

Mt. Pisgah State Park



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Mt. Pisgah State Park is in the scenic Endless Mountains region of Pennsylvania's Northern Tier. Midway between Troy and Towanda in Bradford County, the 1,302-acre park is along Mill Creek, at the base of Mt. Pisgah, elevation 2,260 feet. The park is only two miles north of US 6, the major route through the northern tier. Secondary roads passing through the villages of East Troy and West Burlington travel over rolling farmland to the park.

A dam on Mill Creek forms Stephen Foster Lake, named after the famous composer and one-time local resident. The 75-acre lake provides fishing, boating and skating. Adjacent to the park are Mt. Pisgah County Park and State Game Land 289.

Directions

Mt. Pisgah is on Wallace Road (SR 3019), two miles north of US 6.

Recreational Opportunities

Boating: electric motors only

The 75-acre Stephen Foster Lake has a boat-launching ramp, courtesy dock, restroom and parking on the northern shore. Mooring spaces can be rented on a seasonal basis. Adjacent to the causeway, boat rentals are available during the summer season from a concessionaire.

Please wear your personal flotation devices while boating.

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.

Hiking: 10 miles of trails

A series of hiking trails are suitable for everyone from the casual walker to the experienced hiker. The trails travel around the lake, through wooded areas, old fields, open farmland or rugged terrain. Certain trails are open in winter for cross-country skiing or snowshoeing.

Hunting and Firearms: About 1,100 acres are open to hunting, trapping and the training of dogs during established seasons. Common game species are deer, turkey, rabbit, grouse, pheasant and squirrel. Hunting is permitted on adjacent State Game Land 289.

Hunting woodchucks, also known as groundhogs, is prohibited. Dog training is only permitted from the day following Labor Day to March 31 in designated hunting areas. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Pennsylvania Game Commission rules and regulations apply. Contact the park office for accessible hunting information.

Use extreme caution with firearms at all times. Other visitors use the park during hunting

seasons. Firearms and archery equipment may be uncased and ready for use only in authorized hunting areas during hunting seasons. In areas not open to hunting or during non-hunting seasons, firearms and archery equipment shall be kept in the owner's car, trailer or camp.

Swimming: The swimming pool is open daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day, unless posted otherwise. Swimming is not permitted in the lake. The pool depth ranges from eight inches to five feet and includes a ramp for people with disabilities. The pool complex contains dressing rooms, showers, restrooms and a lifeguard and first aid station. A snack bar offers food and beverages.

PARENTS-You are responsible for the safety of your children. Please supervise their activities while enjoying the swimming pool, playground, hiking trails and other facilities. Please observe posted pool rules to ensure a safe and enjoyable visit.



Picnicking: The main picnic area is adjacent to the pool complex and looks out over the lake. The pleasant wooded area gives a choice of sunny or shaded tables. Please dispose of all charcoal in special barrels in the picnic area. Visitors of all ages can enjoy the sand volleyball court and horseshoe pits.

Three 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 888-PA-PARKS for reservations.

Ice Skating: Ice skating is permitted dependent upon ice conditions. Ice thickness is monitored at the fishing area and at the boat launch.

Snowmobiling: Registered snowmobiles may use the nine miles of designated trails. Snowmobiles may be operated on designated trails and roads from the day following the last deer season in December until April 1, weather permitting.

Environmental Education and Interpretation

The park environmental interpretive center houses artifacts and displays linking us with our past. You can learn about early farm life and the wildlife around us. A walk through the butterfly garden enables the visitor to catch a close glimpse of our area's "flying flowers."

The park offers a variety of interpretive

programs for the general public. Visitors can enjoy guided nature walks, night hikes and slide programs on various environmental topics, including bears, snakes and owls. During the summer months, youth ages 4 to 13 are invited to participate in day camps, including Touch and Grow, Environmental Discovery and Junior Naturalist. In the spring and fall, programming shifts from interpretation for the general public to environmental education for school groups. The park serves as an outdoor classroom for area schools. Students participate in hands-on environmental education activities to further their awareness and understanding of the natural world. Reservations must be made in advance. For additional information on any programs provided by Mt. Pisgah State Park, visit the Web site or contact the park office.

Nearby Attractions

For information on other attractions and accommodations, please contact the Endless Mountains Visitors Bureau, 800-769-8999, www.endlessmountains.org.

Mt. Pisgah County Park features picnicking, hiking, hunting, rustic camping and scenic vistas.

The **Old Methodist Church** and cemetery is along Steam Hollow Road two miles from the park. The church was built in the early 1800s and is one of the oldest churches in this area.

This area is rich in American Indian history, and excellent American Indian lore and exhibits can be found at the **Bradford County Museum** in Towanda, and the **Tioga Point Museum** in Athens. Both museums feature a wealth of local history.

The **Bradford County Farm Museum** is in Troy, on PA 14 north. The museum's numerous and varied exhibits capture and keep alive the traditions of country life in grandfather's day. Over a thousand artifacts will educate younger visitors and spark recollections for the older guests.

State Game Land 289, 1,126 acres, is open for public hunting, hiking, birding and nature study. Please respect posted rules and regulations.

Protect and Preserve Our Parks

Vandalism Costs You! Damaged park facilities cost your tax dollars to repair. When a facility is damaged, it is not available for you to enjoy. Help us all by reporting to a park officer any acts of vandalism, littering, or disobedience of park rules. THANK YOU!

Please make your visit safe and enjoyable. Obey all posted rules and regulations and respect fellow visitors and the resources of the park.

- Be prepared and bring the proper equipment. Natural areas may possess hazards. You are responsible for you and your family's safety.
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
- Do your part to keep wildlife wild! Enjoy wildlife from a safe distance and do not feed or approach wild animals.

History

The land that became Mt. Pisgah State Park was first cleared for farmland in the early 1800s. Many of the early settlers came from New England and their descendants still reside in the area. These hearty pioneers cleared the old growth pine and hardwood trees and stacked the stumps in fence rows, which still border the old fields. The environmental interpretive center is dedicated to those early settlers who helped form our country.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania obtained the land in 1969 with funds from Project 70, a state bond issue. Facilities were developed through Project 500, another state bond issue, and a grant from the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund. Stephen Foster Dam was completed in 1977. Mt. Pisgah State Park was dedicated in 1979.

Access for People with Disabilities

This symbol indicates facilities and activities that are accessible. This publication text is available in alternative formats.

If you need an accommodation to participate in park activities due to a disability, please contact the Pennsylvania Bureau of State Parks:

888-PA-PARKS (voice)
711 (AT&T Relay Services)

Volunteers

Volunteering your time and skills to enhance the park can be a rewarding experience. Past volunteers have built, erected and monitored bluebird boxes. Thanks to their efforts hundreds of bluebirds have been fledged. Volunteers can present environmental interpretive programs, plant or trim park flowers and shrubs, help with park maintenance or assist in a variety of other areas. If you have skills and talents you would like to offer, please contact the park office.



In an Emergency

Contact a park employee or dial 911. For directions to the nearest hospital, look on bulletin boards or at the park office.

Nearest Hospital:

Troy Community Hospital
100 John Street
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