



Spend the Day

PICNICKING: Picnic tables, charcoal grills, and non-flush toilets are in each picnic area. Five picnic pavilions may be reserved up to 11 months in advance for a fee. Unreserved picnic pavilions are free on a first-come, first-served basis. Pavilions 1, 2, and 5 are ADA accessible.

FISHING: The Clarion River flows along the border of the park and provides fishing for trout, warmwater game fish, and panfish. Clear Creek is stocked with trout seasonally. Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission regulations and laws apply.

SWIMMING: The sand 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. Pets are prohibited in the swimming area. Smoking is prohibited in the swimming area and on the sand beach. For visitors who smoke and still want

to use the beach, designated smoking areas adjacent to the beach are provided.

BOATING: The Clarion River provides approximately 120 miles of paddling opportunities with Clear Creek State Park at river miles 59-63. Located within the federally designated Wild and Scenic River section, the park offers access to the river with a hand-carry public launch (mile 61) and parking area.

A popular half-day paddling trip is from Belltown (mile 65) to Clear Creek, with a longer trip being from Clear Creek to Cook Forest State Park, Cooksburg Launch (mile 50). If floating the river in inner tubes or inflatable rafts without paddles, the Millstone Launch (mile 64) to Clear Creek State Park is a leisurely outing. Carrying inner tubes up river on park trails is also an option. Canoes, kayaks, and tubes are available for rent from privately-owned liveries nearby. Overnight parking is available with a no cost permit

obtained at the park office. For paddlers traveling overnight on the river, there are two canoe/kayak camp sites reservable for one night only. See the **Camping** section for additional information. To plan a float on the Clarion River and to review paddling safety tips and regulations, see the Clarion River Water Trail map at the park office or at <https://pfbc.pa.gov/WaterTrail.htm>.

The Clarion River is a Class 1 river, a beginner's waterway with slower moving water and a few faster riffles and waves. As the water level rises from weather events, the difficulty of navigating the river and velocity of the water changes. When USGS river gauges at Ridgway and Cooksburg read six feet, the park closes its launch. River level can be checked at the park office or on the United State Geological Survey website. <https://waterdata.usgs.gov/pa/nwis>

Non-powered boats launched in the park 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

HUNTING AND FIREARMS: About 1,000 acres of Clear Creek are open to hunting, trapping, and the training of dogs during established seasons. Common game species are deer, squirrels, bears, and turkeys. Over 10,000 acres of adjacent state forests and over 500,000 acres of Allegheny National Forest are also open to 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.

SCENIC VIEWS: Two seasonal, scenic overlooks are along Tadler Run Trail. Beartown Rocks is a popular overlook in nearby Clear Creek State Forest.

