

Recreational Opportunities

RECREATION ADVISORY: Due to unsafe conditions around the downed towers, visitors are prohibited from walking near the downed towers and debris field as indicated on the map.



SCENIC VIEWS: The skywalk gives close-up views of the viaduct and wide views of the Kinzua Creek Valley. The overlook is excellent for viewing both the skywalk and valley. Both locations are ideal for viewing fall foliage, which usually peaks in the first two weeks of October.

PICNICKING: Tables and charcoal grills are scattered in the grassy areas near the playground in full to partial shade. An ADA accessible pavilion that can accommodate up to 60 people is located across the parking lot from the visitor center and park office. The pavilion may be reserved up to 11 months in advance for a fee. The unreserved picnic pavilion is free and may be used on a first-come, first-served basis.

DOG WALKING: All pets must be controlled, attended at all times, and on a leash or otherwise safely restrained. Be considerate when walking your dog and carry a container to clean up after your pet.

HUNTING AND FIREARMS: About 275 acres of Kinzua Bridge State Park are open to hunting, trapping, and the training of dogs during established seasons. Common game species are bear, deer, turkey, ruffed grouse, rabbit, and squirrel.

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.

SNOWSHOEING: Snowshoes in a variety of sizes are available at the visitor center and park office for use within the park. If you are interested, please call the park office to reserve a pair of snowshoes. A valid Pennsylvania driver's license is required. Snowshoes are available on a first-come, first-served basis when there is sufficient snow cover (at least 5 inches). Park staff offer visitors a brief beginner lesson and a program on the history of snowshoeing. Current winter conditions can be found at: <https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/WinterReport>

Hiking: 2.0 miles

GENERAL KANE TRAIL: 1.6 miles, blue blazes, easiest hiking
The trail begins and ends at the overflow parking area. It wanders through hardwood forests of black cherry and maple trees, which have been ravaged and renewed by nature since the 2003 tornado.

The loop trail is named for General Thomas Leiper Kane, the visionary behind the Kinzua Viaduct. During the Civil War, Kane assembled the famed Bucktail Regiment. He also supported slave rights and the Latter-day Saints movement as it migrated westward.

KINZUA CREEK TRAIL: 0.4 mile (one way), yellow blazes, most difficult hiking

This steep and challenging trail should only be attempted by visitors with proper footwear and hiking experience.

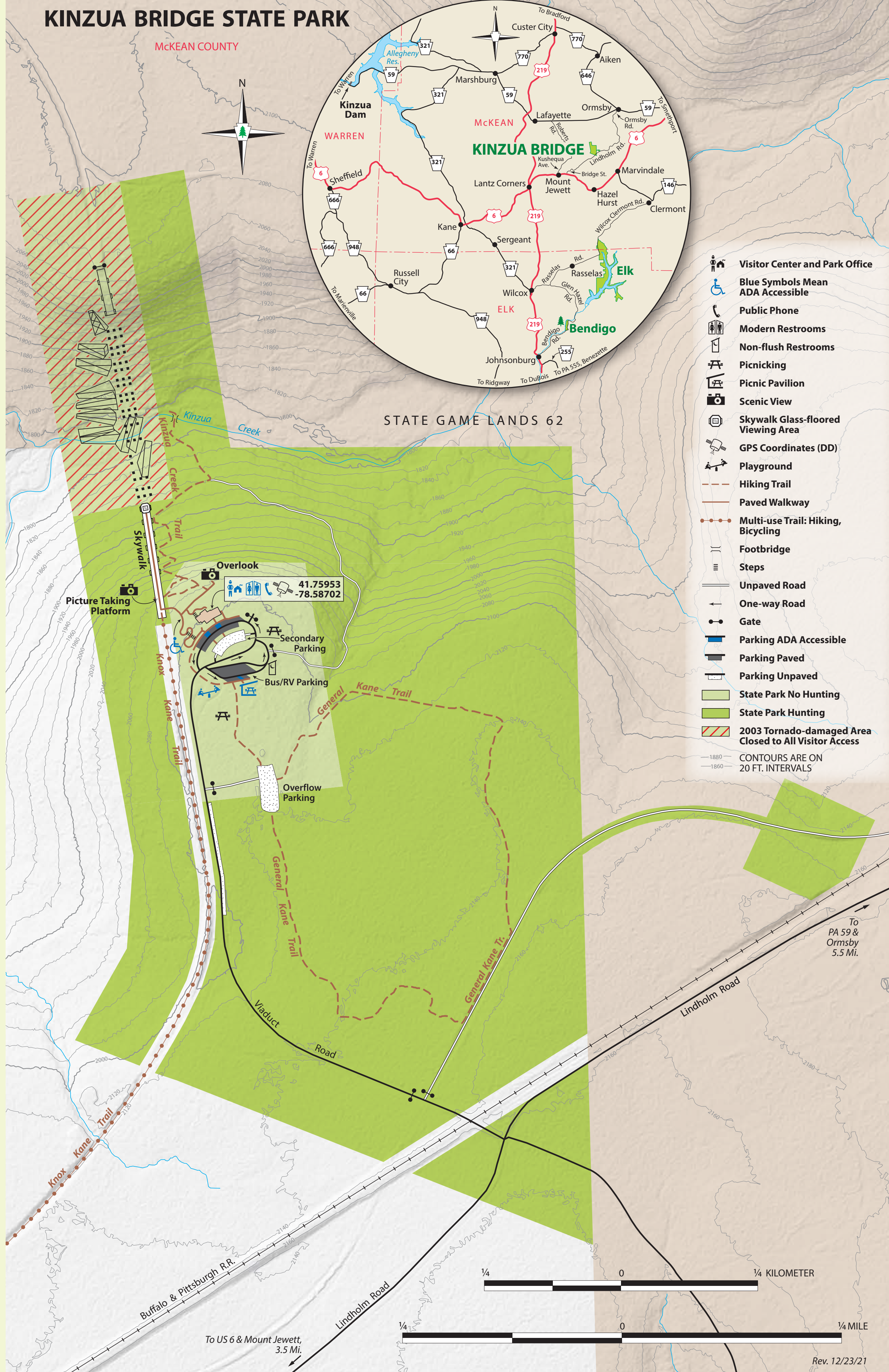
The trail begins on the paved walkway to the overlook and switchbacks to the valley bottom 280 feet below, giving close-up views of the supports for the skywalk and spectacular views of the fallen towers. The trail ends at the far side of the footbridge at the creek. Entering the debris field is prohibited. Hikers must retrace their steps to the trailhead or use the service road shown on the map.

Caution: Hikers on the Kinzua Creek Trail should be in good physical condition, wear sturdy boots, and use caution due to steep trail conditions.

The following guidelines will help ensure a safe and enjoyable hiking experience while at the park.

- Always wear sturdy footwear.
- Give yourself plenty of time for your hike. Plan to be off the trails well before dark.
- Let someone know where you are hiking and when you should return.
- Stay on the trails. Leaving the trail causes damage to unique natural resources, promotes erosion, and can be dangerous.
- Don't take shortcuts from one trail section to another. Taking shortcuts down switchbacks is dangerous and causes trail damage.

KINZUA BRIDGE STATE PARK



- Visitor Center and Park Office
- Blue Symbols Mean ADA Accessible
- Public Phone
- Modern Restrooms
- Non-flush Restrooms
- Picnicking
- Picnic Pavilion
- Scenic View
- Skywalk Glass-floored Viewing Area
- GPS Coordinates (DD)
- Playground
- Hiking Trail
- Paved Walkway
- Multi-use Trail: Hiking, Bicycling
- Footbridge
- Steps
- Unpaved Road
- One-way Road
- Gate
- Parking ADA Accessible
- Parking Paved
- Parking Unpaved
- State Park No Hunting
- State Park Hunting
- 2003 Tornado-damaged Area Closed to All Visitor Access
- CONTOURS ARE ON 20 FT. INTERVALS

To PA 59 & Ormsby 5.5 Mi.

To US 6 & Mount Jewett, 3.5 Mi.