

Explore the Outdoors

Near Ulysses, PA

- **Bendigo State Park**- Peace and tranquility envelop the visitor of this small park, with its streamside picnic area.
- **Cherry Springs State Park** - Bring a telescope for an evening of unparalleled views of the night sky.
- **Colton Point State Park** – Rugged overlooks offer great views of the Grand Canyon of PA.
- **Denton Hill State Park** -In winter there is great downhill skiing. Summers bring a variety of outdoor events.
- **Elk State Forest**- hiking for all levels, with exceptional wildlife watching.
- **Elk State Park**- the main attraction is the 1,160 acre lake for boating and fishing.
- **Hills Creek State Park** -Camping, cabins, swimming, boating, and hiking make this an ideal spot for family vacations.
- **Hyner Run State Park** –named for the trout stream that flows through the park. Great wildlife viewing and hiking trails.
- **Hyner View State Park** – features a scenic vista overlooking the Susquehanna River. Hang gliding is popular.
- **Kettle Creek State Park**- Many recreational activities and opportunities for viewing wildlife.
- **Kinzua Bridge State Park**-beautiful views from the pedestrian walkway where visitors can stroll into the Kinzua Gorge.
- **Leonard Harrison State Park** – Enjoy great bicycling on the 62 mile Pine Creek Rail Trail, offering fabulous views.
- **Lyman Run State Park** – Lyman Lake offers water recreation with shady picnicking and hiking.
- **Ole Bull State Park** – A premier trout fishing spot, with swimming, hiking, biking, and camping along the Kettle Creek.
- **Patterson State Park**-A 15 mile mountain bike path connecting Denton Hill and Cherry Springs state parks passes through this remotely located park. Visitors enjoy the two rustic picnic pavilions.
- **Prouty Place State Park** – A small, quaint rest stop providing access to Susquehannock State Forest.
- **Sinnemahoning State Park**- 1,910 acres of beautiful scenery and outstanding wildlife habitat.
- **Sizerville State Park**- Popular for its 5 miles of hiking trails, as well as the trailhead for Bucktail Trail.
- **Susquehannock State Forest**- Sixteen vistas provide magnificent views of the forest for hikers to enjoy.
- **Tioga State Forest** –The forest is home to the Pine Creek Gorge, also known as the "Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania." Great spots for picnicking, hiking and biking.

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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

Local Friends Groups

- Cherry Springs Dark Sky Association
- Friends of Lyman Run State Park

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>