

## Drive to the 2012 PVGP, Pittsburgh PA

This is to provide the basic itinerary to those interested in travelling to the 2012 Pittsburgh Vintage Gran Prix.

2012 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary to the start of production for the MGB (and also the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the last of the MGA production). There are many events taking place this year to mark this occasion, including having MGs as the featured marque at the PVGP event held at Schenley Park in downtown Pittsburgh, PA.

The PVGP is a week-long event held in Pittsburgh and the surrounding areas, culminating on the final Sunday with a car show and vintage racing on the streets through Schenley Park (the last place to see vintage racing on city streets in the US). I have mapped out a leisurely run with this event as the highlight, with a few other things thrown in to keep the drive interesting.

There is an option to those interested in joining in on the run...leaving Friday morning and including a visit to Fallingwater and Kentuck Knob (two of American architect Frank Lloyd Wright's iconic structures), or leaving Saturday morning and skipping the aচিতour. Both runs share first day routes and once everyone gathers at the PVGP there is a shared drive towards home.

### As always reminders:

We are crossing a border; please have current passports with you.

Please remember all mileages are approximate, as are the posted costs. Note that mileage is based on beginning and ending at Fort Erie, ON.

Have your car checked before starting out on any run. A CAA membership is handy.

Please stop for gas before the days' run starts (and at the lunch stop if necessary).

Make reservations for all accommodations as soon as you know you are going. The B&Bs are small and may fill quickly. Alternatives are available if the B&Bs are full.

If you are going to Fallingwater and Kentuck Knob please buy tickets in advance...weekends may sell out on the guided tours. Check the websites for more info.

Cell phones and CBs to communicate between cars are recommended.

Most driving will take place on secondary highways in the US (they are slower, but more relaxing than the expressways), so don't worry about trying to keep up 'cuss we'll all be slow.

More detailed information and route maps will be provided to all participants.

If you have any questions about the run please contact Sandy Bates at [mgdecorum@rogers.com](mailto:mgdecorum@rogers.com)

**Day One:**

**Friday July 20, 2012** (For those going to visit Fallingwater and Kentuck Knob.)

**Saturday July 21, 2012** (First day for those going straight to the PVGP).

Approximately 220 mile drive from Fort Erie to Saxonburg, PA.

Lunch stop in Warren PA.

Scenic drive on 'the Devils' Highway' PA route 666

Overnight at 'The Mainstay at Saxonburg' (\$105-\$125) <http://www.themainstayatsaxonburg.com/>

**Day Two:** For those going to visit Fallingwater and Kentuck Knob.

**Saturday July 21, 2012**

Approximately 90 mile drive from Saxonburg to Farmington PA.

Tour of Fallingwater at Mill Run (\$20 cost...buy in advance) <http://www.fallingwater.org/>

Tour of Kentuck Knob (\$18-\$20 cost...in advance) <http://www.kentuckknob.com/index.html>

Overnight at 'Stone House Inn' (\$97) <http://www.stonehouseinn.com/>

**Day Two:** For those going straight to the PVGP

**Sunday July 22, 2012**

Approximately 115 mile drive from Saxonburg to Punxsutawney PA.

Scenic drive for 30 miles to Schenley Park in the heart of Pittsburgh.

Enjoy the day at the park, or visit some of the many local attractions Pittsburgh has to offer

[http://www.tripadvisor.ca/Attractions-g53449-Activities-Pittsburgh\\_Pennsylvania.html](http://www.tripadvisor.ca/Attractions-g53449-Activities-Pittsburgh_Pennsylvania.html)

[http://pittsburgh.about.com/od/attractions/tp/must\\_see.htm](http://pittsburgh.about.com/od/attractions/tp/must_see.htm)

After the car show an 80 mile drive along backroads to Punxsutawney

Overnight at 'Plantation Getaway' (\$105) in Punxsutawney

Contact at 814-939-7371 <http://plantationgetaway.com/index.html>

**Day Three:** For those going to visit Fallingwater and Kentuck Knob.

**Sunday July 22, 2012**

Approximately 140 mile drive from Farmington to Punxsutawney PA.

Scenic drive for 60 miles to Schenley Park in the heart of Pittsburgh.

Enjoy the day at the park, or visit some of the many local attractions Pittsburgh has to offer

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**Day Four:** For those going to visit Fallingwater and Kentuck Knob.

**Monday July 23, 2012**

Approximately 230 mile drive from Punxsutawney PA to Fort Erie, ON.

Twisty backroads tour of 130 miles to reach the Kinzua Bridge State Park at Mt. Jewett PA.

Lunch in Mt. Jewett

Run to the border, almost straight north for 105 miles, ending at Fort Erie

Make your way home as you please.