

Many hiking trails begin in Parker Dam State Park and continue into the surrounding Moshannon State Forest. Some trails travel through a historical tornado blowdown area, while others follow streams or pass through hardwood forests. Hike the Trail of New Giants and then Souders Trail to compare a young forest to a mature forest.

Abbot Hollow Trail: 2.3 miles, blue blazes, more difficult hiking

This Moshannon State Forest trail may be accessed via Tornado Alley Trail. Explore a wilderness valley devastated by a tornado in 1985, then salvage-logged in 1986. Opportunities abound to view wildlife in varying habitats due to the logging roads, gas well sites, and beaver dams that followed in the blowdown area.

Beaver Dam Trail: 2.2 miles, blue blazes, easiest hiking

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

Moshannon State Forest trail which follows Mud Run. The trail also passes through a hardwood forest, a hemlock forest, and pine plantations.

CCC Trail: 0.8 mile, blue blazes, easiest hiking

This trail is a walk down memory lane to the days of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). In the 1930s, this was the road used daily for travel between the residential CCC camp (now the Organized Group Tenting Area) and the work site at the dam. A connector trail leads to Laurel Run Trail.

Laurel Run Trail: 1.6 miles, yellow blazes, more difficult hiking

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.

Log Slide Trail: 0.4 mile, orange blazes,

A display at the trailhead shows historic lumbering tools and an authentic reproduction of a log slide, which were used in the 1870s to harvest timber. Along the trail, look for locations where the Civilian Conservation Corps workers cut stone in the 1930s. The trail follows part of the Quehanna Trail, which is blazed in orange, and connects to Stumpfield Trail via a pipeline which is blazed in yellow.

Quehanna Trail: 1.2 miles in park, orange blazes, most difficult hiking

This 73-mile-loop trail system travels from the park through the Quehanna Wild Area. Backpacking trips range from one to seven or more days.

Only experienced hikers should use these wilderness trails. The main trail is blazed in orange. Connector trails are blazed in yellow. See the Stay the Night section for information on backpacking the Quehanna Trail.

Skunk Trail: 1.7 miles, blue blazes, easiest hiking

This Moshannon State Forest trail winds through a managed hardwood forest. It connects Souders Trail with Mud Run Road.

Snow Trail: 1.3 miles, blue blazes, easiest hiking

This Moshannon State Forest trail can be accessed from the park via Beaver Dam Trail. Popular with snowmobilers, hunters, and cross-country skiers, Snow Trail offers a pleasant hike in the wilderness.

Souders Trail: 0.9 mile, yellow blazes, easiest hiking

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

Stumpfield Trail: 0.4 mile, yellow blazes, easiest hiking

This Moshannon State Forest trail connects with Log Slide Trail via a pipeline. Begin at the campground amphitheater and traverse a meadow that was once a forest of pine and hemlock. Look for large stumps left from logging at the turn of the 20th century. Stunted trees and thick shrubs are evidence of repeated wildfires that destroyed topsoil and slowed forest regrowth.

Sullivan Ridge Trail: 0.9 mile, blue blazes, more difficult hiking

This Moshannon State Forest trail can be accessed from the park via Beaver Dam Trail. It then follows logging roads along the top of Sullivan Mountain, offering scenic overlooks of Moose Run Valley. Sullivan Ridge Trail connects Snow Trail with Abbot Hollow Trail.

Tornado Alley Trail: 1 mile, blue blazes, easiest hiking

This Moshannon State Forest trail connects Sullivan Ridge Trail with the cabin area. It offers a panoramic view of Abbot Hollow.

Trail of New Giants: 1.2 miles, yellow blazes, more difficult hiking

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.

INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS

Parker Dam State ParkMake online reservations at28 Fairview Roadwww.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks or call toll-freePenfield, PA 15849-9799888-PA-PARKS (888-727-2757), 7:00 AM toParkerDamSP@pa.gov5:00 PM, Monday to Saturday.

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the park you plan to visit.

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

NEAREST HOSPITALS

Penn Highlands Clearfield Hospital

807 Turnpike Avenue

Clearfield, PA 16830

814-765-5341

Penn Highlands Dubois Hospital

100 Hospital Ave

Dubois, PA 15801

814-371-2200

Nearby Attractions and Services

800-577-2029. www.PAwilds.com

Information on nearby attractions is available from Visit Clearfield County. www.visitClearfieldCounty.org

Just off PA 153, near I-80, **Simon B. Elliott State Park** has picnicking, hunting, hiking, camping, rustic cabins, and winter activities. 814-765-0630

The 190,000-acre **Moshannon State Forest** offers ample opportunities for recreation including, hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, camping, fishing, hunting, and various winter activities.

The **Elk Country Visitor Center** lies in the heart of the largest, free-roaming elk herd in the northeastern United States. Learn more about elk through educational displays, a 4D theater, and

more. 814-787-5167. http://elkcountryvisitorcenter.com

The **Elk Scenic Drive** outlines a 127-mile dive that takes travelers through the Pennsylvania elk range and offers views of some of the most beautiful areas of the Pennsylvania Wilds.

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.

