail up Wawayanda Mountain to Pinwheel Vista, one of the state’s best panoramas.

After, reward yourself with goodies from Heaven Hill Farm. Stop at historic Valley Farmers Cooperative and Farm Store, Meadowburn Farm (Vernon) or High Breeze Farm (Highland Lakes).

Also nearby are Vernon landmarks like the nationally designated Black Creek Site, holding 10,000 years of Lenape history, as well as Price’s Switch Schoolhouse, which operated from 1840 to 1958.

There’s Even More to See and Do

Extend your stay and add these on:

Exhilarating Recreation
From the Warren Heritage Scenic Byway, access Allamuchy Mountain State Park and Stephens State Park (Hackettstown) for a range of open-air activities, including excellent fishing year-round. Savor Tracey’s Candy Shoppe, Caig Meister Brewing, James on Main (new American), Churrascaria Paladar (Brazilian) and Home Made (Polish).

Four-Season Alpine Fun
While on the Western Highlands Scenic Byway, drop in to Mountain Creek (Vernon), offering skiing, snowboarding, snow tubing, a bike park and a waterpark. Lodge there, or at Alpine Haus Bed and Breakfast Inn. Dine at The Daily Bean, Wing’s Asian Bistro or Tomato Garden Pizza & Restaurant.

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