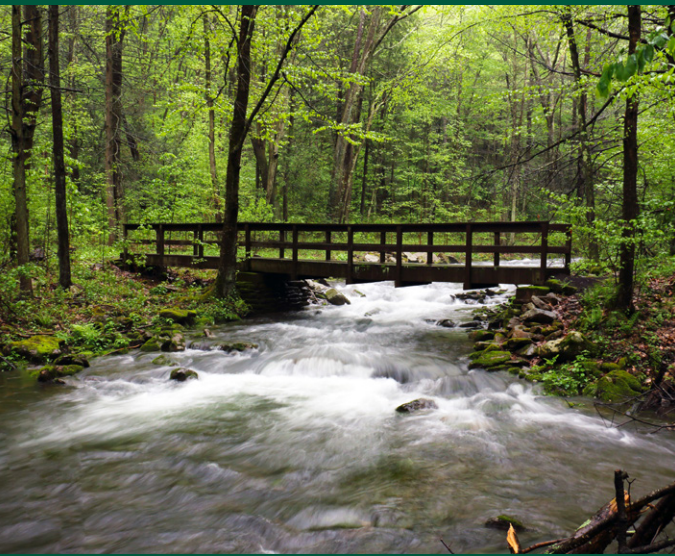
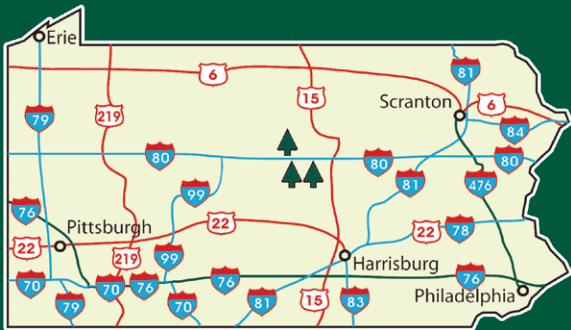


A Pennsylvania Recreational Guide for
Ravensburg, McCalls Dam,
and Sand Bridge State Parks



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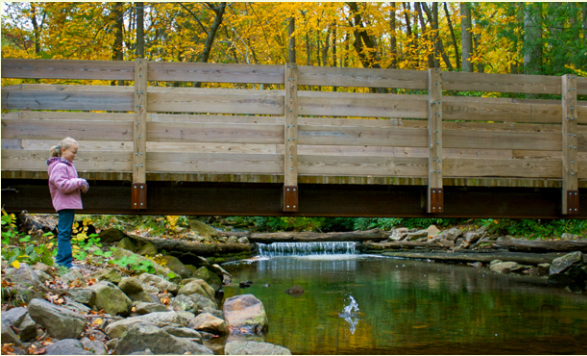
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888-PA-PARKS (888-727-2757), 7:00 AM to
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Sand Bridge State Park

Rapid Run’s lovely murmur and the sounds of birds fill this lovely picnic spot. The two rustic picnic pavilions hug the side of Seven Notch Mountain, conveniently along PA 192.



Directions

Sand Bridge State Park is in Union County on PA 192, 14 miles west of Lewisburg.

GPS DD: Lat. 40.9872 Long. -77.12665

Recreational Opportunities

Sand Bridge State Park participates in a carry-in/carry-out trash disposal program for small parks. There are no trash collection or recycling facilities. Visitors are asked to limit the amount of disposable items brought to the park and to take all trash, garbage, and recyclables home.

PICNICKING: Sand Bridge is a convenient picnic spot with picnic tables, charcoal grills, water, and rustic restrooms. Two picnic pavilions are free on a first-come, first-served basis.

FISHING: Rapid Run is an excellent coldwater fishery. It is stocked annually with brook and brown trout.

Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission regulations and laws apply.

HUNTING: Because of its small size, hunting is prohibited at Sand Bridge State Park. Hunting is permitted on surrounding Bald Eagle State Forest land.

Use extreme caution with firearms at all times. In areas not open to hunting firearms 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.

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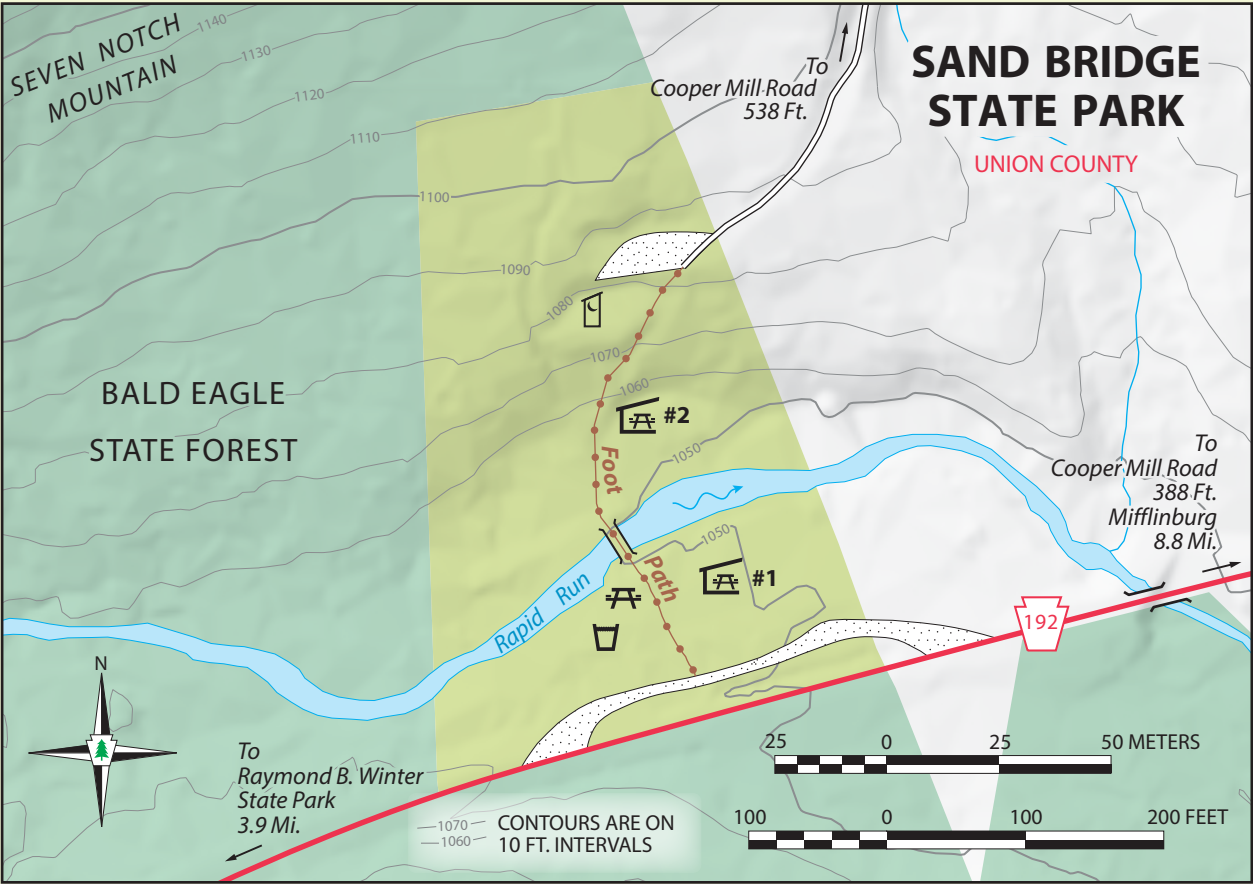
No one knows how the area became known as Sand Bridge. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania purchased the land in 1905 and it became part of White Deer State Forest District. In the 1930s, the Civilian Conservation Corps built the pavilions and restrooms.

In 1978, the Pennsylvania Bureau of State Parks took over administration of Sand Bridge State Park.

Nearby Attractions

Information on nearby attractions is available from the Susquehanna River Valley Visitors Bureau, 800-525-7320. www.visitcentralpa.org

The 193,000-acre **Bald Eagle State Forest** is open to hiking, hunting, fishing, mountain biking, horseback riding, snowmobiling, wildlife watching, and general recreation.



McCalls Dam State Park

The sound of White Deer Creek pervades the quiet, remote McCalls Dam State Park. Majestic pines, hemlocks, maples, and oaks reach for the sky around the small picnic area. Bald Eagle State Forest surrounds the 8-acre park.

Directions

McCalls Dam State Park is in the extreme east end of Centre County. It can be reached by traveling McCall Dam Road, which links PA 192 at Raymond B. Winter State Park and PA 880 at Eastville.

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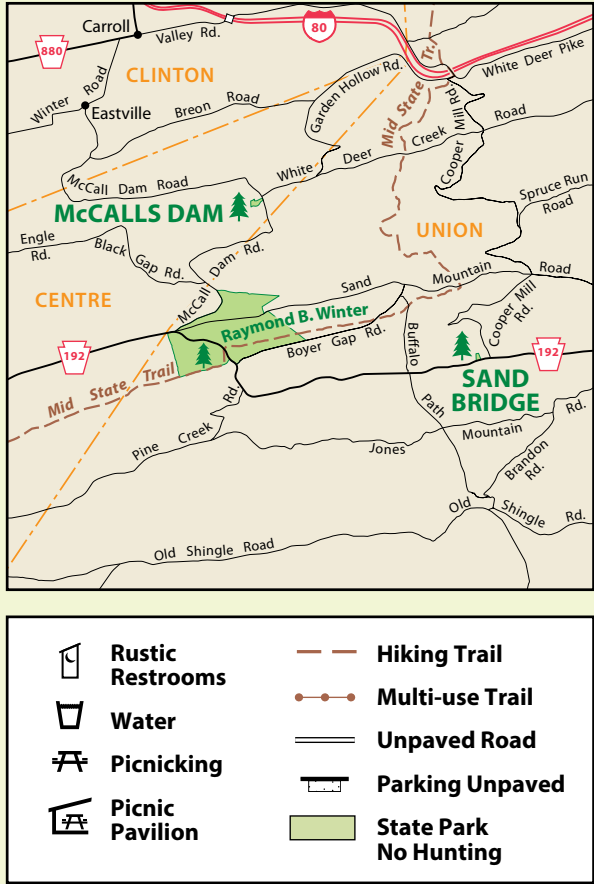
Recreational Opportunities

McCalls Dam State Park participates in a carry-in/carry-out trash disposal program for small parks. There are no trash collection or recycling facilities. Visitors are asked to limit the amount of disposable items brought to the park and to take all trash, garbage, and recyclables home.

PICNICKING: The small picnic area next to White Deer Creek has tables, a few charcoal grills, and a rustic restroom.

HUNTING: Because of its small size, hunting is prohibited at McCalls Dam State Park. Hunting is permitted on surrounding Bald Eagle State Forest land.

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History

In 1850, an early settler built a dam on White Deer Creek to provide power to his large sawmill and shingle mill. Sixteen years later the dam was repaired and used as the second of a series of splash dams to float white pine logs to the Susquehanna River and the extensive sawmills at Watsontown.

Although the dam is gone, Johnny McCall and his dam will always be remembered because of McCalls Dam State Park.

Nearby Attractions

Information on nearby attractions is available from the Central Pennsylvania Convention and Visitors Bureau, 800-358-5466. www.visitpennstate.org

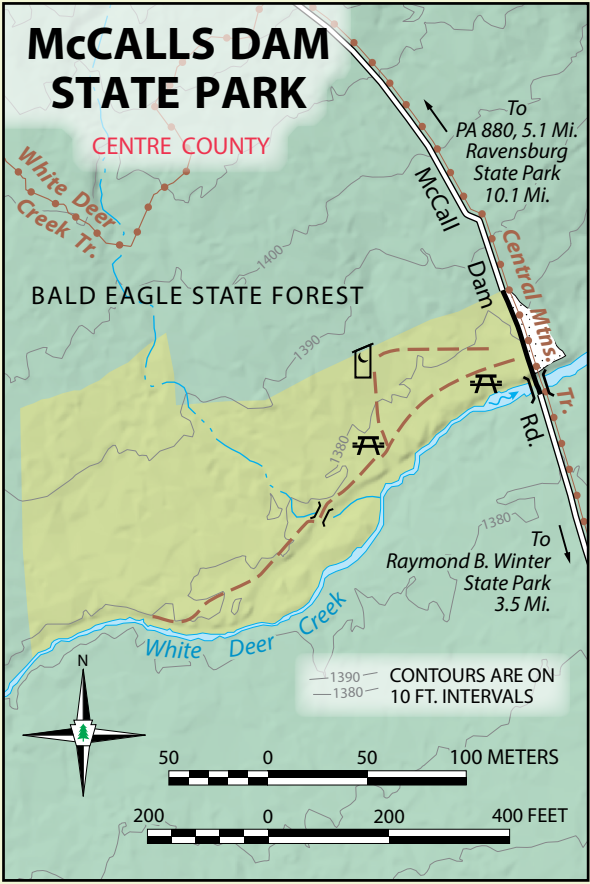
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In an Emergency

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

NEAREST HOSPITAL
to McCalls Dam and Sand Bridge state parks
Evangelical Community Hospital

One Hospital Drive
Lewisburg, PA 17837
570-522-2000



Ravensburg State Park

The park lies in a cozy, steep-walled gorge carved by Raughtown Creek through the side of Nippenose Mountain. A northern hardwood forest blankets the bottomland along this spring-fed stream. Talus (rock) covered slopes and interesting rock formations are interspersed among a stunted oak forest growing on the steep mountainsides and ridges. This pretty valley is especially beautiful when the mountain laurel blooms in late June and during the fall foliage of early October.

The 146,000-acre Tiadaghton State Forest nearly surrounds Ravensburg State Park’s 78 acres. The state forest has hiking, hunting, fishing, and wildlife watching. A short drive away is Bald Eagle State Forest and the Mt. Logan and Rosecrans Bog natural areas.

Directions

Ravensburg State Park is in central Pennsylvania, Clinton County, on PA 880, eight miles southeast of Jersey Shore, or four miles north of Carroll, Exit 192 on I-80.

GPS DD: Lat. 41.1084 Long. -77.2436

Reservations

Make online reservations at www.visitPAparks.com or call toll-free 888-PA-PARKS (888-727-2757), 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday to Saturday.

Recreational Opportunities

CAMPING: tents only, modern shower house
The forested campground is open from the first Friday in May through the last Sunday in September. Each of the 21 sites has a picnic table and a fire ring.

PICNICKING: Within the three picnic areas are picnic tables, picnic pavilions, charcoal grills, a playfield, and horseshoe pits. Most picnic tables are shaded. Two 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.



FISHING: Raughtown Creek and its tributaries provide excellent coldwater fishing for native brown and brook trout. Warmwater fishing is within easy driving distance and includes West Branch Susquehanna River, Bald Eagle Creek, and Blanchard Lake. Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission regulations and laws apply.

HUNTING: Because of its small size, hunting is prohibited at Ravensburg State Park. Hunting is permitted on surrounding Tiadaghton State Forest land.

Use **extreme caution** with firearms at all times. In areas not open to hunting firearms 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.

HIKING: 1 mile of trails
Raven Trail runs nearly the length of the park, parallel to Raughtown Creek. Several other trails provide steep access to rocky outcrops or access to longer hiking trails on state forest land, including the 261-mile Mid State Trail. Proper attire and good physical conditioning are recommended for your comfort and safety.

Tell us about your hike at: www.explorepatrails.com

History

The park was named for ravens that once roosted on the rock ledges at the southern end of the park. Ravens are still seen around the park and can be distinguished from crows by their larger size and deeper, groan-like call. The forest of Ravensburg State Park has undergone little change in the last 100 years. It is likely that extensive logging never occurred in the area due to the steep, rocky terrain and the isolation of the area.

The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) constructed Ravensburg State Park on state forest land. CCC Camp S-127-PA built picnic pavilions, latrines, waterlines, fountains, bridges, trails, and a dam on Raughtown Creek. Ravensburg State Park still has a pleasing rustic character due to the rugged land and the CCC era structures of native stone, rough-sawn logs, and stained wood.

Geologic Formations

The most outstanding geologic feature in the park is Castle Rocks. Tall erosional spires of sandstone are silhouetted against the sky, like the towers of an ancient castle. You can see Castle Rocks from Mid State Trail in the southern end of the park. Frost action has caused the sandstone blocks to break away at weak places in the sandstone, leaving behind isolated pillars. Additional information on the geological features is found in the “Trail of Geology Guide” available on the park website.

Local Services

Food, picnicking supplies, and gasoline can be found at several stores in Oval, about five miles northeast of the park, or Jersey Shore, about 8 miles north.

Nearby Attractions

Information on nearby attractions is available from the Clinton County Economic Partnership, 888-388-6991. www.clintoncountyinfo.org
The 146,000-acre **Tiadaghton State Forest** is open to hiking, hunting, fishing, mountain biking, horseback riding, snowmobiling, wildlife watching, and general recreation.

Explore Pennsylvania Wilds

Pennsylvania Wilds is two million acres of public lands for hiking, biking, fishing, boating, hunting, and exploration in northcentral Pennsylvania. Highlights of the area are elk watching, scenic PA 6, Pine Creek Gorge (PA Grand Canyon), the darkest skies in the east at Cherry Springs State Park, and hundreds of miles of backpacking trails, bike paths, and trout fishing streams. www.pawilds.com

Protect and Preserve Our Parks

Please make your visit safe and enjoyable. Obey all posted rules and regulations and respect fellow visitors and the resources of the park.

• Be prepared and bring the proper equipment. Natural areas may possess hazards. Your personal safety and that of your family are your responsibility.

• Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.


• Please camp only in designated areas and minimize your impact on the campsite.

• Firewood Advisory: Firewood may contain non-native insects and plant diseases. Bringing firewood into the park from other areas may accidentally spread pest insects and diseases that threaten park resources and the health of our forests. Use local firewood. Do not take wood home and do not leave firewood. Burn It!

• Prevent forest fires by having a fire in proper facilities and properly disposing of hot coals. Do not leave a fire unattended.

• Because uncontrolled pets may chase wildlife or frighten visitors, pets must be physically controlled, attended at all times, and on a leash, caged, or crated. Electronic fences and leashes are prohibited.

Access for People with Disabilities

 This symbol indicates facilities and activities that are Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible for people with disabilities. This publication text is available in alternative formats.

If you need an accommodation to participate in park activities due to a disability, please contact the park you plan to visit.

In an Emergency

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

NEAREST HOSPITAL to Ravensburg State Park
Geisinger Jersey Shore Hospital
1020 Thompson Street
Jersey Shore, PA 17740
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