

Pricing and Reservations

PRICING: Lodging prices vary due to type of facility; number of guests the facility accommodates; Pennsylvania residency status; length of stay; day of the week; and season.

For base pricing information, scan the code or visit the Pennsylvania state parks website at <http://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/StateParkPrices>

Please note, base pricing information does not include fees or taxes.

RESERVATIONS: Lodging in Pennsylvania state parks can be reserved 11 months to three days before the day of arrival. If it is two days or less before the arrival date, call the state park to inquire about availability.

For reservations, call the Pennsylvania State Parks Reservation Center at 888-PA-PARKS (888-727-2757), Monday through Saturday, 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, or visit <http://pennsylvaniastateparks.reserveamerica.com>.

Reservations can be made using MasterCard, VISA, American Express, and Discover credit cards; personal, traveler's, and cashier's checks; or a Pennsylvania State Parks Gift Card. To receive a confirmed reservation, full payment must be received within ten days of making the reservation.

FEES: A non-refundable transaction fee is charged for each reservation.

Cabin, lodge, unique house, and inn prices incur additional state and/or county local tax(es). The county local hotel occupancy tax rate varies depending on the location in the Commonwealth.

Designated dog-friendly facilities charge an additional fee per night.

CANCELLATIONS AND CHANGES: Cancellations, changes, or transfers to reservations will be assessed a fee and can be made prior to arrival by the Pennsylvania State Parks Reservation Center.

Any cancellation, change, or transfer made upon day of arrival must be processed through the state park. For complete information on fees, cancellations, changes, transfers, and discount policies, view the Reservation Cancellation/Change Policy at the website in the "Reservations" section above.



Cabin Colony History

Designed to boost the economy out of the Great Depression while addressing environmental issues facing the nation, Franklin D. Roosevelt developed the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC).



At what is now Cowans Gap State Park, CCC Camp S-54 operated from 1933 to 1941 and housed 250 men. Young men stayed in tents until cabins were built to house them. The barracks cabins by the beach have been removed; however, the cabin colony along Little Aughwick Creek remains today. These buildings were built with wood and stone construction including hemlock siding and shingle roofs.

All ten rustic cabins in the cabin colony are the original structures that were built by the CCC in the late 1930s. The cabins were placed on the National Registry of Historic Places on February 11, 1987, which ensures that they will be preserved for future generations.

In addition to building the barracks, the young men planted thousands of acres of new trees, built 4 bridges, 30 miles of state roads, 32 miles of fire trails, and 11 miles of telephone lines. The CCC boys also cleared the forests and streams of brush, built pavilions, and constructed the dam that created Cowans Gap Lake.

Cowans Gap State Park opened to the public in 1937. Improvements have continued at Cowans Gap, with additions like the campground and modern restrooms.



Access for People with Disabilities

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Lodging

Cowans Gap State Park



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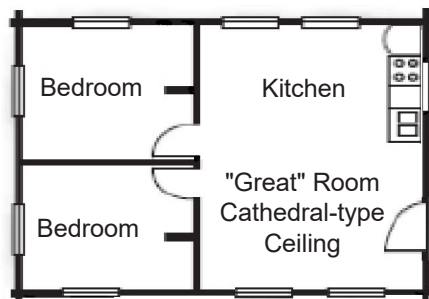
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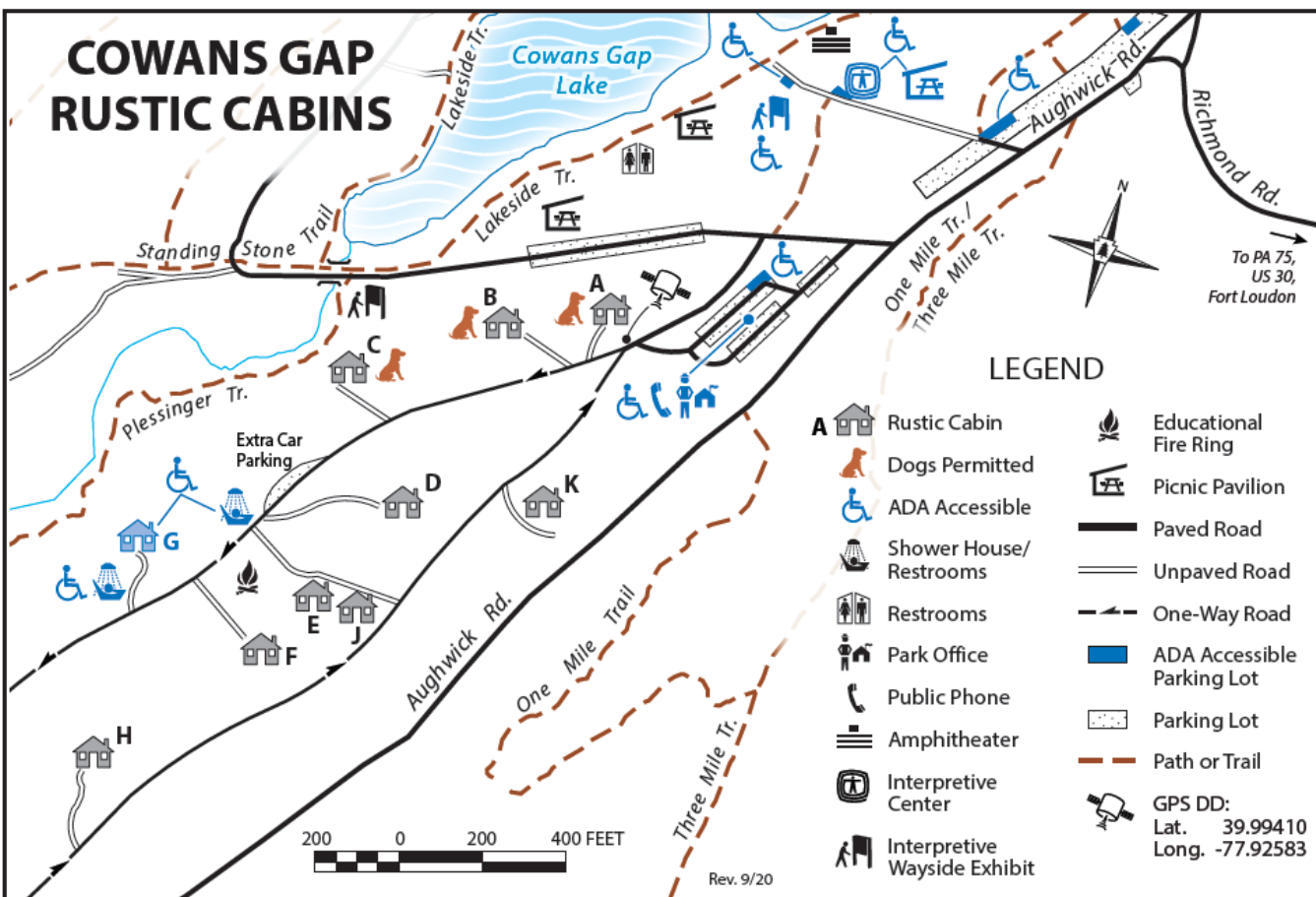
Rustic Cabin Information and Map

The cabin area has ten rustic cabins open from mid-April to mid-December. All rustic cabins sleep 4 people in two sets of twin-size bunk beds. Cabins have a kitchen area with a full-size refrigerator/freezer, electric stove/oven, microwave, storage pantry, table, and four chairs. They also have lights, outlets, ceiling fan, wood burning fireplace for heat, two wood reclining chairs, mop/bucket, broom/dust pan, covered porch, picnic table, outdoor water spigot, and fire ring with grill. The wood burning stove in each cabin is the only source of heat. Guests must provide their own locally-purchased firewood. Rustic cabins do not have indoor plumbing, but shower houses and potable water are nearby for cabin guests. Up to two dogs are permitted at Cabins A, B, and C. Cabin G is ADA accessible, and it has one bedroom with two separate twin beds on the floor. Near the cabin area is the park office, campground, interpretive center, amphitheater, trails, picnicking, and Cowans Gap Lake with swimming, fishing, and boating.

WHAT TO BRING: Guests should bring twin-size bedding, pillows, towels, etc.; all cooking, serving, and eating utensils; coffee pot; toaster; toiletries; soap; containers to carry water; dishpans, and local firewood. Tents, camping trailers, and RVs are prohibited.



**2-bedroom Rustic Cabin
Floor Plan**



Lodging Rules

CHECK-IN: Check-in time is 3:00 PM. Upon arrival, pick up the cabin key at the park office.

CHECK-OUT: Lodging must be vacated by 10:00 AM. After cleaning the facility, disposing of trash, and removing personal property, return keys to the park office. If the office is closed, deposit keys in the overnight box on the porch of the park office.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in all Pennsylvania state parks.

PETS: Up to two dogs are permitted in designated cabins for a fee, all other pets are prohibited. Pets are prohibited in swimming areas, buildings, and all overnight facilities not participating in the pet program. Guide dogs and service dogs are not considered pets.

FIRES: Fires are only permitted in fire rings, grills, and fireplaces. Fires must be attended at all times and extinguished before leaving the area.

Firewood is not provided. Firewood may be purchased at the concession or campground host sites #1 or #181. Cutting live or standing trees and the operation of chainsaws are prohibited.

QUIET HOURS: Campers must not disturb the sleep of others between 9:00 PM and 8:00 AM.

VISITORS: Visitors are welcome from 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM.

MINIMUM/MAXIMUM STAY: Rustic cabins have a two-night minimum and a 14-night maximum stay in the non-peak season. In the summer peak season, the second Friday in June to the third Friday in August, rentals are weekly (Friday to Friday).

HUNTING: 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.