

## TRAILS: 28 miles



Hiking trails vary from fairly level to steep hills. More than 28 miles of trails are a prime

#### attraction of the park Beach Trail: 0.8 mile, not blazed, easiest hiking

Campers in both camping areas can access the Lake Jean day-use and swimming areas without having to travel on a road.

## Bear Walk Trail: 1 mile, yellow blazes, easiest hiking

This short, forested trail meanders from the entrance of the cabin area to the Lake Rose Trailhead parking lot. Cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, and hiking is ideal on this fairly flat trail.

### Cherry Run Trail: 4.6 miles, red blazes, more difficult hiking

Access to Cherry Run Trail is near the Lake Leigh Dam. Hikers pass through groves of cherry trees and view evidence of the old logging railroads that passed through this area over 100 years ago. For a 13.5mile loop, start at Beach Lot #2 Trailhead, follow Cherry Run Trail, walk 3.5 miles on Mountain Springs Road, then connect to Mountain Springs Trail to loop back to the trailhead.

#### Evergreen Trail: 1-mile loop, not blazed, easiest hiking

This self-guided trail takes visitors into an old growth forest, one of the few stands remaining in all of Pennsylvania. Waysides along this short trail tell about the surrounding ecosystem. Hikers can also see

Falls Trail System: 7.2 miles, not blazed, most difficult hiking See reverse side.

#### Highland Trail: 1.2 miles, not blazed, more difficult hiking

The trail cuts across the top of the Falls Trail System and crosses through Midway Crevasse, a narrow passageway between large blocks of Pocono sandstone conglomerates that were deposited throughout this area by glacial movements. Continental glaciers buried this land under hundreds of feet of ice at least three times in the last one million years. This trail makes an excellent area for geological study groups.

#### Laurel View Trail: 1.9-mile loop, yellow blazes, more difficult hiking

Red Rock Mountain at an elevation of 2,449 feet. This trail is a pleasant hike at any time of the year. In mid-June, blooming mountain laurel is particularly lovely. In mid-July, the high bush blueberries bear fruit. In the fall, awe-inspiring views of the fall foliage encompass the area.

This trail takes hikers to the highest point on

#### Little Cherry Run Trail: 1 mile, yellow blazes, more difficult hiking

This connector between Mountain Springs and Cherry Run trails travels along a small picturesque stream, making a great loop for

## Mountain Springs Trail: 4 miles, red blazes,

day hiking.

more difficult hiking Heading off the beaten path, this trail takes hikers on a 4-mile hike past the old Lake Leigh Dam and down the south branch of Bowmans Creek to the former Mountain Springs Lake, which is now a dry lakebed. Hikers can take Mountain Springs Road to Cherry Run Trail to make a 13.5-mile loop. Access Mountain Springs Trail from Beach Lot #2 Trailhead.

## Old Beaver Dam Road Trail: 4 miles, yellow blazes, more difficult hiking

Named for the old beaver dam once located just off the trail, this trail makes an excellent loop for hikers and cross-country skiers. Although the connector is easy to moderate hiking, use caution where it meets the Falls Trail System due to switchbacks and drop-

## offs. Access the trail from a small pull-off on PA 487 or from the Lake Rose Trailhead.

Old Bulldozer Road Trail: 2.9 miles, red blazes, most difficult hiking This trail has quite an elevation change and

was used by a bulldozer to get to the top of the mountain to build the park. Accessed from the parking lot on PA 118, this trail is used by hikers and snowmobilers to access Mountain Springs Trail. Although most of the trail is easy to moderate hiking, a short section climbs 700 feet in approximately 0.5 mile. A short segment of trail leads to Valley View Vista to see surrounding hills and valleys.

**HORSEBACK RIDING:** Equestrian riders may enjoy taking a 13.5-mile loop by riding the Cherry Run Trail, Mountain Springs Road, and Mountain Springs Trail. Sights to see include: old railroad grades, the dry lakebed of Mountain Springs Lake (formerly used to make ice), and an old concrete dam once used to hold back Lake Leigh, now a dry lake. Riders must bring their own mounts. Horses cannot be rented.

# THE BEAR TRUTHS



Many Pennsylvania state parks have healthy forests that provide perfect habitat for black bears. Although they appear cute and cuddly, black bears are wild animals.

A black bear can scramble up a tree like a raccoon and sprint up to 35 mph. Bears use their claws to tear apart rotting logs to find food as well as open trash cans and coolers. Pennsylvania has some of the largest black bears in the United States.

Black bears have an excellent sense of smell, which makes up for poor eyesight and fair hearing. Aromatic scents coming from your food and toiletries can attract a curious and hungry bear from a great distance.

Keep your campsite clean. Clean up after meals, and store all food and scented items

inside a locked vehicle. Do not hang garbage from the hook on the lantern pole provided at each site. These practices will prevent bears and other wildlife from visiting your

campsite at night. Feeding bears is illegal. Black bears normally avoid people, but bears dependent on eating human food can become aggressive when people get between them and food. Never approach a bear, and be especially wary of mother bears and cubs.

If you encounter a black bear, do not run. Back away slowly without making direct eye contact. If the bear does not leave the area, make a loud noise like blowing a whistle, honking a car horn, or banging a pot. Notify a park employee if you have difficulties with bears, and call 911 if it is an emergency.

## INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS

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

Make online reservations at

5:00 PM, Monday to Saturday.

**RickettsGlenStateParkDCNR** 

www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks or call toll-free

888-PA-PARKS (888-727-2757), 7:00 AM to

## In an Emergency

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

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Prevent tick bites by wearing clothing treated with

tick repellent. Avoid areas with brush, leaf litter

or tall grass. Stay on the trail.

https://www.cdc.gov/ticks

**NEAREST HOSPITAL** Bloomsburg Hospital 549 Fair Street Bloomsburg, PA 17815 570-387-2100



Blacklegged tick (deer tick)





• Do your part to keep wildlife wild! Enjoy wildlife from a safe distance and do not feed or approach wild animals.

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

**Protect and Preserve our Parks** 

respect fellow visitors and the resources of the

Please make your visit safe and enjoyable

Obey all posted rules and regulations and

• Be prepared and bring the proper

equipment. Natural areas may possess

your family are your responsibility.

• Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

• 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. Pets are

prohibited in swimming areas.

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Worlds End State Park offers diverse recreational opportunities to camp,

hike, picnic, swim, hunt, boat, fish, and snowmobile. The rugged natural beauty throughout the park also provides many photographic possibilities, especially at designated vistas. 570-924-3287