Greetings and welcome to our summer driving tour through beautiful Crawford County, brought to you by the Crawford county Convention and Visitors Bureau! This tour will highlight the beauty of summer in Crawford county as well as suggesting lots of fun and exciting things to do in the sun while you are here. We should also note that this is our longest driving tour at right around 70 miles, so buckle your seatbelt and prepare yourself for a full day (or two) of summer fun.

We will begin our tour near the border of Mercer and Crawford County at the Pymatuning Deer Park Walk-Thru-Zoo in Jamestown. The Deer Park is a great place to start our summer tour with hundreds of animals ranging from tropical birds to ferocious tigers. To check out the Park’s hours, look them up online at pymatuningdeerpark.com or give them a call at 724-932-3200.

From the Deer Park we will make a right onto Liberty Street and continue a half mile until we reach Route 322 (Depot Street). We will then follow Route 322 the whole way to Conneaut Lake, which will be about eleven miles.

As you drive down Route 322 be sure to take note of the lush green landscape of summer that you will encounter along this rural section of our tour. You will also pass through the small town of Hartstown which has several small lakes which remain largely untouched by man.

After you get through Hartstown, Route 322 will merge and eventually turn into Route 18 (State Street); stay on this road. The first turn you will have to take as you enter Conneaut Lake will be a left onto Water Street (Route 6). Follow Water Street for just under half a mile until you see a large church on your left called Our Lady Queen of the Americas (it is just past mile marker 14). Every Thursday in the summer there is a Farmers Market in the parking lot behind this church from 2:00PM until 6:00PM. Since you are taking part in our Summer driving tour, you should definitely take the chance to check out this neat market which features locally grown foods, as well as locally produced arts and crafts.

After checking out the Farmer’s Market, turn right onto Water Street (Route 6). You will follow this road for another half a mile until you come to our next stop in Conneaut Lake called the Berry Basket, located at the corner of Water Street and Second Street. The Berry Basket was established in 1993 in a newly renovated Victorian style storefront. They feature many small novelties and gifts such as Yankee candles, quilts, angels, and much more. Visit their website at theberrybasket.com or call them at 814-382-6541 for more information.
Feel free to look around Conneaut Lake as you please; there are several lakefront restaurants that are great for a bite to eat, as well as a great scenic view of Pennsylvania's largest natural glacial Lake from Ice House Park (just down the road from the Berry Basket).

When you are ready to leave, continue East on Route 6/Water Street; if you are leaving directly from the Berry Basket you will be heading to the right as you walk out the front door. If you are an avid biker, be sure to stop at Street Track and Trail just a few miles down the road. They not only sell motorcycles but also have a large selection of biking leathers for sale.

Continue to follow Route 6 for another three miles until you see a large yellow sign that says “Visitors Bureau.” This is our office! Feel free to stop by for more information on Crawford County or just to say hi. We also have a small gift shop in the front of our office that features products produced by businesses all over the county as well as brochures on the many things there are to do in Crawford County. We love visitors so please stop by!

After visiting our office you are going to continue East on Route 6 towards Meadville. Follow Route 6 over the Smock Bridge and bear to the right immediately after you cross the bridge onto the Park Avenue exit. This will take you through the heart of downtown Meadville. Meadville is the largest city in Crawford County and is also the county seat. A little ways through town take a left onto Chestnut Street and then an immediate right onto Market Street. Here you will find the Meadville Market House on the left; the oldest continuously operated Market House in Pennsylvania. Stop here to look around at some of the things for sale in the Market House or go around to the back of the building to get a bite to eat at the Market Grille. Also in Meadville is Allegheny College, the oldest liberal arts college in continuous existence this side of the Mississippi River. Founded in 1815, the school has a tradition for academic achievement and a reputation for high standards.

After looking around at the Market House, continue down Market Street to North Street and take a right. Follow this street for a few blocks until you reach a “Y” in the road; bear left following the signs for Route 27. Soon after the “Y” you will hit a five way intersection where you will be taking a right onto Route 27 (Washington Street). You will follow Route 27 for about 11 miles so take your time and enjoy the scenic view that Crawford County provides.
After following Route 27 for about 11 miles you will come to Mt. Hope Golf Course, a beautiful 18 hole course in the beautiful countryside of Crawford County. This high quality golf course is well designed and well maintained making it one of the most popular courses in the region. To learn more about the course or to reserve a tee time call them at 814-789-2475 or visit their website at mthopegc.com.

After a round of golf you will be heading east on Route 27 for a very short while until you see Route 198 where you will be taking a left. Follow Route 198 for eleven miles up to Route 77 where you will take a right. Twenty miles on Route 77 will lead us to our final destination of Clear Lake, a 175 acre man-made lake impounded by the Clear Lake Dam. This section of Route 77 is very rural so take your time and enjoy some most of the beautiful landscape that Crawford County has to offer. Clear Lake is a great place to pick up the East Branch Trail, a three miles long paved hiking and biking trail which travels right past the Clear Lake. The lake itself is surrounded by the small community of Spartansburg which is a great tourist destination for all sorts of Amish furniture, antiques, country crafts and more. I would personally recommend the Dutch Treat Restaurant and Gift Shop, a pleasant little restaurant right next to the lake which also features a small gift shop in the front. The Dutch Treat is also conveniently located right next to the bike trail access point as well as a serene park that looks out over the lake – a perfect spot to end our tour!

Thank you for taking our Summer Driving Tour! Please visit us again at VisitCrawford.org for more driving tours as well as more things to do in Crawford County. Also feel free to call us at 814-333-1258.
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