

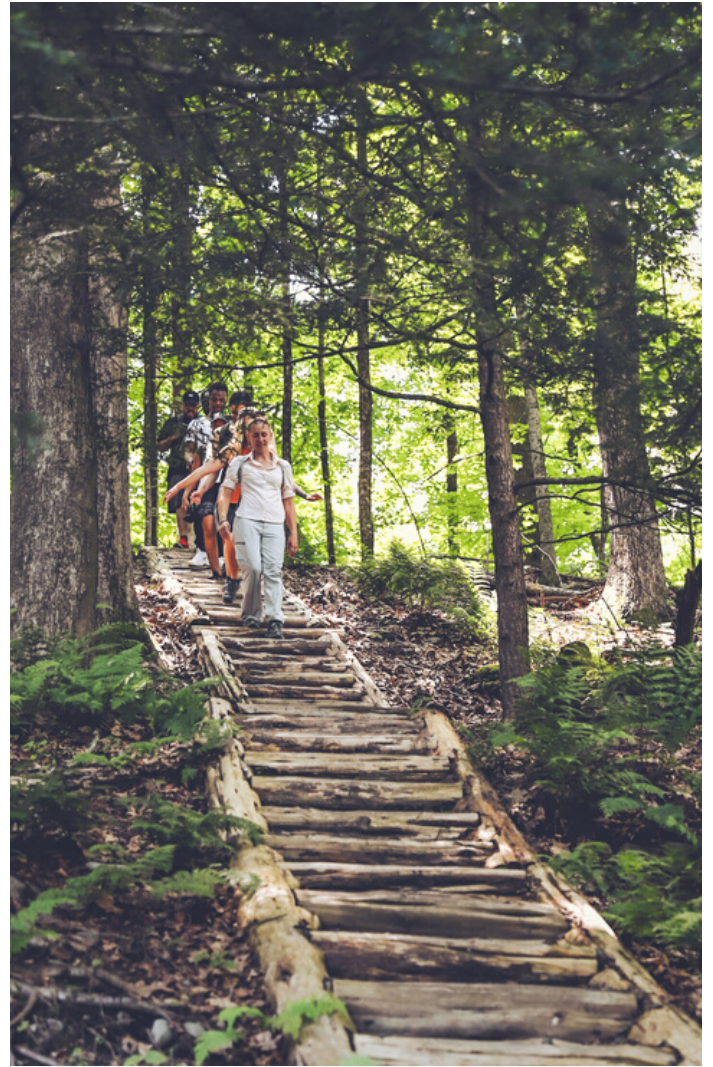
corporate retreats and meetings

MILFORD, PA EDITION

Latest Trends

PLANNING GUIDES

WHY TAKE YOUR CORPORATE EVENT
TO MILFORD, PA



Editor's Note

#Getoutside is trending in Corporate events and retreats. Unplugging is the new connection. In 2023, there was a trend at conferences and events across the country- outdoor activities. Whether it was a morning movement motivational walk to explore an area or a teambuilding exercise, corporate meetings, conferences, and events are changing- and for the better.

Arianna Huffington founded wellness platform Thrive Global on the idea of “sleeping your way to the top” and making wellness a priority. CEOs, executives, and company leaders see the demand for a more balanced work atmosphere,

The planning, execution, and experience of corporate meetings are more in-depth, creating an escape from the office and an environment to foster brainstorming, creativity, and connection. In this issue, we explore up-and-coming Milford, PA, as the go-to destination for corporate gatherings. With it's history, outdoor amenities, venue options, culinary delights, and boutique accommodations, I know you will love this discovery as much as I do.

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Wanderlust Team Building: Hiking, Biking, Rafting and More

Why #getoutside matters for your meeting

This town embodies the spirit of environmental preservation and scenic splendor. Visitors will enjoy food, outdoor experiences, boutique hotels, shopping, art, theater, local watering holes, history, and so much more. Nestled on the banks of the Delaware River, Milford is the gateway to the Poconos and a two-hour drive from New York City- making it a breath of fresh air in the tri-state region of the United States and is on the top of the must-visit list, especially if you live on the East Coast. For meeting planners in New York City, Philadelphia, and New Jersey, Milford, PA, offers the perfect location for business travel events and retreats.

We all feel the time crunch - deadlines, headlines, social feeds, family/adulting responsibilities- we are simply overwhelmed. The prescription for corporate events - is getting outside. Seeing the trees sway, listening to the water flow, and keeping the cell phone tucked away in the hotel room. Allowing the sounds of nature to embrace and recharge in a hectic world. Something different and off-the-beaten path does exist, and the vibrancy of Milford, Pennsylvania, is the connection your next meeting needs.

Plan a Field Trip to the Poconos Meeting - Create a custom group experience with a guided hike, forest bathing, morning walk, or a river trip.

Favorite Outdoor Attractions:

Raymondskill Falls: A roaring, 105-foot, three-tiered cascade waterfall. Visit year-round. A hike to all three falls roundtrip is less than one mile.

Dingmans Falls: One of the most popular due to its accessibility, this 75-foot waterfall is perfect for novice hikers. The short trek winds by Silver Thread Falls. A flat boardwalk trail, accessible to wheelchair users, passes through a hemlock ravine and delivers hikers to the base of Dingmans Falls, where a steep climb of 240 steps will take you to the top.

The Milford Knob Trail: a rewarding hike located in the heart of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, offering stunning views of the surrounding landscape. The trail takes you through lush forests, rocky terrain, and steep inclines, which can be tough for beginners but worth the effort. The Tom Quick Inn offers several guided hikes throughout the year and is known as the base camp for outdoor adventure in this area of the Pocono Mountains.

Delaware River: The longest undammed river east of the Mississippi, is full of summer activities such as fishing, rafting, canoeing, and kayaking on the pristine river. Numerous outfitters in the area supply gear and offer guided tours.

Biking: Pennsylvania designates routes for long-distance biking, usually on lightly traveled roads. Bicycle PA Route L follows a north-south mountain route, with segments on the D&H and Lehigh Gorge trails. Bicycle PA Route Y generally follows PA Route 6 but also includes some lightly traveled country roads in this region.

Delaware State Forest: Thirty-one miles of designated mountain bike trails and gravel roads. Biking is permitted on all trails not designated for “foot travel only.”

Delaware Water Gap National Park: Miles of mountain biking, hiking, and cross-country ski trails. Please adhere to the signs posted. The 35-mile McDade Trail, extending from Stroudsburg to Milford, is open for hiking and biking.

Lackawanna State Forest: Fourteen miles of dirt and gravel roads. Biking is permitted on all trails not designated as “foot travel only.”

State Forests: Biking is permitted on state Forest roads and old woods roads. Mountain bikes are recommended. Biking is not permitted on designated state forest hiking trails.



Retreat Example:

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Day 2

Day 3

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A scenic view of a river or lake surrounded by trees with autumn foliage, seen from a wooden deck. The text is overlaid on the image.

Fill your life
with adventures,
not things.

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WRITTEN IN HISTORY

The Birthplace of
Land Conservation
is Set Amidst a
Storybook
Backdrop

This Pennsylvania town is deeply rooted in American history. Milford, PA, known as the birthplace of the conservation movement, was home to Gifford Pinchot, a Milford resident who was a two-time Pennsylvania Governor and the first Chief of the Forestry Service under President Theodore Roosevelt.

Teddy Roosevelt's presidency, from 1901 to 1909, marked a transformative era for environmental policy in the United States. His dedication to preserving natural resources and protecting America's scenic landscapes gave rise to a series of landmark initiatives. The conservation movement in the United States culminated with the signing of the Antiquities Act by President Theodore Roosevelt on June 8, 1906. This historic act gave the president the authority to designate national monuments, thereby protecting significant natural and cultural landmarks for future generations. Teddy Roosevelt's unwavering commitment to conservation played a pivotal role in preserving America's precious landscapes and resources.



Pinchot served as the Chief Forester from 1905 to 1910. He was a prominent figure in the early conservation movement. He played a crucial role in developing responsible forest management and conserving natural resources in the United States. Gifford Pinchot worked closely with President Theodore Roosevelt and laid the foundation for sustainable forest practices and the protection of public lands. His legacy of responsible resource management and the enduring beauty of America's natural treasures is noticed throughout Milford- including his home at Grey Towers.

Located in the pristine Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, the area is known for its stunning landscapes, striking architecture, and thriving community. An undiscovered gem 90 minutes from New York City is the experience we all need. With access to world-class art exhibitions at Forest Hall Studios, the fresh air of the Poconos, guided outdoor experiences, a variety of restaurants and bar spaces, three independent boutique hotels, and its rich history, its vibrancy is waiting for you. Take a walk down Broad Street and immediately find yourself embraced by its charm.



Historical Attractions:

Grey Towers: The iconic home of Gifford Pinchot. Completed in 1866 by Gifford's father, James Pinchot, this Richard Morris Hunt-designed Normanesque bluestone chateau of 102 acres was donated to the US Forest Service. Climb the towers, take a tour, join a conference program, or marvel at the beauty of the grounds. House and garden tours are offered Memorial Weekend through October 31. The estate brings together a diverse group of leading conservation and environmental thinkers to help guide the future of natural resource conservation.

Columns Museum: The most prominent exhibit includes the long lost "blood-stained Lincoln Flag," which cushioned the dying president's head moments after being shot at Ford's Theater in April 1865. The flag is part of a large collection of memorabilia that tells the story of that tragic night from the perspective of a family of actors working in the theater that evening. From Civil War to Native American artifacts, this is a must-visit for any history buff.

Forest Hall Studios: "Forest Hall" is an iconic, architecturally important 19th-century bluestone building renovated for entertaining art, culture, and community. Weekends offer viewing of incredible exhibitions and free admission. Fall 2023 features "Wildlife" by world-renowned artist Hunt Slonem, best known for his paintings of bunnies, butterflies, and tropical birds, as well as his large-scale sculptures and restorations of forgotten historic homes. Also on exhibition is "Alula" by Fulbright Award selector Bruce Dehnert and "Shadows" by artist Vincent Caruso, a Hallmark Institute of Photography graduate. Previously on display, "Andy in Nature" - a rare glimpse of two disparate bodies of work from two iconic artists, Christopher Makos and Paul Solberg.

Milford Theater: The historic theater opened c. 1910 as a silent movie house. Having been a community staple for decades, Milford Hospitality Group, a family with deep roots in Milford, renovated the building and restored its magical charm. The Art Deco theater is used for movie screenings, live music, comedy shows, plays, and special events. Visit themilfordtheater.com for a current schedule of events.



VENUES & SPACES

“AN
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Spaces designed to be both versatile, inclusive, and offer the high tech needed for necessary meetings, and the high touch of nature to provide inspiration, the spaces in Milford are sure to provide attendees the chance to recharge. Taking the time to carefully select the right venue can make all the difference in the success of your corporate event.

Milford Theater
Seating for up to 150
Rates Starting at: \$1,500

Green Room at Tom Quick Inn
Capacity: 40 people
Rates Starting at: \$500



Signature Room at Tom Quick Inn
Capacity: 170 people
Rates Starting at: \$1000



Bar & Restaurant at Tom Quick Inn

Tom Quick Inn offers a variety of spaces to create unique experiences for your conferences, events, retreats, and in-person meetings..



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Jive Bar & Lounge

Inquire about events, spaces, and associated costs.

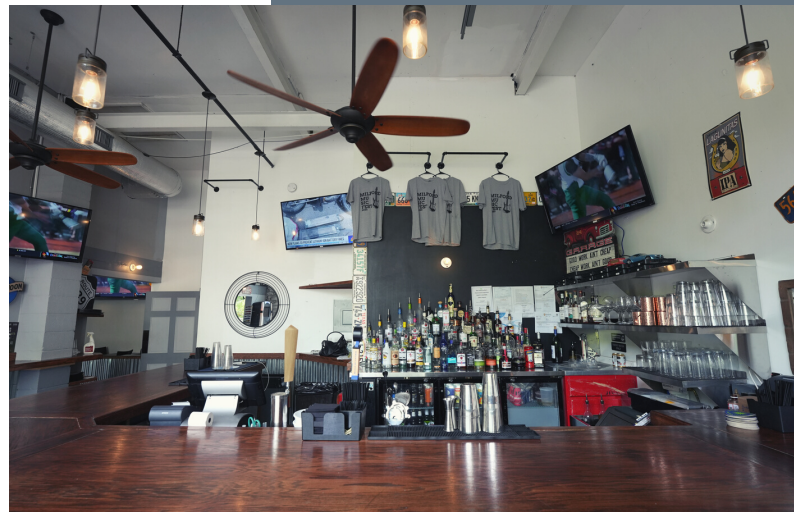
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Cliff Park Golf Course

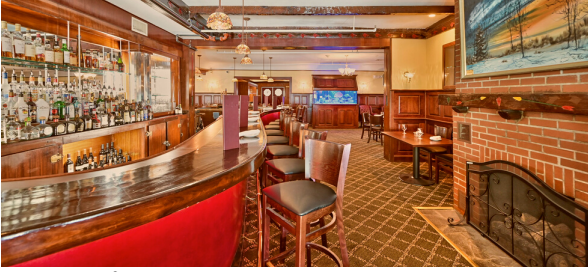
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Forest Hall Studios

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Where to Eat and Drink: Best Restaurants/Bars



Tom Quick Inn

TQ: With an elegant rustic, whole-hearted vibe, this diner, located at The Tom Quick Inn, has been feeding the community since its opening, defining Americana. The bar and atmosphere are gorgeous, and I can only imagine the conversations flowing through the decades here. Whether you enjoy brunch, lunch, or dinner, traditional American cuisine paired with regional culinary selections and house-made pasta is satisfying. P.S. A speakeasy is located at the TQ for after-happy hour fun!



Jive Bar and Lounge

Jive Bar: The 'Cheers' bar of your trip! This laid-back bar was once an auto mechanic's garage. Now a local watering hole and upscale bar, it is the spot for cocktails and craft beer. <https://jivebarlounge.com/>



Felix's Cantina

Felix's Cantina: Inspired by their Yucatecan heritage, find incredible food and a Margarita bar fun-loving atmosphere. Menu items include dishes created by Iron Chef and Celebrity Chef Roberto Solis. Churros are always a hit!



The Delmonic Room

The Delmonico Room at Hotel Fauchère: originated with Swiss-American chef and hotelier Louis Fauchère, best known as chef at Delmonico's Restaurant in New York City. The upscale, fine-dining restaurant makes you wish it were located in NYC. The price point is attractive, as are the culinary creations by Chef Kavon.

BetterWorld Coffee: A local organic coffee shop on Broad Street offering a good selection of Gluten-Free items. A nice stop for a fresh cup of joe.



Bar Louie

Bar Louie: Adorned with images of Andy Warhol, this bar offers a hip, luxurious vibe, unexpected in this small town. Handcrafted Martinis and the attention to detail in craft cocktails make it an obvious choice for date night.



Accommodations



Hotel Fauchère

If walls could talk, this luxury boutique hotel has hosted some high-ranking leaders- think John F. Kennedy, Theodore Roosevelt, and Bob Marshall. It is now home to fine food, luxury accommodation, and tribute photos to Andy Warhol. <https://hotelfauchere.com>

Rates Starting at: \$239 per night



Tom Quick Inn

A storied, picturesque boutique hotel on Broad Street and home to dining, event space, and a speakeasy. <https://tomquickinnmilford.com>

Rates Starting at: \$189 per night



La Posada

A family-friendly boutique hotel overlooking the Delaware River and home to Yucatecán inspired cuisine at Felix's Cantina. (If it is good enough for Kevin Bacon, it is something special!)

<https://laposadamilford.com>

Rates Starting at: \$159 per night