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■ SOUTHWEST GATEWAY

Route 66 to Kane from I-80

Approaching from the west on **Interstate 80**, take the **Route 66** north exit to the Allegheny National Forest (ANF) and Kane, the heart of the world's finest hardwood forest.

This route into the Allegheny National Forest passes close to Cook Forest State Park, location of the finest strand of ancient timber in Pennsylvania, including the third tallest tree in the eastern United States. Several state record trees are in this park. Turn right onto **Route 36** at Leeper and drive about six miles to park headquarters.

Approaching Marienville on **Route 66**, you can see the true plateau nature of the Allegheny Highlands. Here, miles from the major creeks and rivers, the terrain is gently rolling.

The southern trailhead for the 96-mile section of the North Country National Scenic Trail, which passes through the ANF, is about two miles to the left along **Route 3005**, Muzette Road, at the village of Roses. This section of the trail ends just west from Bradford. The entire North Country Trail, when complete, will be the longest continuous foot path in the United States, about 4,600 miles from Crown Point, N.Y., to Lake Sakakawea, N.D.

After passing through Marienville, which is the hub of activity for ATV and snowmobile riders, you enter the ANF. There is an ANF office on the left, about 1.5 miles past the center of Marienville, where you can find plenty of helpful information.



About four miles past the ANF office, you will pass a historical marker at Pigeon. In this area, passenger pigeons were hunted by Native Americans and later for commercial markets in New York and other cities. Then, the great flocks blackened the sky. By the early 20th Century, they were extinct.

The remainder of your journey to Kane takes you through a beautiful forest dominated by hardwood trees. Watch for wildlife!

