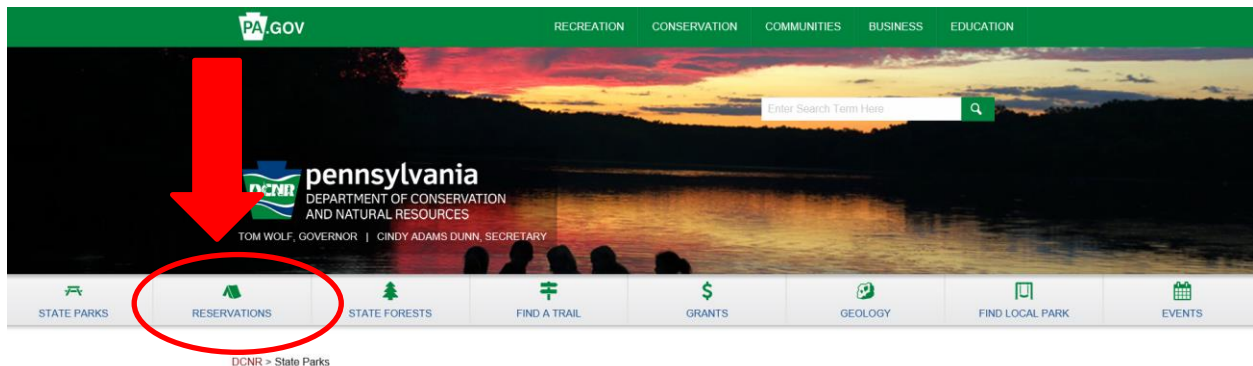


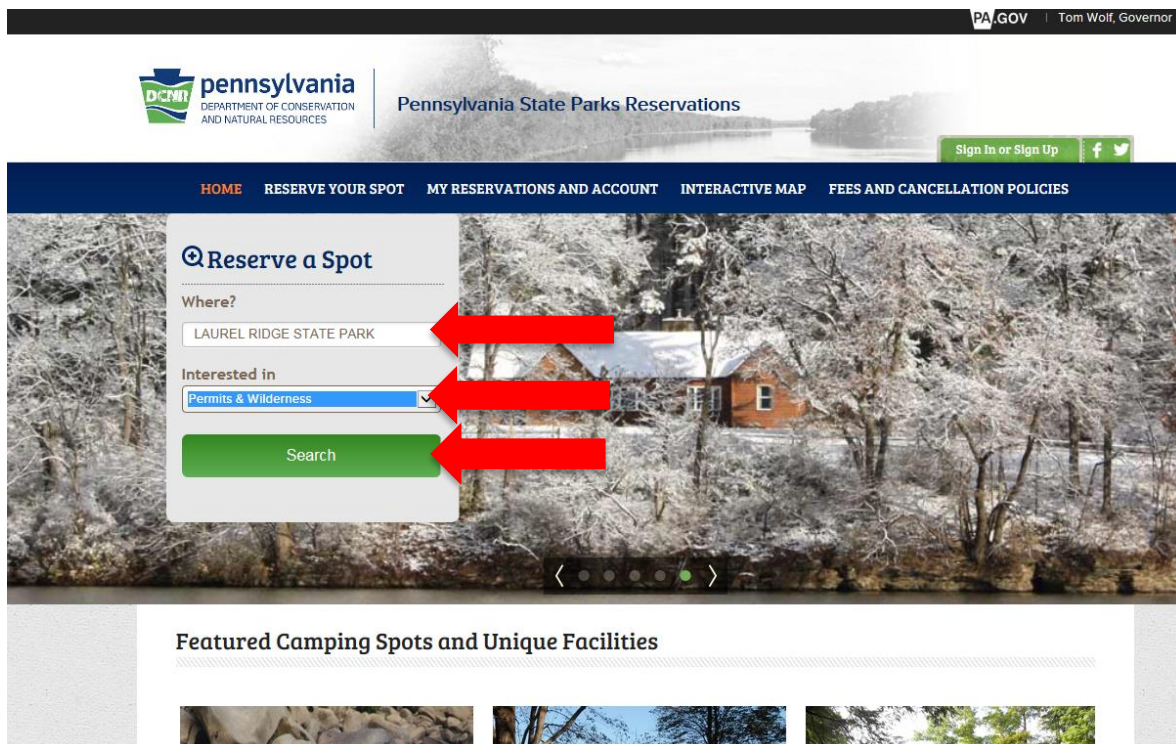
Creating a backpacking reservation at Laurel Ridge State Park on the PA State Parks website:

Go to PA State Parks website at www.visitPAparks.com

From the home page click on the reservations icon:



- Now you are on the Reserve America website, the company that handles reservations for Pennsylvania State Parks. Note: the image rotates and may not always appear as the one shown below.
- If you already have an account with Reserve America then proceed to the instructions below. If you do not have an account with Reserve America then you may want to create an account, or just continue with the instruction below, but know that when you try to make the reservation you will have to stop and make an account at that time. It is not difficult to make an account.
- In the Reserve a Spot fields Enter LAUREL RIDGE STATE PARK in the Location box
- In the Interested In dropdown, select PERMITS & WILDERNESS
- Select SEARCH



On the next screen, Laurel Ridge State Park appears as the first option for reservations.


Select the **CHECK AVAILABILITY** button

The screenshot displays the Pennsylvania State Parks Reservations website. At the top, the DCNR logo and "pennsylvania DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES" are visible. The page title is "Pennsylvania State Parks Reservations". A navigation bar includes links for HOME, RESERVE YOUR SPOT, MY RESERVATIONS AND ACCOUNT, INTERACTIVE MAP, and FEES AND CANCELLATION POLICIES. A "Sign In or Sign Up" button and social media icons are in the top right.

On the left, the "Reserve a Spot" section has a "Where?" field with "LAUREL RIDGE STATE PARK" entered, an "Interested in" dropdown set to "Permits & Wilderness", and a green "Search" button. Below this is a "Filter Your Results" section with a "Type" filter showing "Camping & Day Use (5)" and "Permits & Wilderness (5)".



The main content area shows "Search Results" for "LAUREL RIDGE STATE PARK, Pennsylvania". It includes a "view as LIST" button, a "view as MAP" button, and "Search Results: 1-5 of 5". The park's location is marked with a pin. Below the park name is the text "Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources" and a "Like" button with a count of 0. A description of the park is provided, followed by a link to "Permits and Wilderness" and a link to "Backpack Camping Permit". A red circle highlights the "Check Availability" button, with a red arrow pointing to it from the right. At the bottom, a note states "All Permits & Wilderness Facilities [* in straight line, not driving distance]".

Select **BACKPACK CAMPING PERMIT** from the Find Permits dropdown box.




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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Pennsylvania State Parks Reservations

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Find your spot



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Find Permits


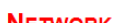
Looking for

Backpack Camping Permit

▼

Backpack Camping Permit

LAUREL RIDGE STATE PARK, PA

 Like 20 

Permits

See also: Camping

Permit Area Details


Permit Area Map

Description


The 13,625-acre Laurel Ridge State Park stretches along Laurel Mountain from the picturesque Youghiogheny River at Ohlipoyle, to the Conemaugh Gorge near Johnstown. This large park spans Cambria, Fayette, Somerset and Westmoreland counties. The main feature of the park is the 70-mile Laurel Highlands Hiking Trail, which provides the setting for a semi-wilderness backpacking and day hiking experience. One of the most exciting reasons to visit the park is for its scenery. Spring wildflowers dot the forest floor in early April followed by a vibrant green forest as leaf-out begins in late April. Mountain azaleas bloom in late June and mid-October and witness fall foliage in a deep blanket of snow and the occasional great howled owl calls through the moon-lit forest.

Alerts and Important Information

Alcohol beverages are not permitted in the State Park. Laurel Ridge Hiking Trail: This major 70-mile hiking and backpacking trail from Ohlipoyle to near Johnstown is the main feature of the park. The trail traverses state parks, state forests, state game lands, other public lands and private lands. The pavilion is not located on the trail.




Looking for


Backpack Camping Permit
 

Backpack Camping Permit


Zone

C-GRINDLE RIDGE
 

Entrance Type



Entrance

Any Entrance
 

Start Date of Stay

MM/DD/YYYY

Group Size

Length of Stay

Search

From here you can select your ZONE (Shelter area) and Entrance Type (tent or shelter), dates of your stay, group size and number of nights you plan to be on the trail:

ZONE: Select your Shelter Area here. From South to North they are:

Ohiopyle Shelter Area

Rt. 653 Shelter Area

Grindle Ridge Shelter Area – No trailhead at this shelter area

Rt. 31 Shelter Area

Turnpike Shelter Area – No trailhead at this shelter area

Rt. 30 Shelter Area

Rt. 271 Shelter Area

Rt. 56 Shelter Area

ENTRANCE TYPE: Select Shelter or Tent.

ENTRANCE: This is where you select the specific areas that you want to stay each night. Start with your first shelter area.

START DATE of STAY: The date of the first night you plan to stay in a shelter area.

GROUP SIZE: Shelters sleep up to 5 people. If your group is larger than 5 you may reserve up to but no more than 3 shelters in one area per night. Tent spaces can accommodate up to 25 people.

LENGTH OF STAY: How many nights you plan to stay on the trail

Select SEARCH

WARNING!!!! Are you an experienced backpacker or camper? Please read and click below if you are.



WARNING!

Backpack Camping is available in Pennsylvania at Laurel Ridge, Moraine, Oil Creek, and Raccoon Creek State Parks. These locations have developed designated areas to hike and camp along the trail. There are no modern facilities on these trails. Visitors will need to carry their gear with them. If unsure, and need specific information on the hiking or amenities, or have additional questions, please call the appropriate park prior to making reservations.

River Camping is provided in Pennsylvania at Cook Forest/Clear Creek State Park Complex and is developed for visitors to camp at designated campsites along the Clarion River. Access to these sites is by water only and visitors are required to carry all gear with them in the kayak/canoe.


I am an experienced backpacker or river camper!

Canoe/Kayak Camping along the Wild and Scenic Clarion River is available at Cook Forest State Park. Two sites are available up river with access to nearby restrooms and shower houses at Clear Creek State Park. This area is located on river left just downstream of the main camping area at Clear Creek State Park. Three additional sites are on river right approximately two miles downstream of Cooksburg. This area is designated primitive with no modern facilities. Camping on state lands in the Clarion Wild and Scenic River corridor is only permitted on designated campsites. For more information please call Cook Forest State Park at 814-744-8407.

Laurel Ridge State Park is home to the 70-mile Laurel Highlands Hiking Trail. It is a linear trail that extends from Ohlhopple State Park in the south to near Johnstown in the north. There are eight overnight areas shelter areas located approximately every 6-10 miles along the trail. For detailed trail information, water availability and directions to trailhead parking areas, contact the park at 724-455-3744.

This screen shows you what is available and what is not. If you are not logged in at this point you will need to do so before you continue. You can build your reservation from here.

PA.GOV | Tom Wolf, Governor




Pennsylvania State Parks Reservations

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Find your spot



Find Permits

Looking for

Backpack Camping Permit

Zone

C-GRINDLE RIDGE

Entrance Type

Entrance

CGS 01 Grindle Shelter

Start Date of Stay

Sat Jun 18 2016

Group Size

?

LAUREL RIDGE STATE PARK, PA

Like 20

Network

Permits

See also: Camping

Permit Area Details

Permit Area Map

Entrance List

Please Log-In to select dates on the grid below and start building your itinerary

Entrance Search Results 1-1 of 1

Available

Walk-up

Not avail.

Reserved

Lottery

A

W

X

R

L

< Previous 2 weeks

Jun-Jul 2016

Next 2 weeks >

Entrance	18 Sa	19 Su	20 M	21 Tu	22 W	23 Th	24 F	25 Sa	26 Su	27 M	28 Tu	29 W	30 Th	1 F
CGS 01 Grindle Shelter	W	A	R	R	A	A	R	A	A	A	A	R	A	A
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Legend

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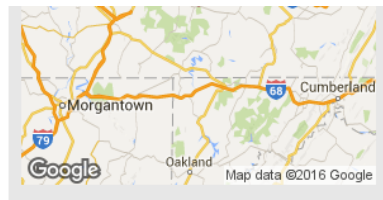
a: Available for online reservation with earlier arrival date

L: Accepting Lottery Application (click to apply for the lottery)

W: Available at the Facility

R: Reserved

Once you select the shelter/tent space that you want, select the Add to Itinerary button. A file tab will pop up at the bottom of your screen. When you have all of your shelters/tent spaces selected you can Book the reservation.



Find Permits

Looking for
Backpack Camping Permit

Backpack Camping Permit
Zone
C-GRINDLE RIDGE

Entrance Type
CGS 01 Grindle Shelter

Entrance
CGS 01 Grindle Shelter

Start Date of Stay
Sat Jun 18 2016

Group Size
2

Length of Stay
1

Search

Permit Area Details Permit Area Map Entrance List

Add to Itinerary

Entrance Search Results 1-1 of 1

Available Walk-up Not avail. Reserved Lottery

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Entrance Search Results 1-1 of 1

Add to Itinerary

Legend

A: Available for online reservation (click to book entry date)
a: Available for online reservation with earlier arrival date
L: Accepting Lottery Application (click to apply for the lottery)
W: Available at the Facility
R: Reserved
C: Closed
X: Not available
N: Not available

My Itinerary

Dates of Stay
Jun 19 2016-Jun 20 2016(1 night)

Location/Equipment
CGS 01 Grindle Shelter

Group Size
2

Book Remove All

Gift Cards

PLEASE NOTE – on the Permit Order Details Page:

- Double check the dates of you stay along with the reserved shelter areas.
- Vehicle & Parking information is REQUIRED. Please give a description of the vehicle, plate number if available and where you plan to park each vehicle.
- Direction of Travel is REQUIRED. Please note – the trail runs NORTH & SOUTH, not east or west. You will need to select NORTH OR SOUTH, depending on your itinerary.
- Emergency Contact is REQUIRED. Please name someone that will NOT be on the trip with you.

Permit Order Details

LAUREL RIDGE STATE PARK Backpack Camping Permit

[Make More Reservations](#)
[Remove This Reservation](#)

Group Leader Information

Group Leader Laurel Hill

Itinerary Details

[Change Itinerary](#)

Dates of Stay	Entrance	Group Size
Wed Jun 29 2016-Thu Jun 30 2016(1 night)	AOT 02-Ohio Tent	1

Permit Information

Vehicle and
Parking
Information*

PLEASE ENTER YOUR VEHICLE MAKE, MODEL, COLOR AND PLATE NUMBER IF AVAILABLE HERE. IF YOU HAVE MULTIPLE VEHICLES PLEASE NOTE WHICH VEHICLE WILL BE PARKED AT EACH TRAILHEAD.

Direction of
Travel*

South



THE LHHT RUNS NORTH & SOUTH. PLEASE SELECT NORTH OR SOUTH, DEPENDING ON YOUR ITINERARY.

Emergency
Contact

First Name

Last Name

Phone

1*

Alternate Leader Information

Alternate
Leader
Information


1

First Name

Last Name

Phone

Check the box that you have read and understood the alerts and important information on the page. Continue to Shopping Cart. Enter your payment information. We STRONGLY recommend that you print a copy of your email confirmation – it serves as your backpacking permit while you are on the trail.

 ☒ Yes, I have read and understood this Important Information.

Continue to Shopping Cart


To Top

Prior to your trip, check out the Laurel Ridge State Park website at <http://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/LaurelRidgeStatePark/Pages/default.aspx>. Select the “Stay the Night” button for further rules, regulations and advisories.

The LHHT is also on Facebook! Check out <https://www.facebook.com/laurelhighlandshikingtrail> for trail conditions and advisories.