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THE 16 BEST VIEWS IN PENNSYLVANIA



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## Greenwood Access

A view of the Juniata River, one of the Susquehanna River's tributaries, as seen from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's Greenwood Access near Thompsettown, Perry County.

» **Why is it on the list?** The wildness that pervades many locations along the Juniata River is on full display from the boat launch ramp at the Greenwood Access.

» **Best time to visit:** Late spring through fall foliage peak in early to mid-October.

» **Perfect spot to take in the view:** Right at river's edge, looking upriver.

» **Nearby:** Volksmarch at Little Buffalo State Park, Newport. Governed by the American Volkspart Association and the International Federation of Popular Sports, Volksmarchers earn awards for hiking the 6.2 miles at the state park; 717-567-9255. Choc O' Latte Cafe, Millerstown, serves homemade soups, specialty sandwiches and chocolate mug cakes; 717-589-3833.

## Readers offer their best spots to see the state

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**W**hen we published our first photographic tour of the best views in Pennsylvania, readers from across the state and beyond responded with their suggestions.

Here's a list of readers' suggestions of views from all corners of the commonwealth that will take your breath away. Some of the sites are in the midstate. Others are hours away. Many are in the wilds, while some are in urban centers.

Outdoors writer Marcus Schneck, who has traveled the highways and byways of Pennsylvania for decades, added the details and narrative about the views and other great spots to see and experience near them.

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## 2 Pinnacle Overlook (shown at top)

A spot that allows a bird's-eye view of the Susquehanna River in Dauphin County. The overlook hovers above the Susquehanna River at the end of Pinnacle Road, off River Road and south of Martic Forge.

» **Why is it on the list?** The overlook on the east side of the Susquehanna River offers a commanding view of mile after mile of the river, both upriver along the Lake Aldred pool and downriver over Holtwood Dam.

» **Best time to visit?** During the spring and fall waterfowl migrations.

» **Perfect spot to take in the view:** The entire spot is an overlook.

» **Nearby:** Susquehanna State Park, Drumore, offers another fantastic vista of the lower Susquehanna River, in addition to picnic areas and hiking trails; 717-252-1134. National Toy Train Museum, Strasburg, has hundreds of toy trains in a museum built like a historic train station; 717 687-8976.

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## How to survive high school — tips for parents and kids

Now that your child has escaped the hormone-horror pit called middle school, you might think the hard part of basic education is behind you.

Buckle up, baby. Even though a couple of months — and maybe a couple of miles — separate the two buildings, they couldn't be more different.



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In many ways, that's a good thing: Seventh-grade

girls, anyone? No, thank you. Some of the same issues still linger in high school halls, but they're just a lot more complicated. And so are your kids.

Ah, high school. Probably not much has changed since you left: same subjects, same sports, same silly mascot, same cliques.

But now your beloved

child will be attending good old XYZ High and you're starting to panic. The schedules are confusing. You don't know any of the teachers. Athletics are intense. Those seniors look awfully big. And they're talking about college prep already.

For the first time in some 20 years or so, my husband

and I will be only in one building this year: the high school. No more arts and crafts. No more recess. No more PTO. I realize it's going to take a little adjusting. And I'm talking about me, not my kids.

I'm no high school pro, but I've picked up a couple of tips over the years from watching what goes

on during those crazy teen years.

**For students:**

• Once you receive your schedule, take the school's tour for freshmen and new students or ask an upperclassman to show you where your classes will be.

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