

Millions of years of uplift, erosion, and glacial activity gave us a landscape marked by hemlock- and rhododendron-laced ravines, rumbling waterfalls, fertile floodplains, and the renowned Delaware Water Gap. Archeological evidence suggests people have lived in this valley for 13,000 years. Europeans began settling and farming the area in the mid-1600s and by the early 1900s, the valley had become a popular resort area, offering a summer respite for city-dwellers.

Today the river and its valley remain a major vacation destination. Many who remember family trips, summer camp, or their honeymoon return to reminisce at their favorite site in the park.

If this is your first visit, we invite you to discover the middle Delaware River valley and start your own traditions in Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area.

# 4-11 Trails



From ridgetop to riverside, vistas to ravines, and from easy to extreme, more than 100 miles of trail offer something for everyone.

Choose a trail for hiking, biking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, or boating to enjoy the natural beauty and the historic landscape of the river valley.

# 14-15 River Activities 17-18 Auto Tours



Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area includes nearly 40 miles of the freeflowing Middle Delaware River Scenic and Recreational River.

River-related activities, like swimming and paddling, are some of the popular pastimes on warm summer days.



Although the park is close to major cities, tranquil drives invite exploration. More than 100 miles of road lead to wonderful scenic places.

Explore the varied landscapes in the valley: forests and fields, ridges and ravines, historic houses and hamlets.

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#### **Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area**

Located between the Pocono Plateau and Kittatinny Ridge in close proximity to the most densely populated region of the nation, Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and the Middle Delaware National Scenic and Recreational River preserve the natural, cultural, and scenic resources and values of the Delaware River valley and provide opportunities for resource-based recreation, education, and enjoyment.

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# The River, the Valley, and You

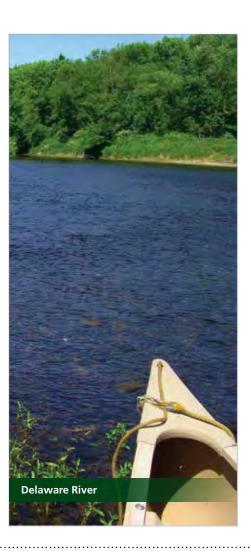
Paddlers slip down the river between low, forested mountains; anglers wade the cool streams; and hikers explore secluded places. This valley has attracted people for 13,000 years. Abundant plant and wildlife sustained American Indians; floodplains nourished early farmer's crops; waterfalls drew Victorian vacationers. Today, a 70,000-acre park welcomes you to the enticing Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and Middle Delaware National Scenic and Recreational River.

Millions of years of uplift, erosion, and glacial activity gave us the ridges, Delaware Water Gap, lakes, and streams that flow through hemlock- and rhododendron-laced ravines, and the waterfalls that pour off the Pocono Plateau.

Steeped in rich history, the trails, roads, sites, and traces reveal reminders of times gone. The Minsi Path and Minisink Trail converged on a Delaware River island that was once the centerpiece of a large American Indian settlement.

Agricultural fields still in cultivation help preserve the rural landscape predominate in the 18th century. In the 1800s resorts flourished throughout the region where city dwellers arrived by carriage or rail, often spending the entire summer away from the urban heat. The Water Gap became a scenic wonder for fashionable travelers.

Today the natural and cultural wonders provide abundant recreational opportunities. This rural vacationland is yours to explore.







## **Fees and Passes**

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area collects Expanded Amenity Fees spring, summer, and fall at select locations in the park. Fees collected are used to enhance visitor services, maintain and repair park facilities, and to manage cultural and natural resources in the park.

The America the Beautiful Annual Pass and America the Beautiful Annual Pass for Active Military are not accepted because the park does not collect a Standard Amenity Fee or an entrance fee. Holders of the America the Beautiful Senior Pass or America the Beautiful Access Pass receive a 50% discount on Expanded Amenity Fees.

## 2017 Expanded Amenity Fee Schedule

- **Private Vehicle......**\$10.00 per vehicle (1-7 occupants)
- **Private Vehicle......**\$1.00 per person (8+ occupants)
- Seasonal Park Pass...\$45.00 per vehicle / year \*
- **Seasonal Park Pass...**\$22.50 per vehicle / year \* w/Senior or Access Pass
- Walk-in .....\$1.00 per person / day Pedestrian / bike
- Sites where fees are collected:
- Smithfield Beach (PA)
- Dingmans Access (PA)
- Milford Beach (PA)

- Bushkill Access (PA)
- Turtle Beach (NJ)
- Watergate (NJ)

#### Discount available for multiple passes purchased for the same address

Fees are not charged for persons 15 or younger. Seasonal park passes and America the Beautiful passes are available for purchase at park headquarters.



#### **Smithfield Beach**

#### America the Beautiful:

## The National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass Series

A pass is your ticket to more than 2,000 federal recreation sites. Each pass covers entrance fees at national parks and national wildlife refuges as well as standard amenity fees at national forests and grasslands, and at lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Reclamation. A pass covers entrance and standard amenity fees for a driver and all passengers in a personal vehicle at per vehicle fee areas (or up to four adults at sites that charge per person). Children age 15 or under are admitted free. The pass does not cover expanded amenity fees. The following passes make up the series:

Annual Pass: \$80 annual pass available to everyone

Annual Pass for U.S. Military: Free annual pass available to current U.S. military members and dependents in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard and also, Reserve and National Guard members; must be obtained in person by showing a Common Access Card (CAC) or Military ID (Form 1173)

Annual 4th Grade Pass: Free annual pass available to U.S. 4th graders with a valid Every Kid in a Park paper pass; obtain paper pass at www.EveryKidInAPark.gov; digital version of the paper pass (such as on smart phones or tablets) are not accepted to exchange for an Annual 4th Grade Pass. See page 24 for more information.

Senior Pass: \$10 lifetime pass available to U.S. citizen or permanent residents age 62 or over (Note: the cost of this pass is expected to increase by October 1, 2017)

Access Pass: Free lifetime pass available to U.S. citizens or permanent residents with permanent disabilities

Volunteer Pass: Free annual pass available to volunteers with 250 service hours with federal agencies that participate in the Interagency Pass Program

The six agencies that participate in the Interagency Pass Program are:

- National Park Service
- U.S. Forest Service
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Bureau of Land Management Bureau of Reclamation
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

# Suggested Trip Itineraries

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area offers endless opportunities for exploration and discovery. Depending on how much time you have to spend and your interests, the following are some itineraries to consider.

# If you have a few hours:

- Stop by a park **visitor center**, where park rangers can help you plan your adventure. Visitor center parking lots fill quickly on summer weekends. To avoid the crowds, visit the area before 10:00 am or after 4:00 pm on weekends or visit on a weekday. Page 12
- Hike the 1.1-mile **George W. Childs Park Trail** that follows a creek with three rushing waterfalls. The first 0.4 mile of the trail is accessible. To avoid the crowds, visit the area before 10:00 am or after 4:00 pm on weekends or visit on a weekday. Page 6
- View **Silverthread and Dingmans waterfalls** via the 0.3-mile accessible Dingmans Creek Trail. To avoid the crowds, visit the area before 10:00 am or after 4:00 pm on weekends or visit on a weekday. Page 20
- Stop at **Toms Creek** for a picnic and a short hike along a peaceful mountain stream. This area is generally a good place to avoid crowds on summer weekends. Page 9
- Walk a section of the **McDade Recreational Trail**, which extends most the length of the park in Pennsylvania and presents some of the best views of the Delaware River, as well as views of charming streams, open farm fields, forests, and historic landscapes. Page 8
- View **Raymondskill Falls** by hiking a short, but steep, trail. To avoid the crowds, visit the area before 10:00 am or after 4:00 pm on weekends or visit on a weekday. Page 20
- Wander the quiet streets of **Millbrook Village** and learn about life in the 1800s. This area is generally a good place to avoid crowds on summer weekends. Page 19
- Tour the **Nelden-Roberts Stonehouse** and the **Foster-Armstrong House** in Montague, NJ, on a summer Sunday afternoon. This area is generally a good place to avoid crowds on summer weekends. Page 13
- Tour the **Rosencrans House** and the **Van Campen Inn** in Walpack Center, NJ, on a summer Sunday afternoon. This area is generally a good place to avoid crowds on summer weekends. Page 13
- Stop at the three **overlooks along PA 611** for stunning views of the Delaware Water Gap. Page 17

## If you have half a day:

- Take a bike ride along the McDade Recreational Trail. Bring your own or rent a bike from a local outfitter. Page 8
- Enjoy a picnic at **Hidden Lake** and then take a stroll around the lake. This area is generally a good place to avoid crowds on summer weekends. Page 11
- Enjoy a view of the Delaware River valley from several overlooks along the **Cliff Trail**. Page 6
- Enjoy a scenic drive along US 209.
- Choose a trail and enjoy a **hike**. Page 5

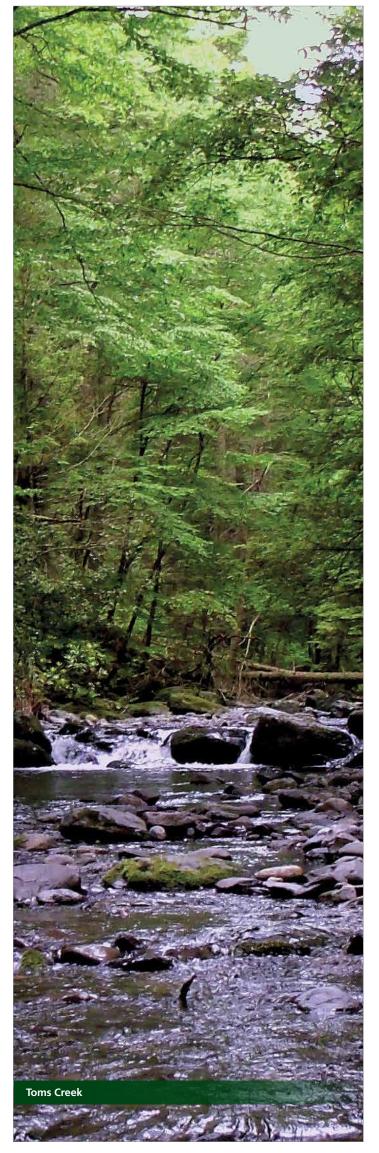
# • Drive the scenic **Old Mine Road**, stopping along the way to explore various historic and natural features. This area is generally a good place to avoid crowds on summer weekends. Page 18

- Hike a stretch of the **Appalachian National Scenic Trail**. Page 10
- Canoe or kayak on the **Delaware River**. Page 14
- Enjoy a **swim** at one of the park's lifeguarded beaches. Parking at the beaches generally fills to capacity by 11:00 am on weekends. Consider visiting during the week to avoid crowds. Page 14

#### Consider signing up for an in-park workshop offered by one of our partners.

Peters Valley School of Craft offers 2-day to 5-day fine craft workshops. For more information, visit petersvalley.org.

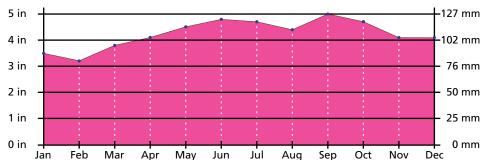
- **Appalachian Mountain Club's Mohican Outdoor Center** offers weekend outdoor getaways focusing on various outdoor skills. For more information, visit outdoors.org/lodging-camping/Lodges/Mohican.
- **Pocono Environmental Education Center** offers weekend getaways and workshops for youth, families and adults. For more information, visit peec.org.



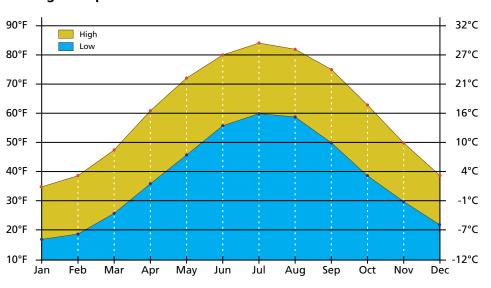
#### Weather in the Poconos

Spring tends to have more breezy days and less humidity than other times of the year. During the summer, humidity levels can be high, even near 100%, and afternoon thunderstorms are common. In the fall, humidity can still be high, but temperatures are generally pleasant. Winter days tend to be cloudy and the most snow falls in January and February, particularly along the higher elevations of the Kittatinny Ridge.

## **Average Precipitation**



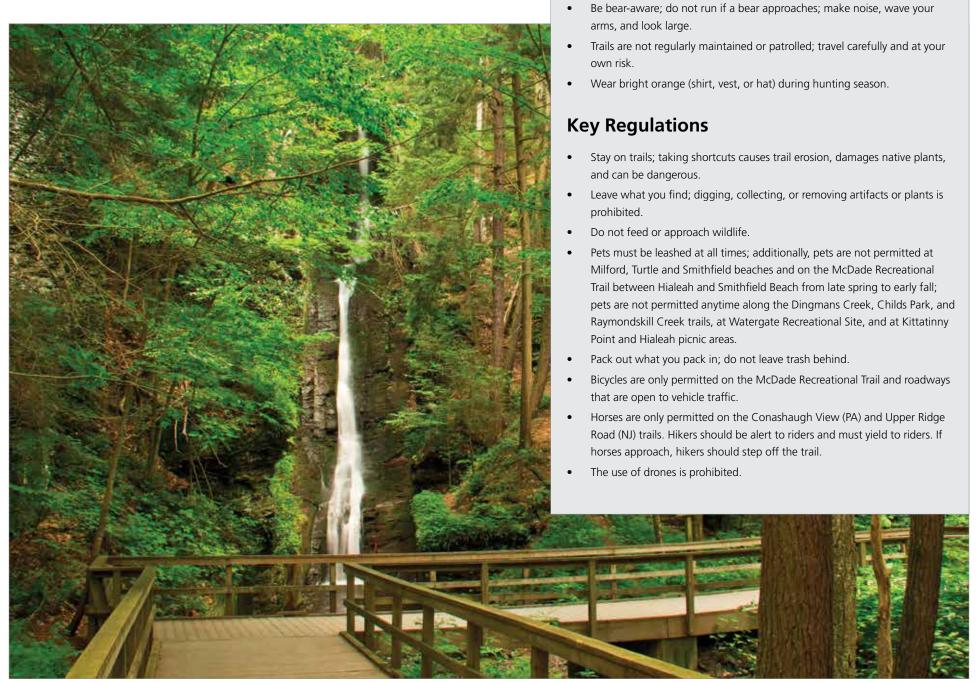
## **Average Temperature**



# **Hiking Trails**

More than 100 miles of trails meander through the park, including nearly 26 miles of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail. Hikers can enjoy the trails year-round; with each season offering its own special reward. During winter, the absence of deciduous leaves opens new vistas along trails and reveals stone walls, foundations, and other reminders of past residents. Spring provides a weekly parade of wildflowers and flowering trees. In summer, hikers can seek out cool retreats among the hemlock forests and follow rolling streams to picturesque falls and cascades. Autumn hikers have crisp air to sharpen the senses and a palette of fall colors to enjoy.

Choosing a trail can be a daunting task. What to see: Waterfalls? Historic landscapes? Inspiring views? The following pages offer a simple guide to the many routes available.



Silverthread Falls along the Dingmans Creek Trail

# **Biking**

Cycling is a popular form of recreation in the park. The McDade Recreational Trail (page 8), a packed gravel path, parallels the Delaware River on the Pennsylvania side of the park for 32 miles and is perfect for mountain and hybrid bikes. A section between White Pines and Pittman Orchard trailheads is closed to biking. Motorized vehicles are not permitted on the McDade Recreational Trail.

For those who enjoy road biking, Old Mine Road parallels the Delaware River on the New Jersey side for 34 miles in the park (page 18). The route passes through lush forests, past agricultural fields, and through historic landscapes. Numerous opportunities exist to stop and explore scenic and historic areas.

Road biking on US 209 in Pennsylvania is not recommended due to heavy traffic. Road biking on River Road in Pennsylvania is strongly discouraged due to sharp, steep turns, blind curves, and the lack of shoulders.



Riding along the McDade Recreational Trail

# Riding

The Conashaugh View Trail in Pennsylvania and the Upper Ridge Trail in New Jersey are open to horse riding for those who have their own horses. There are no horse rental liveries in the park. These two trails are also open to hiking. Hikers should be alert to riders and must yield to riders by stepping off the trail and standing quietly until they pass. Please protect the environment by riding only on the marked trails, and crossing streams only on bridges.

**Be Prepared for Your Visit** 

dehydration.

Wear sturdy shoes.

Cell phone service is limited within the park

Carry (and drink) plenty of water; a leading cause of injuries on the trail is

Protect yourself from the sun; wear a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen.

Protect yourself from ticks and insects; use insect repellant, check and

remove ticks when you return, and wear light-colored clothing to spot ticks

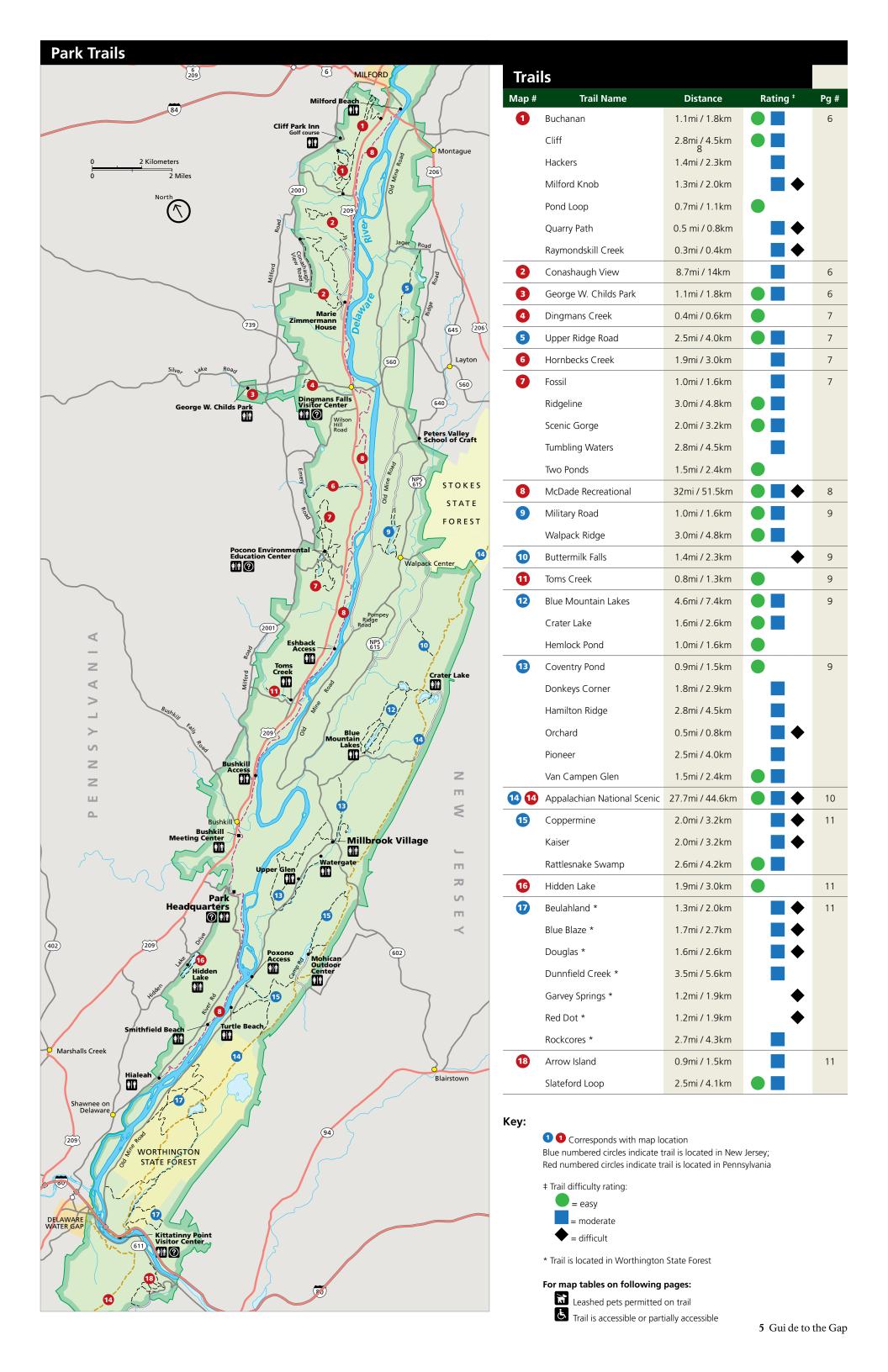
Stay alert for snakes; do not put your hands and feet into places you can't

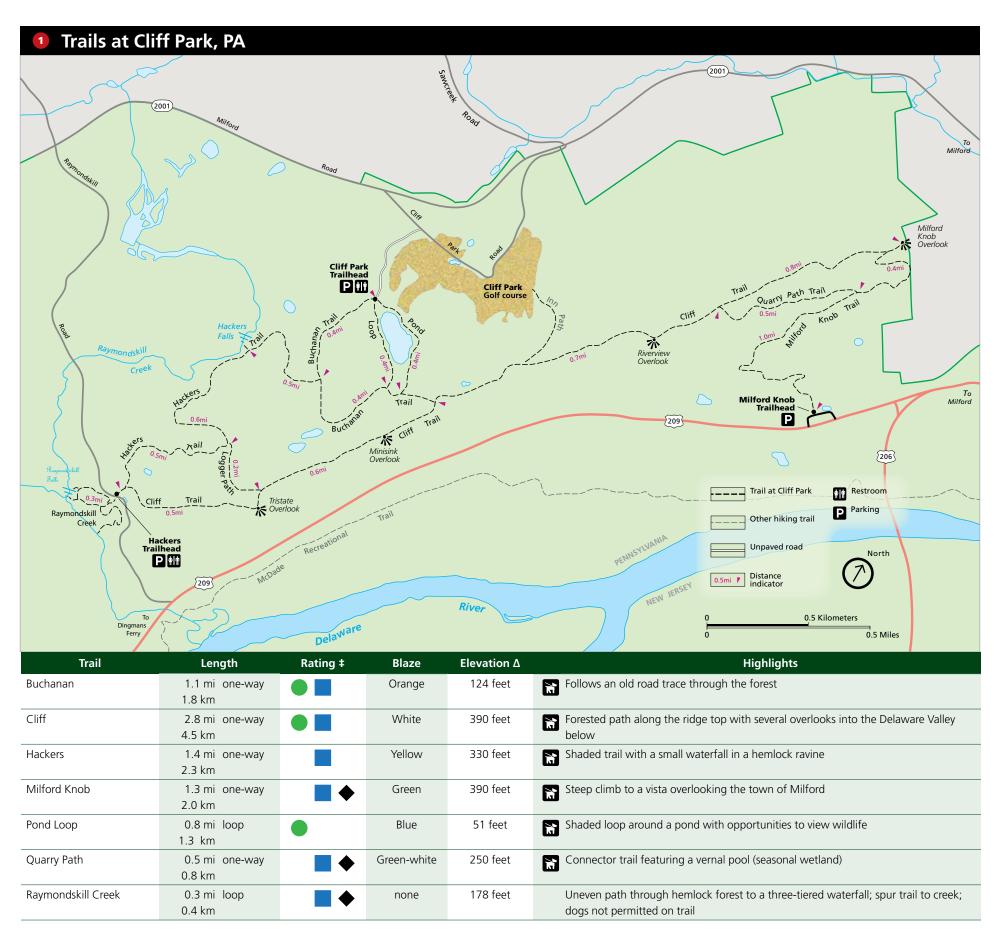
The Conashaugh View Trail (page 6) near Milford, Pennsylvania, offers nine miles of trail for horseback riders. The trail meanders through forests in the lowland and upland areas and passes by streams providing a serene setting for a ride. Parking for trailers is along Conashaugh View Road.

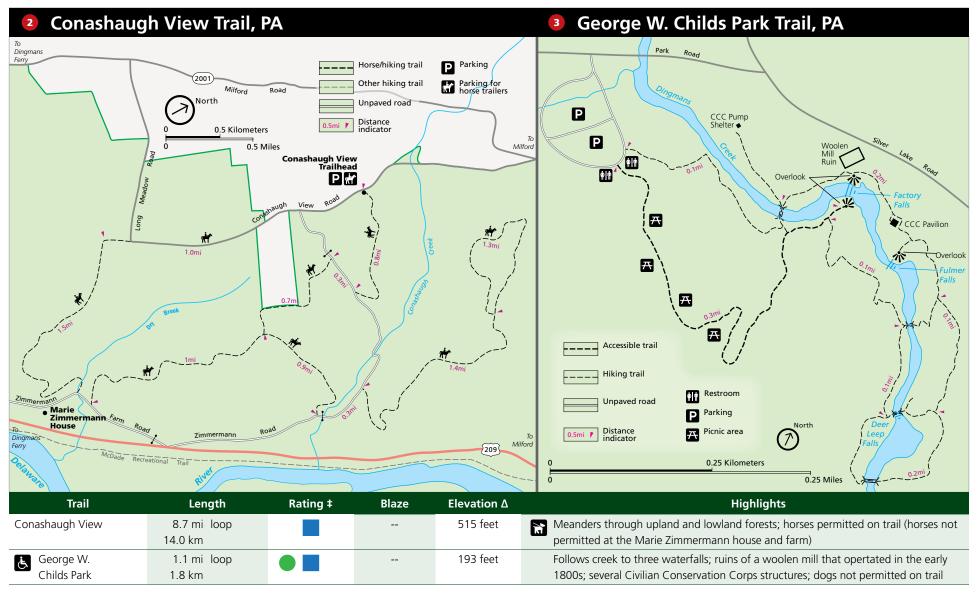
The Upper Ridge Trail (page 7) near Layton, New Jersery, winds approximately five miles (in and back) through quiet woods, open fields and past isolated ponds. This trail is not heavily used and can become overgrown in the summer. Parking for trailers is along Jager Road.

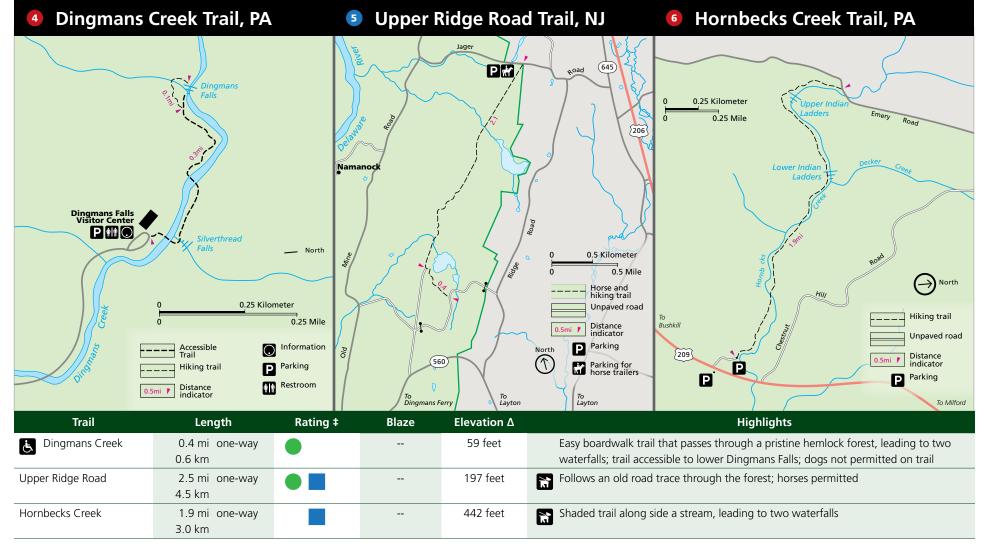


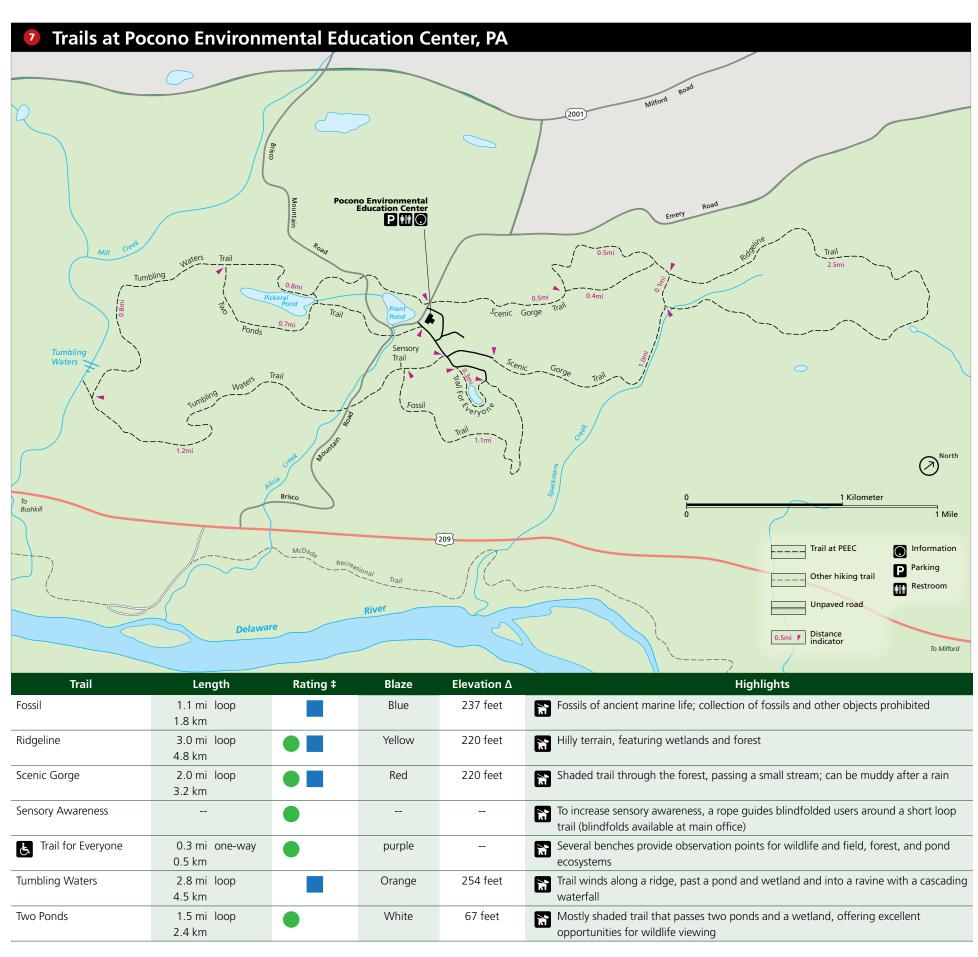
Riding along the Conashaugh View Trail

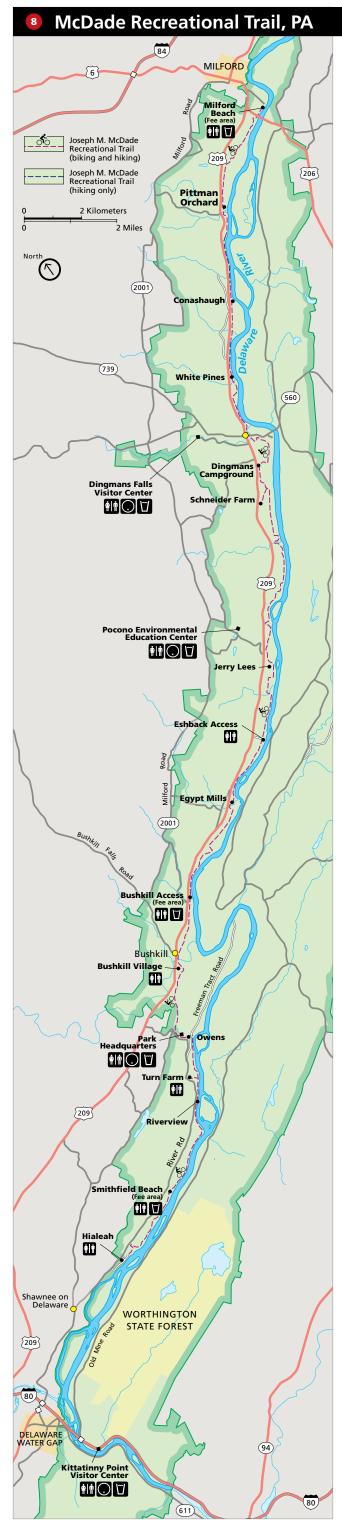












The McDade Recreational Trail extends most the length of the park in Pennsylvania and presents some of the best views of the Delaware River, as wells as views of charming streams, open farm fields, forests, and historic landscapes. The trail is a wide, packed gravel path without blazes and offers hikers, bikers, and cross-country skiers areas of varied difficulty, from easy to moderately strenuous. With trailheads located one half to five miles apart, this trail offers a section for just about any visitor. Most trailheads are along the park's free bus route that operates on Saturdays and Sundays from Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day

From the southern-most trailhead at Hialeah to Owens trailhead, the trail is mostly flat as it traverses former settlements and farms. North from the Owens trailhead on Freeman Tract Road, the trail switchbacks sharply up the side of the ridge to the park's headquarters. Observation decks on the side of the headquarters facility provide wildlife viewing areas.

Between park headquarters and Bushkill Access, the terrain becomes rolling hills. Numerous structures, foundations, and other traces remain from the once thriving community of Bushkill.

North of Bushkill Access, the trail follows a narrow ribbon of land between US 209 and the river and then continues through nearly level agricultural fields and forests to the Schneider Farm trailhead.

Continuing north, the next several miles are dominated by the river to the east and the cliffs to the west, with the trail and US 209 squeezed between in places. From Raymondskill Creek to Milford Beach, the Raymondskill Cliff parallels the nearly flat trail. Note: A section of the trail between White Pines and Conashaugh and another section of trail between Conashaugh and Pittman Orchard are hiking only and closed to bike riding due to stairs and steep grade.

The northern terminus of the McDade Trail is Milford Beach, a popular recreation site for local residents since 1945. Whether you start from Milford Beach, Hialeah, or a point in between, you are sure to find something to enjoy.

	Trail Section	Length	Rating ‡	Elevation Δ
Ė	Milford Beach to Pittman Orchard	2.2 mi 3.5 km		83 feet
	Pittman Orchard to Conashaugh	2.4 mi 3.9 km		62 feet
	Conashaugh to White Pines	1.8 mi 2.9 km		71 feet
	White Pines to Schneider Farm	4.1 mi 6.6 km		77 feet
	Schneider Farm to Jerry Lees	4.9 mi 7.9 km		50 feet
Ė	Jerry Lees to Eshback Access	1.8 mi 2.9 km		25 feet
Ė	Eshback Access to Egypt Mills	1.8 mi 2.9 km		30 feet
Ė	Egypt Mills to Bushkill Access	2.4 mi 3.9 km		39 feet
Ė	Bushkill Access to Bushkill Village	1.7 mi 2.7 km		45 feet
	Bushkill Village to Park Headquarters	2.0 mi 3.2 km		231 feet
	Park Headquarters to Owens	0.7 mi 1.1 km	•	320 feet

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#### Things to Know

- · Speed limit is 15 mph.
- · Bikers must yield to hikers.
- No motorized vehicles.
- Leashed pets are permitted along the trail except at Milford and Smithfield beaches and between Smithfield Beach and Hialeah late spring to early fall.

#### **Biking Safely**

- Go with the traffic flow; ride on right.
- · Pass on left and give audible sound to alert others of intent.
- · Obey all traffic laws.
- Yield to traffic and pedestrians.
- Be predictable; ride in a straight line and signal moves
- Stay alert at all times.
- · Look before turning.
- Walk bicycles on steep hills and stairs.
- Wear a bicycle helmet. Children 12 years old and younger must wear a bicycle helmet.
- Secure loose clothing to ensure it will not become entangled in bicycle gears.
- Adjust the bicycle to fit. The seat should be level front to back, and the height should be adjusted to allow a slight bend at the knee when the leg is fully extended. Handlebar height should be level with seat.
- Check your equipment before riding and ensure tires are properly inflated and that the brakes work.
- Make yourself visible to others.
- Control the bicycle by riding with two hands on the handlebars, except when signaling a turn.

**Bike Rentals and Tours** 

Edge of the Woods Outdoor Outfitters

Watch for and avoid hazards.

## Mileage between McDade Trailheads

to Owens

Owens to

Turn Farm

Riverview

Hialeah

Hialeah

Turn Farm to

Riverview to

Smithfield Beach

Smithfield Beach to

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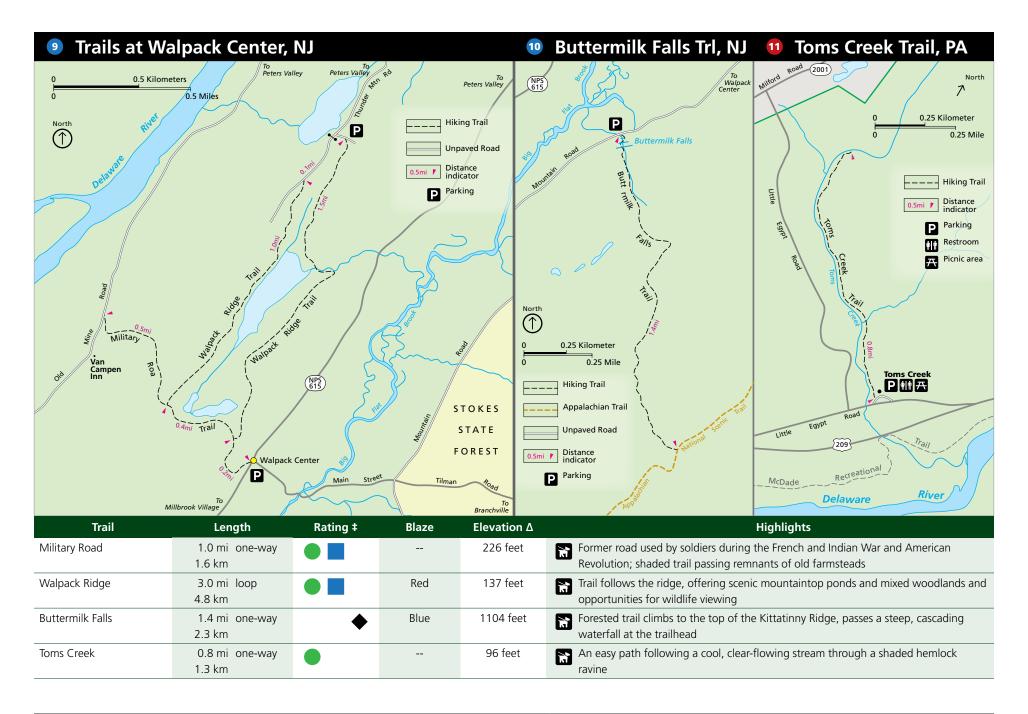
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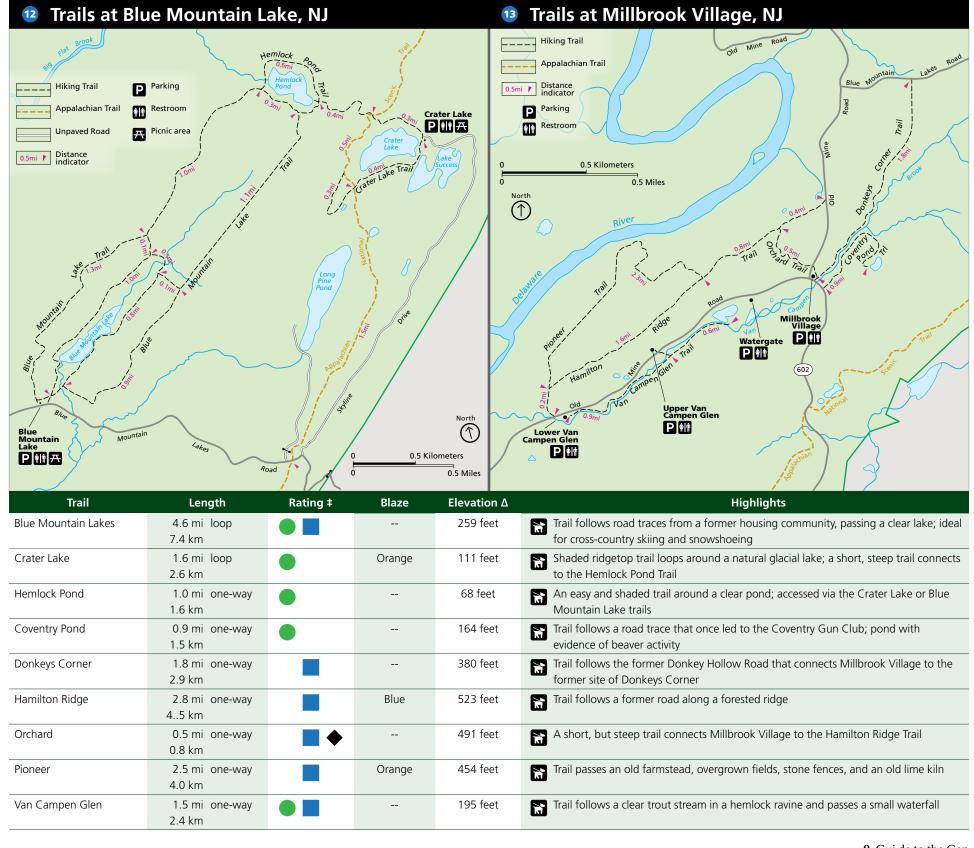
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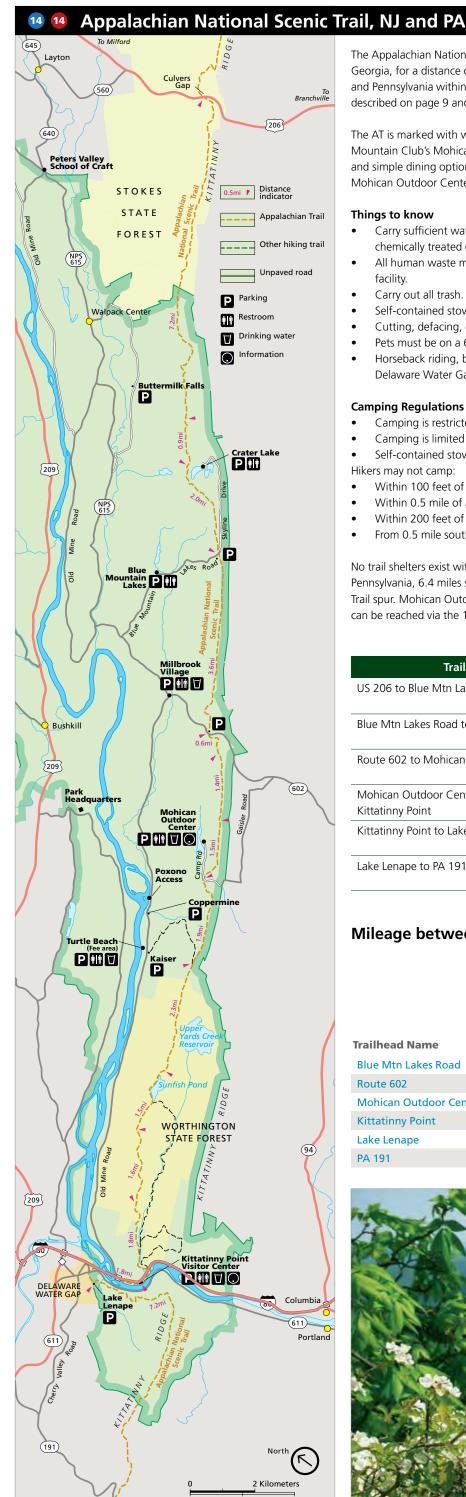
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The Appalachian National Scenic Trail (AT) traverses the wild Appalachian Mountain chain from central Maine to northern Georgia, for a distance of approximately 2,180 miles. Nearly 26 miles of the trail straddle the Kittattiny Ridge through New Jersey and Pennsylvania within Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. Numerous other trails connect with the AT and are described on page 9 and 11.

The AT is marked with white blazes. Side trails to water, scenic viewpoints, or shelters are marked with blue blazes. Appalachian Mountain Club's Mohican Outdoor Center at NJ mile 10.3 offers several self-service cabins, individual and group campsites, and simple dining options. Numerous weekend hiking activities are offered throughout the year. For more information, contact Mohican Outdoor Center at 908 362-5670 or visit their website at outdoors.org/lodging/lodges/mohican.

#### Things to know

- Carry sufficient water for the entire hike. Water along the trail may not be suitable for consumption. All water should be chemically treated or boiled for five minutes.
- All human waste must be buried at least six inches deep and 100 feet or more from any stream, trail, unpaved road, or park facility.
- Carry out all trash.
- Self-contained stoves are permitted; ground fires, charcoal stoves and grills are prohibited.
- Cutting, defacing, or removing any natural feature is prohibited.
- Pets must be on a 6-foot leash at all times.
- Horseback riding, biking, and all types of motorized vehicles (except authorized vehicles) are prohibited on the trail within Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area.

#### **Camping Regulations**

- Camping is restricted to through-hikers who are hiking for two or more consecutive days.
- Camping is limited to one night and ten persons per campsite.
- Self-contained stoves are permitted; ground fires, charcoal stoves and grills are prohibited.

Hikers may not camp:

- Within 100 feet of any stream or water source;
- Within 0.5 mile of an established roadway;
- Within 200 feet of another camping party; or
- From 0.5 mile south of Blue Mountain Lakes Road to a point one mile north of Crater Lake.

No trail shelters exist within the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. The nearest shelters are Kirkridge Shelter in Pennsylvania, 6.4 miles south of the Interstate 80 bridge, and Brink Road Shelter in New Jersey, 4 miles north of the Buttermilk Trail spur. Mohican Outdoor Center offers lodging and camping at NJ mile 10.3 and the Worthington State Forest campground can be reached via the 1.6-mile Douglas Trail at NJ mile 4.6.

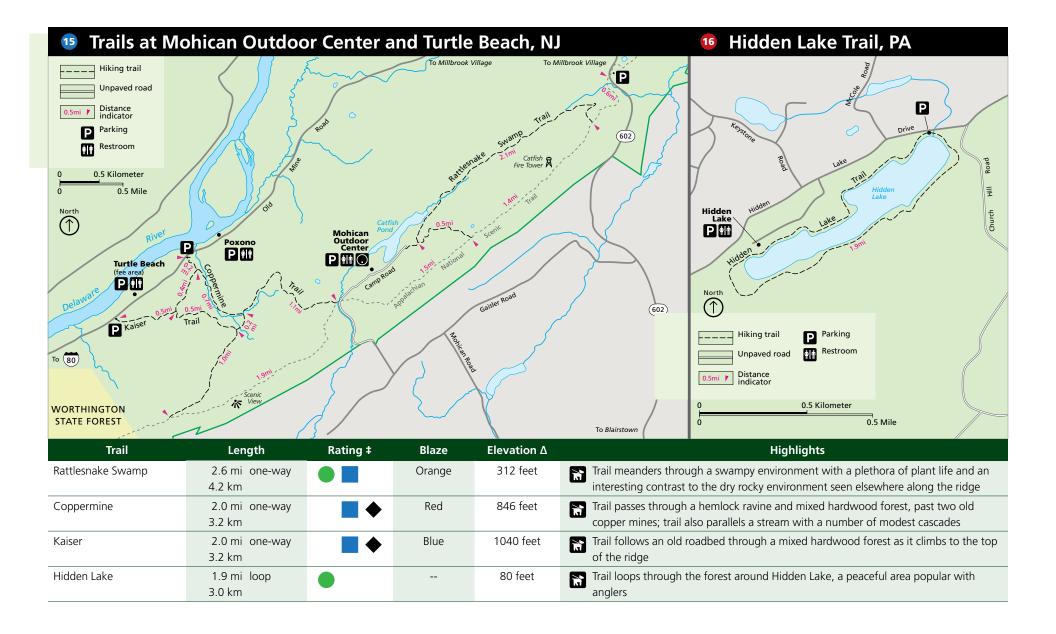
Trail	Length	Rating ‡	Elevation Δ	Highlights
US 206 to Blue Mtn Lakes Road	10.1 mi 16.5 km		650 feet	Forested ridgetop through Stokes State Forest and the park
Blue Mtn Lakes Road to Route 602	3.6 mi 5.6 km		290 feet	Forested ridgetop
Route 602 to Mohican Outdoor Center	3.5 mi 5.6 km		390 feet	Forested ridgetop, passes Catfish Fire Tower
Mohican Outdoor Center to Kittatinny Point	9.1 mi 14.6 km	•	1220 feet	Forested ridgetop, decending into the Delaware Water Gap, passes Sunfish Pond
Kittatinny Point to Lake Lenape	1.8 mi 2.9 km		200 feet	Through the Borough of Delaware Water Gap, climbing to forested ridgetop
Lake Lenape to PA 191	7.2 mi 11.6 km		934 feet	Forested ridgetop

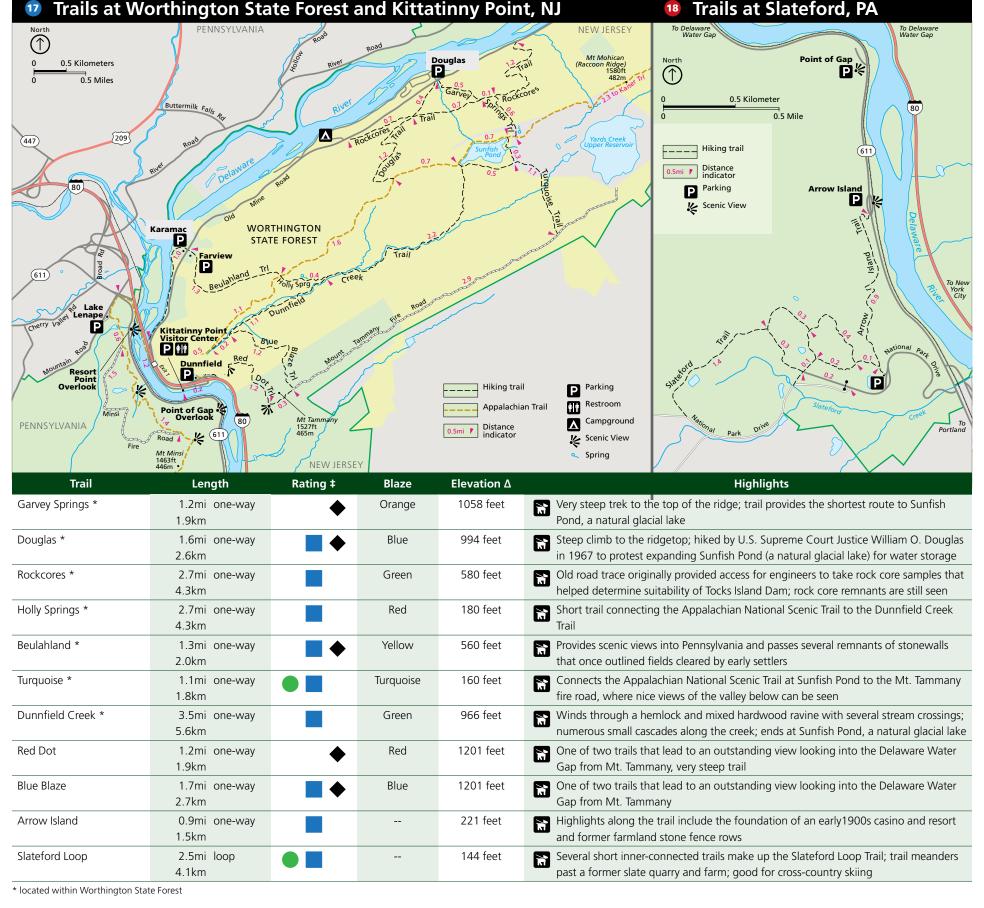
#### Mileage between Appalachian Trailheads

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Lake Lenape	28.1	18.0	14.4	10.9	1.8	La
PA 191	35.3	25.2	21.6	18.1	9.0	7.2



View from Raccoon Ridge along the Appalachian National Scenic Trail





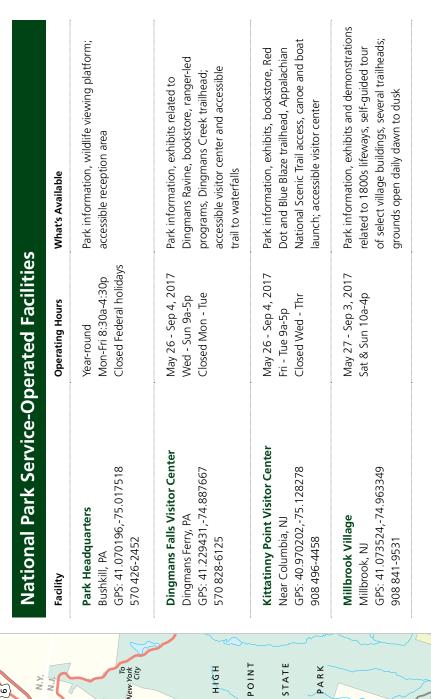
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Joseph M. McDade Recreational Trail (hiking only)

> National Recreation Area boundary also contains wildlife management areas and private land. Respect private property.



Grey Towers
National Historical
Landmark
U.S. Forest Service

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5 Miles

5 Kilometers

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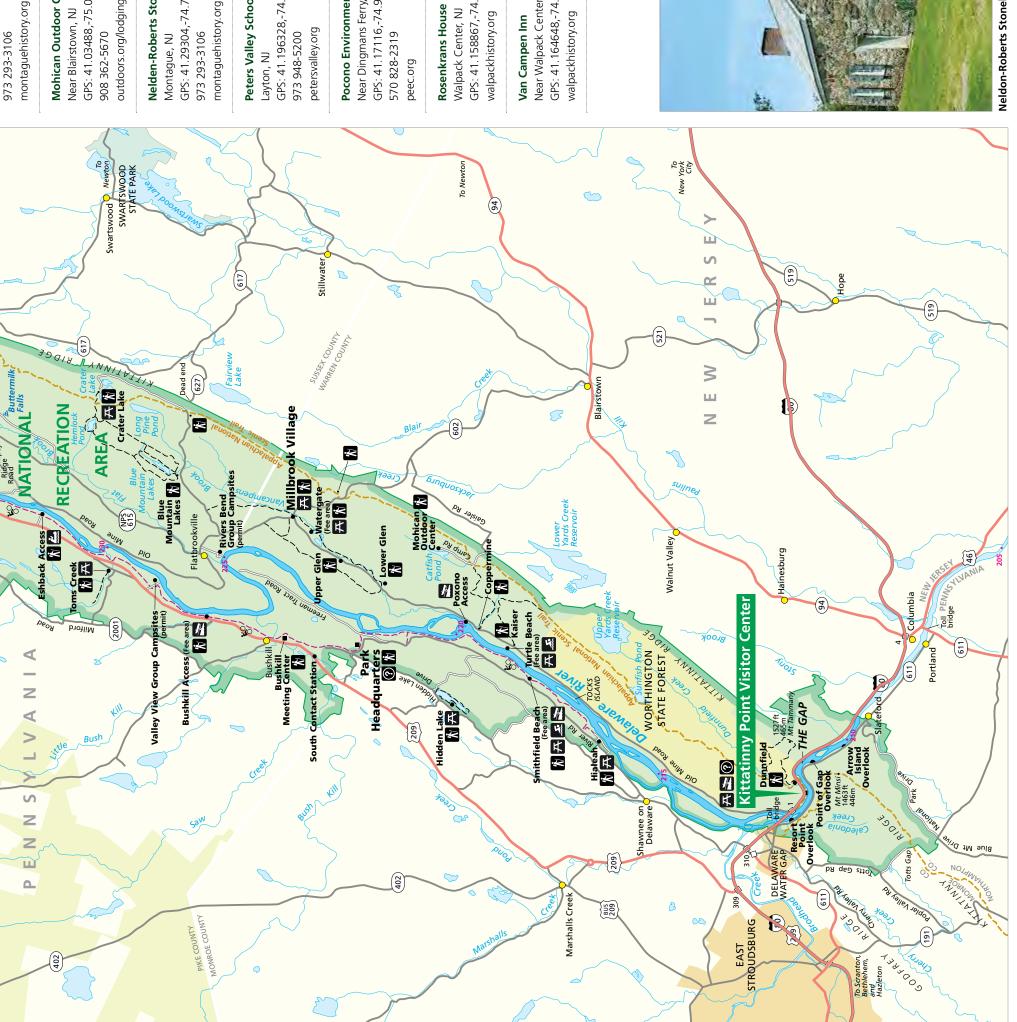
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Montague, NJ	Sun 1p-4p	Montague area, public programs and tours;
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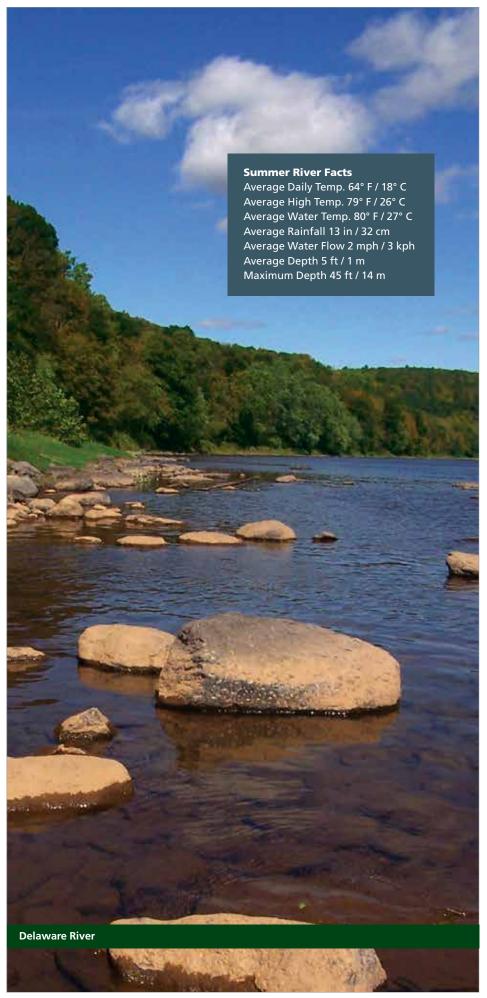




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# A Day on the Delaware River



The Delaware River is the longest undammed United States river east of the Mississippi, extending 330 miles from Hancock, New York to the Atlantic Ocean. The Delaware River Water Trail extends nearly 200 miles from Hancock, New York to Trenton, New Jersey. Like a conventional trail, a water trail is a recreational corridor, but instead of hiking, it is traveled by boat, such as canoe, kayak or smallmotorized watercraft.

The outstanding natural, cultural, recreational and scenic resources of the Delaware River within Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area

led it to be designated as the Middle Delaware River National Scenic and Recreational River in 1978. Within the park, the river is a series of shallow riffles and quiet pools, making this section particularly good for canoeing. Access points every eight to ten miles allow for easy day trips. Numerous primitive campsites allow for longer trips.

While the Delaware River is easy for boaters, do not be misled by its calm appearance. Always follow proper water safety precautions to ensure you have a safe and enjoyable experience.

Authorized Canoe, Kayak, a	nd Tube Liv	eries
Adventure Sports, Inc. Route 209, Marshalls Creek, PA 18335	570 223-0505 800 487-2628	adventuresport.com
Chamberlain Canoes PO Box 555, Shawnee on Delaware, PA 18356	570 421-0180 800 422-6631	chamberlaincanoes.com
<b>Delaware Family Campground</b> 100 Rt. 46, Delaware, NJ 07833	908 475-4517 800 543-0271	njcamping.com/delaware
<b>Dingmans Campground</b> 1006 Rt. 209, Dingmans Ferry, PA 18328	570 828-1551 877 828-1551	dingmanscampground.com
<b>Edge of the Woods Outfitters</b> 110 Main St., Delaware Water Gap, PA 18327	570 421-6681	watergapadventure.com
Indian Head Canoes and Rafts 3883 Rt. 97, Barryville, NY 12719	800 874-2628	indianheadcanoes.com
Kayak East PO Box 77, Columbia, NJ 07832	570 421-3432 866 529-2532	kayakeast.com
Kittatinny Canoes 2130 Rt. 739, Dingmans Ferry, PA 18328	570 296-5890 800 356-2852	kittatinny.com
Mauka Nalu Stand-Up Paddleboards 100 Shawnee Inn Drive Shawnee on Delaware, PA 18356	570 420-1905	maukanalu.com
<b>Shawnee River Trips</b> 100 Shawnee Inn Drive Shawnee on Delaware, PA 18356	570 424-4000 800 SHAWNEE	shawneeinn.com

# **Swimming**

Pack a swimsuit and a picnic and head to the beach - the river beach, that is. Unlike the sandy beaches along the ocean, the beaches here have soft grass on which to stretch out and enjoy the day.

Milford, Smithfield, and Turtle Beaches are designated swim areas. Lifeguards monitor the beaches daily mid-June through Labor Day. Swimming in other areas of the river is not recommended. This summer, enjoy a day at the beach!



# **STOP AQUA**

Be A Good Steward. Clean. Drain. Dry. StopAqua I I I .

# **Stop the Transport of Invasive Species:**

- **CLEAN** boots, gear, boat, trailer & vehicle of plants, fish, animals & mud.
- **DRAIN** bilge, ballast, wells, and buckets before you leave the area.
- DRY equipment before launching watercraft into another body of water.

# **River Camping**

For extended boat trips (14 miles or more), free primitive campsites along the river are available first-come, first-serve. Additionally, six sites at the Alosa Campsite are available by reservation only. For Alosa Campsite reservations call 877 444-6777 or go online to recreation.gov and search for Alosa. Service charges will apply when making reservations either by phone or the recreation.gov website.

## **Key Regulations**

- Camping is limited to boaters on trips at least 14 miles for one night, 26 miles for two nights and 34 miles for three nights.
- Camping along the river is permitted in designated sites only.
- Camping is limited to one night at each location
- Campsites are limited to five tents per campsite.
- Tents must be erected within 50 feet of the campsite fire grate.
- Fires permitted in existing fire grates only.
- Self-contained stoves are permitted.
- Use dead and down wood only. Do not cut standing trees.
- Pack out what you pack in, including food scraps
- Use soaps sparingly; even biodegradable soap is a pollutant.
- Do not urinate or defecate within 100 feet of any river or stream. Bury fecal material, including pet waste, at least six inches deep and at least 100 feet away from water.
- Leave what you find; digging, collecting, or removing objects is prohibited.
- Do not feed or approach wildlife.
- The use of drones is prohibited.

# **Water Safety**

Planning a safe day at the river begins well before you get near the water and does not end until you return home. Even though the Delaware River appears calm in some areas, DO NOT be misled! Moving water must be respected. The information below will help you better understand how to safely and comfortably enjoy the river.

#### In General:

- Always wear your life jacket.
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited at Milford Beach, Smithfield Beach, and Hialeah Picnic Area in Pennsylvania, and Turtle Beach, Worthington State Forest, and Tocks and Labar Islands in New Jersey. Alcoholic beverages are also prohibited between Depew Island on the north and Depue Island on the south.
- Do not drink during river activities.
- Wear shoes to protect your feet from sharp stones and from class
- Protect yourself from the sun: wear sunscreen, a hat, light clothing, and sunglasses.
- Stay hydrated. Bring and drink plenty of water. Don't drink river water unless it is boiled at least 10 minutes.
- Plan to be off the river before dark.

#### When Swimming:

- Wear your life jacket even when swimming; don't overestimate your swimming ability.
- Do not attempt to swim or wade across the river. The
  Delaware River has strong currents and steep drop-offs.
   Swimming becomes more difficult with increased current
  and water depth. Even the strongest of swimmers should
  be extremely cautious.
- Swim at designated beaches. Lifeguards are on duty at Milford, Smithfield and Turtle beaches mid-June through Labor Day.

- Do not jump or dive from cliffs, rocks, or bridges into the river; the water may be shallow and objects can be submerged. Rivers are constantly changing, especially with high water. Rocks can show up in places they never were before.
- Do not swim alone always stay with your group.

#### When Boating:

- Always wear your life jacket.
- Children 12 years of age and younger must WEAR a life jacket on board a vessel.
- Life jackets must be worn in vessels less than 16 feet between November 1 and April 30.
- Never stand in a canoe. For better balance, kneel in a canoe when going through rapids.
- If you capsize, don't panic. Stay with your boat; even an
  overturned boat can support you. Keep upstream of your
  boat to avoid being pinned against a rock or obstacle. Float
  on your back with your feet pointed downstream. Use
  your paddle to push away from rocks and other obstacles.
  Retrieve boats and equipment only if it can be done safely.
- Be ready for changing weather and cold water. Bring rain gear. To protect against hypothermia, bring clothing made of wool, polypropylene, high-performance fleece, or a wetsuit.
- Never try to stand in rapids. Your foot could become trapped between submerged rocks. With a foot trapped, the current can be strong enough to push you over and hold you under, even if you are wearing a life jacket.
- Always tell someone where you are going and when you expect to return. Arrange drop off and pick up points before you leave. Leave emergency phone numbers and vehicle description and tag numbers with someone who can report that you are overdue.
- Bring a spare paddle, a throw line, and a first aid kit.

## **First-Come/First-Serve River Campsites**

# on Map	River Campsite Name	State	GPS	# Sites at Location	# People / Site	Site #
1	Mashipacong Island	NJ	41.334419 -74.761520	1	4	1
2	Namanock Island	NJ	41.264988 -74.843964	4	6	14-17
3	Sandyston	NJ	41.248880 -74.855515	6	6	18-23
4	Dingmans Shallows	PA	41.185276 -74.880993	1	10	24
5	Hornbecks	PA	41.178972 -74.885157	3	10	27-29
6	Jerry Lees	PA	41.153859 -74.908620	2	10	33-34
7	Mill Creek	PA	41.151045 -74.911284	1	10	35
8	Toms Creek	PA	41.127015 -74.948574	4	10	39-42
9	Ratcliffs	NJ	41.112459 -74.973252	3	6	52-54
10	Bushkill Creek	PA	41.092099 -74.993005	1	10	55
11	Peters	NJ	41.093485 -74.989833	12	6	56-68
12	Quinns	NJ	41.096138 -74.967613	7	6	73-79
13	Freeman Point	PA	41.093276 -74.967570	2	10	82-83

## **River Miles between River Accesses**

Access Name	Milford Beach, PA	Namanock, NJ	Dingmans, PA					
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Smithfield, PA	28	24	20	14	10	2	Sm	Worthington State Forest,
Worthington SF, NJ	30	26	22	16	12	4	2	Wo
Kittatinny Point, NJ	34	30	26	20	16	8	6	4

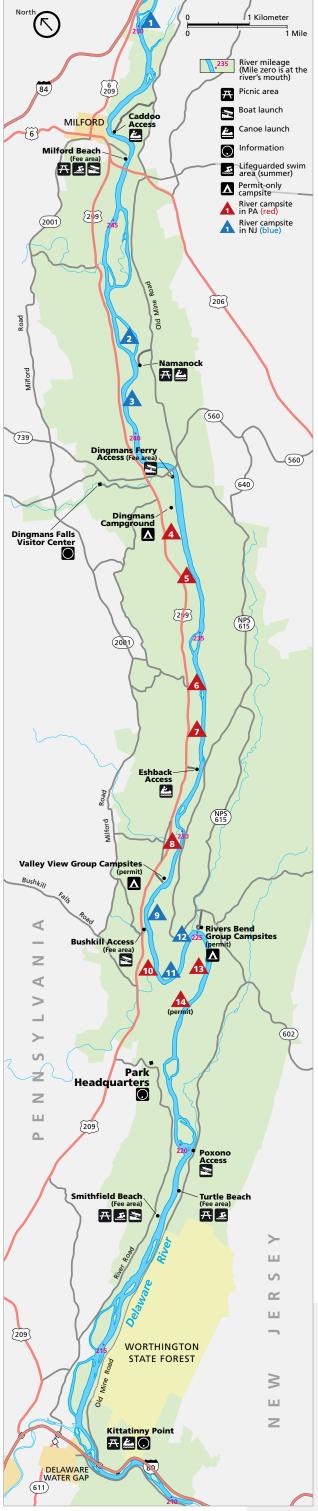
# **Reservable Campsites along the River**

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Name	ST	GPS
<b>Dingmans Campground¹</b> (access by river or vehicle) RV, tent, and group sites	PA	41.210694, -74.873154
Valley View Group Campsites¹ (access by river or vehicle) tent sites for groups up to 25	PA	41.115366, -74.963938
Rivers Bend Group Campsites¹ (access by river or vehicle) tent sites for groups up to 25	NJ	41.096118, -74.966632
Alosa River Campsite <sup>2</sup> (access by river only) tent sites for groups up to 6 or 10	PA	41.083544 -74.97629

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**Below:** A view of the Delaware Water Gap and Kittatinny Ridge from a distance





# People of the Delaware River Valley

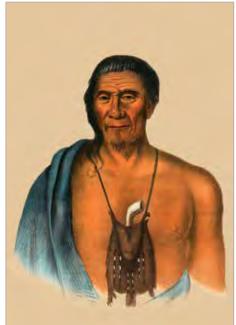
Human occupation in the Delaware River valley dates back over 12,000 years when small family bands moved across the landscape, hunting game, fishing the rivers and lakes and gathering food from the forests and grasslands. About 8,000 years ago, groups began to travel less and relied on a variety of foods found locally, such as acorns, nuts, fish, deer and turkey. Families began farming about 2,000 years ago, leading to a more settled lifestyle.

The Lenape (len-AH-pay) or Delaware lived in an area they called "Lenapehoking," which means "Land of the Lenape." Lenapehoking included eastern Pennsylvania, all of New Jersey, southeastern New York, northern Delaware, and a small section of southeastern Connecticut. While some Lenape lived in large villages of about 200 people, most lived in groups of 50 to 75.

Left: Painting depicting William Penn entering into 1683 peace treaty. Right: Tish-Co-Han, Lenape Chief in the 1700s The arrival of Europeans in the mid-1500s meant drastic changes for the Lenape. European explorers traded iron axes, cloth, and copper kettles with the Lenape for valuable animal furs. In addition to the rich natural resources, Europeans also wanted land. Conflicts arose between the Lenape and European colonists over land ownership. Additionally, the introduction of diseases devastated the native population, who had no immunities. By the mid-1700s, warfare and diseases contributed to an estimated loss of 90% of the Lenape people. During the 1700s, most Lenape people voluntarily moved or were forcibly moved west, eventually settling in Canada, Wisconsin, and Oklahoma.

Today, most Lenape decedents still live Canada, Wisconsin, and Oklahoma. Their arts and oral traditions reflect their culture and they continue to stay connected to their ancestral homeland. Additionally, the Lenape legacy remains through various place names in the park.







#### **Places with Lenape Names**

**Kittatinny**: from the Lenape word *Kitahtëne*, which means "endless hill" Minisink – "from the rocky land"

**Pahaquarry**: from the Lenape word *Pahaqualong*, which means "the place between the mountains beside the waters"

**Pocono**: from the Lenape word *Poco-hanne*, which means "a stream between mountains"

Mount **Tammany**: named after the Lenni Lenape Chief Tamanend

# River Runner Shuttle Bus



The National Park Service has partnered with Monroe County Transit Authority (MCTA) to provide free public bus service along the Pennsylvania side of the river and to Kittatinny Point in NJ. MTCA provides a bus service on Saturdays and Sundays between Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends between Stroudsburg, PA and Milford, PA, with a stop at Kittatinny Point. Additionally, bus service is provided on May 29 (Memorial Day), July 3, July 4 (Independence Day), and September 4 (Labor Day).

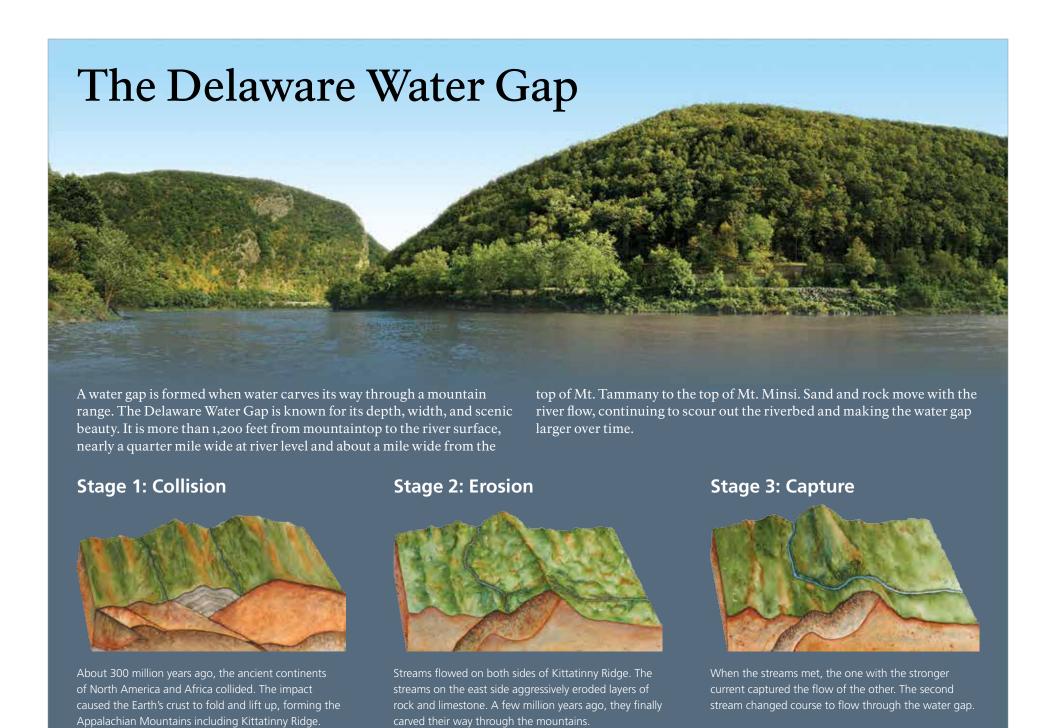
The River Runner Shuttle is a free service. Pick your boarding location and destination using the schedule below. Be at the stop five to ten minutes prior to the schedule arrival with your gear ready to load. In addition to passengers, MCTA can also transport bicycles, canoes, kayaks, and leashed dogs. Passengers are required to load and secure their own belongings and MCTA operators will check the equipment to ensure it is properly stowed.

Loading and securing equipment takes some time, so please be aware that there may be times when the bus is late. For groups of ten or more people, please contact MCTA in advance to ensure they are properly prepared for your large group.

Programs like the River Runner Shuttle are just one way the park is working to lessen the footprint we all leave on the planet. For more information about the shuttle visit MCTA's website at gomcta.com.

	River Runner Schedule  Saturdays and Sundays, Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day Weekend  Also: May 29 (Memorial Day), July 3, July 4 (Independence Day), and September 4 (Labor Day)																
NORTHBOUND SCHEDULE Kittatinny Point to Milford												BOUND S to Kittat		_			
Kittatinny Point Visitor Center	7:00	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	1:00	2:00	4:00	Downtown Milford	9:00	11:00	12:00	1:00	2:00	3:00	4:00	6:00
Delaware Water Gap Park and Ride	7:02	9:02	10:02	11:02	12:02	1:02	2:02	4:02	Milford Beach	9:05	11:05	12:05	1:05	2:05	3:05	4:05	6:05
Shawnee Inn	7:08	9:08	10:08	11:08	12:08	1:08	2:08	4:08	Dingmans Access	9:25	11:25	12:25	1:25	2:25	3:25	4:25	6:25
Smithfield Beach	7:23	9:23	10:23	11:23	12:23	1:23	2:23	4:23	Pocono Environmental Education Center	9:35	-	=	-	-	-	4:35	=
Fernwood	7:38	9:38	10:38	11:38	12:38	1:38	2:38	4:38	Toms Creek Picnic Area	9:50	11:37	12:37	1:37	2:37	3:37	4:50	6:37
Bushkill Access	7:45	9:48	10:48	11:48	12:48	1:48	2:48	4:48	Bushkill Access	9:55	11:42	12:42	1:42	2:42	3:42	4:55	6:42
Toms Creek Picnic Area	7:50	9:50	10:50	11:50	12:50	1:50	2:50	4:50	Fernwood	10:00	11:47	12:47	1:47	2:47	3:47	5:00	6:47
Pocono Environmental Education Center	-	10:10	-	-	-	-	-	5:10	Smithfield Beach	10:20	12:07	1:07	2:07	3:07	4:07	5:20	7:07
Dingmans Access	8:05	10:25	11:05	12:05	1:05	2:05	3:05	5:25	Shawnee Inn	10:35	12:22	1:22	2:22	3:22	4:22	5:35	7:22
Milford Beach	8:25	10:45	11:25	12:25	1:25	2:25	3:25	5:45	Delaware Water Gap Park and Ride	10:42	12:29	1:29	2:29	3:29	4:29	5:42	7:29
Downtown Milford	8:35	10:55	11:35	12:35	1:35	2:35	3:35	5:55	Kittatinny Point Visitor Center	10:47	12:34	1:34	2:34	3:34	4:34	5:47	7:34

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# Overlooks in the Gap

Tourist attractions of all sorts once lined River Drive through the Delaware Water Gap, today's PA 611. Other than the stone guardrail lining the road, little remains of that historic past. The stunning beauty of the water gap makes this short (2-mile) drive a must-do during your vacation.

## **Resort Point Overlook**

The best known part of the recreation area is the water gap, a distinct notch, more than a mile wide, cut through Kittatinny Ridge by the Delaware River. In the early 1820s, visitors rented rooms with local families in order to enjoy the area's beauty. In 1932, a 25-guest hotel overlooking the Delaware River opened in the Delaware Water Gap. By 1860, the Kittatinny Hotel had expanded to accommodate 250 guests.

Popularity of the area continued to grow and additional hotels opened to meet the lodging needs of vacationers. Typically, vacationing families consisted of mothers and their children spending the entire summer in one of the hotels, with the father joining them on the weekends. Visitors occupied themselves by hiking, swimming, fishing, dancing, playing tennis and golf, visiting amusement parks, shopping for souvenirs, and delighting in carriage, steamboat, and rowboat rides. But according to the Kittatinny Hotel manager, "Perhaps the featuring asset of the Gap, aside from its beautiful gorge, through which flows the placid Delaware, is its health giving atmosphere, which permeates everywhere and which in itself has given the region much of its charm and popularity."

By the early 1900s, many people had private automobiles. Magazines and newspapers extensively advertised various appealing destinations for city dwellers. At the same time improved roads gave people a greater choice of holiday areas. Weekend excursions began replacing summerlong holidays. The traditional resort business of the Delaware Water Gap began to decline. The economic depression of the 1930s changed the nation's way of life, and grand hotels could not compete with the new, popularly-priced, year-round weekend resorts in the nearby Pocono Mountains. A fire claimed the Kittatinny Hotel in 1931 and today, Resort Point Overlook preserves the view from the location of the once grand hotel.



Front view of the Kittatinny Hotel, c.1905



View from the back veranda of the Kittatinny Hotel, c.1905

## **Point of Gap Overlook**

This overlook is in the heart of the Delaware Water Gap, between Mt. Minsi in Pennsylvania and Mt. Tammany in New Jersey. Just as it is a popular place for viewing today, this was also a popular stop for the Victorian vacationer. A tourist attraction called the "Indian Head Lunch," so called for its view of the cliff across the river, offered meals and souvenirs and the Myrtle William's Gap Inn provided a place for picnicking and camping.

#### **Arrow Island Overlook**

Today, this overlook provides a wonderful view of the water gap and the trailhead for Arrow Island Trail. However, in the early 1900s, this was a bustling tourist stop. Minsi Mountain Park encompassed about 200 acres. A hotel was located on the hill overlooking the river, with a few outlying cottages. Inventive owners marketed a nearby slate quarry as "the Grotto," a romantic enticement for guests, and clear waters from the "Minsi Health Spring." In the location of today's parking area, the Bear Stop roadside attraction featured caged bears and deer for the tourists' amusement.



Postcard of Gap Inn and Indian Head Lunch, c.1920



Bear Stop roadside attraction, c.1940



Color enhanced postcard of River Drive in the Delaware Water Gap, c.1910

# Touring Old Mine Road

Constructed in the mid-1600s, Old Mine Road connected the Hudson River and Philadelphia to the Pahaquarry Mines and provided an important conduit for New Jersey farmers taking crops to area markets, making it one of the oldest commercial roads in the country. Today, Old Mine Road stitches together sections of several roads into the park's main passage in New Jersey and still retains much of the flavor of 100 years ago, making it a popular driving and biking route.

#### **1** Montague Grange

The National Grange, founded in 1867, is an organization that advocates for rural America and agriculture. The local Montague Grange was founded in 1904 and this hall was built in 1906. The local group remains active and continues to use the building.

#### **2** Foster-Armstrong House

Owners of this home operated a ferry, sawmill, and gristmill. The house was used as a tavern and inn for river travelers. The house reflects the standard of living of a prosperous family in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. The Montague Association for the Restoration of Community History (MARCH) operates this historic house museum for tours weekends and during special events. Page 13

## **19** Minisink Dutch Reformed Church

The Minisink Church was the heart, both spiritually and geographically, of the four original Dutch Reformed congregations established in the Upper Delaware Valley in 1737. The present structure was built in 1899, and tombstones in the cemetery date to 1805. Though it remains small, the vibrant congregation is one of the oldest in the country.

#### Melden-Roberts Stonehouse

Built around 1820, this house's construction is attributed to George Nelden, who acquired the property in 1816. The Roberts Family was the last owners of the house, along with the farmstead located across US 206. Page 13

#### **6** Westbrook-Bell House

Built by Johannis Westbrook, this is the oldest house located in Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, possibly predating 1730, and was lived in by nine generations of the family until the acquisition of the property by the federal government.



Barns next to the Westbrook-Bell house

#### **6** Namanock

While nothing remains today, this was the site of Fort Namanock during the French and Indian War (1754-1763). Forts in this time and era were little more than a sturdy house with a wooden defensive fence surrounding it.

#### Alonzo Depue House

As with other historic homes along Old Mine Road, the landscape would have been quite different one hundred years ago – open fields, a clear view to the river, and several farm outbuildings. For 48 consecutive years, Alonzo Depue recorded temperature and precipitation readings for the U.S. Weather Service from a weather station near the road without missing a day.

# Bevans-Hellwig Kitchen

In the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, this little stone building was the rear kitchen attached to a large farmhouse. Local tradition holds that the original structure was used as a French and Indian War fortification, known as Fort Carmer.

#### Peters Valley

Peter Van Nest, a land surveyor, laid out the roads in the area and had them intersect outside of his home in 1867. Over the years, the hamlet's name changed several times, including Hen's Foot Corner and Bevans, before its current name of Peters Valley. Through a partnership with the National Park Service, Peters Valley School of Craft operates an active school of fine craft. Stop by the Craft Store and Gallery to browse artisan's wares, learn about workshop offerings, and find out more about the weekend self-guided tours of the village. Page 13

## Walpack Center

Like other villages along the Old Mine Road, the Kittatinny Ridge to the west and the highlands of New Jersey to the north isolated the hamlet of Walpack Center. Area farmers found what they needed at the village's general store, post office, blacksmith shop, church, and school. By the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, however, automobiles and larger farms proved to be too much competition and the village began its decline. Today, the Walpack Historical Society operates a museum in the First Rosenkrans House on summer weekends

#### **1** Van Campen Inn

While it is called an "inn," it is more accurately a "yaug house"—a rural residence in a remote area that was licensed under colonial law to provide food and shelter to travelers. During the French & Indian War (1754-1763), the Van Campen Inn "provided a safe haven when settler fled for protection from Indian attack" and in November 1763, 150 settlers sought shelter in the "stout walls" of the house. The Walpack Historical Society offers tours of the house on most Sundays during the summer.



Van Campen Inn

#### **10** Delaware View House

Constructed in the early 1800s, numerous changes over the years enlarged this once small house. As the house expanded, it also changed uses, including serving as the Flatbrook Hotel hunting lodge, the Losey Boarding House, and Salamovka – a summer retreat for Russian emigrants.

## Millbrook Village

In 1832, Abram Garis built a grist mill along the Van Campen Brook. The mill soon attracted other businesses and by 1875, Millbrook was a thriving farm village. By 1910, most businesses had closed their doors. Today, only a handful of original Millbrook buildings remain. Other buildings have been moved from other sites or are newly built to help depict village life in the valley during the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century. On summer weekends and during special events, several buildings are open and park staff and Millbrook Village Society volunteers demonstrate folk ways of the 1800s. Page 19

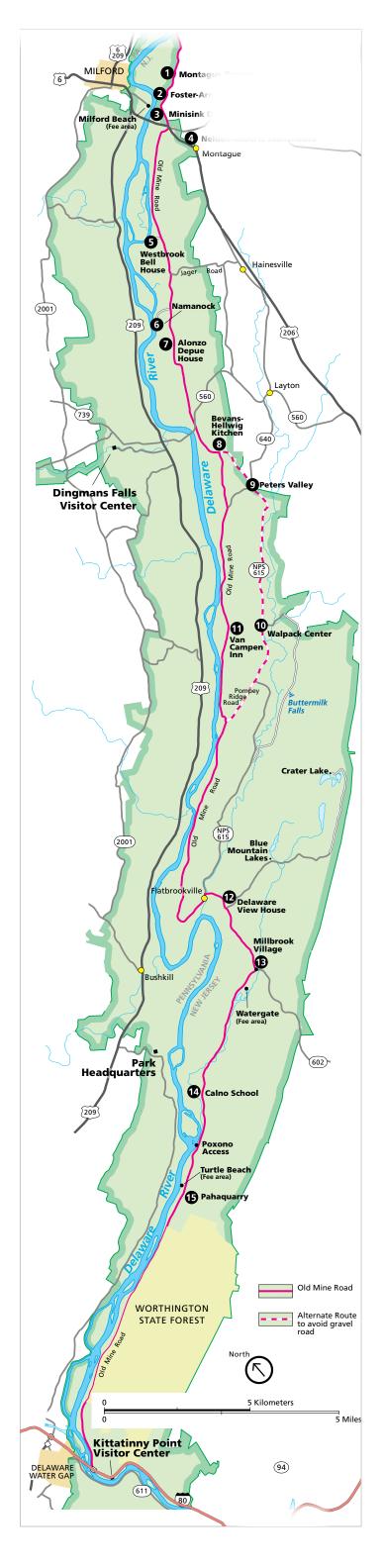
## Calno School

In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, schools were located in places that would allow students to walk no more than four or five miles to attend. In 1881, the Calno School District counte 48 school-age youth, but only 30 were on the school's register and the average daily attendance was only 15. The poorly paid teachers boarded with local families and seldom stayed more than a year or two. When this school was in operation, there was also a school in Millbrook Village, only five miles north.

#### Pahaquarry

The Coppermine Trail passes by the foundation of the Pahaquarry Copper Mine processing mill and mineshafts. Brief periods of mining attempted during the past three centuries were never successful, despite improved technology and mineral extraction methods. In 1925, this area became the Pahaquarry Boy Scout Camp and operated until 1971. It was just one of numerous scout and church camps that once existed within the park boundaries.

NOTE: Mineshafts are closed to protect critical bat ha





# Millbrook Village: Immerse Yourself in the Past

Today's Millbrook Village does not replicate the Millbrook of 1832 or 1875. Rather, it evokes the feeling of countryside hamlets where most of this nation's people lived until the end of the 19th century, and provides a landscape for the demonstration of the folkways of that era.

#### **Village History**

In 1832, local farmer Abram Garis built a grist (grain) mill along the newly-finished Columbia-Walpack Turnpike where the road crossed a stream known as "Van Campens Mill Brook." Since the nearest mill was in Flatbrookville, the Garis mill was a welcome site for local farmers. Soon, a community began to develop near the mill. A Methodist congregation organized and built a small church in 1840 that included a school in the basement. That same year, a store opened and a blacksmith set up shop. Within a few decades, the village included a post office, a boarding house that catered to farm workers and served "spirits," a cider mill for the less spirited, and a muchexpanded Methodist church. In time, the stream name was shorted to Van Campens Brook and the area simply became known as Millbrook.

By 1875, Millbrook had reached a peak of 75 inhabitants and about 19 major buildings. Visitors passed through miles of cultivated fields as they approached the village via the Columbia-Walpack Turnpike.

From 1880 onward, Millbrook suffered the decline of rural villages experienced throughout the country. Land values dropped steeply after the Civil War. Industrialization of farming made competition difficult for the independent small farmer and isolation from railroad lines made produce from the Millbrook area difficult to market. In addition, the lure of cash wages for factory jobs in cities was drawing the young away from the villages of their birth.

The Garis mill closed just after 1900, the store and hotel closed 1910, and by 1950, only the blacksmith was doing business in town. In the 1950s, the Columbia-Walpack Turnpike was realigned to accommodate a series of ponds constructed at Watergate, and the crossroads in the heart of the village was lost. Auto traffic bypassed the village, following the paved route of today's Old Mine Road. Millbrook had become the quiet home for summer residents and retirees.

In the mid-1900s, a large dam was proposed in the Delaware River valley to provide hydropower, flood control, and lakebased recreation. This project, known as the Tocks Island Dam, would have covered numerous historic structures located throughout the valley. In the 1970s, the National Park Service, with assistance from the Millbrook Village Society, moved some structures threatened by the Tocks Island Dam project to higher ground at Millbrook. Other buildings were constructed from lumber reclaimed from demolished local buildings. The buildings moved and constructed in Millbrook help create the look of villages once common in the valley.

## **Visiting Today**

Wander the quiet streets for an opportunity to immerse yourself in a replicated landscape. On summer weekends between Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends, park staff and volunteers open select buildings for self-guided tours and demonstrate various skills necessary for village life in the 1800s. Additionally, special events throughout the year provide family fun and insight into village life during the seasons. For more information, visit the park website at nps.gov/dewa, stop by a park visitor center, or call 908 841-9531.

## 2017 Events in Millbrook Village

Spring Fling May 27, 10am to 3pm: Celebrate spring with crafts and demonstrations

**Old-Fashioned Independence Day** June 24, 10am to 3pm: Celebrate a 19th century-style Independence Day; includes hands-on activities, crafts demonstrations and a watermelon eating contest.

Millbrook Days September 16-17, 10am to 4pm: Celebrate late 19th century rural America; the village comes alive with music, hands-on-activities, and numerous demonstrations of agricultural and domestic skills and

Octivities October 28, 2 to 5pm & 6:30 to 8:30pm: Celebrate the bounties of fall with hands-on activities during the afternoon, and then see the darker side of Millbrook Village through special lantern tours during the evening.

Victorian Christmas December 2, 11 am to 4pm: Experience the village decorated in mid to late 19th century holiday style and enjoy playing with period toys and creating Victorian crafts.

Christmas Carol Service December 3, 5 to 6pm: All are welcome to join in singing traditional caroling songs.



#### Built at Millbrook in the 1800s

- Lester Spangenburg Cabin: c. 1900, built from pieces of an earlier cabin
- George Trauger House: c. 1860
- Trauger Barn: c. 1860, currently undergoing significant restoration
- Hotel (boarding house): c. 1850
- Sylvester Hill House: c. 1850
- Elias Garis House: c. 1850

#### **Major Structures Added After 1970**

- Wagon Shop: moved here in 1980s; restrooms added in 1988
- Wagon Storage Shed: built in 2004
- Blacksmith Shop: moved here in 1970s
- 10. Sugar Shack: built in 1970s
- 11. Cider Mill: moved here in 1980s
- 12. General Store/Post Office: moved here in 1973 to the site of the original store
- 13. Grist Mill: an 1948 mill moved here in 1990s close to the site of the original mill
- 14. Methodist Episcopal Church: built in 1973 based on the plans of 1860 church
- 15. Depue Cabin: moved here in 1980s; structure originally built prior to 1830
- 16. Van Campen Farmhouse: moved here in 1974; structure originally built in 1800
- 17. Van Campen Barn: moved here in 1985; structure originally built in the late 1800s
- 18. Woodworking Shop: moved here in 1986

# Waterfalls

## Factory, Fulmer, and Deer Leap Falls

George W. Childs Park Trail, Pennsylvania GPS 41.23733 -74.91916

The 1.1-mile George W. Childs Park Trail follows Dingmans Creek as it flows through a lush ravine, over three rushing waterfalls, and adjacent to the ruins of a mill and several structures built by the Civilian Conservation Corps. The trail is accessible to the Factory Falls overlooks, about 0.4 mile. Fulmer Falls is the second waterfall along the trail, and the tallest at about 55 feet. Deer Leap is the third waterfall along the trail. Here, the water squeezes through a narrow cleft in the rocks before plunging over the rocks. The trail winds through the hemlock ravine on both sides of the creek, offering several views of the waterfalls. Trail map on page 8.

#### Things to Know:

- Pets are not permitted on the trail.
- Swimming and wading is not permitted in the creek and waterfalls.
- Stay on the designated trail.
- George W. Childs Park is a trash-free area. Carry out what you carry in.
- Fishing is not permitted in the George W. Childs Park area.
- Restrooms are located at the parking lot and picnic tables are located along the first quartermile of the trail.
- The parking lot at George W. Childs Park fills quickly on summer weekends. To avoid the crowds, visit the area before 10:00 am or after 4:00 pm on weekends or visit on a weekday.

#### **Raymondskill Falls**

Raymondskill Creek Trail, Pennsylvania GPS 41.290231 -74.840853

The loop trail that leads to the waterfall is only 0.3 mile, but is steep. The three tiers of Raymondskill Falls have a combined height of approximately 150 feet, making it the tallest waterfall in Pennsylvania. If the drops from each tier are added together, the waterfall is only a few feet shorter than Niagara Falls. The upper viewing area overlooks the upper pool and the narrow chute of the first drop. The lower viewing area provides an outstanding view and photo opportunity of the falls. A spur trail leads to the creek, but not to the bottom of the waterfall. Trail map on page 8.

#### Things to Know:

- Pets are not permitted on the trail.
- Swimming and wading is not permitted in the creek and waterfalls.
- Stay on the designated trail.
- Restrooms are located at the parking lot.
- The parking lot at the trailhead fills quickly on summer weekends. To avoid the crowds, visit the area before 10:00 am or after 4:00 pm on weekends or visit on a weekday.



## **Dingmans and Silverthread Falls**

Dingmans Creek Trail, Pennsylvania GPS 41.229294 -74.887212

An accessible boardwalk trail meanders 0.3 mile through a pristine hemlock ravine. Shortly after starting the trail, Silverthread Falls gracefully drops 80 feet in a thin ribbon of water through a narrow geometric chute. The boardwalk continues through dense rhododendron shrubs and ends at the base of Dingmans Falls, the second highest waterfall in Pennsylvania at 130 feet. A wide rock ledge provides the backdrop for this cascading waterfall. The final tenth of a mile is a staircase that leads to a birds-eye view from the top of the waterfall. Trail map on page 9.

#### Things to Know:

- Pets are not permitted on the trail.
- Swimming and wading is not permitted in the creek and waterfalls.
- Stay on the designated trail.
- Fishing is not permitted between Dingmans Falls and the trailhead parking area between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.
- Restrooms and the Dingmans Falls Visitor Center are located at the trailhead.
- The parking lot fills quickly on summer weekends. To avoid the crowds, visit the area before 10:00 am or after 4:00 pm on weekends or visit on a weekday.

## **Buttermilk Falls**

Buttermilk Falls Trail, New Jersey GPS 41.137164 -74.888793

The waterfall is located at the trailhead for the Buttermilk Falls Trail, and, therefore, requires no hiking to view. The cascading Buttermilk Falls is considered the highest waterfall in New Jersey at approximately 200 feet. A set of stairs climbs the heavily forested hillside to a viewing platform at the top of the waterfall. Trail map on page 11.

#### Things to Know:

- Swimming and wading is not permitted in the waterfall and the pool above and below the waterfall.
- Stay on the designated trail.
- The drive to the waterfall is via a rural gravel road. Driving Mountain Road from Walpack
  Center is the recommended route, since Mountain Road south of the Buttermilk Falls is very
  rough.



## **Activities and Events**

DATE(s)	TIME	EVENT/ACTIVITY	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
Every Fri, Sat, Sun May 26-Sep3	11 am & 2 pm	Waterfall Walk	Dingmans Falls Visitor Center	Join a ranger for an easy stroll to two spectacular waterfalls and learn about the natural and cultural history of the area. (1 hour, ½ mile round-trip)
Every Sat May 27-Sep 2	7 pm	Campground Talk	Dingmans Campground	Learn about the varied natural, cultural and recreational resources of the Delaware River valley.  (1 hour)
May 27	10 am to 3 pm	Spring Fling	Millbrook Village	Celebrate spring in Millbrook Village with historic crafts and demonstrations.
Every Sat, Sun May 27-Sep 3	10 am to 4 pm	1800s Village Life	Millbrook Village	Stroll at your leisure through Millbrook Village. Several buildings are open and staffed with rangers and volunteers demonstrating traditional skills and reminiscing about 1800s life in the village.
May 26 Jul 21 Jun 9 Aug 4 Jun 23 Aug 18 Jul 7 Sep 1	8:30 pm	Dingmans After Dark: Night Hike <sup>‡</sup>	Dingmans Falls Visitor Center	Walk along Dingmans Creek and use multiple senses to explore the park in a new way.  (Reservations required †, 1 hour, ½ mile round-trip)
Jun 2 Jul 28 Jun 16 Aug 11 Jun 30 Aug 25 Jul 14	8:30 pm	Dingmans After Dark: Lantern Stroll <sup>‡</sup>	Dingmans Falls Visitor Center	Experience Dingmans Ravine and waterfalls by the soft glow of lantern light. (Reservations required *, 1 hour, ½ mile round-trip)
Jun 17	10 am to 2 pm	Marie Zimmermann Open House	Marie Zimmermann House	Stop in for a tour of the home and learn more about Marie Zimmermann, the artist who called this place home.
Jun 24	10 am to 3 pm	Old-Fashioned Independence Day	Millbrook Village	Celebrate a 19 <sup>th</sup> century-style Independence Day, including hands-on activities, craft demonstrations and a watermelon eating contest.
Aug 13	8:30 to 10:30 pm	Perseid Meteor Shower	Smithfield Beach	Watch meteors streak across the sky and learn more about the night sky. Bring chairs or blankets, insect repellent, and a flashlight.
Sep 16 & 17	10 am to 4 pm	Millbrook Days	Millbrook Village	Celebrate late 19 <sup>th</sup> century rural America. Enjoy music, hands-on-activities, and demonstrations of agricultural and domestic skills and crafts.
Oct 15	12 to 4 pm	Van Campen Day	Van Campen Inn	Experience frontier life in the mid-1700s. Event includes military reenactors, house tours, guided cemetery walks, and a variety of demonstrations.
Oct 21	2 to 5 pm & 6:30 to 8:30 pm	Octivities	Millbrook Village	Celebrate the bounties of fall with hands-on activities during the afternoon, and experience the darker side of Millbrook Village through special lantern tours during the evening. (Reservations required for evening lantern tours †)
Dec 2	11 am to 4 pm	Victorian Christmas	Millbrook Village	Experience the village decorated in mid to late 19 <sup>th</sup> century holiday style and enjoy playing with period toys and creating Victorian crafts.
Dec 2 Dec 9 Dec 3 Dec 10	1 to 4 pm	A Walpack Christmas	Rosenkrans House, Walpack Center	Celebrate and experience the Christmas traditions and displays of a 19 <sup>th</sup> century farming community.
Dec 3	5 to 6pm	Christmas Carol Service	Millbrook Village	Gather in the Millbrook Church to sing traditional Christmas songs. All are welcome.

#### **ADDTIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Each month between June and September, the Friends of Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area sponsor a monthly lecture. For lecture information and a complete list of activities and events, visit the park calendar in the Planning Your Visit section at nps.gov/dewa.

Many park partners offer special public programs, activities, and workshops.

Mohican Outdoor Center, operated by the Appalachian Mountain Club, offers outdoor recreation-based programs yearround. For more information, visit outdoors.org/lodging/lodges/Mohican.

Montague Association for the **Restoration of Community History** (MARCH) offers lectures about Montague area history in the summer and fall. For more information, visit montaguehistory.org.

Peters Valley School of Craft offers fine craft workshops and artist lectures in the spring, summer, and fall. For more information, visit petersvalley.org.

Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC) offers youth, family and adult programs and workshops yearround. For more information, visit peec.org.

Walpack Historical Society offers lectures and guided walks about the Walpack Valley in the spring, summer, and fall. For more information, visit walpackhistory.org

# Camping

What better way to immerse yourself in an environment of solitude, tranquil natural landscapes, striking river valley scenery, and a substantially undeveloped river corridor than to go camping! Camping is a relatively inexpensive way to create lasting memories. Whether you enjoy the services available at a campground or enjoy the solitude of hiking a ways to pitch a tent away from people, the park offers a campsite for you. The place you park your RV or set up your tent becomes your home away from home – make it a safe one.

- Make sure there are no dead limbs or trees in the vicinity of your campsite that might come down during a strong wind.
- Avoid drinking untreated water. Even clear, spring water can contain harmful bacteria.
- If in a campground, lock food in your vehicle. Bears and other wildlife have a great sense of smell.
- Keep your pet on a leash and never leave a pet unattended.
- Be sure you can identify poison ivy and avoid it!
- Bring a flashlight for when nature calls after sunset.



#### **Dingmans Campground**

- Located near Dingmans Ferry, PA
- Sites for tent and RV (some with water and electric hook-ups)
- Individual and group campsites
- Camp store
- Weekly activities
- More information: 877 828-1551 or dingmanscampground.com

#### **Mohican Outdoor Center**

- Located along the Appalachian National Scenic Trail near Blairstown, NJ
- Individual and group tent sites Self-service, bunk-style cabins
- Camp store Food service
- Weekly activities
- More information: 908 362-5670 or outdoors.org/lodging/lodges/mohican

## **Valley View Group Campsites**

- Located near Bushkill, PA
- Reservations required
- Primitive tent sites along the river
- River access for canoes and kayaks
- More information: 877 828-1551 or dingmanscampground.com

#### **Rivers Bend Group Campsites**

- Located near Millbrook Village, NJ
- Reservations required
- Primitive tent sites along the river
- River access for canoes and kayaks
- More information: 570 426-2452 or nps.gov/dewa

## **River Camping**

- Available for extended boat trips (14 miles or more)
- One night only per site
- Free primitive river sites
- First-come, first-serve
- EXCEPTION: Alosa river campsites (located below the Walpack Bend in PA) are by reservation only; reservations can be made at recreation.gov; see pages 4 and 5 or nps.gov/dewa for more information

## Backpacking

- Only permitted along the Appalachian National Scenic Trail
- Restricted to through-hikers who are hiking for two or more consecutive days
- More information on page 10 or nps.gov/dewa



Information about camping outside the park:

- In Pennsylvania, contact Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau at 800 762-6667 or poconomountains.com
- In New Jersey, contact New Jersey Tourism at 800 847-4865 or visitnj.org

<sup>\*</sup> Reservations required; call 570 426-2452 Monday - Friday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

# Fishing

The area is home to both warm- and cold-water fish species. In the spring, the Delaware River offers a chance to catch American shad, a fish whose Latin name means "most savory herring."

Huge numbers of American shad once migrated upstream in the Delaware River, so many shad that the river was described as "black" and "boiling." Industrial pollution and overfishing drastically reduced shad numbers in the Delaware River in the early 1900s. In the 1980s, pollution control programs were put in place and shad numbers began to rise again. American shad remain a favorite for anglers, putting up a fight and showing multiple jumps when caught.

Numerous lakes and ponds are home to species like pickerel, catfish, and panfish. Native and stocked trout inhabit the cold streams, offering fly fishers a challenge. All waters within Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area are open to sport fishing unless otherwise noted.

#### Regulations

- A state fishing license is required for those 16 and older; regulations are enforced.
- Holders of either a New Jersey or Pennsylvania license may fish on the Delaware River and either of its banks. This does not apply to the river's tributaries.
- Special fishing regulations apply within the park. Refer to the appropriate state regulations for waters within the park.

#### Fishing is not permitted at:

- Dingmans Creek within George W. Childs Park area, including foot bridges and observation platforms
- Dingmans Creek from the top of the Dingmans Falls to the east end of the Dingmans Falls Visitor Center parking lot from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm daily.
- Silverthread Falls in the pool at the base of the falls.



# **STOP AQUA**

Be A Good Steward. Clean. Drain. Dry.

For New Jersey state information, refer to the New Jersey Fish and Wildlife Digest, available at sporting goods stores, or visit state.nj.us/dep/fgw.

For Pennsylvania state information, refer to the Pennsylvania Fishing Summary, or visit fish.state.pa.us. Pennsylvania licenses are available on line at fishandboat.com/outdoorshop.htm.

#### **Places to Fish**

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	nis table lists common game fish that can be sught from places that are relatively easy to access.  Location	American Shad 1	<b>Brook Trout</b>	Brown Trout	Catfish	Chain Pickerel	Largemouth Bass	Muskellunge	Sunfish <sup>2</sup>	Rainbow Trout	Smallmouth Bass	Striped Bass	Walleye	Vellow Perch
PA	<b>Loch Lomond (Lake)</b> – south of Dingmans Ferry; wheelchair accessible					х			х	S				
PA	<b>"Front" Pond</b> – Pocono Environmental Education Center					х	х		х					)
PA	<b>Hidden Lake</b> – hand launch and picnic area off Hidden Lake Drive					х	х		х	S				2
PA	<b>Dingmans Creek</b> – between Deer Leap Falls and Dingmans Falls; delayed harvest, artificial lures only			S						S				
PA	<b>Toms Creek</b> – from picnic area access upstream; catch and release only			w										
PΑ	<b>Bush Kill</b> – Bushkill, entire section within park		S	S						S				
PA	<b>Little Bushkill</b> – Bushkill, entire section within park		S	S										
PA	<b>Delaware River</b> – Milford Beach & Boat Access*	Х			Х				Х		Х		Х	
PA	<b>Delaware River</b> – Dingmans Boat Access*	Х			Х				Х		Х	Х	Х	
PΑ	<b>Delaware River</b> – Eshback Canoe Access*	Х			Х				Х		Х	Х	Х	
PA	<b>Delaware River</b> – Bushkill Boat Access*	Х			Х			Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	
PA	<b>Delaware River</b> – Smithfield Beach & Boat Access*	Х			Х			Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	
NJ	Delaware River – Caddoo Canoe Access*	Х			Х			Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	
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ΝJ	Delaware River – Turtle Beach*	Х			Х				Х		Х		Х	
ΝJ	<b>Delaware River</b> – Kittatinny Point,* off Interstate 80	Х			Х			Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	
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NJ	Vancampens Brook – from the Upper Glen downstream to the mouth			w										
ИJ	<b>Flat Brook</b> – entire length within the park; accesses along NPS Route 615			w					х		х			
ΝJ	<b>Blue Mountain Lake</b> – access by short trail from parking area						х		х	S				
NJ	<b>Catfish Pond</b> – Mohican Outdoor Center, access from NJ Route 602					х	х		х					

- \*Fishing is prohibited within 200 feet of designated boat launches and swim areas.
- <sup>1</sup> The only time to catch adult American shad is from April to June, when the adults are migrating from the Atlantic Ocean.
- <sup>2</sup> "Sunfish" includes bluegill, pumpkinseed, and redbreast sunfish, black crappie and rock bass.

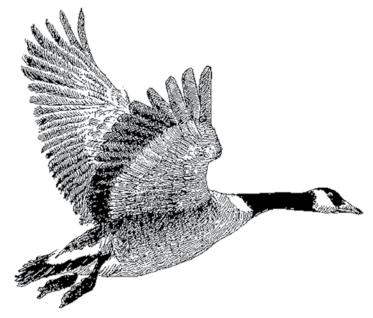
X = CaughtS = Stocked trout

# Hunting

Hunting is permitted in most parts of the park. In addition to all applicable state regulations, park-specific regulations are provided below. Please note that you are in a national park; other outdoor enthusiasts are using the same area in which you are hunting. Respect private property located within the park boundaries.

#### **Hunting Regulations**

The possession of firearms on federally-owned land within Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area is permissible consistent with state and federal laws, as outlined in the Digest of Pennsylvania Hunting Regulations, New Jersey Fish and Wildlife Digest, the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Compendium of Regulations, and Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The Compendium of Regulations for Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area is available at park headquarters in Bushkill, PA. All firearms must be unloaded and cased or broken-down while in motor vehicles on roadways or shoulders; bows must be cased. Wear fluorescent orange in compliance with state regulations.



#### The following are prohibited:

- Trapping
- Spotlighting
- Bow hunting on Sundays
- Hunting in closed area
- Hunting in plowed and planted fields or in fields with unharvested
- Hunting from, along, or across roads, or from any kind of motorized vehicle
- Using artificial or natural bait
- Driving or pursuing an animal through closed areas with intention
- Screw-in foot pegs or attaching a stand to a tree with nails, spikes, lag bolts, screws, or similar devices; tree stands must be freestanding and removable
- Releasing any animal or bird into the recreation area for the purpose of hunting or dog training
- Target practice
- Off-road driving
- Parking that blocks gates or access roads
- Backcountry camping and campfires
- Rifles, handguns, and shotguns with shot larger than #4 shot in PA between River Road and the Delaware River and from Shawnee to six miles north of Shawnee, except during the PA big game hunting season when the use of rifles, handguns, shotguns, flintlocks, and muzzleloaders is allowed (the use of a shotgun using steel or other approved nontoxic shot larger than #4 shot is permitted while hunting waterfowl during established seasons)

#### **More Information**

PA Game Commission 570 675-1143/5065 pgc.state.pa.us

NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife 908 735-8240 state.nj.us/dep/fgw/ hunting.htm

Delaware Water Gap Nat'l Recreation Area Ranger Office 570 828-2321 nps.gov/dewa

#### Closed to Hunting

Common and/or Sought-after Fish

All areas within 450 feet of any regularly used or occupied structure, including:

#### Pennsylvania

- Bushkill Meeting Center
- Bushkill School
- Cliff Park grounds and golf course • Dingmans and Bushkill ranger stations
- Dingmans Campground and Valley View **Group Campsites**
- Dingmans Ferry, Eshback, and Bushkill
- Dingmans Maintenance Facility area
- George W. Childs Park area
- Hialeah Air Park
- Milford and Smithfield beaches
- Park Headquarters
- Pocono Environmental Education Center
- Raymondskill and Dingmans falls area
- Slateford Farmhouse
- Toms Creek, Hidden Lake, Loch Lomond, and Hialeah picnic areas

#### **New Jersey**

- Camp Ken-Etiwa-Pec are
- Chado Maintenance Facility area
- Kittatinny Point Visitor Center area
- Millbrook Village
- Minisink Reformed Dutch Church
- Mohican Outdoor Center area
- Peters Valley School of Craft
- Rivers Bend Group Campsites
- Turtle Beach
- Van Campen Inn
- Walpack Center area • Walpack Ridge Trail
- Watergate Recreation Site
- Weygadt Facility area

# Kid's Corner



#### Be a Junior Ranger!

Junior Rangers help to preserve national parks; they learn about Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, have fun, and are our representatives to their friends, families, and schoolmates back home. Stop by a visitor center or park headquarters and ask for your free book. Once you have completed the number of activities for your age group, bring it back to be sworn in as a Junior Ranger and be presented with your badge.

#### **Free Passes for Fourth Graders**

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area is inviting all fourth graders to visit National Park Service sites for free this year as part of the Every Kid in a Park program. The program gives fourth grade students, and those accompanying them, free access to more than 2,000 federally managed lands and waters that charge entrance fees. While Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area charges only expanded amenity fees and does not change entrance fees, the Every Kid in a Park pass provides free access to places like Steamtown National Historic Site in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and Morristown National Historical Park in New Jersey.

Every Kid in a Park is part of the National Park Service's commitment to protect the nation's unique outdoor spaces and ensure that every American has the opportunity to visit and enjoy them. The program is a call to action for children to experience America's spectacular outdoors, rich history and culture. The Every Kid in a Park pass is valid September 1 to August 30 of the following year.

The Every Kid in a Park website, EveryKidinaPark.gov, has links to educational activities, trip planning, field trip options, the downloadable pass and additional information in both English and Spanish. After completing an educational activity, the child can download and print a pass. The paper pass can be traded for a more durable pass at the park.



Example:

Nifty Names! Some place names in the park are named for people who once lived in the area or describe the natural features of the area. The Lenape people lived here when European settlers moved in to the area. Use the code breaker below to find out what the Lenape names mean in English.

1. The Appalachian National Scenic Trail passes along the top of the Kittatinny Ridge within the park. "Kittatinny" comes from the Lenape word "Kitahtëne," which means:

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2. Pahaquarry is the name of a New Jersey township that once existed in the park. The word "Pahaquarry" comes from the Lenape word "Pahaqualong," which means:

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Sensational Search! Find the words in green in the puzzle below.

Delaware Water <u>Gap</u> National <u>Recreation</u> Area is your park to <u>explore</u>! You can <u>hike</u> to the top of Mt. <u>Tammany</u>, <u>canoe</u> on the river, <u>bike</u> on <u>McDade</u> Trail, see lots of <u>waterfalls</u>, <u>swim</u> at a <u>river</u> beach, and so much more! You can also learn how people lived and about the things they made at <u>Millbrook</u> Village. Stop by a visitor center to get a <u>map</u> and find out more about the things to see and do in the <u>park</u>. Don't forget to ask how you can be a Junior <u>Ranger!</u>



# Accessibility

#### Service Animals

Service animals are allowed in all facilities, trails, and the River Runner shuttle, but must always be leashed.

#### **Visitor Centers and Park Stores**

Kittatinny Point and Dingmans Falls visitor centers and park headquarters are wheelchair accessible.

#### Trails

Dingmans Creek Trail (page 7) is a flat, quarter-mile boardwalk to the base of Silverthread and Dingmans falls that is wheelchair accessible. George W. Childs Park Trail (page 6) is wheelchair accessible to the first waterfall overlook, approximately a third of a mile, one-way. Trail for Everyone (page 7) is wheelchair accessible and has several benches along the one-way, third of a mile route. The Sensory Trail (page 7) is a quarter-mile, rope-lined trail.

#### **Historical Sites**

Millbrook Village (page 19) has accessible restrooms and the path through the village is wheelchair accessible. However, most buildings in the village are not accessible due to the narrow doorways in historic structures. Peters Valley (Bevans Village) is operated by the Peters Valley School of Craft (page 13). The restrooms and first floor of the store are wheelchair accessible. The Foster-Armstrong House and the Nelden-Roberts Stonehouse (page 15) are each wheelchair accessible on the first floor.

#### Picnic Areas

Accessible restrooms and picnic sites are located at George W. Childs Park, Milford Beach, Toms Creek, Smithfield Beach, Hialeah, Watergate, and Kittatinny Point.

#### **Swim Beaches**

Accessible restrooms and bathhouses are located at Milford and Smithfield beaches. Assistance is needed to the swimming area at these sites.

#### **River Runner Bus**

On Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays between Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends, a free accessible shuttle bus provides service between Kittatinny Point, NJ, and Milford, PA, stopping at numerous places along the way (page 16).

#### Overlooks

Resort Point, Point of Gap, and Arrow Island overlooks along PA 611 offer wheelchair accessible views of the Delaware Water Gap.

#### **Boat Launch**

A boat loading ramp is available at Smithfield Beach. The ramp provides access to trailermounted boats. Assistance is then needed to lower the boat into the water.

#### **Fishing Pier**

A pier at Loch Lomond is wheelchair accessible.

#### Campgrounds

Dingmans Campground has wheelchair accessible sites. The Dingmans Campground store and bathhouse are accessible. Valley View Group Campsite #1 is wheelchair accessible.

#### **Audio Described Exhibits**

Audio files for the Dingmans Falls Visitor Center exhibits and many wayside exhibits throughout the park are available for download at the park's website: nps.gov/dewa/planyourvisit/accessibility.htm



# **Park Store**

Looking for more information about the park's history? Need a comprehensive map of park trails? Want to purchase a souvenir to remind you of your visit to the park? A wide range of books, maps, guides, souvenirs, and other items is available from the park bookstores. Eastern National operates these stores at Dingmans Falls Visitor Center, Kittatinny Point Visitor Center, and park headquarters.

- Outerwear
- Nature-themed Jewelry
- Children's Games and Toys
- Books
- Maps
- Pins, Magnets, Ornaments



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## Pets

Pets are permitted in most areas of the park and must be on a 6-foot leash at all times. Pets may not be tied to an object and left unattended or left in a vehicle. Please clean up after your pet. Report lost pets to the park communication center at 570 426-2457.

#### Pets are NOT permitted at the following sites:

#### In Pennsylvania:

- Smithfield Beach and Milford Beach between Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day weekend
- Raymondskill Falls and Dingmans Falls
- George W. Childs Park (including parking lot, picnic area, and trail)
- Valley View Group Campsites
- Hialeah Picnic Area
- McDade Trail between milepost 1.0 and milepost 2.5 (from June 1 to September 8)
- Adams Creek

#### In New Jersey:

- Turtle Beach
- Rivers Bend Group Campsites
- Watergate Recreation Site
- Kittatinny Point picnic and visitor center areas

## **Picnicking**

Numerous idyllic spots in the park await you and a red-checkered blanket. Grills are not provided anywhere in the park, but you are welcome to bring your own, except to Kittatinny Point and George W. Childs Park. Ground fires are prohibited throughout the park. Do not bring wood from outside the park for any purpose; it may contain invasive insects and other organisms that threaten the survival of local plant and animal life. Collecting wood in the park for fires is also expressly prohibited, since even the smallest twig may serve as a critical habitat or food source for protected plant and animal life.

Picnic Areas in Pennsylvania

- Hialeah Picnic Area (pets not permitted from Memorial Day to Labor Day weekends)
- Smithfield Beach (fee area; alcohol not permitted; pets not permitted from Memorial Day to Labor Day weekends)
- Milford Beach (fee area; alcohol not permitted; pets not permitted from Memorial Day to Labor Day weekends; group picnic area available - call 570-426-2440 to reserve)
- George W. Childs Park (grills and pets not permitted)
- Toms Creek
- Bushkill Village
- Hidden LakeLoch Lomond

- Picnic Areas in New Jersey
- Kittatinny Point (grills and alcohol are not permitted)
   Millsrock Village
- Millbrook Village
- Turtle Beach (fee area; alcohol and pets not permitted)
- Namanock
- Watergate Recreation Site (fee area; alcohol and pets not permitted)
- Crater Lake
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#### **Solutions to Kid's Corner Activities**

#### **Nifty Names**

- 1. The Appalachian National Scenic Trail passes along the top of the Kittatinny Ridge within the park. The Lenape word "Kittatinny" means: "endless hill."
- Pahaquarry is the name of a New Jersey township that once existed in the park. The word "Pahaquarry" comes from the Lenape word "Pahaqualong," which means: "the place between the mountains beside the waters."

#### Sensational Search

