
Nomination Guidelines

Scenic Wild Delaware River Geotourism Program

Upper and Middle Delaware River Region

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The Scenic Wild Delaware River Geotourism Council collaborated with the National Geographic Society to create a Geotourism MapGuide website. National Geographic defines Geotourism as *“Tourism that sustains or enhances the geographical character of a place – its environment, culture, aesthetics, heritage and the well-being of its residents.”*

An Opportunity for You!

Residents, visitors, community organizations, tourism stakeholders and local businesses are invited to nominate sites for potential inclusion on the co-branded National Geographic Society website of the Scenic Wild Delaware River.

Complete an online nomination and help identify destinations and experiences most distinctive to the people, places and things that capture the region’s unique character and beauty. These nominations provide the basis for telling the story of the region and its attractions.

What are the Guidelines for a Geotourism Site?

A test for inclusion on the MapGuide: Is the spot, attraction, business, activity or experience distinctive to our town, area or region, and is it authentic to the middle and upper Delaware River? Examples may include:

- Remarkable natural areas and geologic features such as rivers, streams, lakes, waterfalls, beaches, bluffs, forests and wetlands
- Distinctive wildlife habitats and notable species of birds, mammals, flowers or trees
- Places featuring local cuisine or agricultural products: farmers markets, shops and restaurants, agri-tourism sites
- Events, ceremonies, festivals that highlight the community’s heritage, food, music and traditions
- Cultural experiences: heritage sites, museums, theaters, music, literature and performing arts
- Artist studios and galleries, craft workshop, shops featuring handmade items from the region
- Outdoor experiences such as rafting, hiking, biking, hunting, horseback riding, beaches, river tours, water activities and heritage areas or parks.
- Historic places such as trails, homes, commercial buildings, war sites, distinctive local architecture or Native American sites
- Scenic routes including hiking trails, bike routes, water ways, birding trails or scenic byways
- Community stewardship projects, land trusts, conservation or restoration initiatives
- Locally owned and family businesses like a café, pub, craft shop, winery or unique lodging
- Local artist or artisan, storyteller, outdoor guide or historian

Once you identify a potential site, consider what makes the site unique:

- What story does this site or experience help tell?
- Are there significant historic, cultural or natural features associated with the site?
- Is it under-appreciated by local residents and visitors, or is it already crowded or at capacity?
- Does the site offer a unique experience? Is there local awareness and pride in this place?
- Do the community and local businesses benefit from and support visitation at the site?
- Is interpretative or educational information available at the site?

Nominating a Site

To nominate a site online, fill out an electronic site nomination form at:

ScenicWildDelawareRiver.com

To nominate a site offline or if you have questions, contact us via phone or email at:

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The National Geographic Society works closely with local partners to select the sites and themes that will appear on the map, and works with the Scenic Wild Delaware River Geotourism Stewardship Council to make final determinations on wording and site selection.

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