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This 85-acre state park is dominated by Mt. Pisgah, an 885-foot-high ridge that separates Kreutz Creek Valley to the north and East Prospect Valley to the south. The park landscape also consists of mowed grass fields on the northern and eastern park slopes, a pine plantation in the southern area, and mature woods in the western section.

Directions

Samuel S. Lewis State Park is in southcentral Pennsylvania, York County, about 12 miles east of York, Pennsylvania. From the Wrightsville exit of US 30, follow Cool Creek Road south 1.5 miles to Mt. Pisgah Road and the park.



Recreational Opportunities

 **PICNICKING AND EVENTS:** Picnic tables scattered throughout the park have easy access to a ball field and playground equipment. The park’s scenic backdrop also makes it a popular site for weddings, family reunions, and other events.

Hilltop Pavilion can be reserved up to 11 months in advance for a fee by calling 888-PA-PARKS. If Hilltop Pavilion is unreserved, it is free on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact the park office for more information on planning a wedding or other event in the park.



KITE FLYING: It is easy to find a breeze at the crest of Mount Pisgah, which is why the park is a favorite spot for kite flying. Local groups and individuals gather to show their skills and offer help to novice kite fliers.

STAR GAZING: On clear nights, local organizations hold star gazing events at the park so the public can enjoy Mount Pisgah’s uninterrupted view of the stars. Check the park’s calendar of events online for program dates and times.



DISC GOLF: A 9-hole disc golf course begins at the Disc Golf Parking Lot. Scorecards may be found at the information kiosk near the end of the parking lot.


HIKING: 2 miles of trails

The one-mile **Hilltop Trail** winds through a pine plantation, interesting rock formations, and spectacular scenic views. This easy hike also takes visitors past the George E. Stine Arboretum. Over the years, the arboretum has been severely damaged by storms and high winds. However, it still contains European beech, persimmon, concolor fir, English yew, and other unique species, capturing a piece of the landscape’s past. Use the **Short Cut Trail**, a short loop, to more fully explore the pine plantation.

Located behind the park office, the one-mile **Back Trail** loops through a diverse hardwood forest.

Tell us about your hike at: www.explorepatrails.com

Scenic View

 The 885-foot Mount Pisgah is the highest point in the area and offers a spectacular panoramic view of the surrounding Susquehanna River Valley, including surrounding towns and fertile farmlands. Near Hilltop Pavilion, a wayside panel and coin-operated viewing scope allow visitors to view and identify various points of interest along the river valley.



History

Samuel S. Lewis State Park was named in honor of the former Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Forest and Waters from 1951-1954 who at the end of his term donated 35 acres of his farm to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. A portion of Lewis’ farm had been previously owned by George E. Stine, the proprietor of a large tree and shrub nursery who planted a wide variety of unusual trees at the crest of Mount Pisgah. Upon donating the property, Lewis insisted that a bronze plaque be included as part of the park to recognize Mr. Stine’s arboretum.

In addition to Lewis’ farm, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania purchased 35 acres of adjacent farm land to complete the initial Samuel Lewis State Park tract. The park opened to the public on July 4, 1954. Since then, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources purchased an additional 14 acres of land in 1999.

Samuel S. Lewis 1874 - 1959

An unassuming, jovial, analytical man, Samuel Lewis held cabinet-level positions to several governors, most notably as Secretary of Highways to Governor Gifford Pinchot during Pinchot’s ambitious road-paving program to “get the farmer out of the mud.” Samuel Lewis also served as the lieutenant governor to Arthur H. James from 1939-1943 and as the postmaster general of York. He is also known for rejuvenating the York Fair.

In 1951, Lewis was appointed the Secretary of the Department of Forests and Waters and oversaw all state parks and forests. In two years, Lewis reorganized and streamlined the department.

“Sam Lewis was the best man I ever worked under. He was a genius at deciding what was good for the public and getting it done quickly. He had the administrative tools to get anything done.”

- Joe Ibberson, retired division chief, Bureau of Forestry

Be a Conservation Volunteer

The Bureau of State Parks is looking for volunteers to assist with projects that would benefit all park visitors. If you have an interest in volunteering, please contact the park office directly, or call 888-PA-PARKS.


Nearby Attractions

Information on nearby attractions is available from the York County Convention and Visitors Bureau, 888-858-YORK. www.yorkpa.org

Protect and Preserve Our Parks

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

Access for People with Disabilities

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If you need an accommodation to participate in park activities due to a disability, please contact the park you plan to visit.

In an Emergency

Dial 911 and contact a park employee. For directions to the nearest hospital, look on the bulletin board near the Hilltop Pavilion.

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