

## A group of hikers is seen from behind, walking away on a dirt trail through a lush green forest. They are carrying large red backpacks and have blue sleeping bags rolled up and attached to the back. The forest is dense with tall trees and vibrant green ferns and foliage.

Evidence of beavers, like cuttings, tracks, lodges, and dams, can be seen along this

Long used by fishermen, this trail starts near the campground bridge, follows the eastern shoreline of the lake, traverses the dam breast, and follows Laurel Run. This trail also winds through the historical tornado blowdown area.

This scenic loop trail features Laurel Run, lush, forest meadows, and large hardwood and evergreen trees.

On May 31, 1985, one of Pennsylvania's largest and strongest tornadoes roared through the park and destroyed the towering forest of ash, oak, beech, and sugar maple trees. The Trail of New Giants cuts through the blowdown and the 250-acre Windstorm Preserve. Walk the trail and see the forest regenerating. A 1/4-mile spur trail leads to two beautiful vistas of the park and surrounding forest.

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

The **Elk Scenic Drive** outlines a 127-mile drive that takes travelers through the Pennsylvania elk range and offers views of some of the most beautiful areas of the Pennsylvania Wilds.  
800-577-2029. [www.PAWilds.com](http://www.PAWilds.com)

**SERVICES AVAILABLE IN NEARBY TOWNS:** Penfield (5 miles) has a convenience store, restaurant, coin-operated laundry, mechanics, gasoline stations, church, and post office. Clearfield (17 miles south), DuBois (19 miles west), and St. Marys (20 miles northeast) have shopping centers, restaurants, and hospitals.

