

Explore the Outdoors

Near Bethlehem, PA

- **Beltzville State Park** – Beltzville Lake features fishing, swimming, water sports, and boating. Hike Wild Creek Trail to waterfalls. The Sawmill Trail wanders through forests and by a lovely creek.
- **Big Pocono State Park** – Scenic hiking and panoramic vistas abound. 1.4 mile scenic drive encircles the mountaintop.
- **Delaware Canal State Park** – A walk along the Delaware Canal is a stroll into American History.
- **Evansburg State Park** – a haven for hikers, equestrians, and folks who want to picnic and relax.
- **Fort Washington State Park** – Popular with hikers, picnickers, and birders. Climb to the top of the observation deck
- **French Creek State Park** – The park holds two lakes, extensive forests, and almost 40 miles of hiking trails.
- **Hickory Run State Park** – This large park has more than 40 miles of hiking trails, 3 natural areas, and miles of trout streams. Boulder Field is a national natural landmark.
- **Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center**- The 350 acre-tract of land is excellent for hiking and watching wildlife. 20 miles of trails are available for hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding.
- **Lehigh Gorge State Park** – Visitors who enjoy adventure will love whitewater rafting, hiking, and biking along the river
- **Locust Lake State Park** – Biking and hiking trails, easy to challenging, wind through the park. Popular for camping.
- **Marsh Creek State Park** – Marsh Creek Lake is popular for sailing and windsurfing. Nature lovers enjoy hiking.
- **Nockamixon State Park** – The lake holds a variety of game fish and boats can be rented. Explore the trails on foot, horseback, and bike.
- **Nolde Forest Environmental Education Center** - The center offers year-round educational programs. Plenty of hiking trails to explore, crossing streams, ponds, and diverse habitats.
- **Norristown Farm Park** – Paved hiking and biking trails, ball fields, and picnic pavilions. Fishing in Stony Creek.
- **Ralph Stover State Park** – High Rocks is a favored rock climbing area for expert climbers. Picnicking is also popular.
- **Tuscarora State Park** – The scenic picnic area hosts many day trips and reunions. The lake popular for fishing, swimming, and kayaking.
- **Weiser State Forest** - Watch hang gliders soar over the valley or take your horse for a stroll on one of many trails. Visit the river islands in the Susquehanna, part of the Susquehanna River Trail Middle Section.
- **William Penn State Forest** - 901 acres in five separate tracts, the forest protects and conserves unique Pennsylvania ecosystems, including the Goat Hill Serpentine Barrens and Little Tinicum Island on the Delaware River.

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Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer

Volunteers - they're the lifeblood of our parks and forests. The Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation offers a wide variety of opportunities to put a volunteer's special skills to work. Whether you're a trail-builder, a wildlife expert, an event organizer or one of those special people who always say, "Just put me to work wherever you need me," Pennsylvania's state parks and forests have a role for you.

Foundation Volunteers

Volunteers are welcome to assist with mailings, events, photography, videography, media editing, and more.

Volunteer in State Parks and Forests with Friends Groups

Friends Groups are local groups who volunteer their time, services and support to enhance our state park and forest systems.

What Do Friends Groups Do?

They work in partnership with the park to:

- Raise money for park playgrounds, equipment, and material
- Organize annual park cleanups and regular trail work days
- Plan and execute special events including craft shows, concerts and festivals
- Construct park and forest amenities like trails, visitor centers and gift shops
- Serve as campground hosts, visitor center hosts, and docents
- Create awareness about the value of their state park or forest

Eastern Pennsylvania Friends Groups

- Friends of Beltzville State Park
- Friends of Big Pocono State Park
- Friends of Nockamixon State Park
- Friends of Nolde Forest
- Friends of Weiser State Forest

Conservation Volunteers

Volunteer opportunities in state parks and forests are also available through the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

Learn more at www.paparksandforests.org and <https://www.volunteers.dcnr.state.pa.us/index.aspx>