

Our mission is to promote and support the natural and cultural resources of Pennsylvania's state parks and forests through leadership in recreation, education, conservation and volunteerism.

The Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation began in 1999 to give users and supporters of Pennsylvania's parks and forests a positive way to contribute to the conservation of the commonwealth's publicly owned lands and water. We work to engage people in the outdoors through recreation and volunteerism; we establish friends groups in parks and forests; we assist the Department of Conservation and Natural resources in accomplishing projects and acquiring goods; and we provide a tax deductible vehicle for donations to parks and forests.

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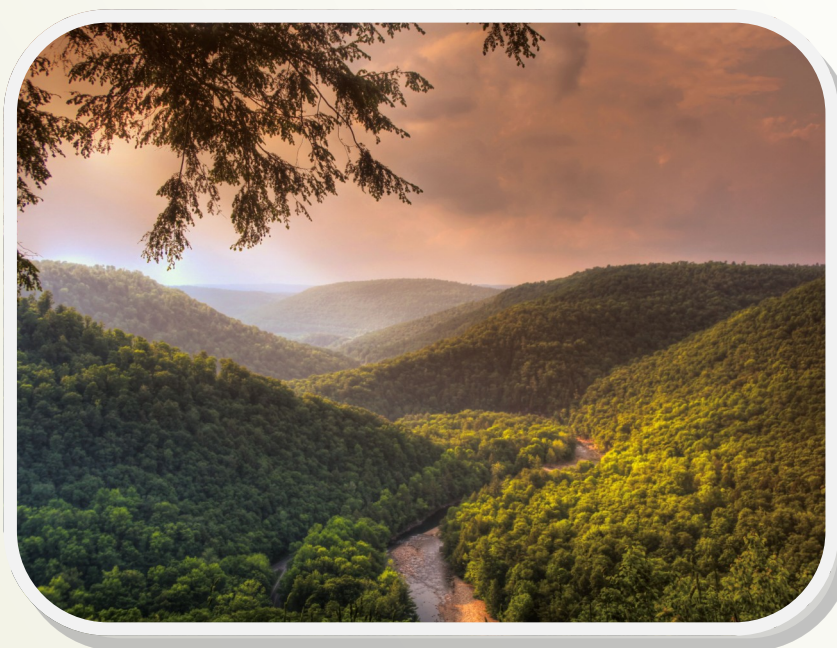


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Photo by Donna Sherwood
Submission, Outdoor Recreation
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TAKE FIVE IN THE OUTDOORS CINQUAIN POETRY



A Tribute to the
Pennsylvania State Parks & Forests in Verse
(and Photographs)

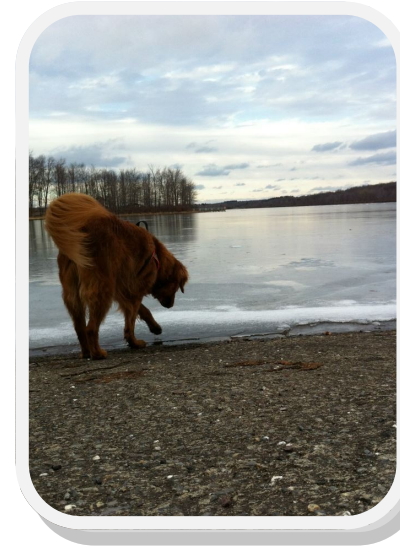


All through 2012, Pennsylvania Parks & Forests Foundation and Hershey Corporation joined to present Take Five in the Outdoors, encouraging all of us to do just that - take five! Take five minutes to get away from the computer screen each hour, take five hours a week to go outside and play, take five days out of the year to volunteer in a state park or forest.

During the summer, we challenged state park and forests users to take inspiration from the public lands they love and try their hand at a cinquain - a specific form of five-line verse. The winner and two runners-up were ultimately chosen by the Foundation's Board of Directors. We thank them for their hard work on this task and all the other requests we make of them.

Paired here with photographs submitted by our Facebook fans (to our Take Five in the Outdoors photo contests and general appeals) and a couple taken by staff or our Chapters, we hope you find your own inspiration!

And, of course, there's nothing like time outside with a friend!



Gouldsboro State Park
Photograph by Bernetta Dougert
Winner, Dogs in the Outdoors
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Oil Creek State Park
Photo by Dot Monahan
Submission, Kids in the Outdoors
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*Dog
Furry, sensitive
Sniffing, greeting, watching
Camping with my family
Pet*

- Ida Adkins



Ridley Creek State Park
Photograph by Carly Reese
Honorable Mention
2011 PPFF Dogs in the Outdoors Photo Contest

*Forests
Vibrant, alive
Walk leafy paths
Marvel at autumn's colors
Woodlands*

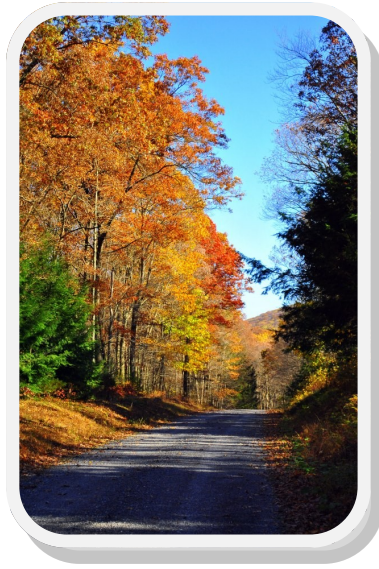
- Ron Shafer

*Autumn
Colorful leaves
Changing with the season
Each day is short, winter is near
Fall*

- Ida Adkins

*Elk
Beautiful - Ginormous
Bugling - Clanking - Stampeding
Natures Beauty In Rut
Bulls*

- Stephanie Miller



Weiser State Forest
Photo by Kiersten Novick
Third Place, Appreciation of Beauty
PPFF Take Five in the Outdoors Photo Contest



Worlds End State Park
Photo by Colleen Rhoades
Third Place, Kids in the Outdoors
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*Release
Carefree, joyous
Running, Playing, Free rein
Abandonment of schedules
Freedom*

- Jan McLaughlin

*Sailing
Colorful - Peaceful
Blowing - Leaning - Rippling
Wind Beneath Your Wings
Boating*

- Stephanie Miller

The Winner:

*Cabins
Rustic - Homey
Warming - Welcoming - Sharing
Making Memories For Life
Shelter*

- Stephanie Miller



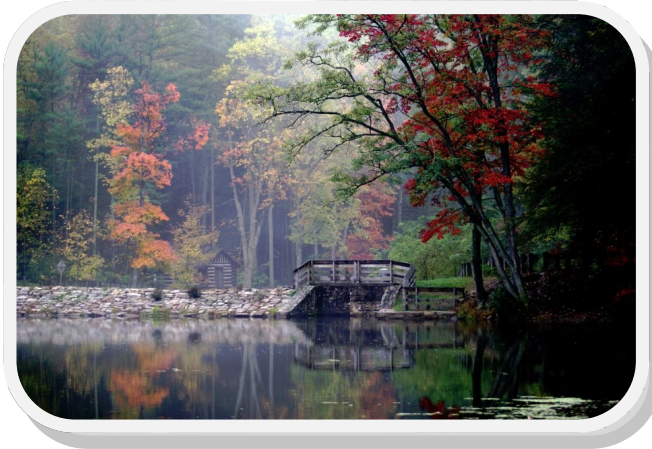
Rustic Cabin at Cook Forest State Park
Photograph by Tom Dorsey

For a magnet featuring Stephanie's verse and Tom's photograph, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the PPFF office. Our address is on the back cover of this booklet

Second Place:

*Autumn
Brilliant colors
Dancing, floating, dropping
Nature's celebration before slumber.
Fall*

- Stephanie Vogt



Whipple Dam State Park
Photograph by Larry Laird
Winner, Critics Choice Best in Show
PPFF Take Five in the Outdoors Photo Contest

Third Place:

*Nature
Beautiful, Green
Hiking, Swimming, Boating
Quality Moments with Family
Earth*

- Jan McLaughlin

Moraine State Park
Photograph by Jen Wimer
Winner, Outdoor Recreation
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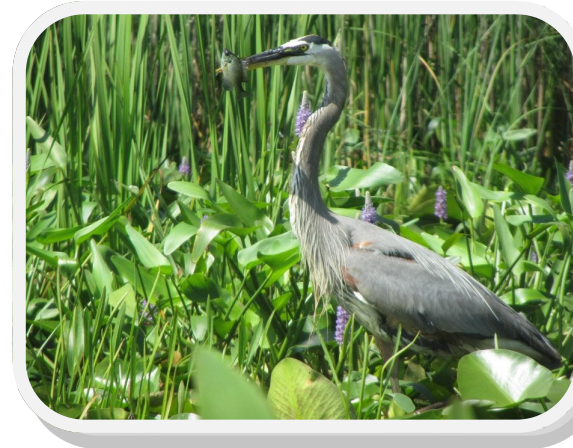


Black Moshannon State Park
Photo by Matt McGeehan
Submission, Outdoor Recreation
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*Water
Liquid joy
Swimming, Kicking, Playing
Abandonment of daily cares.
Lake*

- Jan McLaughlin

*For still others, creativity
flows from the simple
beauty of the parks and
forests:*



Presque Isle State Park
Photo by Laurie Finch
First Place, Appreciation of Beauty
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*Nature
Forest, Pond
Exploring, Birding, Hiking
Nature's magic at work.
Wildlife*

- Linda Gilpin Snyder

For others, their favorite outdoor activities or events let creativity flow:



*Camping
Family, friends
Hiking, exploring, discovering
Outdoors at a favorite state park
Nature*

- Ida Adkins

Ricketts Glen State Park
Photo by Renee Andreuzzi
Submission, Outdoor Recreation
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*Journey
Pace, Gait, Footstep
Stretching, Striding, Climbing
City boy walking in the woods.
Hiker*

- Jan McLaughlin



A Winter Walk, Tuscarora State Forest
Photo by PPFF President Marci Mowery



*Halloween
Spooky, creepy
tricking, treating, screaming
A weekend of fright and delight
Spooktacular*

- Ida Adkins

Pinchotween, Gifford Pinchot State Park
Photo by Staff, Pinchot State Park

Sometimes a common thread was woven:



*Serenity
Woods Relaxing
Soothing Healthy Inspiring
A Soul Searching Journey
Tranquility*

- John Petonyak

Ricketts Glen State Park
Photo by Donna Sherwood
Submission, Appreciation of Beauty
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*Serenity
Stealthy, sweet
Seeking, Surrounding, Soothing
Song for my soul
Repose*

- Mary Jean Bower

Canoe Creek State Park
Photo by Timothy Garlick
Submission, Appreciation of Beauty
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Some poets paid tribute to their favorite state park:

*Nockamixon
"Soft soil"
My soul soil
I find true path through leaf-strewn trails
Return*

- Charlotte Brown

*Nockamixon
Soft soil
Fishing, Sailing, Hiking
Full of Family Fun
Lake*

-Bridget Reinert



Lake Nockamixon
Photo by Charlotte Brown
Friends of Nockamixon



Sunset at Glendale Lake Marina
Photo by PPFF President Marci Mowery

*Camping
Natural, Comfortable
Relaxing, Biking, Swimming
Prince Gallitzin is Amazing!
Adventure*

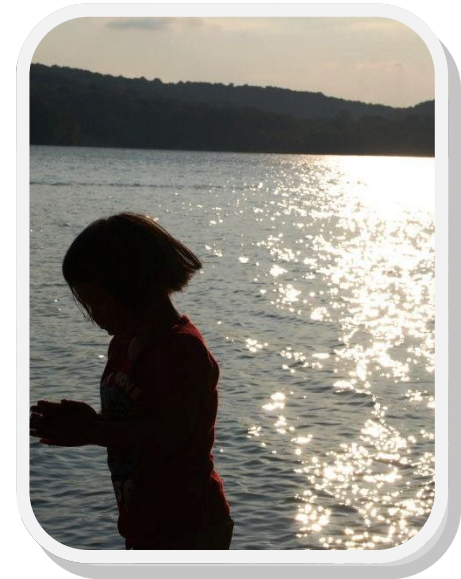
- Lexie Smith

Or favorite state parks!

*Moraine
exciting, enjoyable
fishing, swimming, boating
Delight in Lake Arthur.
Park*

*Jennings
PA's prairie
blazing stars, rattlesnakes
Learn about the environment
State Park*

*Goddard
diverse, expansive
biking, hiking, picnicking
View the eagles' nests.
Park*



Moraine State Park
Photograph by Lindsay Reithage
Submission, Kids in the Outdoors
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Oil Creek State Park
Photograph by Tom Dorsey
Winner, People's Choice Best in Show
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*Oil Creek
woodlands, water
eagles, deer, fish, snakes, bears
Ride the OC & T Railroad.
State Park*

- All by Michelle Brzuz