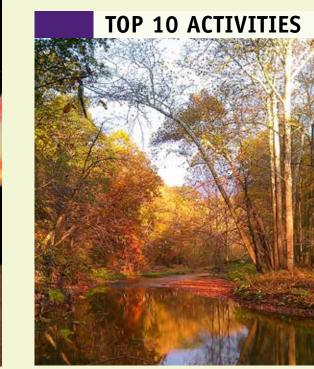
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Pennsylvania State Parks Mission

The primary purpose of Pennsylvania state parks is to provide opportunities for enjoying healthful outdoor recreation and serve as outdoor classrooms for environmental education. In meeting these purposes, the conservation of the natural, scenic, aesthetic, and historical values of parks should be given first consideration. Stewardship responsibilities should be carried out in a way that protects the natural outdoor experience for the enjoyment of current and future generations.

2023





- 1. Take a hike! The park has 44 miles of trails.
- 2. Catch some sun at the beach and stop by the concession for ice cream.
- 3. Explore the 101-acre Raccoon Lake by kayak, canoe, rowboat, or hydro
- 4. Enjoy a stroll through the Wildflower Reserve.
 - 5. Set up camp in the modern campground.

Raccoon Lake or Traverse Creek.

- 6. Learn something new by attending an educational park program.
- 7. Go fish! Spend a day fishing for trout, panfish, bass, carp, or walleye in
- 8. Explore the Frankfort Mineral Springs and discover the history of the "healing" waters.
- 9. Stay in comfort by renting the Lakeside Lodge or a cabin.
- 10. Hunt for small game, deer, and turkey on more than 7,000 acres.

RACCOON CREEK STATE PARK

Raccoon Creek State Park is one of Pennsylvania's largest and most visited state parks. The park encompasses 7,572 acres and features the beautiful 101-acre Raccoon Lake. Facilities are a mix of modern and rustic with group camps built by the Civilian Conservation Corps.

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Raccoon Creek State Park is in southern Beaver County. Access the park from the east and west on US 30, or from the north and south on PA 18, which passes directly through the park.

Reservations

Make online reservations at www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks or call toll-free 888-PA-PARKS (888-727-2757), 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday to Saturday.



RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Spend the Day



5 PICNICKING: About 200 picnic tables are available throughout the park. All picnic areas have charcoal grills, drinking water, and modern restrooms. Roadside East and Roadside West picnic areas are both located along Raccoon Park Road. Both areas have ADA picnic tables

SWIMMING: The 500-foot, ADA accessible, sand/turf beach is open from late May to mid-September, 8:00 AM to sunset. Swim at your own risk. Please read and follow posted rules for swimming. A shower house and a concession stand are nearby.

FISHING: Raccoon Lake has yellow perch, walleye, muskellunge, crappie, saugers, bluegills, sunfishes, bullhead and channel catfishes, and largemouth and smallmouth basses. The lake is open to fishing year round. Brown and rainbow trouts are stocked in the lake and feeder streams. An ADA accessible fishing peninsula is located on Raccoon Lake near the beach.

A short stretch of Traverse Creek near the park office is regulated specifically for children under 16. Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission regulations and laws apply.

HIKING: See Hiking section on reverse side.

Enjoy the Winter

Winter is no time to stay inside! View breathtaking ice formations at Frankfort Mineral Springs from the Mineral Springs Loop Trail.

CAMPING: Enjoy winter camping at Sioux Rustic Campground. CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING AND SNOWSHOEING: Skiing and snowshoeing are permitted on all trails. Pinto Loop and Cross-country Ski trails are recommended.

SNOWMOBILING: Nichol and Pioneer Camp roads are open for snowmobiling, weather permitting.

SLEDDING: Sledding is permitted in the park. The hill by the dam is an ideal location for sledding.

Stay the Night



6 CAMPING: Modern and rustic facilities

tent-only, and pet-friendly) divided into multiple loops. E and F loops open early April and close in mid-October. A, B, C, and D loops open late May and close mid-September. Loops A, B, E, and F have paved parking areas. Loop D allows tent camping only. Pets are permitted only in loops dump station, and modern shower houses. ADA accessible campsites are located by accessible restrooms.

BACKPACKING: The Pioneer and Sioux backpacking areas both offer five Adirondack shelters and five tenting sites. These shelters and tent sites are for backpacking only and can be reserved through the park office or online. Only the Sioux area has potable water available nearby. Overnight parking is available at the park office and at Heritage/ Forest, Palomino, and Camp Trail trailheads. Great for backpacking, the Raccoon Loop is 20 miles long and combines parts of Heritage, Forest, and Appaloosa trails.



RECREATION HALL: The Recreation Hall in the Modern Cabin Area can be rented for group meetings or family reunions.

It accommodates 100 people. The facility has a large hall, modern

restrooms, kitchen, and an indoor fireplace. Reservations for the

Recreation Hall can be made for a fee at the park office. **BOATING:** Electric motors only; slow, no-wake speed

Raccoon Lake has two boat launches and 45 mooring spaces. A private boat concession rents canoes, rowboats, kayaks, paddleboards, pontoons, and hydro-bikes. Motorboats must display a boat registration from any state. Non-

powered boats must display one of the following: boat registration from any state; launch permit or mooring permit from Pennsylvania State Parks, available at most state park offices; launch use permit from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. **5 HUNTING AND FIREARMS:** More than 7,000 acres are open to

hunting, trapping, and the training of dogs during established seasons. Common game species are waterfowl, white-tailed deer, turkey, rabbit, pheasant, and squirrel. Early and late goose hunting is permitted. The Wildflower Reserve is restricted to late archery and flintlock hunting.

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

Use extreme caution with firearms at all times. Other visitors use the park during hunting seasons. Firearms and archery equipment used for hunting may be uncased and ready for use only in authorized hunting areas during hunting seasons. In areas not open to hunting or during non-hunting seasons, firearms and archery equipment shall be kept in the owner's vehicle or enclosed trailer. Exceptions include: law enforcement officers and individuals with a valid *Pennsylvania License to Carry* Firearms are authorized to carry a firearm concealed on their person while they are within a state park.

ICE SAFETY: Ice thickness is not monitored. For your safety, make

ICE FISHING: When conditions are suitable, ice fishing is permitted

on the frozen lake surface. Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission

sure ice is at least 4" thick for a single user and 7" thick for a small

group. Always carry safety equipment.

WILDFLOWER RESERVE

The 314-acre tract, originally purchased in 1962 by the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, contains one of the most biodiverse and unique stands of wildflowers in Pennsylvania. More than 700 species of plants can be found along the 4.5 miles of trails, between a variety of habitats including oak-hickory forest, pine plantations, meadows, and

A record of the species documented in the reserve can be found at the Wildflower Reserve Interpretive Center. Wildflowers can be found throughout the growing season with peak blooms in late April through early May and again in August through early September.

Hungerford Cabin is accessed via Jennings Trail and was the get-away for famous political cartoonist Cy Hungerford. He worked at Pittsburgh Hiking: 4.5 miles

Art Witt Trail: 0.26 mile | Easiest hiking | Out-and-back trail | Yellow blazes

This short, fern-lined trail meanders through a pine forest at the entrance of the Wildflower Reserve. This trail is dedicated to Art Witt, the first person to complete 10,000 volunteer hours in Pennsylvania state parks.

Audubon Loop Trail: 0.17 mile | Easy Hiking | Loop trail | White blazes

The Audubon Loop Trail begins close to the Audubon Trail entrance and can be used with a short section of Audubon Trail to make an easy walking loop.

Audubon Trail: 0.44 mile | More difficult hiking | Out-and-back trail | White blazes

Audubon Trail is elevated high above the flowing waters of Raccoon Creek with many places to stop and admire the valley below. During spring, this is a good trail for birding, and in autumn, it is great for fall foliage. One end of the trail intersects Henrici, Jennings, and Old Field trails.

Beaver Trail: 0.22 mile | Easiest hiking | Connector trail |

Connecting with Jennings Trail, Beaver Trail passes through an American sycamore forest along the banks of Raccoon Creek. There are several nice spots to view wildlife.

Esther Allen Trail: 0.12 mile | Easiest hiking | Connector trail | Green blazes

This short trail connects Old Wagon Road with Jennings Trail. It honors Esther Allen for her volunteer work educating park visitors about the botanical treasures of the Wildflower Reserve.

Henrici Trail: 0.51 mile | More difficult hiking Out-and-back trail | Red blazes

This trail allows hikers to explore a forested valley of the reserve featuring an abundance of ferns. The eastern section is covered by wildflowers in the spring. This trail honors Max Henrici, who strongly advocated the preservation of the reserve and played a leading role in the development of the trail system in the Wildflower Reserve.

Sun-Telegraph and then the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette between 1927 and

The Wildflower Reserve is the focal point for programming at

Raccoon Creek State Park. Programs on a wide range of topics are

To protect this unique area for current and future visitors, follow

these rules: • Picking or collecting of plants is prohibited.

presented to the public, schools, and organized groups.

• Trails are for hiking only. Bicycles, horses, and motor vehicles are prohibited

• Pets are prohibited on the trails or in the interpretive center. • Smoking on the trails or in the center is prohibited.

Hickory Trail: 0.16 mile | Easiest hiking | Connector trail | Pink blazes

Accessed from Meadow Trail, much of Hickory Trail follows along the bank of Raccoon Creek. A very short spur trail leads to a scenic spot along the creek. This trail honors the Hickory Club, an outdoor association, which preserved a large section of the present-day Wildflower Reserve.

Jennings Trail: 1.54 miles | More difficult hiking | Out-and-back trail | Blue blazes

Trailhead amenities: picnic tables

This is the longest trail in the Wildflower Reserve. It travels past the historic Hungerford Cabin, vernal pools, forested banks along Raccoon Creek, a spectacular diversity of wildflowers, fall foliage, and many locations for wildlife and birding observations. The trail allows access to many of the shorter trails within the reserve. The trail honors botanist, O. E. Jennings, for his contributions to the Wildflower Reserve.

Meadow Trail: 0.36 mile | Easiest hiking | Connector trail | Light green blazes

This trail begins and ends in a hardwood forest with a large meadow in the middle. In August and September, the meadow is filled with late summer wildflowers. It is also a great location for watching butterflies and hummingbird moths. Both ends of Meadow Trail connect with Jennings Trail.

Old Field Trail: 0.65 mile | Easiest hiking | Connector trail | Orange blazes

This trail traverses a field undergoing forest succession with several sections that follow the banks of Raccoon Creek. Old Field Trail connects with Henrici Trail on both ends

Old Wagon Road: 0.19 mile | More difficult hiking | Connector

trail | Light blue blazes Trailhead amenities: benches This short, elevated trail descends to the floodplain along Raccoon Creek

from the interpretive center. It connects to Esther Allen Trail and ends at Jennings Trail. It features lovely fall foliage and spring wildflowers.

PIONEER HISTORY

Before the footsteps of early European settlers, herds of elk and whitetailed deer roamed the forests and meadows. Streams teemed with fish and fur-bearing animals, such as minks and beavers. In the rock crevices, cougars and wolves made their dens and hunted beneath old growth stands of hemlocks, white pines, and oaks.

In the early to mid-1700s, the Shawnee inhabited villages along the banks of the Ohio River. The Lenape moved into western Pennsylvania after being pushed westward by European settlers in the expanding east. An Indigenous trail became today's PA 168 following the western boundary of the park.

During exploration of the Ohio Valley, the French claimed that the explorer of a river was entitled to all lands watered by its tributaries.

They defended their claim to the Ohio River region by their discovery of the Mississippi River in the late 1680s. The English insisted the various independent Indigenous nations owned the lands.

The English had strong alliances with local Indigenous tribes and their lands were protected by the British Crown. The rivalry between the two countries eventually sparked the French and Indian War from 1754-1763.

With defeat of the French and their allies, European settlers began homesteading in the lands south of the Ohio River. Levi Dungan was the first European to settle in what became Beaver County. He claimed 1,000 acres within present day Raccoon Creek State Park and established his homestead at the head of Kings Creek in 1772.

KINGS CREEK CEMETERY



The cemetery on the park's southwestern boundary, off PA 168, is the final resting place of many of the first European settlers of the area. There are 142 tombstones. The oldest tombstone is that of James Leeper, who died in 1810, and the most recent is that of James Cameron, who died in 1906. Some of the men buried in this cemetery served in the American Revolution, the War of 1812, and the Civil War. Some common pioneer family names include: Cameron, Gibson, Harper, Leeper, Martin, Miller, Ralston, Ramsey, and Standish.

FRANKFORT MINERAL SPRINGS

The springs are located at the upper end of a wooded ravine with a U-shaped shale and sandstone grotto. The stream carved the small grotto from solid rock over thousands of years, forming a picturesque, seasonal waterfall spilling over the rim of the ravine. Frankfort Mineral Springs are opposite the falls, emerging directly from

the shale and sandstone. The water in the stream originates from surface drainage, while the spring water comes from an underground reservoir. The stream water may dry completely, whereas the spring water flows In 1827, land including the springs was sold to Edward McGinnis.

He found the mineral waters "healing to his ailments" which led to the development of a health spa and resort. The nearby small village of Frankfort saw rapid growth after

development of the springs and adopted the name Frankfort Springs. The springs later became known as the Frankfort Mineral Springs.

PARK DEVELOPMENT

Conservation Work Act. RDA sites were developed on primarily deforested, non-sustainable, and over-used agricultural lands with the goal of reclaiming the area to a natural state. Another goal was to provide outdoor recreation for large, urban populations. Only 25 miles from Pittsburgh, the area that is now Raccoon Creek State Park was an

Land acquisitions began in 1934 and by 1935, the Civilian Conservation

Hike the short Mineral Springs Loop Trail from the parking lot on PA 18 or from the park office. A detailed brochure about the springs is available



The creation and development of Raccoon Creek State Park is a direct result of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal to stimulate the economy in the 1930s and to begin implementing a sound conservation program across the nation. Raccoon Creek was chosen as one of five Recreational Demonstration

Areas (RDA) in Pennsylvania developed under the federal Emergency

Corps (CCC) along with local men under the Works Progress Administration (WPA) began developing the area for the National Park Service. Projects included three organized group camps, picnic areas, roads, trails, the establishment of nurseries for reforestation, the dam (no longer existing) for Upper Lake, and quarrying stone for bridges and culverts.

Between 1935 and 1941, more than 700 men from the CCC worked at Raccoon Creek. The men were housed in two camps, SP-6 and SP-16. Local experienced men, commonly referred to as LEMs, provided day labor and training in trades such as carpentry and masonry for the younger men.

The park remained with the National Park Service until September 1945 when it was transferred to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Visitors can see the efforts of the CCC and WPA today in the forests, group camps, stonework, and trails.



INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS

Wildflower Reserve

Interpretive Center

724-899-3611

Raccoon Creek State Park 3000 State Route 18 Hookstown, PA 15050-9416 724-899-2200

RaccoonCreekSP@pa.gov

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@RaccoonCreekStatePark

Electric Vehicle Charging Station

A two-plug, electric vehicle charging station is available for public use in the park office parking lot. Please move to another parking space once your vehicle has been charged.

5 Access for People with Disabilities

5 This symbol indicates facilities and activities that are Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible for people with disabilities. This publication text is available in alternative formats.

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

In an Emergency

Call 911 and contact a park employee. Directions to the nearest hospital are posted on bulletin boards and at the park office.

NEAREST HOSPITAL Heritage Valley Beaver

1000 Dutch Ridge Road Beaver, PA 15009 724-728-7000

CONTOURS ARE ON

20 FT. INTERVALS

GPS Coordinates

2. Wildflower Reserve

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Nearby Attractions

Information on nearby attractions is available from the Beaver County Recreation and Tourism Department, 800-342-8192. www.visitbeavercounty.com

Hillman State Park provides hiking, biking, horseback riding, hunting, and a radio-controlled model airplane field. Contact Raccoon Creek State Park office for more information. 724-899-2200

State game lands 189 and 117 provide hunting and general recreation. Contact the Pennsylvania Game Commission Southwest Regional Office for more information. 833-742-4868 or 833-742-9453

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.

possess hazards. Your personal safety and that of your family are your

• Be prepared and bring the proper equipment. Natural areas may

responsibility. • Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

• Because uncontrolled pets may chase wildlife or frighten visitors, pets must be physically controlled, attended at all times, and on a leash, caged, or crated. Electronic fences and leashes are prohibited. Pets are prohibited in park buildings, the swimming areas, the beaches, cabins, and the Lakeside Lodge.



The **main campground** has modern campsites (electric, non-electric, C and F. The campground has an amphitheater, playground, sanitary

The Sioux Rustic Campground has four campsites for tent or trailer camping and is located near the Sioux Organized Group Tenting Area. Pets are permitted.

regulations and laws apply. **ICE SKATING:** A designated ice skating area is located at the beach.

CABINS: Ten modern cabins are available for rent year round. Cabins 1-4 and 8-10 sleep six guests, and cabins 5-7 sleep 8 guests. Modern cabins have two bedrooms, a living room, kitchen, bathroom, electric heat, fire ring, and picnic table. Cabin 10 is ADA accessible. Cabin users must bring their own cookware, eating utensils, and linens. Pets

Friday in June to the third Friday in August, rentals are weekly from Friday to Friday. **LAKESIDE LODGE:** The Lakeside Lodge is a three-bedroom cottage that sleeps ten people. The lodge has a full kitchen with cookware and tableware, dining room, one and one-half bathrooms, living room with a fireplace, laundry facilities, central heat, air conditioning, and a large patio area with a gas grill. Renters must bring their own linens. Pets are

Cabins have a two-night minimum and a 14-night maximum stay in

the non-peak season. In the summer peak season from the second

prohibited Lakeside Lodge has a two-night minimum and a 14-night maximum stay in the non-peak season. In the summer peak season, the second Friday in June to the third Friday in August, rentals are weekly, Friday

ORGANIZED GROUP TENTING: Rustic facilities, no electric Qualified, non-profit, organized groups can reserve a rustic group tenting

Sioux Rustic Organized Group Tenting has tenting campsites A and

B that accommodate 20 and 60 people respectively. Sioux is open year round and pets are permitted. Potable water is available nearby. Pioneer Rustic Organized Group Tenting is in a more remote section of the park. It is divided into four group tenting sites: Apache, 60 people; Blackfeet, 20 people; Cherokee, 60 people; and Mohawk, 40

people. Pioneer areas are open from mid-April to the end of November.

Pets are permitted. No potable water is available nearby.

ORGANIZED GROUP CABIN CAMPS: These three camps are rented from mid-May to mid-October to organized, non-profit adult and youth groups. The camps contain rustic lodges, flush toilets, shower houses, dining halls, cabins, and utility buildings. Camp 1 accommodates 28 campers. Camp 2 accommodates 130 campers. Camp 3 accommodates 74 campers. Call the park office to make

Shafers Rock Wildflower Blue Symbols Mean ADA Accessible Reserve Modern Restrooms interpretive Center Parking ADA Accessible Parking Paved ● Gate ---- Paved Road Unpaved Road — Paved Trail — — Hiking Trail **Bridge Boardwalk** Scenic Overlook State Park No Hunting State Park Hunting State Park Late Archery/ Flintlock Hunting Only

Appaloosa Trail: 3.0 miles | More difficult hiking | Out-and-back trail | Yellow blazes

Recreations permitted: hiking, backpacking, mountain biking,

The trail winds along rolling forested hills and passes an old homestead and springhouse. The trail head starts at the Nichol Road parking lot off PA 168 and ends along Pioneer Camp Road near the Riders Ridge Picnic Area. Connector trails lead to the Pioneer Group Tenting Area and backpacking campsites.

Appaloosa Spur Trail: 0.7 mile | Easiest hiking | Out-and-back trail | Yellow blazes

Recreations permitted: hiking, backpacking, mountain biking, equestrian

This trail connects the equestrian trailhead parking lot off PA 168 to the

Beach Trail: 0.3 mile | Most difficult hiking | Out-and-back trail | Orange blazes

Recreations permitted: hiking **Trailhead amenities:** modern restrooms, potable water, picnic tables,

to the F loop in the campground.

benches This steep trail connects the D Loop of the campground to the beach and swimming area of Raccoon Lake. A spur trail from Beach Trail connects

Buckskin Trail: 1.0 mile | More difficult hiking | Loop trail | Yellow blazes

This loop trail begins and ends on Nichol Road and winds through a mixed forest of evergreens and deciduous trees.

Recreations permitted: hiking, mountain biking, equestrian

Camp Trail: 1.8 miles | More difficult hiking |

Out-and-back trail | White blazes Recreations permitted: hiking

Camp Trail starts at the Camp Trailhead parking area and briefly follows Cabin Road before entering the forest. The open, older-aged forest offers a wide view along the stream valley mixed with hemlocks, oaks, and rocky terrain. The trail ends at Pinto-Loop Trail.

Forest Trail: 6.2 miles | More difficult hiking | Out-and-back trail | White blazes Recreations permitted: hiking, backpacking

Forest Trail transects several stream valleys that feed Raccoon Lake and passes through an old stone quarry and homestead sites. High ridges offer scenic views of the lake and valleys. Diverse tree species create an exceptional fall foliage display.

trail | Blue blazes **Recreations permitted:** hiking, backpacking

Heritage Trail: 9.5 miles | Most difficult hiking | Out-and-back

The longest trail in the park, Heritage Trail passes through the property and old homesteads of the first European settlers to the area. Sections of the trail follow old wagon roads, the historic Frankfort Mineral Springs, and evergreen tree plantations planted by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s.

Heron Trail: 0.5 mile | More difficult hiking | Connector trail |

Orange blazes Recreations permitted: hiking

This short trail connects Wetlands Trail to Nichol Road and Palomino Trail near Sioux Rustic Campground. At the junction with Wetland Trail, look for wildlife near the wetlands.

Lake Trail: 1.9 miles | More difficult hiking | Connector trail | Blue blazes

Recreations permitted: hiking

The trail follows an old road along Traverse Creek which leads to Raccoon Lake on the north shore opposite the beach area. It connects to Forest Trail, which can be used to make a loop hike. During the 1800s, a gristmill, stone springhouse, and several homesteads were along Traverse Creek.

Mineral Springs Loop: 1.2 miles | Easiest hiking | Loop trail | White blazes

Recreations permitted: hiking

This trail passes through one of the park's historic areas, once known for the "healing qualities of the mineral water." The remnants of the 1800s Frankfort Mineral Springs Resort are located above the springs.

Nichol Road: 3.5 miles | More difficult hiking | Out-and-back trail | No blazes Recreations permitted: hiking, mountain biking, equestrian,

snowmobiling, cross-country skiing recommended This old road serves as the gateway to most of trails in the western section of the park.

Palomino Trail: 1.1 miles | Easiest hiking | Connector trail | Yellow blazes

Recreations permitted: hiking, mountain biking, equestrian

Palomino Trail follows an old roadbed for most of its length. It begins and ends on Nichol Road.

Pinto Loop Trail: 1.7 miles | Easiest hiking | Loop trail | Yellow

Recreations permitted: hiking, mountain biking, equestrian, crosscountry skiing recommended

This wide trail has sections that follow an old wagon road through small forest meadows. These features make it an excellent cross-country

Raccoon Loop Trail: 20 miles | More Difficult hiking | Loop trail | Green diamonds

Recreations permitted: hiking

The Heritage, Forest, and Appaloosa trails combine with Lakeside Lodge Road to make up the park's Raccoon Loop Hiking Trail. Access to backpacking shelters and tenting sites are along the trail.

Upland Trail: 0.6 mile | More difficult hiking | Out-and-back trail | Red blazes Recreations permitted: hiking

This short trail begins across from the park office and ends at Mineral Springs Loop Trail. Continue on Mineral Springs Loop Trail for a

Valley Trail: 1.1 miles | More difficult hiking | Out-and-back trail | Red blazes Recreations permitted: hiking

Cut in along a steep section of Traverse Valley, the trail passes through an open hardwood forest and ends at the Beach Trail above the Raccoon Lake beach area and below the campground.

Wetlands Trail: 1.2 miles | More difficult hiking | Out-and-back trail | Green blazes Recreations permitted: hiking

Wetland Trail begins along Cabin Road near the Camp Trail Parking Area and follows Traverse Creek. Look for wildlife in the wetland areas.

X-C Trail: 2.1 miles | Easiest hiking | Loop trail | White blazes **Recreations permitted:** hiking, cross-country skiing recommended Accessed from a small parking area along Raccoon Park Road, the trail loops through pine forest and small meadows.

DOAK FIELD

Doak Field is named for Robert Doak who was born in Ireland in 1750 and immigrated to eastern Pennsylvania in 1767. In 1772, he arrived here and began homesteading until enlisting in the Colonial Army during the Revolutionary War in 1776. After the war, he met and married Sarah McKibben. Their 800-acre homestead was soon busy with ten children helping with the many chores.

The farm was handed down to Robert and Sarah's descendants. The last Doak to live on the farm was Emma, who married Victor Nickles.

The farmhouse, barn, and other buildings are gone. However, the current building stands on the original barn foundation from the

Today, Doak Field is the site of many park programs on outdoor recreation and local history. For more information, contact the Wildflower Reserve Interpretive Center.

LEARN, EXPERIENCE, CONNECT



Raccoon Creek State Park offers a wide variety of programs year round. Gain a better understanding of the park's natural, cultural, and historical resources through guided outdoor recreation, hands-on activities, walks, special events, and other programs. The Wildflower Reserve Interpretive Center has exhibits and brochures on natural history and historic areas of the park.

Curriculum-based environmental education programs are available to schools and organized groups. Call the Wildflower Reserve Interpretive Center to schedule a group program. A variety of professional

development workshops are also offered for teachers. Contact the Wildflower Reserve Interpretive Center at 724-899-3611, or explore the online calendar of events, https://events.dcnr.pa.gov, for more information on programs and other learning experiences.

WILDLIFE WATCHING

Many opportunities exist at Raccoon Creek State Park to see a variety of wildlife. When observing wildlife, remember to maintain a safe distance and never feed wild animals

For birders, the Audubon Trail in the Wildflower Reserve is great for warblers. Waterfowl are abundant around Raccoon Lake and Wetland Trail. In winter, large flocks of turkeys are often seen near the campground and roadside picnic areas.

White-tailed deer and raccoons are common throughout the park. Most of the larger stream valleys have active beavers, muskrats, and mink. In the more remote western side of the park, you may encounter red foxes, skunks, and opossums.



RACCOON CREEK STATE PARK To US 30, 2.1 Mi. To East Liverpool, Ohio; √14.9 Mi. Hookstown, 3.7 Mi. **GPS Coordinates Decimal Degree Lat. Long.** 1. Park Office HARSHAVILLE 40.50344, -80.42455 2. Wildflower Reserve 40.50723, -80.36411 3. Beach RACCOON 40.50223, -80.40255 CREEK 4. Campground 40.49678, -80.41780 5. Equestrian Lot—Palomino 40.52269, -80.44069 6. Equestrian Lot—Appaloosa Hillman 40.53792, -80.48839 80 STATE GAME **LANDS** 189 #2 Road PARK ENTRANCE İ Recreation Hall S Lakeside Lodge WILDFLOWER RESERVE Kings Creek Cemetery Car Beach Day Use Area * J. (* Springs Road Exter See Map on Reverse Side Park Office TRAIL INFORMATION P Parking Overnight Boat Rental Roadside West Boat Launch & Contact Station — — Hiking Trail Parking Horse Trailers Blue Symbols Mean Electric Vehicle Charging Station Multi-use Trail: Hiking, ADA Accessible 🔥 Ice Skating To Imperial, 6.7 Mi Horseback Riding, Pittsburgh, 22.7 Mi. A Playground **Mountain Biking** 🛴 Emergency Phone Gate Modern Restrooms **Modern Cabins** Raccoon Loop: **Beach Day Use Area** Paved Road Highlighted in Yellow Non-flush Restrooms **Camping** Unpaved Road **Boardwalk** Organized Group Cabin Camps Shower House Lake ← One-way Road **Cross-country Skiing** Food Concession State Park No Hunting **▲** Tent Camping Mountain Biking Lake Trail -//- Picnicking State Park Hunting **△** Organized **△** Group Tenting **Snowmobiling** State Park Late Developed Fishing Area Archery/Flintlock 11/2 KILOMETERS Horseback Riding Backpacking Shelter: Reservation Required Hunting Only Amphitheater FRANKFORT Parking ADA Accessible -920 CONTOURS ARE ON 187 SPRINGS interpretive Center 40 FT. INTERVALS Parking Paved **____** Swimming Beach To US 22, Parking Unpaved Rev. 6/22/23/ BEAVER CO WASHINGTON CO.