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Pennsylvania Dutch Council, Boy Scouts of America

Welcome to the second edition of the Pennsylvania Dutch Council's "Where to Go Guide", presented by Wunita Gokhos Lodge #39.

The Pennsylvania Dutch Council, Boy Scouts of America was chartered in 1971 and serves Lancaster and Lebanon counties in south central Pennsylvania.

Over 100 community-based organizations throughout Lancaster and Lebanon Counties in south central Pennsylvania receive national charters to use the Scouting program as part of their own youth work. These organizations, which operate 214 local Scouting Packs, Troops, and Crews, have goals comparable with those of the Boy Scouts of America and include religious, educational, civic, fraternal, business and labor organizations, corporations, professional associations, and citizens groups.

The Pennsylvania Dutch Council has two service areas known as 'districts' that serve the following school districts:

Susquehanna District: Columbia, Conestoga Valley, Eastern Lancaster County, Hempfield, Lampeter-Strasburg, Lancaster, Manheim Township, Penn Manor, Pequea Valley, Solanco

Iron Forge District: Annville Cleona, Cocalico, Cornwall-Lebanon, Donegal, Eastern Lebanon County, Elizabethtown, Ephrata, Lebanon, Manheim Central, Northern Lebanon County, Palmyra, Warwick

The Pennsylvania Dutch Council serves more than 5,300 youth. The various programs include:

Cub Scouting. A family and home centered program for boys in the first through fifth grade.

Boy Scouting. A program for boys 11 through 18 designed to achieve the aims of Scouting through a vigorous outdoor program and peer group leadership with the counsel of an adult Scoutmaster.

Venturing. An active, exciting program for young men and women 14 through 21 built around five program fields of emphasis: advancement, high adventure, personal development, service, and special programs and events.

Facilities

Council Service Center. The Council Service Center is located at 630 Janet Avenue, Suite B-114, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The Service Center serves as the clearinghouse for all information, program support, and unit/individual records. Our **Scout Shop** offers a full line of Boy Scouts of America merchandise including uniforms, equipment, literature, insignia, recognition items, craft supplies, badges, and Scouting accessories.

Bashore Scout Reservation: Bashore Scout Reservation is a 400 acre Boy Scout camp nestled in the foothills of the Blue Mountains of central Pennsylvania. Founded in 1947, Camp Bashore has earned a reputation for providing one of the Northeast Region's finest summer camp programs. Bashore features miles of hiking trails, a 5.5 acre lake that offers sailing, kayaking, canoeing, rowing, and fishing, an Olympic sized swimming pool, Shooting Sports ranges that provide opportunities for rifle, shotgun, and archery shooting (3-D and traditional targets- unlike any course you've ever seen!), a COPE course and an Indoor Climbing gym! Bashore offers programs for first-year Boy Scouts, experienced older Scouts, and even training for Adult Leaders- something for everyone!

In addition to a summer experience, Bashore offers year-round camping opportunities. The camp maintains three cabins / lodges that can accommodate 22-40 persons. Cabins are equipped with double bunks and mattresses, propane stove, and are heated with woodstoves (firewood is provided, though re-stocking what you use is welcomed). Water is available from frost-free hydrants. On site are two campsites with Adirondack shelters, and many other campsite areas for primitive tent camping. Our Campmaster Corps offers programs to supplement your unit's program such as Rifle and Archery, First Aid, CPR, Cooking, Orienteering and other skills. Some units choose us as a base camp while exploring off-site program opportunities.

J. E. Mack Scout Reservation: Camp Mack is home to the Pennsylvania Dutch Council's Summer Cub Scout Programs, a variety of District and Council activities throughout the year, and also the Training Center where most council adult leader training takes place. The J. E. Mack Scout Reservation was opened by the Pennsylvania Dutch Council in 1969 as a Boy/Cub Scout camp and in 1999 that the camp shifted towards a Cub Scout program emphasis to make certain that all Cub Scouts in Lancaster and Lebanon counties had a fantastic summer facility to have adventures that make memories and build friendships that last a lifetime.

It is the mission of Camp Mack to provide everyone, both young and young at heart, the best outdoor experience possible. In addition to a summer experience, **Camp Mack offers year-round camping opportunities.** The camp maintains cabins that can accommodate a family or a pack. Cabins are equipped with bunk beds and mattresses, stoves, and running water. Throughout the camp there are a number of campsite areas for primitive camping. Our Campmaster Corps can offer program supplement for units or outside groups with prior arrangements.

The Training Center at Camp Mack is available year round to Scout and non-Scout groups and is a great place to conduct training or a business or school retreat.

To make reservations at either Bashore Scout Reservation or Camp Mack please contact the Pennsylvania Dutch Council, BSA at 717-394-4063.

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Order of the Arrow

The Order of the Arrow (OA) was founded by Dr. E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson in 1915 at the Treasure Island Camp of the Philadelphia Council, Boy Scouts of America. It became an official program experiment in 1922 and was approved as part of the Scouting program in 1934. In 1948 the OA, recognized as the BSA's national brotherhood of honor campers, became an official part of the national camping program of the Boy Scouts of America.

The purpose of the Order of the Arrow is fourfold:

- To recognize those Scout campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law
- To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit
- To promote Scout camping
- To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

This publication is to serve two purposes. To assist Scouting units in planning their next outing by providing information on what is available in the local area, but also to assist and encourage families to be more active in their outdoor activities.

As an element toward our goal of fulfilling the purpose of the Order, we bring this Guide to Outdoor Activities to you, your unit, and family.

This edition is limited to camping, hiking, biking and various other outdoor facilities in Lancaster and Lebanon Counties, with minimal overlap into surrounding areas.

The information included in this guide is the best available information available to us at the time of publication. Any corrections to the information in this guide, or suggestions for future editions would be welcome. Please forward any corrections or suggestions to Daniel Hanson, Council Program Director at daniel.hanson@scouting.org.

We hope this guide introduces you to some new facilities and adds some additional variety to your outdoor program. We hope you find it useful.

Introduction

This guide is organized into chapters based on the type of activity and location. Scout camps, high adventure opportunities, and other camping and outing possibilities in various areas are included.

The guide's primary focus is on outdoor opportunities in the south-central Pennsylvania area. High adventure and other special opportunities cover a wider geographic area. Some activities (hikes, etc.) which are particularly appropriate as day trips are only discussed when they are within or are relatively close to the council territory. A comprehensive list of parks, campgrounds, and other areas for exploration has been included to aid in both Scouting and family trip planning. Typically, this means that relatively distant locations, which do not provide for group camping, are not included, unless there is a feature of particular interest.

We have made an effort to check phone numbers, email addresses, and the other information included throughout the guide, but it is not uncommon for changes to occur, especially the area code. Please confirm details with any facilities well in advance of any activities to avoid disappointment.

Where available, we have also provided hyperlinks (<http://www.....>) to web sites and email addresses throughout the material, which can be used to locate additional related information on the Internet. Many councils now provide camp information, maps, and Scoutmaster's camp guides over the Internet.

Since we have not had the opportunity to visit every single location listed in this guide personally (although we'll keep trying), we appreciate any feedback that you have regarding appropriateness of facilities for Scout units or families. If we have left out any of your favorites, or if we have made mistakes in the information we included, please let us know.

Acknowledgements

Thanks to those Scouters who have provided ideas and comments for this effort. We especially thank those who have provided comments on earlier drafts, and those who helped us to type various sections. Thanks also to those who compiled the many other Where-to-Go guides from other lodges, which helped us in information gathering, and for their ideas.

Wilderness Regulations

The basic statement of the 1984 wilderness act has caused much discussion. Some believe that "Wilderness Management" is a contradiction of terms: that wilderness should be defined and then left alone. However, the Wilderness Act states that the wilderness will be managed for people. Wilderness management has become the management of human use while allowing the forces of nature to work. Man-made facilities are discouraged in the wilderness, and man's activities are directed towards non-mechanized minimum impact and use of primitive tools.

Wilderness users should remember that while much Forest Service Policy is generated from inside the agency, a Federal Act of Congress dictates the wilderness directions. Although established commercial enterprises, research, and educational programs in some cases are allowed, other activities such as sporting events and the use of motor vehicles are prohibited. Wilderness

regulation can change from time to time. Users should consult Forest Service information centers for local restrictions and updates.

It's the Law

Restrictions Include

1. Shortcutting a trail switchback: shortcutting switchbacks damage the trail and vegetation.
2. Camping within 100 feet slope distance from the shoreline of any lake. Avoid trampling lakeside vegetation.
3. Entering or being in the wilderness with a group consisting of a combination of persons and stock exceeding 12 in total number without obtaining a permit. The suggested group size is six. Large groups tend to have a far greater impact on camping areas and other visitors. Large groups that split up do not meet the intent of the law.
4. Catching or storing hunting or camping equipment, personal property or supplies. Pack out what you pack in. Caching encourages littering and is not consistent with wilderness.

You Can Help Protect the Wilderness

By following these recommended camping and travel practices, you will minimize evidence of your trip into the wilderness. There are also some steps you can take to lessen the impact of less caring visitors to the wilderness.

- Pack out litter
- Pack home your litter and a little extra that has been left by others. Items that will not burn, such as foil, should not be left in the fire ring.
- Use existing fire rings - If you build a campfire in an area that they are permitted, use an existing fire ring if possible.
- Camp in wooded areas
- Avoid damaging practices like cutting boughs or trenching around tents. Remove all signs of use before you leave.
- Protect water quality - Never wash your hands or dishes in a lake or stream. All washing should be done well away from any water source.
- Use backcountry toilets - Dig a hole 3 to 6 inches deep, cover wastes with organic soil matter. Walk well away from camp to dig toilet spots.
- Preserve the quiet - Try to camp out of sight of other parties, and avoid loud singing and shouting that would disturb the solitude sought by others.
- Boil and treat your water - See the article below

Is the Water Safe? Think Before You Drink!

We hope your visits to the great outdoors will be enjoyable, and they will be if you avoid the hazards that may be present. One hazard that you should be aware of is a disease that can be contracted from drinking untreated “natural” water. It is an intestinal disorder called GIARDIASIS (gee-ar-dye-a-sis). It can cause severe discomfort. The disease is caused by a microscopic organism, Giardia Lamblia. The cystic form of Giardia may be found in Mountain streams and lakes across North America. Natural waters may be clear, cold and clean running. They may even smell and taste good. You may also see wildlife drinking from these sources without any hesitation. All of these signs sometimes lead people to thinking that natural water is safe for drinking. The most certain treatment to eliminate Giardia is to boil your water for at least one minute (at a rolling boil). At higher altitudes you should maintain the boil for three to five minutes for an added margin of safety. Iodine or chlorine tablets or drops work well against waterborne bacteria. They are not considered and are not recommended in a routine disinfection. Micro filters available on the market are advertised to kill Giardia. You should investigate these products carefully and thoroughly understand their care and use before using a micro water filter.

The new filters can also filter out viruses too.

The Essentials

- **Map** - a topographical map is the best to carry. Forest Service Recreation Maps and others may help you locate roads and trails that do not appear on the topographical map. Learn how to use the map efficiently or it won't do you much good to have it with you. Place it in a waterproof container and carry a pencil.
- **Compass** - generally, select a compass that will “settle” fast and that has a straight edge. Many good compasses that are not liquid filled have needles that stop vibrating quickly, but a compass without a straight edge is mighty hard to use, as accuracy is needed when sighting a map. It is wise to have a long lanyard to attach your compass to your belt loop. Always determine an emergency heading toward safety-to a road, trail, power line, highway, or other safety. Know how to use your compass!
- **Flashlight** - carry on at all times and have extra batteries, you never know when you may need some extra light.
- **Extra Clothing** - carry rain gear and some extra socks.
- **Waterproof Matches** - carry in a zip-lock plastic bag.
- **Extra Food** - an extra freeze-dried dinner or other foods high in carbohydrates like gorp, chocolate, granola bars, and energy bars should be carried as well.
- **Fire Starter** - two 3 to 5 inch plumbers' candles are best.
- **Signaling Device** - a small mirror especially those sold as signaling mirrors. Practice your signaling before you go hiking. A whistle is also recommended.
- **Sunglasses**
- **Water** - either water from a safe domestic source or water that has been properly treated would be best.

- **Emergency Shelter**- a rain poncho, light tarp, a large plastic garbage, or a space blanket would work well as an effective emergency shelter.
- **First Aid Kit** - carry in a waterproof container

FIRST AID KIT SUGGESTED CONTENTS

- ☒ Tape - not waterproof (2" roll on cardboard; flattened will take up less space).
- ☒ Band-Aids-six one inch for small lacerations
- ☒ Butterfly Band-Aids-six for closing up lacerations
- ☒ Steri-Pad Gauze Flats-four 3x3 inches. One 6x8 inches for larger wounds.
- ☒ Disinfectant-one or two ounces in a plastic bottle; or carry a bar of antibacterial soap.
- ☒ Prescriptions-medicines needed by an individual.
- ☒ Aspirin or Acetaminophen (such as Tylenol)
- ☒ Anti-Histamine as required
- ☒ Needle and Thread-1 medium size
- ☒ Razor Blade-1 for shaving hairy parts prior to taping
- ☒ Elastic Bandage-2 inches for pressure
- ☒ Triangular Bandage-Large for pressure dressings and splinting.
- ☒ Moleskin-For padding blisters
- ☒ Additional Needs-scissors, Bee Sting Kit, and pencil and paper
- ☒ Pocket Knife - a folding pocket knife such as the Official Boy Scout Knife.
- ☒ Duct tape

Pennsylvania Dutch Council Camps

Bashore Scout Reservation

Bashore Scout Reservation is a 400+ acre Boy Scout camp nestled in the foothills of the Blue Mountains of central Pennsylvania. Surrounded by mountains and wilderness, we are in close proximity to the Appalachian Trail, while being only a short drive from major metro areas and attractions such as Lancaster's Amish Country, Hersheypark, PA Renaissance Faire, Cabela's, Bass Pro Shops, as well as Ski Round Top ski area and Fort Indiantown Gap military reservation.

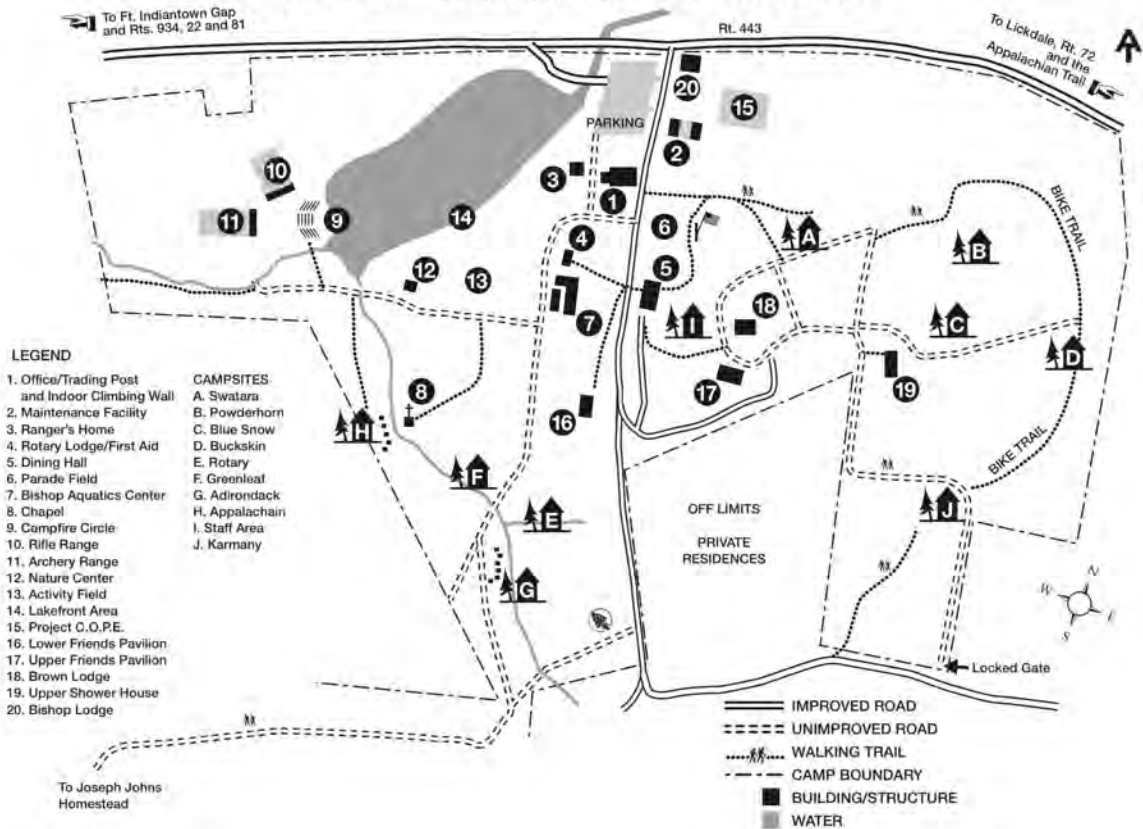
Founded in 1947, Camp Bashore has earned a reputation for providing one of the Northeast Region's finest summer camp programs. Our camp features miles of hiking trails, a 5.5 acre lake that offers sailing, kayaking, canoeing, rowing, and fishing. We have an Olympic sized swimming pool, Shooting Sports ranges offering Rifle, Shotgun, Archery (3-D and traditional targets- unlike any course you've ever seen!) as well as a C.O.P.E. course and Indoor Climbing gym! A nearby horse stable affords us the opportunity to offer Horsemanship Merit Badge. We offer programs for first-year Boy Scouts, experienced older Scouts, and even training for Adult Leaders- something for everyone!

Bashore Scout Reservation also offers year-round camping opportunities as well. Bashore offers 9 campsites and 3 cabins / lodges that can accommodate 22-40 persons. They are equipped with double bunks & mattresses, propane stove, and are heated with wood stoves (firewood is provided, though restocking what you use is welcomed). Water is available from frost-free hydrants. We have two campsites with Adirondack shelters, and many other campsite areas for primitive tent camping. Our Campmaster Corps offers programs to supplement your unit's program such as Rifle and Archery, First Aid, CPR, Cooking, Orienteering and other skills.



BASHORE SCOUT RESERVATION

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Facilities and Services: During summer camp, campsites are equipped with BSA standard canvas wall tents on wooden platforms. Each tent contains two cots. Platforms are arranged in patrol groupings of five tents. Each patrol site is equipped with a dining fly, picnic table workbench, and trash can. Each campsite is also accompanied by a latrine with electrical outlets.

Adirondack Shelters / Lean-to's: There are two campsites that feature Adirondack Shelters (a 3-sided wooden structure with an open front) These buildings lend themselves to a great winter camping opportunity, or when you just don't feel like dragging your tents out. Each campsite has a fire-ring, several picnic tables, and a latrine. Water must be brought in from a nearby frost-free hydrant during the late-fall thru early spring months. Firewood is not provided, however there is usually plentiful on the forest floor. We suggest that you bring tarps or plastic sheeting to cover the front for privacy or as needed depending on the weather. No bunks are provided, so please plan accordingly (bring your own cots or sleeping pads). Each Lean-to can sleep approximately 4-5 people.

- APPALACHIAN CAMPSITE - 5 lean-tos accommodates up to 25 Located on top of a hill- no drive-up access, steep staircase/trail to access
 - Extra space is available to accommodate your tents.
 - Closest year-round drinking water is at pool house
 - Nearby is the Campfire Circle & Shooting Sports Area
- ADIRONDACK CAMPSITE- 6 lean-tos accommodates up to 30 Drive-up access
 - Extra space is available to accommodate your tents.
 - Closest year-round drinking water is at pool house
 - Nearby the Blue Mountain Trailhead
 - Small wooden pavilion

Cabins & Lodges: There are 3 heated / insulated lodges available for weekend rentals by Scouting units and other organized groups.

Conference & Training Center: A Conference Center is located in the lower level of the Barn (Administration Building). It is available to use in conjunction with your COPE & Climbing activities, or for other events such as Training, Planning, Meetings, Parties & Receptions.

Seating for up to 100 persons for any purpose

- LCD Projector & DVD-VCR Player
- Wireless Internet Access
- Catering Kitchen- equipped with Gas Stove & Oven, Refrigerator, Microwave
- 2 Restrooms
- Covered Porch area allows for "break-out" sessions or overflow space

C.O.P.E. Course: C.O.P.E. is an acronym for "Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience." a COPE Course is a custom-built challenge course or ropes course designed to meet the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Project C.O.P.E. installation and operation procedures. COPE Programs are based on attaining seven goals outlined by the Boy Scouts of America (BSA).

The seven C.O.P.E. goals are summarized as:

1. **Teamwork:** Teamwork is the key that allows a group to navigate a C.O.P.E. challenge course successfully. The C.O.P.E. challenge ropes course experience makes it clear that each individual can accomplish more as a member of a team than by going it alone.
2. **Communication:** A C.O.P.E. challenge course encourages the active learning of critical listening and discussion skills important for any group, troop or individual attempting to accomplish a difficult task.
3. **Trust:** Participants completing difficult tasks on a C.O.P.E. challenge course develop trust in the C.O.P.E. staff members, their fellow troop members and themselves.
4. **Leadership:** Team members attempting to solve problems on a cope course have abundant opportunities to develop and exercise leadership skills in small and large groups.
5. **Decision Making:** Project C.O.P.E. requires groups and troops to make decisions by developing one or more solutions to the specific obstacle, problem, or initiative. Teams must consider all the available resources and alternatives, and evaluate the probable results before moving forward.
6. **Problem Solving:** Project C.O.P.E. challenges groups and individuals to develop solutions to interesting problems. Participants must step outside of the box and frequently use creative ideas. Participants can then test their solutions and evaluate the results.
7. **Self-Esteem:** Meeting the challenges of a C.O.P.E. challenge course allows individuals and groups to develop self-esteem and encourages them to set challenging yet attainable goals.

J. E. Mack Scout Reservation

In the early 1960's the former Lancaster County Council was faced with a serious camping problem. Camp Chiquetan (approximately 134 acres in size, located near the confluence of the Conestoga and Susquehanna Rivers) was old, overcrowded, and fast wearing out. The surrounding farmlands were either unsuited for Scout camping, or too expensive to purchase. Suitable property, for the purpose of expansion, seemed unavailable.

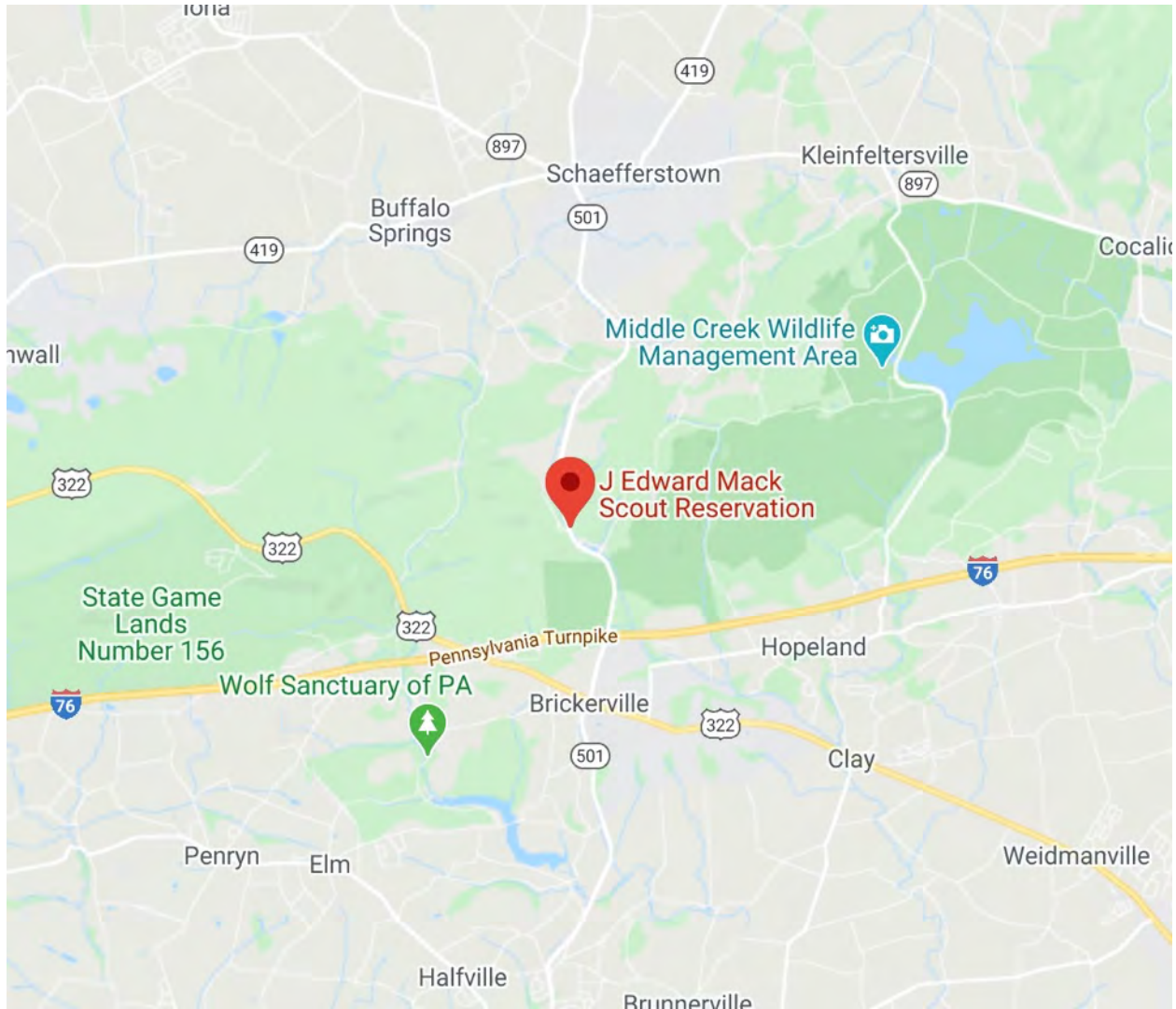
Nine troop sites and a staff site were opened at the new reservation. In 1971, three more troop sites were added as well as the Blair Activities Center plus four activities pavilions. Later Dellinger Lodge and Esbenshade Lodge were enclosed making way for winter camping. North Camp and J. Edward Mack Reservation were heading toward its aim to be the best in the country.

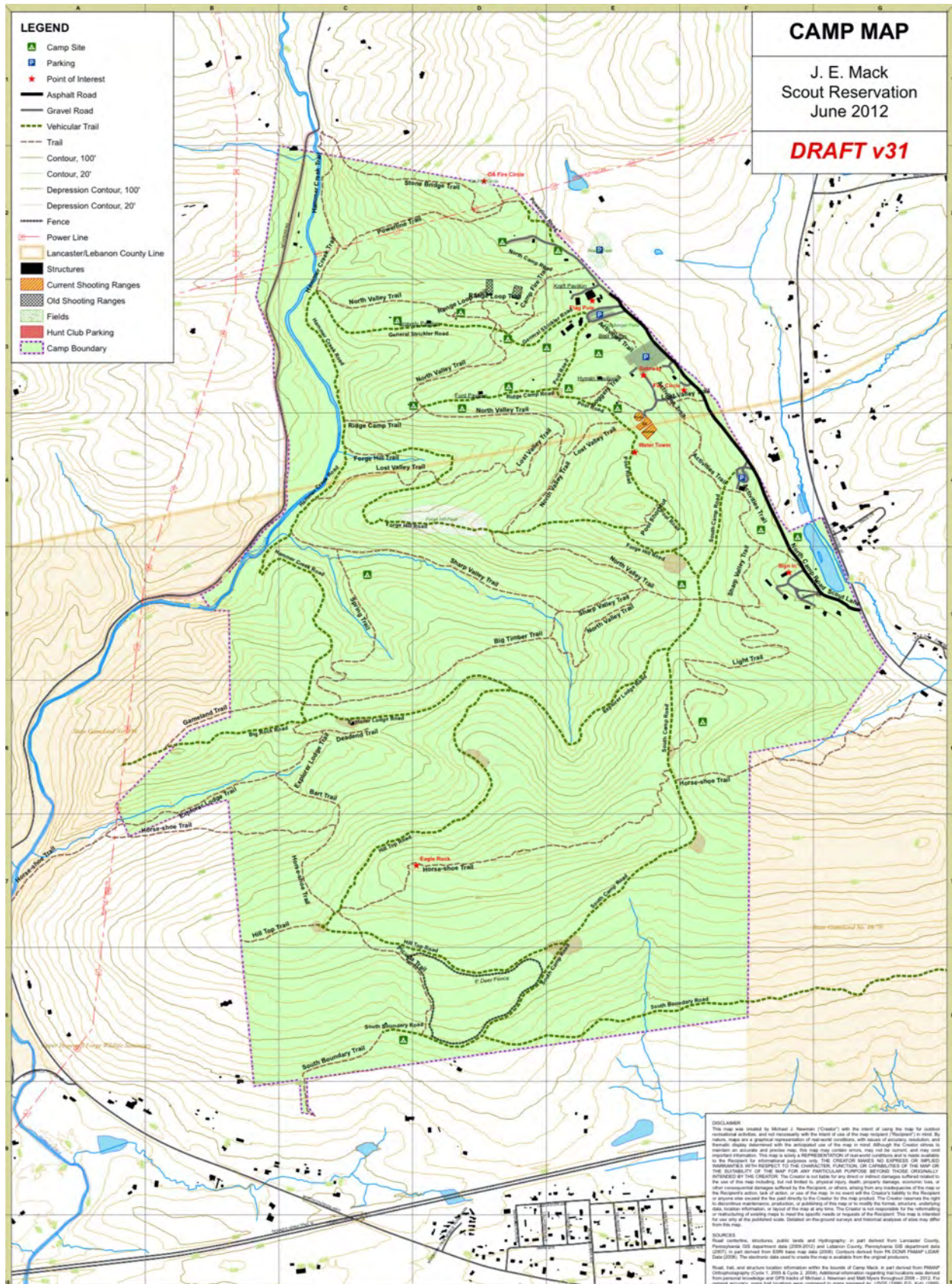
A permanent rifle range shelter was developed by the T.B.T. in 1974, and dedicated to long-time Scouter, Roy Palmer. In 1975 the T.B.T. dedicated the archery range shelter, naming it after Marion Coleman. A staff shower facility was developed, as was a storage building, and Swaar Pavilion was enclosed next to Squire Lake. In 1980 a new craft shelter was dedicated to late Scoutmaster Dean Davis.

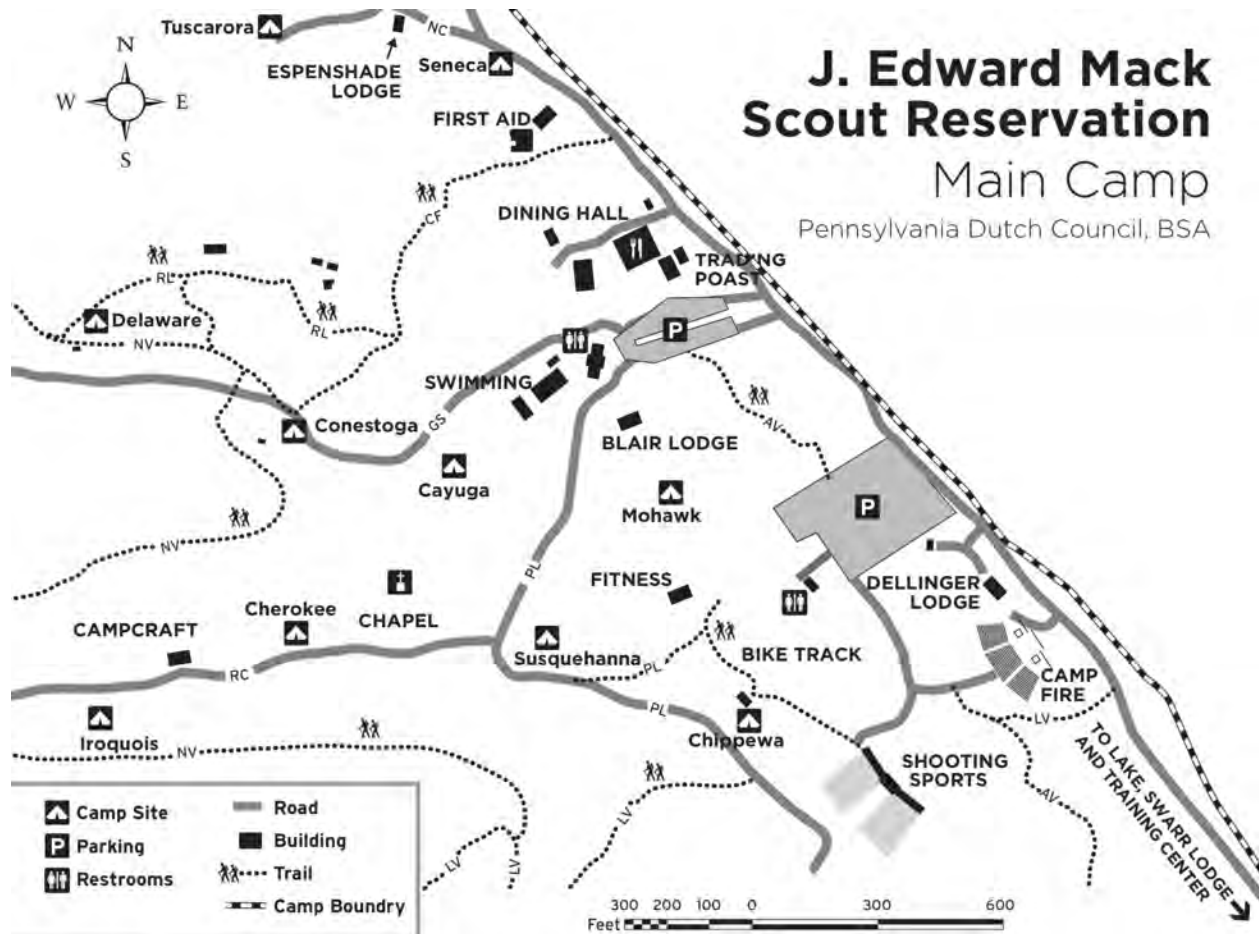
Since 1982, improvements have continued to camp buildings, roads and campsites. The addition of the Marjorie Mack Training Center in 1988 for leader and youth training and council meetings has been a welcome addition to the council. The large central dining pavilion to seat all the Scouts for meals and special programs while at camp was added in 1992. A new flag plaza in central camp was made possible by a generous donation from Henry Gible and dedicated in 2005. A new shower house, renovated trading post and camp office, and new kitchen/food service building were all completed in 2005 – 2006 as part of the Timeless Values Council-wide capital campaign. Large designated donations to the capital campaign by Lititz Mutual Insurance Company, Gibbel Family Foundation, Paul & Judy Ware and John & Carol Pyfer enabled the Council to complete many of these renovations.

May 19, 2012 marked the opening of the Alley Action Center at Camp Mack. Made possible through the great generosity of long time Scouting supporters, the Alley Family of Lebanon, the Alley Action Center includes a brand-new Camp Fire Circle, New BB and Archery Ranges, and a BMX Pump Bicycle Course. This area brings new adventures to Camp Mack and brings some old favorites to new facilities that are closer together!

Camp Mack celebrated its 50th Anniversary Camping Season in 2019, which also marked the start of the Council's Now More Than Ever Capital Campaign. This new campaign was solely focused on improving the Scouting operations at both camps and was unveiled along with the plans for a brand-new Aquatic Center at Camp Mack. The new Aquatic Center features a larger pool including a graduated entry, a larger "beginner" swimming area, and increased safety through unobstructed views of all areas of the pool. The shower house was also updated to accommodate boys and girls, as well as adults and families.







Cabins & Lodges: There are 4 heated / insulated lodges available for weekend rentals by Scouting units and other organized groups

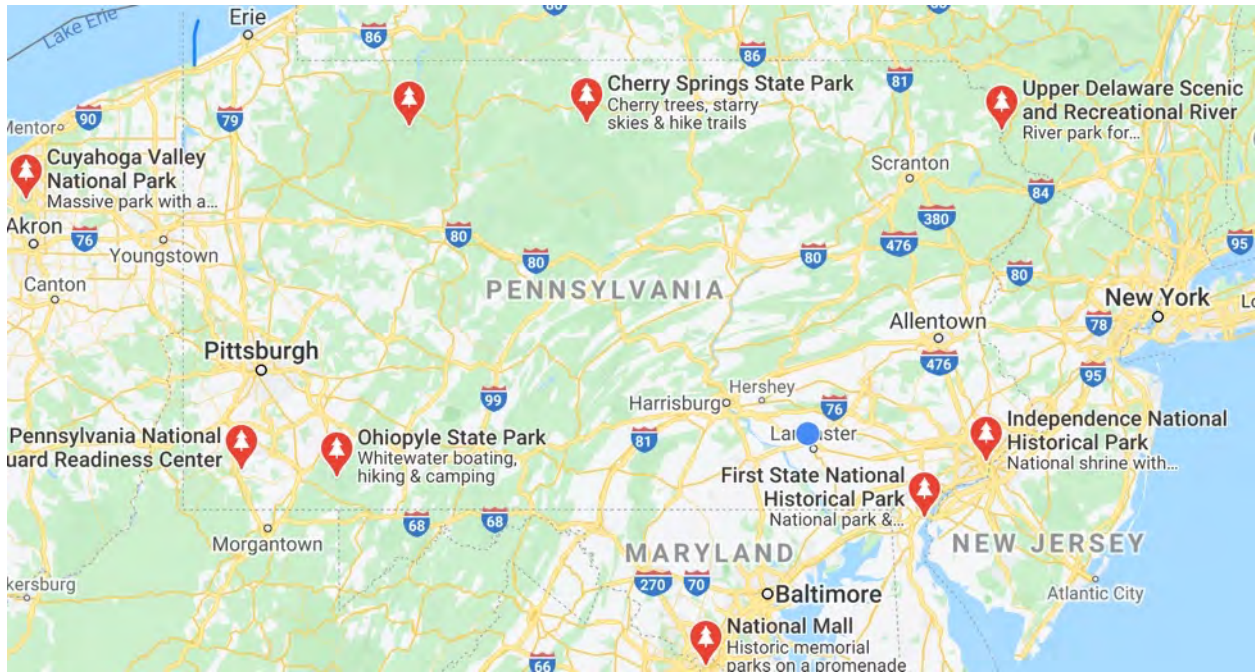
Conference & Training Center: Marjorie J. Mack Training Center is located on the left hand side of the main camp road, about 1/2 way up the hill. This facility is handicap accessible, full kitchen with professional stove/oven, microwave, refrigerator and dishwasher. Designed for training purposes, not unit weekend camping. The Training Center can hold 48 for training in the main training room. Two separate bunk rooms in the lower level each sleep from 12 (female) to about 14 (male). Both male and female rooms also include attached restroom facilities that include showers with heated water, year-long. The Living room area with couches and a screened in porch overlooking the wooded camp.

RESERVATIONS AND FEES

Please refer to the council website, www.padutchbsa.org, for a detailed list of the different camp’s facilities and equipment that are available along with pricing structure.

Pennsylvania National Parks

Since 1916, the American people have entrusted the National Park Service with the care of their national parks. With the help of volunteers and park partners, they are proud to safeguard these nearly 400 places and to share their stories with more than 275 million visitors every year. But the work doesn't stop there. The Park Service is proud that tribes, local governments, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and individual citizens ask for help in revitalizing their communities, preserving local history, celebrating local heritage, and creating close to home opportunities for kids and families to get outside, be active, and have fun.



Pennsylvania's resources allow the visitor to enter the mind of literary geniuses, visit the home of a past president, or tour historic railroads.

Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site - Gallitzin, PA



The Allegheny Portage Railroad was a great achievement in early travel. Charles Dickens, Jenny Lind, and Ulysses S. Grant traveled over the Allegheny Mountains. They braved a system that injured passengers on a weekly basis. A system of inclined planes and a nine hundred foot tunnel carved through solid rock by Welsh coal miners made this feat possible.

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/alpo/index.htm>
<https://www.nationalparks.org/explore-parks/allegheny-portage-railroad-national-historic-site>

Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network - Chesapeake Bay Watershed, DC,MD,NY,PA,VA,WV



Experience the diversity of the Chesapeake Bay through the Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network - a system of over 160 parks, refuges, museums, historic communities and water trails in the Bay watershed. The Bay's 64,000-square-mile watershed is riddled with places to go. You can visit major league cities, colonial towns, American Indian landscapes, farms and fishing villages. You can learn to kayak, pick crabs, go fishing, tour a lighthouse, slurp oysters, and slow down to enjoy the natural beauty of the Chesapeake.

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/cbpo/index.htm>

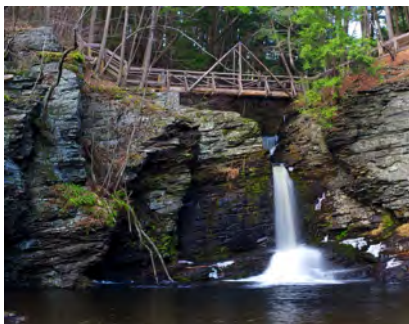
Delaware National Scenic River - HQ in Bushkill PA; the Delaware River forms the boundary between the states of, NJ,PA



With 40 miles of beautiful river and 67,000 acres of forested mountains, riverine valleys, and fertile floodplains, the Middle Delaware National Scenic and Recreational River offers plenty of nature to explore. In addition to the Middle Delaware, the Delaware River is part of four additional national park units:

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/dewa/index.htm>

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area - HQ in Bushkill PA; the park is along the Delaware River in the states of, NJ,PA



For 40 miles the Middle Delaware River passes between low forested mountains with barely a house in sight. Then the river cuts through the mountain ridge to form the famed "Water Gap." Exiting the park, the river will run 200 miles more to Delaware Bay in Wilmington, Delaware, and then to the Atlantic Ocean. National Parks along the Delaware River.

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/dewa/index.htm>

Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor - Easton, PA



Come journey through five Pennsylvania counties bursting with heritage and brimming with outdoor adventure. You will find something for everyone. Follow a history trail marked with stories about hearty lumberjacks, coal miners, lock tenders, and railroaders. Explore quiet canal paths, challenging bike trails and the rippling waters of the Delaware and Lehigh Rivers.

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/dele/index.htm>

Deshler-Morris House - Philadelphia, PA



The oldest official presidential residence, the Germantown White House, (Deshler-Morris House) twice sheltered George Washington. In October 1793, he found refuge during the Yellow Fever epidemic in Philadelphia. Continuing the business of government, he held four cabinet meetings here. The next summer, it was a welcome retreat for him and his family near Philadelphia, the Federal Capital.

Website:

<https://www.nps.gov/inde/learn/historyculture/places-germantownwhitehouse.htm>

Edgar Allan Poe National Historic Site - Philadelphia, PA



"For the most wild, yet most homely narrative which I am about to pen," so begins Poe's famous short story "The Black Cat," written while living in this house with his family. Writer, editor, popular poet and inventor of the detective story, Edgar Allan Poe still thrills readers today. Come imagine Poe's life on Seventh Street, his only surviving residence in Philadelphia.

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/edal/index.htm>

Eisenhower National Historic Site - Gettysburg, PA



Eisenhower National Historic Site is the home and farm of President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Located adjacent to the Gettysburg Battlefield, the farm served the President as a weekend retreat and a meeting place for world leaders. With its peaceful setting and view of South Mountain, it was a much needed respite from Washington and a backdrop for efforts to reduce Cold War tensions.

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/eise/index.htm>

Flight 93 National Memorial - Shanksville, PA



On Tuesday morning, September 11, 2001, the United States came under attack when four commercial airliners were hijacked and used to strike targets on the ground. 2,973 people tragically lost their lives. Because of the actions of the 40 passengers and crew aboard one of the planes, Flight 93, the attack on the nation's capital was thwarted.

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/flni/index.htm>

Fort Necessity National Battlefield - Farmington, PA



The battle at Fort Necessity in the summer of 1754 was the opening action of the French and Indian War. This war was a clash of British, French and American Indian cultures. It ended with the removal of French power from North America. The stage was set for the American Revolution.

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/fone/index.htm>

Friendship Hill National Historic Site - Point Marion, PA



Albert Gallatin is best remembered for his thirteen-year tenure as Secretary of the Treasury during the Jefferson and Madison administrations. In that time he reduced the national debt, purchased the Louisiana Territory and funded the Lewis & Clark exploration. Gallatin's accomplishments and contributions are highlighted at Friendship Hill, his restored country estate.

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/frhi/index.htm>

Gettysburg National Military Park - Gettysburg, PA



The Battle of Gettysburg was a turning point in the Civil War, the Union victory in the summer of 1863 that ended General Robert E. Lee's second and most ambitious invasion of the North. Often referred to as the "High Water Mark of the Confederacy", it was the war's bloodiest battle with 51,000 casualties. It also provided President Abraham Lincoln with the setting for his most famous address.

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/gett/index.htm>

Gloria Dei Church National Historic Site - Philadelphia, PA



Before William Penn, the Swedes were here, building log homes and a brick church, GLORIA DEI. Imagine the transformation - town becomes city - 13 colonies become a nation - Swedish Lutheran church becomes Episcopalian. Re-discover Patriots and ordinary citizens buried in the cemetery. Enter Pennsylvania's oldest church and feel 300 years of history welcoming you.

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/glde/index.htm>

Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site - Elverson, PA



Hopewell Furnace showcases an early American industrial landscape from natural resource extraction to enlightened conservation. Operating from 1771-1883, Hopewell and other "iron plantations" laid the foundation for the transformation of the United States into an industrial giant. The park's 848 acres and historic structures illustrate the business, technology and lifestyle of our growing nation.

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/hofu/index.htm>

Independence National Historical Park - Philadelphia, PA



The old cracked Bell still proclaims Liberty and Independence Hall echoes the words, "We the People." Explore Franklin's Philadelphia and learn about the past and America's continuing struggle to fulfill the Founders' Declaration that "all men are created equal.

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/inde/index.htm>

Johnstown Flood National Memorial - South Fork, PA



There was no larger news story in the latter nineteenth century after the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. The story of the Johnstown Flood has everything to interest the modern mind: a wealthy resort, an intense storm, an unfortunate failure of a dam, the destruction of a working class city, and an inspiring relief effort.

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/jofl/index.htm>

Lackawanna Heritage Valley - Mayfield, PA



The Lackawanna Heritage Valley works with partners to develop places, programs, and museums all focused on celebrating our pivotal role in America's Industrial Revolution. People visit today to see the real thing: authentic rail yards, a deep coal mine, original blast furnaces, great architecture, beautiful landscapes, unique ethnic churches, and the birthplace of organized labor.

Website: <https://lhva.org/>

Lower Delaware National Wild and Scenic River - PA,NJ



The largest free-flowing river in the eastern United States, the Delaware River runs past forests, farmlands, and villages, and it also links some of the most densely populated regions in America. In 2000, the National Wild and Scenic River System incorporated key segments of the lower Delaware River to form this unit of the National Park System.

Website: <https://www.nps.gov/lode/index.htm>

Oil Region National Heritage Area - Oil City, PA



Oil Region National Heritage Area in northwestern Pennsylvania tells of the world's first successful commercial oil well and a legacy of petroleum that continues to shape industry, society, and politics. The Oil Region includes oil artifacts, scenic communities, farmlands and woodlands, and industrial landscapes, and offers visitors heritage attractions and four seasons of outdoor recreation.

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/oire/index.htm>

Path of Progress National Heritage Tour Route - Hollidaysburg, PA



The Path of Progress is a 500 mile driving route which winds through the hills and valleys of nine scenic southwestern Pennsylvania counties linking key historical sites and diverse points of interest. A distinct portrait of the combined industrial, cultural, and economic heritage of the area is revealed by traveling all or portions of the route.

Website: http://pghbridges.com/articles/path_of_progress/index.htm

Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area - Homestead, PA



The Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area reveals how one region, in a sustained and thunderous blast of innovation, ambition and fire, forever changed America and its place in the world. It is the story of the industrialists and the workers who pushed an infant industry to its ultimate limits and in doing so pushed the world into the Age of Steel.

Website: <https://riversofsteel.com/>

Schuylkill River Valley National Heritage Area - Pottstown, PA



The Schuylkill River Heritage Area is the birthplace of the movements that shaped the nation, fueled its growth, and reclaimed its future. It was along the banks of this river and its tributaries that the American, Industrial, and Environmental Revolutions were born. Explore the stories, visit the places, and experience the region's vitality by visiting the Schuylkill River Heritage Area.

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/scrv/index.htm>

Steamtown National Historic Site - Scranton, PA



Feel the heat from the firebox. Hear the bell and whistle. Smell the hot steam and oil. Feel the ground vibrate under your feet. See the one ton drive rods turn the wheels. Hear the chuff-chuff-chuff of the smokestack. Today, you can relive the era of steam as the engines come back to life. The cinders, grease, oil, steam, people and stories of railroading have returned.

Website: <https://www.nps.gov/stea/index.htm>

Thaddeus Kosciuszko National Memorial - Philadelphia, PA



Visit the house where wounded Polish freedom fighter Thaddeus Kosciuszko lived and hear how this brilliant military engineer designed successful fortifications during the American Revolution. See the room where he received notable visitors such as Chief Little Turtle and Thomas Jefferson, who said he was "as pure a son of liberty, as I have ever known..."

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/thko/index.htm>

Upper Delaware Scenic & Recreational River - Pike and Wayne (PA) and Delaware, Orange and Sullivan (NY) counties along the Delaware River, NY,PA



Rolling hills, riverfront villages, and bald eagles perched on trees form a vibrant backdrop as the Delaware River snakes gracefully through the rural countryside. But the story of the Upper Delaware is more than just a collection of beautiful pictures. We enjoy the river's recreational opportunities while it supports a healthy ecosystem for wildlife and provides water for over 17 million people.

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/upde/index.htm>

Valley Forge National Historical Park - Valley Forge, PA



Valley Forge National Historical Park commemorates more than the sacrifices and perseverance of the Revolutionary War generation; it honors the ability of citizens and their leaders to pull together and overcome adversity during extraordinary times. Become a Fan of Valley Forge on Facebook Follow the park on twitter @ValleyForgeNHP.

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/vafo/index.htm>

Pennsylvania National Trails

Appalachian National Scenic Trail - Maine to Georgia, CT,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA,TN,VA,VT,WV



The Appalachian Trail (A.T.) is more than 2,180-mile long footpath stretching through 14 eastern states from Maine to Georgia. Conceived in 1921, built by private citizens, and completed in 1937, today the trail is managed by the National Park Service, US Forest Service, Appalachian Trail Conservancy, numerous state agencies and thousands of volunteers.

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/appa/index.htm>

Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail - the corridor between the Chesapeake Bay and the Allegheny Highlands, DC, MD, PA, VA



The Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail is a network of locally-managed trails between the mouth of the Potomac River and the Allegheny Highlands. Through five geographic regions, the varied Trail segments are a means to explore the origins and continuing evolution of the Nation. As of mid-2009, 830 miles of existing and planned trails have been recognized as segments of the Trail.

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/pohe/index.htm>

North Country National Scenic Trail - Seven States-New York to North Dakota, MI, MN, ND, NY, OH, PA, WI



Hiking Adventures in Seven States The North Country National Scenic Trail links scenic, natural, historic, and cultural areas in seven states. When completed, through the efforts of many people, the trail will be the longest continuous hiking trail in the United States. The trail allows hikers to experience a variety of northern landscapes. Come and experience your America, at a walking pace. Website: <http://www.nps.gov/noco/index.htm>

Pennsylvania State Parks (Dutch Country Roads Area)

Pennsylvania State Parks Mission

The primary purpose of Pennsylvania State Parks is to provide opportunities for enjoying healthful outdoor recreation and serve as outdoor classrooms for environmental education. In meeting these purposes, the conservation of the natural, scenic, aesthetic, and historical values of parks should be given first consideration. Stewardship responsibilities should be carried out in a way that protects the natural outdoor experience for the enjoyment of current and future generations. Website: <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/index.aspx>

Big Spring State Park

Tucked in the side of Conococheague Mountain, Big Spring State Park is a quaint picnic and hiking area. A short loop trail leads to a partially completed railroad tunnel with historic interpretation at the trailhead. The park also provides access to the Iron Horse Trail for day and overnight hiking. The park takes its name from nearby Big Spring, whose waters from the scenic Shermans Creek.

- **Address:** Blain, PA 17006
- **Directions:** The 45-acre Big Spring State Park is 5.5 miles southwest of New Germantown, Perry County, along PA 274.
- **Camping:** While no camping is permitted in Big Spring State Park, public camping is permitted at the nearby Fowlers Hollow State Park.
- **Hiking:** 1 mile of trails. A short loop trail leads to the site of the partially completed railroad tunnel. Historic interpretation is provided at the trailhead. The park provides

access to the Iron Horse Trail, designed for day hikes and overnight hiking in Tuscarora State Forest.

- **Snowmobiling:** Big Spring State Park serves as a trailhead providing parking, restrooms and access to the extensive snowmobile trail system in Tuscarora State Forest.
- **History:** In the mid-1800s to the early 1900s, logging companies lumbered the area. Trees were hauled from the stump to the mill on the Perry Lumber Railroad. This narrow gauge railroad had a terminus at the east end of the park. The trees were cut to supply tanneries, barrel manufacturers and charcoal furnaces. A tannery near the spring operated from early in the 1800s until 1860. In 1871, an axe handle factory was started in the old tannery. The Newport and Shermans Valley Railroad laid tracks through the park to link to the Path Valley Railroad in Franklin County. Their tunnel through Conococheague Mountain failed and the Newport and Shermans Valley Railroad went out of business. During the early 1900s, the area was a community picnic area accessible by road and railroad. The Commonwealth developed the current facility in 1936 with Civilian Conservation Corps Camp S-111.
- **Website:** <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/bigspring.aspx>

Buchanan's Birthplace State Park

This park is nestled in the gap of Tuscarora Mountain. Dedicated in honor of the 15th president of the United States, this narrow, peaceful hollow is the site of James Buchanan's birthplace. A stone pyramid monument surrounded by majestic conifers stands on the site of the original cabin where he was born. Buck Run is a native brook trout stream. Buchanan's Birthplace State Park is an 18.5-acre park. Nestled in a gap of the Tuscarora Mountain in Franklin County. The park and surrounding the forested mountains offer an abundance of beauty throughout the year.

- **Address:** 6235 Aughwick Road, Fort Loudon, PA 17224
- **Directions:** The park is located between McConnellsburg and Mercersburg, Pennsylvania, near the village of Cove Gap along PA Route 16. From U.S. Route 30 at Fort Loudon, Pennsylvania take PA Route 75 south and follow the signs to Cove Gap and the park.
- **Camping:** not permitted at park, but see below for nearby opportunities.
- **Recreational Opportunities:** At the park, there are two picnic pavilions and picnic tables. Drinking water and two comfort stations are provided for your convenience. Buck Run flows through the park and provides a population of native trout for fishing enthusiasts. Consult the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission regulations concerning approved trout waters. The Tuscarora Trail passes to the west of the park. The trail serves as a bypass to the Appalachian Trail and follows the crest of the Tuscarora Mountain. Nearby Cowans Gap State Park offers swimming, boating, fishing, picnicking, hiking, hunting, family camping, family cabins, organized group camping, visitor center and an environmental education program.
- **The Birthplace of a President:** Cove Gap, Buchanan's birthplace, is a far cry from the modern world that many Americans take for granted. Though quiet and solitude now

reign, the spirit of this place would have been much different on April 23, 1791, the day of James Buchanan's birth. Then, it was the western edge of civilization; a place alive with the sights and sounds of a center of commerce. Though the surrounding Allegheny Mountains provided a formidable barrier to those seeking a way west, Cove Gap's cut through two of three parallel mountains made a westward journey a little easier. During those days, anyone seeking a route west passed through this gap. In 1789, James Buchanan's father bought this place, first called Tom's Trading Place, in its heyday, complete with cabins, barns, stables, storehouses, store and orchard. He renamed it Stony Batter after the Buchanan home in Northern Ireland and continued to operate the business until moving it to nearby Mercersburg when young James reached the age of six. Though young when he left Stony Batter, Buchanan's first home left a lasting impression. Years later in 1865, the owner of the site invited the former President to visit his birthplace. Buchanan wrote in reply, "It is a rugged but romantic spot, and the mountain and mountain stream under the scenery captivating. I have warm attachments for it..."

- **Website:**

<https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/BuchanansBirthplaceStatePark/Pages/default.aspx>

Codorus State Park

The 3,452-acre Codorus State Park is in the rolling hills of southern York County. The 1,275-acre Lake Marburg has 26 miles of shoreline and is a rest stop for migrating waterfowl and shorebirds. The lake is also popular with sail boaters and motorboaters. Anglers love the lake for warm water fishing and can also fish Codorus Creek for trout. Picnicking, swimming in the pool and camping are popular activities.

- **Address:** Marina Dr, Hanover, PA 17331
- **Directions:** From I-83, take Exit 8. Go 18 miles west on PA 216 to the park. From PA 116 west and east of Hanover, go through Hanover. Turn right onto PA 216 east and go three miles to the park.
- **Recreational Opportunities:** Hiking - Trail Biking - Horseback Riding - Picnicking - Swimming - Scuba Diving - Boating - Mooring - Fishing - Hunting - Disc Golf - Wildlife Watching - Cross-country Skiing - Sledding - Snowmobiling - Ice Boating - Ice Fishing - Ice Skating - Yurts - Camping Cottages - Camping
 1. Picnicking: There are three picnic areas in the park. Restrooms and some charcoal grills are in each area.
 2. The Swimming Pool Area Day Use Area is near the pool and boat rental. Many tables are in the shade of the forest. There are also two picnic pavilions, which each hold 70 people. Picnic pavilions may be reserved up to 11 months in advance for a fee. Unreserved picnic pavilions are free on a first-come, first-served basis.
 3. The Marina Day Use Area overlooks Lake Marburg and features grassy areas for picnicking. This area is near the Marina, boat mooring and disc golf.

4. Fishing: The 1,275-acre Lake Marburg is a warm-water fishery. Popular species are yellow perch, bluegill, northern pike, crappie, largemouth bass, catfish, muskellunge and tiger muskellunge. Bow fishing is permitted in the shallow cove areas.
5. Hiking: 20 miles of trails Although the park only has two “hiking only” trails, there are many more miles of equestrian and trail biking trails that can also be hiked. All trails are in hunting areas so visitors should wear fluorescent orange during hunting seasons.
 - Mary Ann Furnace Trail - 4.5 miles - From the trailhead along Black Rock Road, the trail begins on a boardwalk through the wetlands of Black Rock Flats then climbs through a tall deciduous forest that borders old farm fields and comes to a Y. The left trail eventually follows the shoreline of the lake. The right trail climbs to the top of the hill and gives a view of the campground. Both trails interconnect and connect to a spur that leads to the campground. A third spur loops along the old farm fields and by the old Rummel barn.
 - LaHo Trail - 1.5 miles - 1.5 miles - This trail follows the shoreline of Wildasin Flats. The wetlands make this an excellent area for birding, year-round. The trail is primarily a single-track path that hugs the hillside, although a few trail sections ascend steep terrain and portions of the trail can be muddy. On a grassy knoll in the eastern part of the trail is Wildasin Cemetery, which has a tombstone dated 1722.
6. Mountain Biking: 6.5 miles of trails. The designated 195-acre Trail Biking Area is on the northern shore of the park. The trails crisscross forests and climb short hills. During hunting seasons, bikers should wear fluorescent orange for safety. Please respect other trail users.
7. Horseback Riding: 8 miles of trails. Ranger Trail travels over rolling hills, through forests and fields, crosses streams and passes near Lake Marburg. There are many views of the lake, including Ranger Overlook which has benches and hitching posts.
8. Disc Golf: The site of the 2005 state champion-ships, Codorus Disc Golf Course is rated one of the most challenging courses in Pennsylvania. The course is just inside of the entrance to the Marina Day Use Area and affords views of the lake. The 54 holes have paved tees and are spread through fields and forests. On the west side of Marina Road is a nine-hole, mini disc golf course for children. During the summer, golf discs can be purchased at the marina concession building.
9. Swimming Pool: The swimming pool sits on a bluff overlooking Lake Marburg. The huge pool, almost half of an acre, has a capacity of 1,900 swimmers and has a ramp for people with disabilities. The summer hours are 11 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. Admission is charged. Swimmers arriving after 5 p.m. receive a discount. Season passes are available at the park office.

10. Boating Activities up to 20 hp motors permitted. The 1,275-acre Lake Marburg has seven boat launch ramps around the lake. All are open to the public, but the campground launch is only for the use of registered campers.
 11. Boat Rental: The boat rental in the Marina Day Use Area offers pontoon boats, motorboats, canoes, kayaks and paddle boats and is open during the boating season. The Oar House boat rental in the Swimming Pool Day Use Area offers canoes, kayaks and paddle boats and is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Visit their Website, www.appalachianoutdoorschool.com/marina.htm
 12. Camping: flush toilets and hot showers. The campground opens the second Friday in April and closes the third Sunday in October. There are about 190 campsites which are suitable for tents or recreational vehicles up to 50 feet in length. Many campsites have electric hookups. Seven campsites with electricity can accommodate people with disabilities. Fifteen rustic sites are available for tents only. Hot showers, flush toilets and a sanitary dump station are available. Pets are permitted on designated sites.
 13. Winter activities include: snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, sledding, ice fishing, ice skating and iceboating.
- **History:** When Europeans reached the land that became Codorus State Park, it was the territory of Susquehannock Indians, a powerful tribe that controlled much of the land near the Susquehanna River. Wars and the push of settlers led to the demise of the Susquehannocks. The early settlers, many Germans, were farmers, but industry soon followed.

Built in 1762, Mary Ann Furnace is believed to be the first charcoal furnace built on the western side of the Susquehanna River. The furnace supplied cannon balls and grapeshot for the continental army and employed Hessian prisoners to run the ironworks while many of the available workforce were off fighting the British. Nothing remains of the ironworks except memories. The four original founders of Mary Ann Furnace had a great impact on the United States.

George Stevenson emigrated from Ireland and was employed as a deputy surveyor by the Penn Family. Stevenson organized wagons and supplies for the Forbes Campaign during the French and Indian War. When the British occupied Philadelphia and York became the capital of the Colonies, George Washington called on George Stevenson to take charge of the supply lines.

George Ross was a lawyer from Lancaster. During the American Revolutionary War, he served in the Provincial Assembly, the Provincial Conference and the Continental Congress. He signed the Declaration of Independence. He also introduced George Washington to the widow of his nephew, the flag maker Betsy Ross.

William Thompson emigrated from Ireland. In the French and Indian War, he served as an officer under John Armstrong in the Kittanning Expedition and as a captain of the light horse in the Forbes Campaign. In the American Revolution, he became the colonel of the first colonial infantry and advanced to brigadier general. He was captured in the Second Assault on Quebec and held prisoner for four years, only to die not long after his release.

Mark Bird was the son of ironmaster William Bird, of Hopewell Furnace. In the American Revolution, Bird served as deputy quartermaster and as a colonel. He used his own money and ironworks to supply cannons and munitions. After the war, he was never repaid. Deep in debt, he went bankrupt and fled to North Carolina to avoid his creditors. The impoundment of Codorus Creek was the result of a cooperative project between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Glatfelter Paper Company of Spring Grove, Pennsylvania. This undertaking was the first of its kind in the Commonwealth and was designed to serve the water supply needs of a private industry and the town of Spring Grove, and to provide a public recreation area.

The Glatfelter Paper Company constructed the dam and still owns and runs the dam. The gates first closed, impounding water, in December of 1966. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania acquired the park land in 1965-1966. Originally the park was known as Codorus Creek State Park. Lake Marburg is named for the small community of Marburg that is covered by the lake.

The Glatfelter Paper Company and the town of Spring Grove are permitted to draw water from the lake for their needs. This means that the lake water level can drop over 22 feet in a summer, only to rise with rainfall.

- **Website:**
<https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/CodorusStatePark/Pages/default.aspx>

Fowlers Hollow State Park

The 104-acre Fowlers Hollow State Park is in a narrow valley created by Fowler Hollow Run. The park is on the edge of Tuscarora State Forest at the intersection of several multi-use trails. The campground of the park is a good base for adventures into the huge tract of public land.

- **Address:** Blain, PA 17006
- **Directions:** The park can be reached from Blain by turning south from PA 274 at the east end of town, then go one-quarter-mile, turn right over the bridge. The park can also be reached off of PA 274 west of New Germantown on Upper Buck Ridge Road.
- **Recreational Opportunities:** Hiking - Trail Biking - Horseback Riding - Picnicking - Fishing - Hunting - Cross-country Skiing - Snowmobiling - Camping
 1. Fishing: Fowler Hollow Run traverses the park and provides trout fishing. The stream receives a pre-season stocking of brook trout.
 2. Picnicking: Picnic tables and a limited number of grills are available in a wooded setting. The one picnic pavilion may be reserved up to 11 months in advance for a fee. If unreserved, the picnic pavilion is free on a first-come, first-served basis. A large play field is nearby. Make online reservations at: www.visitPAparks.com or call toll-free 888-PA-PARKS, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Saturday.
 3. Trail Biking and Horseback Riding: Alfarata and Beaston trails, which are extensive trails in Tuscarora State Forest, meet in Fowlers Hollow State Park. Trail biking is also permitted on park roads.
 4. Hiking: 6 miles of trails. The area is a trailhead for a variety of hiking trails within and connecting to the trail system of the Tuscarora State Forest. The Tuscarora Big Blue Trail is nearby.

5. **Hunting:** Hunting is permitted on adjacent state forest lands. Terrain is moderately hilly to mountainous and favors turkey and deer.
 6. **Camping:** rustic sites. Twelve campsites with electric hookups and six walk-in tent sites are available from mid-April to Mid-December. All campsites have a picnic table and fire ring. There are flush toilets, water spigot, sanitary dump station, but no showers. Campsites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Pets are permitted.
 7. **Winter Activities:** Cross-country skiing and snowmobiling
- **History:** In 1901, the Perry Lumber Company began logging operations in the area by building a narrow gauge logging railroad along the abandoned Path Valley Railroad grade from New Germantown to what is now Big Spring State Park. The railroad then expanded south into Bowman Hollow and around the end of Rising Mountain into what is now Fowlers Hollow State Park. The company did not have a large, stationary sawmill, but used five portable sawmills, one of which was used in Fowlers Hollow. The loggers cut lumber and shipped hemlock bark to the Newport Extract Plant. By 1905, the lumber was exhausted and the Perry Lumber Company sold all of its equipment. In 1907, the company sold 2,573 acres to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In the early 1930s, unemployed local men, through the Works Progress Administration (WPA), constructed many of the facilities in Fowlers Hollow State Park.
 - **Website:**
<https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/FowlersHollowStatePark/Pages/default.aspx>

Little Buffalo State Park

Little Buffalo State Park is a place where people have met for centuries. Besides having extensive picnic areas, hiking trails and a lake for fishing and boating, the park is steeped in history. Historical features include a covered bridge, a restored, operating grist mill, an old farm house built on the site of a colonial tavern, and a narrow gauge railroad trace which features one of the original railroad cars.

- **Address:** 1579 State Park Rd, Newport, PA 17074
- **Directions:** From PA 322, take the Newport Exit and follow PA 34 South through the town of Newport. One mile from town, turn right onto Little Buffalo State Park Road to the park. From PA 322 to the park entrance is 4.6 miles.
- **Recreational Opportunities:** Hiking - Picnicking - Swimming - Boating - Fishing - Hunting - Wildlife Watching - Cross-country Skiing - Ice Fishing - Ice Skating - Camping
 1. **Swimming:** A state-of-the art swimming pool which is nearly half an acre in size sits along Holman Dam and features waterslides and a sprayground. The pool has a capacity of 1,285 swimmers and has a ramp for people with disabilities.
 2. **Fishing:** The 88-acre Holman Lake offers year-round fishing opportunities. This warm water fishery enjoys natural reproduction of largemouth bass, catfish and panfish. The lake is designated as a "Big Bass Lake." Bass must be at least 15

inches long with a daily limit of four. Adult brook, brown and rainbow trout are stocked several times a year. Fingerlings of tiger muskellunge and walleye are also stocked. An ADA accessible fishing pier is located by the Main Boat Launch. See Winter Activities for information on ice fishing. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission rules and regulations apply.

3. Boating: Electric powered and non-powered boats are permitted. Motorboats must display a boat registration from any state. Non-powered boats must display one of the following: boat registration from any state; launching permit or mooring permit from Pennsylvania State Parks that are available at most state park offices; launch use permit from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. There are two public boat launches on the north side of Holman Lake. Mooring sites for private boats are available for a fee from April 1 to Nov. 1. A boat rental is located next to the swimming pool and operates the weekend of Memorial Day through Labor Day from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, unless otherwise posted. Canoes, rowboats and pedal boats are available.
4. Hunting and Firearms: Approximately 300 acres of Little Buffalo State Park are open to hunting, trapping and the training of dogs during established seasons. Common game species are deer, turkey, grouse, rabbit, pheasant and squirrel.
5. Camping: flush toilets and showers. The modern campground is open from April to mid-October. There are forty sites, some have electric and water hook-ups, and 5 rustic camping cottages. All campsites have a picnic table and fire ring. Pets are permitted.
6. There are two picnic areas in Little Buffalo State Park. The Main Picnic Area is a large, shaded lawn surrounding the swimming pools. There are showers, first-aid station, play field, seasonal food concession, playground equipment, boat rental, two picnic pavilions, horseshoe pits, restrooms and many picnic tables. The Main Picnic Area is closed November through April. The East Picnic Area, located by the Little Buffalo Historic District and open year-round, features picnic tables, restrooms, horseshoe pits, environmental interpretive center, picnic pavilion and the Moore Performing Arts Pavilion. The two picnic pavilions in the west side of the Main Picnic Area seat 80 people, and the picnic pavilion in the East Picnic Area seats 50 people. The picnic pavilions may be reserved up to 11 months in advance for a fee by calling 888-PA-PARKS. Unreserved picnic pavilions are free on a first come first served basis.
7. Playgrounds: There is a playground in the Main Picnic Area and in the East Picnic Area.
8. Hiking: Little Buffalo has approximately 8 miles of hiking trails. Sturdy footwear is recommended because of rocky footing on some of the trails. Explore Trails for complete trail descriptions.

9. Winter Activities: Cross-country skiing, ice skating, ice-fishing

- **Website:** <https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/LittleBuffaloStatePark/Pages/default.aspx>

Mont Alto State Park

- **Address:** Mont Alto, PA 17237
- **Directions:** Mont Alto State Park, in southeastern Franklin County, contains 24 acres of land. It can be reached from Caledonia State Park on US 30, the Lincoln Highway, by traveling seven miles south on PA 233 or by traveling north on PA 233, one mile from the town of Mont Alto.
- **Recreational Opportunities:** Hiking - Picnicking - Fishing - Snowmobiling
 1. Fishing: The West Branch of Antietam Creek flows through the park and offers excellent trout fishing.
 2. Hiking: Local mountain roads offer interesting short hikes and a flora that attracts a diversity of wildlife, especially woodland birds.
 3. Picnicking: Two picnic areas contain many tables and two picnic pavilions.
 4. Winter Activities: snowmobiling
- **History:** Adjacent to the park was the site of the Mont Alto Iron Furnace. Daniel and Samuel Hughes built the furnace in 1807. Originally, it was 31 feet high, 8 feet wide at the boshes and produced 2-3 tons of iron a day. George Weistling purchased the furnace and associated holdings in 1864. Weistling started the Mont Alto Iron Company, which was responsible for many changes in the area. The Mont Alto Railroad was also completed and connected with the Cumberland County Railroad, 3.5 miles northeast of Chambersburg. Railroad trains brought visitors to the attractive mountain setting. In 1875, the “Magnificent Summer Resort,” Mont Alto Park, was opened and soon became a very popular recreational area. The area was acquired by the Commonwealth on May 1, 1902, and became the first “state forest park.”
- **Website:** <https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/MontAltoStatePark/Pages/default.aspx>

Samuel S. Lewis State Park

This 85-acre state park is dominated by Mt. Pisgah, an 885-foot high ridge separating Kreutz Creek Valley and East Prospect Valley. The overlook offers a spectacular view of the Susquehanna River Valley. The park landscape consists of mowed grass fields on the northern and eastern park slopes, pine plantations in the southern area and mature woods on the western section of the park.

- **Address:** 6000 Mt Pisgah Rd, York, PA 17406
- **Directions:** Samuel S. Lewis State Park is in south-central Pennsylvania, York County, and is about 12 miles east of York, Pennsylvania. From the Wrightsville exit of US 30 follow Cool Creek Road south about 1.5-miles to Mt. Pisgah Road and the park.
- **Recreational Opportunities:** Hiking - Picnicking - Kite Flying

1. **Picnicking:** There are picnic tables, a ball field and playground equipment. Three picnic pavilions may be reserved up to 11 months in advance for a fee by calling 888-PA-PARKS. Unreserved picnic pavilions are free on a first-come, first-served basis.
 2. **Hiking:** 1 mile of trails. The short hiking trails allow exploration of the pine forests and pass near interesting rock formations.
 3. **Kite Flying:** The crest of Mt. Pisgah is an excellent area for kite flying. Local groups and individuals gather to show their skills and offer help to novice kite fliers.
- **Scenic View:** The 885-foot high Mt. Pisgah is the highest point in the area and offers a spectacular panoramic view of the Susquehanna River and the towns and fertile farmlands that it borders. A wayside panel is on the summit of Mt. Pisgah near Pavilion C and identifies various points of interest along the river valley. Coin-operated binoculars are available. Mt. Pisgah offers an uninterrupted view of the stars. Local clubs and organizations frequently hold stargazing events for the public. The natural and scenic backdrop provides a popular site for weddings. Contact the park office for more information on planning a wedding in the park.
 - **George E. Stine Arboretum:** This arboretum was created before the land became a state park. European beech, persimmon, concolor fir, English yew and several other unique species still remain. A few of these trees are identified with metal plaques. The Arboretum has been severely damaged by storms and high winds. The park plans to plant new trees in the arboretum.
 - **History:** Samuel S. Lewis State Park was named to honor the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Forest and Waters from 1951-1954. Samuel S. Lewis donated 35 acres of his farm to the Commonwealth in 1954. Lewis convinced Walter Stine to sell his arboretum to the Commonwealth for a reasonable price. The Commonwealth then purchased an additional 35 acres of the adjacent Almoney Farm to complete the initial park tract. The park opened to the public on July 4, 1954. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources purchased an additional 14 acres of land in 1999.
 - **Website:**
<https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/SamuelSLewisStatePark/Pages/default.aspx>

Swatara State Park

The 3,520-acre Swatara State Park consists of rolling fields and woodlands situated along Interstate 81 between Second and Blue mountains. One of the main focal points is the eight miles of Swatara Creek that winds through the park. Swatara State Park was acquired with capital development funds appropriated by the Pennsylvania General Assembly. A recreation area is planned for the future and will offer canoeing, fishing, hiking, picnicking, bicycling, swimming, camping and environmental education.

- **Address: 1450 Suedberg Rd, Pine Grove, PA 17963**

- **Directions:** Swatara State Park is in Lebanon and Schuylkill counties, 14 miles north of Lebanon and three miles west of Pine Grove. The park is easily reached from I-81: at Exit 90, Lickdale, take PA 72 north; at Exit 100, take PA 443 west.
- **Recreational Opportunities:** Although presently undeveloped, Swatara State Park still provides recreational opportunities. Trails - Appalachian Trail - Biking - Horseback Riding - Boating - Fishing - Hunting - Cross-country Skiing - Wildlife Watching
 1. **Fishing:** Spring trout season attracts many anglers to Trout Run, the park's only stocked, cold water trout fishing stream. There are also a few small streams within the park that boast native populations of brook trout. Warm water fish like smallmouth bass and panfish can be caught in the Swatara Creek. Fishing continues to improve because numerous abandoned mine drainage abatement projects, agricultural best management practices and sewage treatment efforts are improving water quality of the Swatara Creek and its tributaries. Irving's Pond provides opportunities to catch largemouth bass and panfish.
 2. **Hunting and Firearms:** Most of Swatara State Park is open to hunting, trapping and the training of dogs during established seasons. Common game species are deer, turkey, ruffed grouse, pheasant, rabbit, squirrel and waterfowl, with populations of furbearers including muskrat, raccoon, opossum and fox. Be alert for the 150-yard safety zone surrounding each of the occupied buildings in the park.
 3. **Boating:** non-powered boats only. Swatara Creek is a popular area for canoeing in the spring. There are several locations of easy access to the creek for put-in and take-out of boats. Non-powered boats must display one of the following: boat registration; launching permit or mooring permit from Pennsylvania State Parks, available at most state park offices; launching permit from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. Approved U.S. Coast Guard personal flotation devices (PFD) must be in your boat or worn at all times while boating on state park waters.
 4. **Appalachian National Scenic Trail:** Stretching from Georgia to Maine, this backpacking trail traverses two miles of the southern portion of Swatara State Park.
 5. **Hiking/Biking Trails:** The Swatara Multi-use Trail runs about nine miles from the Lickdale Interchange (Exit 90) of I-81 to the Pine Grove Interchange (Exit 100) of I-81. You may make a 10-mile loop by starting at the Waterville Bridge and using the Swatara Multi-use Trail and Old State Road.
 6. **Horseback Riding:** Horseback riding is permitted on the right side berm of public roads.
 7. **Winter Activities:** cross-country skiing
 8. **Natural History:** Swatara State Park has a combination of woodland and old fields in various stages of forest succession. The blending of these habitats results in a remarkably wide variety of trees, wildflowers and wildlife. Bird boxes are maintained for game and nongame species like bluebirds, hawks, wrens and ducks. **Fossil Collecting:** The geology of Swatara State Park is predominately sedimentary

rocks formed in a shallow ocean during the Middle Devonian Period of the Paleozoic Era, about 375 million years ago. An Upper Mahantango Formation that contains significant marine fossil beds is exposed at a site along Old State Road and provides excellent opportunities for fossil collectors.

- **History;** The area in and around Swatara State Park is rich in American history. American Indians originally used the land along the Swatara Creek as a transportation route. After settlement by Europeans in the 1750s, anthracite coal was discovered in the Tremont area. In the 1820s, as the demand for coal rose, a need for better transportation led to the construction of the Union Canal that connected the Schuylkill and Susquehanna rivers. From Lebanon, a branch canal was constructed to Pine Grove through what is now the Swatara State Park. A dam and 672-acre reservoir in the park area supported canal traffic to Pine Grove and supplied water for the Union Canal at Lebanon. The dam was washed away in the Flood of 1862, destroying the canal and reservoir. The dam was never rebuilt because the railroad soon went into operation on the opposite bank of the Swatara Creek. Remains of the abandoned railroad bed, five canal locks and the old dam on Old State Road can be found within the park. The Commonwealth began acquisition of the park in 1971 and was completed in 1987 by the Department of General Services.
- **Website:** <https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/SwataraStatePark/Pages/default.aspx>

Caledonia State Park

The 1,125-acre Caledonia State Park is in Adams and Franklin counties, midway between Chambersburg and Gettysburg on US 30. Caledonia is in the northernmost section of the Blue Ridge Mountains known locally as South Mountain. Blue Mountain, the easternmost ridge of the Allegheny Mountains, is to the west and northwest of the park across a large low, rolling, fertile valley known as the Great Valley. South Mountain is mostly composed of a hard rock called quartzite. The valleys on either side are underlined with limestone and shale. The soil is ideal for fruit production, proven by the abundance of orchards in the surrounding area.

- **Address:** 101 Pine Grove Rd, Fayetteville, PA 17222
- **Directions:** Caledonia is at the intersection of US 30 and PA 233.
- **Recreational Opportunities:** Hiking - Picnicking - Swimming - Fishing - Hunting - Golf - Organized Group Tenting - Cabins - Camping
 1. Picnicking: More than 450 picnic tables are provided for year-round use. Two picnic pavilions may be reserved up to 11 months in advance for a fee. Unreserved picnic pavilions are free on a first-come, first-served basis.
 2. Fishing: The East Branch Conococheague and Rocky Mountain creeks and Carbaugh Run flow through the park and the surrounding state forest lands, offering many exciting places for anglers. Brown trout, rainbow trout, native brook trout and some warm-water game fish can be found in these streams.
 3. Hiking: 10 miles of trails. The trails pass through forests and historic areas. A brochure on the hiking trails is available at the park office. The Appalachian National

- Scenic Trail, which extends 2,000 miles from Springer Mountain in northern Georgia to Mount Katahdin in central Maine, traverses the central portion of Caledonia.
4. **Swimming:** The park features a large, ADA accessible swimming pool with a small snack bar. The pool is open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day, unless posted otherwise.
 5. **Golf:** An 18 hole, par 68, public golf course is available. Constructed in the late 1920s, the course is the oldest and one of the most scenic courses in south central Pennsylvania. For more information contact Caledonia Golf Enterprises, Inc., P.O. Box 195, Fayetteville, PA 17222, 717-352-7271.
 6. **Hunting and Firearms:** About 740 acres are open to hunting, trapping and the training of dogs during established seasons. Common game species are deer, rabbit, squirrel and turkey. Hunting is permitted in the adjacent Michaux State Forest.
 7. **Camping:** modern restrooms with showers. About 170 tent and trailer sites are available in two campgrounds. The camping season opens the day before trout season in March and ends after deer season in December. Chinquapin Hill Campground is nestled on the side of a mountain with plenty of shade trees and is close to the swimming pool. Some sites have electrical hookups. Hosack Run Campground is one mile from the main day use area. It has moderately level, open and shaded sites, and offers hot showers, flush toilets, electrical hookups, a dump station and small playground for children. Pets are permitted on designated sites. Two special campsites are set aside for people with disabilities with a nearby family-assist restroom.
 8. **Organized Group Tenting:** Organized adult and youth groups of up to 100 people can rent this modern area, which is open the day before trout season in March to the 4th Sunday in October. There are flush toilets, picnic tables and fire rings, but no showers. Advance reservations are required.
- **History:** Caledonia State Park has seen the worst and best of human nature. Caledonia is the name invading Romans gave to northern Britain. It is also the name of the county in Vermont where Thaddeus Stevens was born, in 1792. Overcoming a childhood of prejudice and poverty, Stevens attended Dartmouth College. After graduation he moved to York, Pennsylvania, and taught school while getting a degree in law. He soon became a very successful lawyer. Stevens was elected to the Pa. House of Representatives in 1833, where he led the fight for public schools. As a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, Stevens fought for equal rights for immigrants and women, then became an ardent abolitionist.

Stevens built charcoal iron works in Franklin County, which opened in 1837. He named it Caledonia. A self-contained village, Caledonia had a charcoal iron furnace, forge, rolling mill, stables, warehouses, blacksmith shops, sawmill, and 60 tenement houses for the workers and their families. Furnace foreman William Hammett was a conductor for the

Underground Railroad. It is unknown if the Railroad passed through Caledonia. The furnace employed some black workers.

During the Gettysburg Campaign of the American Civil War, the confederate cavalry of General J.A. Early raided throughout southern Pennsylvania but followed a policy to destroy no private property or industry. The cavalry burned and pillaged Caledonia. Gen. Early explained his actions, “Mr. Stevens is an enemy of the South. He is in favor of confiscating their property and arming the Negroes. His property must be destroyed.” Furnace Manager John Sweeney rebuilt the iron furnace and a forge, which operated until 1870. Stevens died in 1868, having seen his dream of a free south fulfilled.

The Dillers purchased Caledonia in 1887 and operated a quarry for ganister sand and other minerals. In 1903, the land was sold to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as part of the new Forest Reserve System, to be a future supply of timber and be “outings grounds for citizens.”

The Chambersburg and Gettysburg Electric Railway Company leased the park and made it a destination for their trolley line by building amusement rides and a dance pavilion. In the heyday of the Lincoln Highway (early 1900s) Caledonia became a featured stop. The Graffenburg Inn was a great place to eat.

In 1922, Robert Miller built a nine-hole golf course, which later became 18 holes. In 1927, the Pa. Alpine Club reconstructed the old furnace stack as a reduced scale model. In 1933, during the Great Depression, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) built a camp in Scotland, Pennsylvania. The young, unemployed men worked building roads and recreational facilities in and around Caledonia.

Pieces of Caledonia’s history remain. The furnace stack (although rebuilt), the blacksmith shop, millrace, furnace dam and scattered charcoal hearths remain from the charcoal era. The railroad bed once held trolley cars of tourists who mixed with visitors who drove on the first transcontinental highway, now US 30. Thanks to the work of the CCC boys, Caledonia has beautiful forests, trails, and pavilions. Caledonia State Park suffered through war, vengeance and industrial overuse to be restored by the early conservation movement. Let’s all work to ensure that Caledonia State Park continues to see the best of human nature.

- **Website:** <https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/CaledoniaStatePark/Pages/default.aspx>

Colonel Denning State Park

Colonel Denning State Park, in north central Cumberland County, is in Doubling Gap, so named by the “S” turn where Blue Mountain doubles back on itself. This feature may be seen from the Doubling Gap Vista in adjacent Tuscarora State Forest. The park has 273 acres of woodland and a 3.5-acre lake.

- **Address:** 1599 Doubling Gap Rd, Newville, PA 17241
- **Directions:** The park is eight miles north of Newville and nine miles south of Landisburg, along PA 233.

- **Recreational Opportunities:** Hiking - Picnicking - Swimming - Fishing - Hunting - Orienteering - Cross-country Skiing - Ice Skating - Organized Group Tenting - Camping
 1. **Hiking:** 18 miles of trails. The 2.5-mile Flat Rock Trail rises to Flat Rock, a beautiful scenic vista of the Cumberland Valley. The one-mile, self-guiding Doubling Gap Trail is a moderate hike. The Hiking and Nature Trail Guide is available at the park office and has a map and detailed description of the hiking trails in the park and surrounding forest lands. In addition to the 18 miles of hiking trails, the park is a trailhead for the 105-mile Tuscarora Trail.
 2. **Picnicking:** This wooded park has over 200 picnic tables and a limited number of charcoal grills. There are two picnic pavilions that may be reserved up to 11 months in advance for a fee. Unreserved picnic pavilions are free on a first-come, first-served basis. Play equipment is near Picnic Pavilion #1.
 3. **Swimming:** The sand beach is open from late-May to mid-September, 8 a.m. to sunset. Swim at your own risk. Please read and follow posted rules for swimming.
 4. **Orienteering:** There are three courses to challenge your map and compass skills: beginner, intermediate and advanced. Trail maps are available at the park office or the nature center.
 5. **Fishing:** The 3.5-acre Doubling Gap Lake has trout fishing. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission limits, seasons and regulations apply.
 6. **Hunting and Firearms:** Many acres are open to hunting, trapping and the training of dogs during established seasons. Common game species are deer, squirrel and turkey. Hunting is also permitted on the adjacent Tuscarora State Forest.
 7. **Camping:** rustic sites. The 52-site, tent and trailer campground is open from the opening day of trout season to the day after deer season in December. Each site has a picnic table and fire ring, and are near non-flush toilets and a sanitary dump station.
 8. **Organized Group Tenting:** Qualified adult and youth groups may reserve the organized group tenting area for overnight use. This space includes five tent pads, picnic tables, lantern holders and a large fire ring. The organized group campsite can accommodate a maximum size group of 20 people.
 9. **Winter Activities:** Cross-country skiing and ice skating
 10. **Environmental Education:** An environmental interpretor offers ecological and historical walks and programs, audiovisual programs, campfires, environmental education activities and youth programs during the summer season. A visitor center, exhibiting plants, animals and minerals found in the park, is open during the summer season.
- **History:** William Denning, (1737-1830) American Revolution veteran for whom the park is named, was never a colonel but he is deserving of a place in history for his manufacturing of wrought iron cannons. William Denning served his country as a

sergeant from March 1778 to April 1780 in Nathaniel Irish's Company of Artillery Artificers in Benjamin Flower's Regiment. Denning was stationed just outside of Carlisle, Pa., at Washingtonburg Forge, now Carlisle Barracks. The forge provided armaments for the Continental Army, including cannons. It is at this forge that William Denning made wrought iron cannons in a process of welding gads (strips) of wrought iron in successive layers to produce a cannon lighter and better able to resist failure during firing than cast iron cannons.

Unfortunately, none of Denning's cannons survive today. Historical documents help us imagine what Denning's cannons looked like. It is not known when or who added the "colonel" to Sergeant William Denning's name. After the Revolution, William Denning lived out his life near Newville, Pa, and is interred with his only son and daughter in the Big Spring Presbyterian Church cemetery in Newville. His monument reads "Blacksmith and Forger of Wrought Iron Cannon."

The park became a state recreational area about 1930, under the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry, and was developed formally in 1936 through the efforts of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Camp S-111 in Perry County.

- **Website:**

<https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/ColonelDenningStatePark/Pages/default.aspx>

Gifford Pinchot State Park

Gifford Pinchot State Park, a 2,338-acre full service park, is in northern York County along PA 177 between the towns of Rossville and Lewisberry. The park consists of reverting farm fields and wooded hillsides with the 340-acre Pinchot Lake serving as a prime attraction.

- **Directions:** The park is near the metropolitan areas of York and Harrisburg. It is reached from Harrisburg via the Lewisberry Exit (35) of I-83 south, then PA 177 south; or by US 15 south to Dillsburg, then to PA 74 south. From York, take PA 74 north or I-83 north. From I-83, take the Newberrytown Exit (32), PA 382 west to PA 177 south.
- **Recreational Opportunities:** Trails - Biking - Horseback Riding - Picnicking - Swimming - Boating - Fishing - Hunting - Disc Golf - Wildlife Watching - Cross-country Skiing - Ice Fishing - Ice Skating - Iceboating - Organized Group Tenting - Yurts - Cabins - Camping Cottages - Camping
 1. Boating: electric motors only. The 340-acre Pinchot Lake has three launch areas available 24 hours a day. There are 286 shoreline mooring and canoe rack spaces that may be rented from April 1st to November 1st. Mooring areas include a number of larger spaces designed to accommodate the increasingly popular day sailors and catamarans, while rack spaces accommodate sailboards and smaller sailboats. There are several types of boats and electric trolling motors for rent at the boat rental from late spring through early autumn each year. Motorboats must display a boat registration from any state. Non-powered boats must display one of the following: boat registration from any state; launching permit or mooring permit from

- Pennsylvania State Parks that are available at most state park offices; launch use permit from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission.
2. Trails: There are more than 20 miles of marked and maintained trail at Gifford Pinchot State Park. The longer through trails are marked with 3" by 5" rectangular white blazes. Shorter trails are marked with white, double bar blazes. Most trails interconnect to allow hikers to tailor their outing to meet their individual desires. Explore trails for complete trail descriptions.
 3. Hunting and Firearms: About 1,780 acres are open to hunting, trapping and the training of dogs from fall archery season through the end of the traditional winter seasons. Common game species are deer, rabbit, squirrel and waterfowl. Because of the adjacent residential development and the many non-hunting visitors, special regulations apply to all hunting in the park. Hunting weapons are restricted to bows and arrows until the general small game season in late fall when shotgun and muzzleloader use are also permitted. Center fire rifles and handguns cannot be used in the park at any time. Hunting is prohibited during spring and summer and dog training is only permitted from the day following Labor Day to March 31 in designated hunting areas.
 4. Swimming: A large, ADA accessible beach in the Quaker Race Day Use Area is open from late-May to mid-September, 8 a.m. to sunset. Swim at your own risk. Please read and follow posted rules for swimming. Boat rental, picnic facilities, snack bar and children's play area are near the swimming beach.
 5. Picnicking: The ADA accessible Quaker Race Day Use Area is on the west side of the lake and the Conewago Day Use Area is on the east side of the lake. Picnic tables, charcoal grills, convenient parking lots, drinking water, modern restrooms and horseshoe pits are throughout the areas. The Quaker Race area has a volleyball court. The Conewago area has a softball field. Four ADA accessible picnic pavilions may be reserved up to 11 months in advance for a fee. Unreserved picnic pavilions are free on a first-come, first-served basis.
 6. Horseback Riding: In the northeast section of the park is an area set aside for horseback riding. This area includes several miles of wide, mowed, interconnecting trails that wind through reverting farm fields, pine plantations and deciduous woodlands. There is a large, gravel parking area off of Alpine Road, a short distance south of the intersection with PA 177. There are no horse rentals.
 7. Fishing: The 340-acre Pinchot Lake has largemouth bass, hybrid striped bass, muskellunge, catfish, carp, walleye, crappie and sunfish. Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission laws apply. Pinchot Lake is designated a big bass lake. Special regulations cover the minimum size and creel limits for all species of bass.
 8. Disc Golf: There is an 18-hole disc golf course on the east and west sides of the park. In the Conewago Day Use Area, Boulder Woods is a fairly level course that is great

- for families. In the Quaker Race Day Use Area, Quaker's Challenge Course has recreation and pro tees in a challenging, hilly course.
9. Biking: The trails between the campground and the Conewago Day Use Area are for joint-use by hikers, cross-country skiers and bicycles. The Multipurpose Trail network consists of a 3.5-mile outer loop with a number of internal connectors. The trail surface is packed gravel and the terrain is mostly flat with a few gentle hills. The trail is suitable for family use and most bicycles. Please be considerate of other trail users; ride to the right and signal when passing. The trail winds through woodlands and along the lakeshore and is designed for a slow, leisurely ride. Fast and reckless riding is prohibited. Trail access for the general public is from the Conewago Day Use Area. Campers can access the trails directly from the campground. A seasonal bike rental is in the Conewago Day Use Area.
 10. Camping: modern sites, some with electricity. With 339 campsites at the southern end of the lake, this park provides one of the largest state park campgrounds in the Commonwealth. The campground opens on the second Friday in April and closes by the end of October. All of the sites have macadam pads and can accommodate virtually any piece of camping equipment from a large motor home to the smallest tent. The campground has an accessible swimming beach, outdoor amphitheater, some accessible campsites, hiking trails, boat launching and mooring area, sanitary dumping stations, staffed campground office, and modern bathhouses with flush toilets and showers. Pets are permitted on designated sites.
 11. Camping Cottages: Three cottages sleep five people in single bunks and double/single bunks, and have wooden floors, windows, electric heat, porch, picnic table, fire ring, electric lights and outlets. Nearby Bathhouse Seven provides toilets, showers, drinking water and a dishwashing station.
 12. Yurts: These Mongolian-style tents are round, on a wooden deck and sleep six people in single bunks and double/single bunks. Yurts have a cooking stove, refrigerator, countertop, table, chairs, electric lights, electric heat, outlets, fire ring, and picnic table. Nearby Bathhouse 7 provides toilets, showers, drinking water and a dishwashing station.
 13. Organized Group Tenting: The 50 sites, which can hold up to 250 people, are in the campground. This modern area is for scout, church or other organized groups that wish to camp together. Advance reservations are required.
 14. Cabins: Ten modern cabins can be rented year-round. Cabins are furnished and have a living area, kitchen/dining area, toilet/shower room and two or three bedrooms. Renters provide their own bed linens, bathroom articles, kitchenware and eating utensils. Cabins also have boat mooring areas on the lakeshore. One cabin is ADA accessible.
 15. Winter Activities: Ice fishing, ice skating, iceboating, cross-country

16. Environmental Education: The park offers a wide variety of environmental education and interpretive programs. Through hands-on activities, guided walks and evening programs, participants gain appreciation, understanding and develop a sense of stewardship toward natural and cultural resources. Pontoon boat tours of the lake are offered spring through fall. Programs are offered early spring through late fall. For more detailed information contact the park office. A park-operated nature center in the Conewago Day Use Area is open during the summer. Wayside exhibits and informative brochures help visitors learn more about the park's natural environment. Curriculum-based environmental education programs are available to schools and youth groups. Teacher workshops are available. Group programs must be arranged in advance and may be scheduled by calling the park office.

- **Website:**

<https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/GiffordPinchotStatePark/Pages/default.aspx>

Memorial Lake State Park

Memorial Lake State Park is surrounded by Fort Indiantown Gap Military Reservation in East Hanover Township. The park consists of 230 acres in scenic Lebanon County near the southern base of Blue Mountain.

- **Address:** 18 Boundary Rd, Grantville, PA 17028
- **Directions:** The park is 30 minutes east of Harrisburg and is easily reached from I-81. From the north, take Exit 85. From the south, take Exit 85B. Turn north onto Fisher Avenue and follow signs to the park.
- **Recreational Opportunities:** Hiking - Picnicking - Boating - Sailing - Fishing - Cross-country Skiing - Ice Fishing - Ice Skating
 1. Boating: electric motors only. The 85-acre Memorial Lake has two boat launching ramps, a courtesy dock and 56 overnight mooring spaces available on a first-come, first-served basis. Sail boating and sailboarding are very popular on Memorial Lake. A boat rental has canoes, paddleboats, rowboats, kayaks and sailboards from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day.
 2. Fishing: The 85-acre Memorial Lake has largemouth bass, muskellunge, northern pike, yellow perch, white and black crappie, various species of panfish, bullhead, channel catfish, carp and sucker. Trout are also found in the lake although they are not stocked. The lake is readily accessible for shoreline or boat fishing.
 3. Hiking: A short woodland trail winds along the northern shoreline. The open nature of the park allows the visitor to take casual walks through most of the park. Scenic views of the lake provide a tranquil setting, especially during the spring and autumn days. Birders have the opportunity to observe over 100 different species of birds in the park.
 4. Picnicking: Four separate access roads provide easy entry to the day-use areas. Picnic tables are provided in shady groves, along the shoreline and at areas that provide scenic views of the lake. Charcoal grills are conveniently located throughout the park.

Two picnic pavilions are available for reservation or on a first-come, first-served basis. They are conveniently located with easy access to the lake, restrooms and water fountains. Each pavilion accommodates 70 people. Call toll-free 888-PA-PARKS for reservations. Playfields are available near the picnic areas for softball, volleyball and other sports. Two play areas are also available. A one-mile exercise course is in the eastern portion of the park. The 20-station course begins and ends near the main parking lot along the northern shore of the lake.

5. Winter Activities: Cross-country skiing, ice fishing, ice skating.

- **History:** The U. S. military created Memorial Lake in 1945 to honor the Pennsylvania National Guard soldiers that served in World War I and World War II. As a feature of Fort Indiantown Gap Military Post, the lake provided recreation for soldiers and their families. In 1965, Memorial Lake was transferred to the Department of Forest and Waters (now the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources) and became Memorial Lake State Park. It provides recreational opportunities for civilians and military personnel.
- **Website:**
<https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/MemorialLakeStatePark/Pages/default.aspx>

Pine Grove Furnace State Park

Steeped in natural and historical features, the 696-acre Pine Grove Furnace State Park is in a beautiful mountain setting in southern Cumberland County. Surrounded by Michaux State Forest, Pine Grove Furnace features two lakes, 25-acre Laurel Lake and 1.7-acre Fuller Lake, a historic area and the Appalachian Trail.

- **Address:** 1100 Pine Grove Rd, Gardners, PA 17324
 - **Directions:** The park is easily reached from I-81. Visitors should take Exit 37 to PA 233 south then travel for eight miles.
 - **Recreational Opportunities:** Hiking - Biking - Picnicking - Swimming - Boating - Fishing - Hunting - Wildlife Watching - Cross-country Skiing - Snowmobiling - Ice Sports - Youth Hostel - Organized Group Tenting - Cabin - Camping
1. Picnicking: Many picnic tables are scattered in several locations of the park. Charcoal grills, drinking water and restrooms are available. Two picnic pavilions (seating 80 and 140) may be reserved up to 11 months in advance for a fee. Unreserved picnic pavilions are free on a first-come, first-served basis.
 2. Boating: electric motors only. Boating is permitted only on the 25-acre Laurel Lake, which has a boat launch, 85 mooring spaces and a boat rental. Boating is permitted only on the 25-acre Laurel Lake, which has a boat launch, 85 mooring spaces and a boat rental. Motorboats must display a boat registration from any state.
 3. Fishing: The common fish in the 25-acre Laurel Lake and the smaller 1.7-acre Fuller Lake are pickerel, perch and stocked trout. Mountain Creek, which flows through the

park, has brown, brook and rainbow trout. Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission regulations apply.

4. **Biking:** All park roads and service roads are open to bicycles unless posted otherwise. A two-mile bike trail connects the Furnace Stack Day Use Area with Laurel Lake Day Use Area. Bicyclists are advised to use caution because all trails are shared with pedestrian traffic and some are open to motor vehicles. Pennsylvania state law requires all bicyclists under the age of 12 to wear an approved helmet.
5. **Hunting and Firearms:** Over 75 acres are open to hunting, trapping and the training of dogs during established seasons. Common game species are deer, turkey, rabbit, pheasant and squirrel.
6. **Swimming:** Two beaches are open from May 1 to September 30, 8 a.m. to sunset. Laurel Beach is swim at your own risk. Fuller Beach is open from late-May to mid-September, 8 a.m. to sunset. Lifeguards are on duty from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily unless otherwise posted. Please follow posted rules for swimming when lifeguards are off duty. Swimmers at Laurel Lake and especially at Fuller Lake are advised to exercise caution because of the extreme depths and cold subsurface waters.
7. **Hiking:** Pine Grove Furnace State Park has four miles of trails, and connections to longer trails, like the Appalachian Trail. Explore Trails for detailed trail descriptions.
8. **Camping:** showers and flush toilets. 70 tent and trailer sites are available year-round. Access cannot be guaranteed in severe winter weather. A sanitary dump station is near the campground entrance. A seasonal camp store is 0.25-mile from the campground. Pets are permitted on designated sites for a fee.
9. **Paymasters Cabin:** This historic house is available for rent year-round as a modern cabin. The cabin sleeps six people and is near the camp store. Guests should bring all essentials like sheets, linens and dishes. Modern cabin prices apply.
10. **Organized Group Tenting:** Organized adult or youth groups may reserve the rustic area year-round. The area is divided into six separate sites with capacities varying from 35 to 50 people each, or the entire camp can be reserved. The sites are in a wooded area surrounding an open playfield.
11. **Winter Activities:** Ice fishing, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling
12. **Educational Opportunities:** The ADA accessible park interpretive center has exhibits on the historic charcoal iron furnace community, which flourished here for over one hundred and thirty years. The center is open in the summer season. A park interpreter provides a full range of hikes, programs, demonstrations and activities for visitors during the summer season. School programs are available upon request.
13. **Wildlife Watching:** The diverse habitats of Pine Grove Furnace State Park support a variety of wildlife through all seasons. The historic use of the area during the iron furnace period created a varied combination of open areas, wetlands, and vegetation that make the area unique to wildlife.

- **Website:**

- <https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/PineGroveFurnaceStatePark/Pages/default.aspx>

Susquehannock State Park

The 224-acre Susquehannock State Park is on a wooded plateau overlooking the Susquehanna River in southern Lancaster County. Besides the awesome view, the park offers a variety of recreational opportunities for year-round fun.

- **Address:** 1880 Park Dr, Drumore, PA 17518
- **Directions:** From PA 372 west of Buck, Pa., turn south on Susquehannock Drive to Park Drive.
- **Recreational Opportunities:** Hiking - Horseback Riding - Picnicking - Organized Group Tenting
 1. **Horseback Riding:** The many trails throughout the park offer a beautiful setting for horseback riding in the river hills. Horseback riding is prohibited at the overlooks and on Rhododendron Trail. To accommodate riding clubs and horse-drawn wagons, a shaded hitching rail for horses is in the lower parking lot.
 2. **Organized Group Tenting:** Qualified adult and youth groups may reserve space in the organized group tenting area for overnight use. The organized group campsites can accommodate any size group up to a maximum of 300 people. Call toll-free, 888-PA-PARKS for reservations.
 3. **Picnicking:** Shaded picnic spots are available throughout much of this aesthetically pleasing park. There are more than 100 tables including some with paved paths and pads. A number of picnic sites have grills and all have parking, water and restrooms nearby. For groups or special occasions there are two large picnic pavilions with large cooking grills, water, electric outlets and lighting. The accessible picnic pavilions may be reserved up to 11 months in advance for a fee. Unreserved picnic pavilions are free on a first-come, first-served basis. Call toll-free, 888-PA-PARKS for reservations. There are also two softball fields with backstops and benches as well as play areas and trailheads nearby.
 4. **Hiking:** 5 miles of trails. The scenic hiking trails offer a wide variety of interesting habitats and evidence of people's past use of the area. A Field Guide to the Natural History of Susquehannock State Park is available at the park office to assist you in discovering the natural resources of the park.
- **Website:**
 - <https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/SusquehannockStatePark/Pages/default.aspx>

Local State Park Summary

| Park | Camping | Hiking | Boating | Boat Rental | Picnicking | Swimming | Winter Activities | Environmental Programs | Historical | Biking | Horse Back Riding | Fishing | Scuba | Hunting | Orienteering |
|-----------------------|---------|--------|---------|-------------|------------|----------|-------------------|------------------------|------------|--------|-------------------|---------|-------|---------|--------------|
| Big Springs | | X | | | | | X | | X | | | | | | |
| Buchanan's Birthplace | | | | | X | | | | X | | | X | | | |
| Codorus | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | X | X | X | X | X | X | |
| Fowlers | X | X | | | X | | X | | | X | X | X | | X | |
| Little Buffalo | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | | | | X | | | |
| Mont Alto | | X | | | X | | X | | | | | X | | | |
| Samuel S Lewis | | X | | | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| Swatara | | X | X | | | | X | | X | X | X | X | | X | |
| Caledonia | X | X | | | X | X | | | X | | | X | | X | |
| Colonel Denning | X | X | | | X | X | X | X | | | | X | | X | X |
| Gifford Pinchot | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | | X | X | X | X | X | |
| Memorial Lake | | X | X | X | X | | X | | | | | X | | | |
| Pine Grove Furnace | X | X | X | | X | X | X | | | X | | X | X | X | |
| Susquehannock | X | X | | | X | | | | | | X | | | | |

Local Hiking Trails

Hiking is one of the most enjoyable pastimes of people. It is also a requirement for the hiking skills, for Tenderfoot through 1st Class and the Hiking and Backpacking merit badge.

In the next several pages are listed some enjoyable hikes, some have hiking awards available.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL

The Appalachian Trail, extending 2,000 miles from Mt. Katahdin to Springer Mountain in Georgia, provides a unique opportunity for exploring the eastern United States. Over most of its length it is marked with white paint blazes and metal markers. The Appalachian Trail may be thought of as a trunk line trail predominantly along the ridge crests with their panoramic scenery. It also affords access to the gorges, waterfalls, stand of timbers and her places of great beauty. From the Delaware Water Gap to the Susquehanna River there are scattered open camps, but the irregularity in the chain sometimes necessitates carrying camping equipment. The Appalachian Trail is primarily a hiking trail and camping is incidental to where nightfall overtakes one. Lean-to shelters are along the trail but should only be used during inclement weather or in case of emergency.

Maps and detailed trail information may be obtained by writing:

APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONFERENCE

P.O. BOX 236

HARPERS FERRY, WEST VIRGINIA 25425

Website: [Appalachian National Scenic Trail \(US National Park Service\)](http://www.appalachiantrail.com),

<http://www.appalachiantrail.com>

BLACK FOREST TRAIL

The Black Forest Trail is a 42-mile loop in Pennsylvania's Tiadaghton State Forest in parts of Clinton, Lycoming, and Potter Counties. The Black Forest Trail is known for its steep ascents and descents, and views of the Pine Creek Gorge. The trail is routed so that you don't have to hike the entire trail, as there are many places where the trail crosses forest roads to make hiking easier and potentially shorter.

Website: <https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/pennsylvania/black-forest-north-loop-trail>

HORSESHOE TRAIL

The Horseshoe Trail begins at Valley Forge and follows old woodland roads and paths. It follows high ridges and crosses many streams. It extends for 121 miles and joins the Appalachian Trail and Rattling Gun Gap on Sharp Mountain, 12 miles north of Hershey, Pennsylvania.

A complete guide of the trail may be obtained by writing to:

HORSE SHOE TRAIL CLUB

ROBERT L. CHALFANT

509 CHELTENA AVE

JENKINTOWN, PA 19046

Website: [Horse-Shoe Trail Conservancy](http://www.horse-shoe-trail.org)

JOCKEY HOLLOW TRAIL

The Jockey Hollow Trail provides a scenic hike and also an opportunity to feel close to some of the soldiers from the American Revolutionary War. The hike is 17 miles and provides an opportunity to follow the paths that Washington and his army used to cross the mountains to enter Morristown, New Jersey to spend his worst winter. The trail is only open from September to May. A medal is available for those who complete the hike and submit an essay.

For information write to:

ATTN: JOC

KEY HOLLOW TRAIL COMM.

12 MT. PLEASANT TURNPIKE

DENVILLE, NJ 07834

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/morr/planyourvisit/jockeyhollowtrailmap.htm>

JOHNNY REB-BILLY YANK COMPASS HIKING TRAILS

The National Park service at Gettysburg and the York-Adams Area Council have established the Gettysburg Heritage Award. An emblem is awarded for hiking the trails with side segments to be added to the patch as the rest are completed. The trails range from five to ten miles.

For information write to:

GETTYSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK

P.O. BOX 70

GETTYSBURG, PA 17325

Website: <https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/pennsylvania/johnny-reb-trail>

LOYALSOCK TRAIL

The Loyalsock Trail- is a wilderness trail running parallel to the Loyalsock Creek for fifty miles. It is blazed with red markers with yellow lettering 'ILT'. For the most part, the trail follows the ridges above the creek, but sometimes meanders down into the valley. The average elevation of the trail is 1800 feet. The highlights of the trail include its many vistas. No shelters are available along the trail but Worlds End State Park is eight along the trail and provides an excellent camping area for hikers.

For information write to:

LOYALSOCK TRAIL

ALPINE CLUB OF WILLIAMSPORT

P.O. BOX 501

WILLIAMSPORT, PA

Website: <https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/pennsylvania/loyalsock-trail>

VALLEY FORGE TRAIL

This trail is sponsored by Valley Forge Council, BSA. This hike is completed by using compass coordinates to see all the happenings of the park.

For information write to:

VALLEY FORGE COUNCIL, BSA

P.O. BOX 806

VALLEY FORGE, PA 19482

Website: <https://www.nps.gov/vafo/planyourvisit/maps.htm>

WASHINGTON CROSSING HISTORICAL TRAIL

This trail is sponsored by Bucks County Council, BSA. The trail includes hiking to all points of interest in Washington Crossing State Park in Pennsylvania. Camping is also permitted at the park. An award is available for making the hike and completing several other requirements.

For more information write to:

HISTORIC TRAILS COMMITTEE
BUCKS COUNTY COUNCIL, BSA
225 GREEN STREET
DOYLESTOWN, PA 18901

Website: <https://www.washingtoncrossingpark.org/visit/park-map/>

COLONIAL PATRIOT AWARD

This award is sponsored by the Philadelphia Council, BSA and the Colonial Society of Pennsylvania. The purpose of this award is to give you an experience of the colonial times in which our nation was founded. To receive this award you must complete several hikes through various points of colonial heritage and then upon completion of the hikes you must submit an essay.

For more information write to:

PHILADELPHIA COUNCIL, BSA
22ND AND WINTER STREETS
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103

Website: <https://scoutpatriot.pinetreebsa.org/>

DELAWARE CANAL TRAIL

Bike it, hike it, or canoe it – be a history buff and live it as you travel. Five years in the making to get the history, lore and construction details onto paper for use by Troops who dare to try something different. The Delaware Canal Trail is located in Eastern Pennsylvania and administered by the Bucks County Council, Boy Scouts of America. The trail follows the towpath of the Delaware Canal which was operated from 1831 until 1931 as a major inland trade route. Not many historic trails can be traveled by bike, foot, or canoe but this one can. The Delaware Canal Trail Award is available for those meeting the requirements. Awards are given for completion of parts of the trail & how that 10-mile segment was completed, the end-to-end strip is given to those individuals who complete all 48 miles. Segments are available for hikers, canoeists and bikers. Information packs are \$2.50 or \$3.50 if mailed.

Website: <https://www.fodc.org/visit-the-canal/towpath-trail/>

THE DOYLESTOWN HISTORIC TRAIL

Doylestown. Informational pack is available and contains full instructions on how you can earn the embroidered emblem upon completion of the trail program. Packet costs \$2.50, if mailed \$3.50. No history of the Doylestown community would be complete unless it had a brief summarization of how this area came to be established. In 1681 William Penn was given a grant

of 40,000 square miles in North America. It was given by King Charles II to repay a debt to the Royal Crown owed Penn's deceased father, Sir William Penn. This area became known as the Province of Pennsylvania, not named for the younger Penn, but in memory of his father, Sir William Penn of the British Admiralty. Doylestown came about in 1724 when Jeremiah Langhorne bought 5200 surveyed acres and 200 un-surveyed acres. These lands contained the future of Doylestown.

Website: <https://www.traillink.com/trail/doylestown-bike-and-hike-trails/>

FREEDOM SHRINE TRAIL

Through the generosity of the Pennsylvania Exchange Club a series of photographic reproductions of historical documents have been presented to Bucks County Council. As a result "THE FREEDOM SHRINE TRAIL" has been formed, and Dens, Patrols, and Explorer Units as well as Girl Scout units may earn a specially designed medal upon completion of the trail requirements. Information packets cost \$2.50 or \$3.50 if mailed. The Freedom Shrine Trail is located in the Bucks County Council Service Center located at Scout Way & Green Street, Doylestown, PA Open 9 am – 5 pm Monday- Friday. Plan on at least two hours to complete the trail.

Website: <https://www.thefreedomtrail.org/about/freedom-trail-establishment>

THE WASHINGTON CROSSING HISTORIC TRAIL

If your Troop wishes to hike the historic Trail at Washington Crossing State Park, PA get the packet that explains that trail program in detail. The cost of the packet is \$2.50 or \$3.50 if mailed. Then begin your plans to take the hike which is an inspiring educational experience of interest and value to citizens of all ages. It not only develops a thorough understanding and appreciation of one of the significant events in our country's history but provides an opportunity to create interest and promote activity in several other aspects of Scouting's programs through familiarization with the nature study center, the bird banding station, Penn's Woods, Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve, the Pennsylvania Canal, and the mission and management of public recreational facilities and historic sites. The trail, approximately 8 miles in length may be covered in one 8-hour day and a commemorative medal and embroidered emblem are available for those who satisfactorily complete the requirements for the award. Essays are submitted to the Washington Crossing Foundation and those judged the top three essays receive a \$50 United States Savings Bond.

Website: <https://delawareandlehigh.org/map/trail-section/washington-crossing-yardley/>

THE WILLIAM PENN TRAIL

The William Penn Trail is designed to help Scouts learn the rules, history and features of Pennsbury Manor in Morrisville, PA. The trail is a short historic compass hike and is intended to be both educational and fun. Scout Troops and Patrols must supply their own compasses for the course. Scoutmasters should first obtain the William Penn Trail information packet from the Bucks County Council, BSA. The price is \$2.50 or \$3.50 by mail. Once you have decided on a date, call the Pennsbury Manor (215) 946-0400 and tell them when your Troop/Patrol would like to hike the compass trail. A special embroidered emblem is available to those completing the requirements.

Website: <https://www.traillink.com/trail/west-penn-trail/>

THE PALISADES HISTORIC TRAILS

TRAILS:

The Palisades Historic Trails are made up of portions of the Long Path, on top @f the cliffs, and the Shore Trail, under the cliffs by the Hudson River--between Fort Lee Historic Park and Northern New Jersey Council's Camp Alpine, Alpine, N.J. The Long Path is 11.3 miles long and requires at least 5 1/2 hours of hiking, not including stops. The Shore Trail is 12.5 miles long and requires at least 6 1/2 hours of hiking, not including stops. (The Shore Trail Is more strenuous of the two.) Trails are marked with pale blue, vertical blazes (paint marks), 2" by 4". Some blazes display the initials PHT. One blaze above another indicates a turn in the trail. Blazes on the trails leading up the cliffs from the Shore Trail to Camp Alpine are blue and white--and so are blazes between the Historic Park and the Shore Trail at the south end. You may hike the trails south to north to south, one at a time or both at once over a weekend, or in segments. You may visit the Historic Park and Its Visitor's Center before or after hiking or on another day altogether.

APPLYING TO HIKE

It's very important to apply for your hiking permit early so your trails information kit arrives well before your hike date. It's far better to postpone your hike than to set out without understanding what you're doing. Thus, you're required to mail the attached application form so it reaches the Northern new Jersey Council office at least three weeks in advance. Note: If you go hiking again at a later date, notify the Northern New Jersey Council, B.S.A. by mail or phone at least three weeks in advance. (You needn't fill out a new application form or credential card.) Remember, too, that you'll need a Local Tour Permit from your own council if your troop is located outside the Northern New Jersey Council.

CENTRAL PA RAILS TO TRAILS

Mission: Rails-to-Trails Conservancy is a nonprofit organization based in Washington, D.C., whose mission it is to create a nationwide network of trails from former rail lines and connecting corridors to build healthier places for healthier people.

Rails-to-Trails Conservancy serves as the national voice for more than 100,000 members and supporters, 15,000 miles of rail-trail throughout the country, and thousands of miles of potential rail-trails waiting to be built.

We have supported the tremendous growth and development of rail-trails since opening our doors February 7, 1986. Then, there were fewer than 200 known rail-trails. Today, there are more than 1,500 preserved pathways that form the backbone of a growing trail system that spans communities, regions, states and, indeed, the entire country.

Rails-to-Trails Conservancy remains dedicated to the creation of a nationwide network of trails. Further, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy is committed to enhancing the health of America's environment, transportation, economy, neighborhoods and people—ensuring a better future made possible by trails and the connections they inspire.

What is a Rail-Trail?

Rail-trails are multi-purpose public paths created from former railroad corridors. Most often flat

or following a gentle grade, they traverse urban, suburban and rural America. Ideal for many uses, such as bicycling, walking, inline skating, cross-country skiing, equestrian and wheelchair use, rail-trails are extremely popular as recreation and transportation corridors.

Rail-trails create healthier places for healthier people. They serve as wildlife conservation and historical preservation corridors, stimulate local economies by increasing tourism and promoting local business, offer safe and accessible routes for work and school commuting, and promote active lifestyles for all ages.

What is a Rail-with-Trail? ^[1]_[SEP]A rail-with-trail is a public path that runs parallel to a still-active rail line. There are more than 115 rail-with-trails in the country. In this case, the relationship between the trail and the rail is all the more significant. Rail-with-trails are operating under a wide variety of conditions. The rail and trail share an easement and are sometimes separated by extensive fencing. Some trails are adjacent to high-speed, high-frequency trains while others run alongside tourist railroads and slow-moving excursion trains. Rail-with-trails can also provide a unique opportunity for connecting non-motorized transportation with public transportation, such as when a trail leads to a train station.

Website: <http://www.exploretrails.com/>
<http://www.traillink.com/>

| Trail Name | State | Counties | Length | Activities |
|---|-------|---------------------|--------|---|
| Capital Area Greenbelt | PA | Dauphin | 20 | Walk, Bicycle, Inline Skates, Mountain Bicycle, Wheelchair |
| Chester Valley Trail | PA | Chester, Montgomery | 3.6 | Walk, Bicycle, Inline Skates, Mountain Bicycle, Wheelchair |
| Conewago Recreation Trail | PA | Lancaster, Lebanon | 5.1 | Walk, Horseback, Bicycle, Cross Country Ski, Mountain Bicycle, Fishing, Wheelchair |
| Conoy Canal Trail (Northwest River Trail) | PA | Lancaster | 4 | Walk |
| Ephrata Linear Park Trail | PA | Lancaster | 1 | Walk, Bicycle, Wheelchair |
| Heritage Rail Trail County Park | PA | York | 21 | Walk, Horseback, Bicycle, Cross Country Ski, Wheelchair |
| JFK Walking Trail - Pottsville Bike Path & Jogging Area | PA | Schuylkill | 0.82 | Walk, Bicycle, Inline Skates, Mountain Bicycle, Wheelchair |
| Lancaster Junction Trail | PA | Lancaster | 2.3 | Walk, Horseback, Bicycle, Mountain Bicycle |
| LeTort Spring Run Nature Trail | PA | Cumberland | 1.4 | Walk, Bicycle, Mountain Bicycle, Fishing |
| Lebanon Valley Rail-Trail | PA | Lancaster, Lebanon | 12.5 | Walk, Horseback, Bicycle, Cross Country Ski, Inline Skates, Mountain Bicycle, Fishing, Wheelchair |
| Lehigh and New England Trail | PA | Schuylkill | 2.7 | Walk, Bicycle, Cross Country Ski, Mountain Bicycle |
| Lititz-Warwick Trailway | PA | Chester, Lancaster | 2.9 | Walk, Bicycle, Inline Skates, Mountain Bicycle, Wheelchair |
| Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway Trail | MD | Cecil, Harford | 2.5 | Walk, Horseback, Bicycle, Cross Country Ski, Mountain Bicycle, Fishing, Wheelchair |
| MA & PA Heritage Trail | MD | Harford | 3.5 | Walk, Horseback, Bicycle |
| Middle Creek Trail | PA | Lancaster | 1.3 | Walk |
| Muhlenberg Rail Trail | PA | Berks | 1.75 | Walk, Bicycle |

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| Northwest Lancaster County River Trail | PA | Lancaster | 2.3 | Walk, Bicycle, Inline Skates, Wheelchair |
| Pennypack Creek Trail | PA | Montgomery, Philadelphia | 12 | Walk, Horseback, Bicycle, Cross Country Ski, Fishing, Wheelchair |
| Perkiomen Trail | PA | Montgomery | 19.5 | Walk, Bicycle, Cross Country Ski, Mountain Bicycle |
| Radnor Trail | PA | Delaware | 2.2 | Walk, Bicycle, Cross Country Ski, Inline Skates, Mountain Bicycle, Wheelchair |
| Schuylkill River Trail - Bartram Trail Section | PA | Berks, Schuylkill | 8.4 | Walk, Bicycle, Cross Country Ski, Mountain Bicycle |
| Schuylkill River Trail - Thun Trail (including Leesport) | PA | Berks, Montgomery | 18.3 | Walk, Horseback, Bicycle, Cross Country Ski, Mountain Bicycle, Fishing, Wheelchair |
| Schuylkill River Trail - Valley Forge to Philadelphia | PA | Montgomery, Philadelphia | 25 | Walk, Bicycle, Cross Country Ski, Inline Skates, Wheelchair |
| Schuylkill Valley Heritage Trail | PA | Schuylkill | 7.3 | Walk, Bicycle, Cross Country Ski, Mountain Bicycle |
| Stony Valley Railroad Grade | PA | Dauphin, Lebanon, Schuylkill | 21.5 | Walk, Horseback, Bicycle, Snowmobile, Cross Country Ski, Mountain Bicycle, Fishing |
| Struble Trail | PA | Chester | 2.6 | Walk, Horseback, Bicycle, Cross Country Ski, Inline Skates, Mountain Bicycle, Wheelchair |
| Swatara Rail-Trail | PA | Lebanon, Schuylkill | 10 | Walk, Horseback, Bicycle, Mountain Bicycle |
| Union Canal Trail | PA | Berks | 4.6 | Walk, Horseback, Bicycle, Fishing, Wheelchair |

HIGH ADVENTURE BASES

High Adventure Scouting can be a rewarding experience for the older boys in your troop.

The Boy Scouts of America operates 6 High Adventure Bases. The bases are in operation the months of June, July and August. The Maine High Adventure Area and the Charles L. Sommers Canoe Base also offers winter programs. The High Adventure Bases are very popular and tend to fill up early, so an early reservation would be appropriate.

For more information on any of the bases, you can write to:

Camping/Outdoor Division

National Office

Boy Scouts of America

1325 Walnut Hill Lane

Irving, Texas 75062-1296

or you can write directly to the High Adventure Bases.

The Pennsylvania Dutch Council High Adventure Committee also offers annual trips to several BSA high adventure bases. The Pennsylvania Dutch Council has sent contingents to both Philmont and the Florida Sea Base for several years, and plans are already underway for Sea Base 2020 and Philmont 2021. More information can be found on the council website at <http://www.padutchbsa.org>.

PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH

Cimarron I New Mexico 87714

Featuring: backpacking, fishing, rock climbing, horse riding and other activities.

Website: <http://www.philmont.com>

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HighAdventure/Philmont.aspx>

Philmont is a national camping area, owned and operated by the Boy Scouts of America. Philmont comprises 137,493 acres or about 215 square miles of rugged mountain wilderness in the Sangre de Cristo (Blood of Christ) range of the Rockies. More than 20 staffed camps and 50 un-staffed camps makeup Philmont. It has high mountains which dominate the rough terrain with an elevation ranging from 6,500 to 12,441 feet. Philmont is rich in history of the ancient Indiana and the Spanish conquistadors who explored the Southwest long before the first colonists arrived. The rugged mountain men like Kit Carson camped along its trails. Great land barons like Lucien Maxwell built ranches along the Santa Fe Trail, and gold miners seeking fortunes, these men all left their mark at Philmont. Philmont is also plentiful in wildlife and its natural beauty makes it a place you will never forget. The program at Philmont offers adventure in the high country in the form of backpacking its hundreds of miles of trails through a vastly different world than we commonly know. Activities include rock climbing, gold panning, burro packing, horseback riding, mountain search and rescue and other activities common to the outdoors. The fellowship experienced at Philmont is incredible. Scouts on the trail meet other scouts from all over the United States and the world. The staff at Philmont is composed of the finest individuals of any Scout camp in the world. Philmont receives thousands of applications yearly and accepts 500, who exemplify the type of leadership needed and a love for Scouting and Philmont itself. Philmont in short is what Scouting is all about. Contact the Council office for information on Philmont.

FLORIDA NATIONAL HIGH ADVENTURE SEA BASE

P.O. Box 858, Islamorada, FL 33036

Featuring: Sailing on 25'-65' sailboats, snorkeling, scuba and the Out Island Experience.

Website: <http://www.bsaseabase.org/>

The Florida National High Adventure Sea Base is owned and operated by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America to offer unique educational aquatic programs to our members. Located in Islamorada and on Summerland Key in the beautiful Florida Keys, as well as Marsh Harbour, Great Abaco Island, Bahamas, the heart of the Florida Keys, the near shore reefs and crystal-clear waters offer unparalleled opportunities for long term and short-term programs year round. At the sea base in the Florida Keys, you can do all that plus visit places pirates once plundered. Other aquatic options include; Coral reef sailing in 50-foot sailboats. Scuba expeditions off Bahamas Out Islands. Even an Out-Island adventure: You're put on a remote island with food, water and an instructor, then left to learn primitive island skills. Programs run about seven days.

NORTHERN TIER NATIONAL HIGH ADVENTURE BASES

P.O. Box 509, Ely; MN 55731

Featuring: The Charles L. Sommers and Northern Wisconsin canoe bases.

Website: <http://www.ntier.org/>

Six miles from the Canadian border and Quetico Provincial Park is Charles L. Sommers Wilderness Canoe Base, operations center for the Northern Tier. Sommers has its own programs and runs satellite bases in Canada at Bisset, Manitoba, and Atikokan, Ontario. All levels of wilderness canoeing are offered at Northern Tier.

SUMMIT BECHTEL RESERVE

2550 Jack Furst Drive

Glen Jean, WV 25846

Website: <https://www.summitbsa.org/>

Situated in the wilds of West Virginia, The Summit is a training, Scouting, and adventure center for the millions of youth and adults involved in the Boy Scouts of America and anyone who loves the outdoors. The Summit Bechtel Reserve is also home to the National Scout Jamboree and the Paul R. Christen National High Adventure Base.