2022—Three New Parks Join the System

Each new park site is unique in its value to a great system. One is located in a county where there are no public DCNR lands, another is in a county and location with significant development pressures, and the third is strategically located to amplify open space. All are steeped in cultural pre- and post-Colonial history, are centered around important water resources, and represent fantastic natural resource value.

Obtain your *Passport* stamp at the location listed below the new park's name in this insert. [Please note the stamps are being ordered at present. Stay tuned to the Pennsylvania Parks & Forests Foundation's social media and the News blog of the website (*PAParksAndForests.org/news*) for an announcement of their availability.]

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Big Elk Creek State Park

White Clay Creek Preserve 405 Sharpless Road Landenberg, PA 19350

Highlights: Wildlife, Forests and Water

The 1,700-acre Big Elk Creek State Park in southern Chester County lies less than ten miles northwest of Newark, DE. The majority of the park consists of lovely farmlands and forest. The park acts as a wildlife corridor and provides refuge for an array of threatened and endangered species.

The park's namesake, Big Elk Creek, traverses the park and is a high-quality stream. Visitors currently enjoy passive recreational activities, including trail hiking, bird watching, horseback riding, fishing, and hunting.

GPS DD: Lat. 39.730960, Long. -75.835722

From PA 896 south, turn right onto Strickersville Road in Franklin Township. Travel 1.1 miles to the parking lot on the left.



Susquehanna Riverlands

Samuel S. Lewis State Park 6000 Mount Pisgah Road York, PA 17406

Highlights: River Views, Hiking

The 1,044-acre Susquehanna Riverlands State Park lies in York County, along the confluence of Codorus Creek and the Susquehanna River. It is nearly six miles northwest of Wrightsville, PA.

The park features multiple rock outcrop vistas over the river and nearly a mile of riverfront along the Susquehanna with 1.5 miles along Codorus Creek. An approximately 2.75-mile long portion of the Mason-Dixon Trail traverses the park. This 200-mile long trail connects the Appalachian Trail at Whiskey Springs in Cumberland County with Chadds Ford along the Brandywine River.

GPS DD: Lat. 40.053868, Long. -76.644658

From I-83, take exit 24 onto PA-238 toward Emigsville. Turn left onto Starview Road. Turn left onto PA-24 north. Turn right onto Codorus Furnace Road. Turn left onto River Farm Road. After approximately 0.5 mile, the parking area is on the left.



Vosburg Neck State Park
Get your stamp at the Barn

Highlights: Historic Features, Hiking, Water Access

Vosburg Neck State Park lies five miles west of Tunkhannock in Wyoming County. With 669 acres, the park is home to several historic buildings from the 1700 and 1800s, a 1700s-era cemetery, eight miles of trails, non-motorized boating access, and picnic areas.

The park is located in a lovely oxbow on the north branch of the Susquehanna River known as the Vosburg Neck.

Please note, the North Branch Land Trust currently retains ownership of the property, also known as the Howland Preserve. DCNR's Bureau of State Parks is working cooperatively with the North Branch Land Trust to purchase the property.

GPS DD: Lat. 41.55003, Long. -76.00969

From Tunkhannock, take US 6 W for approximately six miles. Turn left onto Vosburg Road. Travel 2.6 miles and turn left into the parking lot by the barn.

From Meshoppen, take US 6 E for approximately 3.5 miles. Turn right onto Vosburg Road. Travel 2.6 miles and turn left into the parking lot by the barn.