



Learn to Cross-country Ski programs at the park provide opportunities to learn with equipment provided.

The whole family can come learn why cross-country skis work the way that they do, how to determine the proper-sized equipment, and then head outside to practice helpful techniques to get started like turns, falling down, and how to get back up. We provide equipment (limited-number and sizes) to both adults and children. Please dress appropriately for being active outdoors in the winter. Check the *Events Calendar* at [www.visitPAparks.com](http://www.visitPAparks.com); there is a \$3.00 fee to participate in this program.



For more information

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## **PARKING**

Plowed parking is available at the Park Office and along Mud Run Road in the Day-use Area. If parking near a gated section of trail, please park so that there is emergency access to the gate.

## **FACILITIES**

There are restroom facilities open throughout the winter in three locations: 1) Day-use Area near the playground; 2) Beach House; and 3) Organized Group Tenting Area. There is a fourth restroom location at the Park Office, open Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, during regular office hours.

## **CONDITIONS**

There are four park trails or loops that are groomed for cross-country skiers. The groomer is a simple track setter, which packs snow and sets one pair of tracks (for single file skiing).

Trails are groomed by DCNR staff as time and conditions allow. To check the latest conditions, visit the *Winter Report* at: [www.visitPAparks.com](http://www.visitPAparks.com), visit the *Parker Dam State Park* Facebook page, or call the Park Office.

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- Park trails are all open to skiing, however not all trails are groomed (nor ski appropriate) due to the difficulty of the terrain. If skiing an ungroomed trail, please know your abilities and the character of the trail. Please use caution when skiing any of the park trails.
- Trails are open during park hours.
- **Leashed** pets are permitted; please keep pets off the set tracks.
- Trails are designated multi-use, please be respectful of other users. Other users should avoid walking, snowshoeing, etc. on the set track.
- Park hours and a complete list of State Park Rules and Regulations are available at the Park Office.

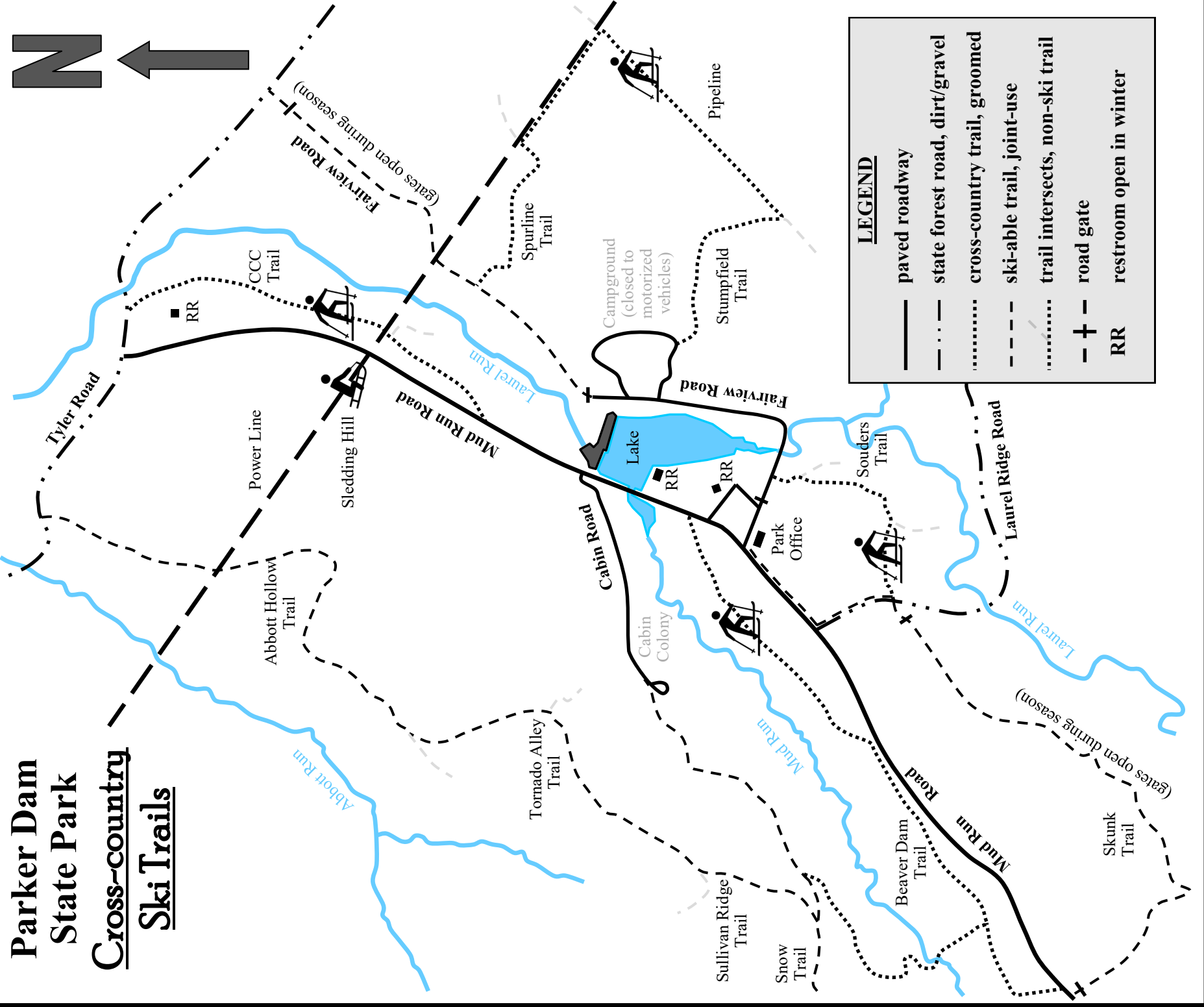
## **ETIQUETTE**

Skiers should yield to snowmobiles. To yield, skiers should step off the trail to the side where safe. Skiers should also yield to oncoming skiers who are travelling downhill, or to faster skiers coming up from behind. Groomed trails are designated multi-use. Other than tracks, skiers should practice *Leave-No-Trace*. Non-skiers please be respectful and stay off the tracks set for skiing.

*Other nearby cross-country skiing opportunities:*  
Moshannon State Forest - Penfield, PA  
Laurel Mill Trail System - Ridgway, PA

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## Cross-country Ski Trails



### GROOMED TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

**Beaver Dam Trail Loop (~2.0 mi.)** - Access Beaver Dam Trail at the day-use parking area along Mud Run Road, or near the turn-about at the end of Cabin Road. The section of this loop from the Cabin Colony to Snow Trail is designated joint-use with snowmobile traffic, please use caution.

**CCC Trail (~1.0 mi.)** - Access CCC Trail at Mud Run Road, or at Tyler Road. Cross-country skiers may choose to ski along the side of Tyler and Mud Run Roads to make a loop. When doing so, please use caution as each of these roads is designated joint-use with vehicles and snowmobiles.

**Stumpfield/Spurline Trail Loop (~1.5 mi.)** - Access Stumpfield Trail via the campground's outer loop road, follow signs toward the Amphitheater (between Sites 51 and 53), or access Spurline Trail via Fairview Road.

**Skunk Trail (~1.4 mi.)** - A portion of the Skunk Trail is designated joint-use with snowmobiles, please use caution. Access Skunk Trail at Mud Run Road (or via the Beaver Dam Trail Loop connector), or at Laurel Ridge Road, or Fairview Road (Souders Trailhead). The trail is gated at Mud Run and Laurel Ridge Roads, and gates are opened for snowmobile season. While skiing at other times, please use caution to go around the gates.