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*Vistas in and
around Worlds End*

To conserve, support and protect the park's resources by promoting education, recreation, and stewardship.



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Another busy Summer is anticipated at your favorite park – as people continue to seek local and safe vacation alternatives in the great outdoors. If you have not done so already, book your campground and cabin reservations:

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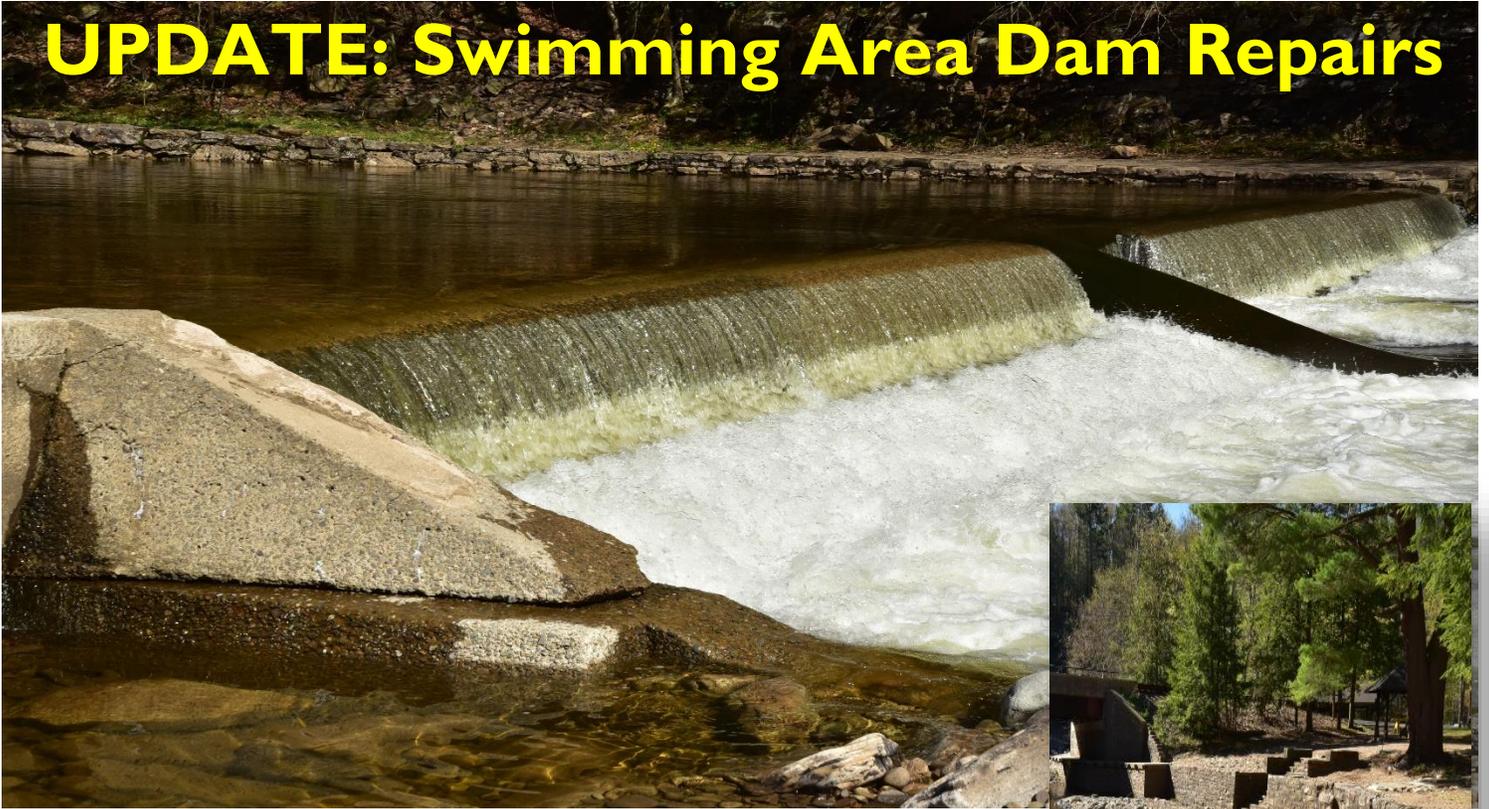
We also want to provide an update on the evolving pandemic-related restrictions now in place. The situation continues to evolve quickly – with some restrictions being lifted or modified – while other restrictions remain in place. We advise everyone to keep updated on current restrictions and any changes by monitoring Worlds End Facebook page and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources website:

<https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Pages/AlertDetails.aspx>

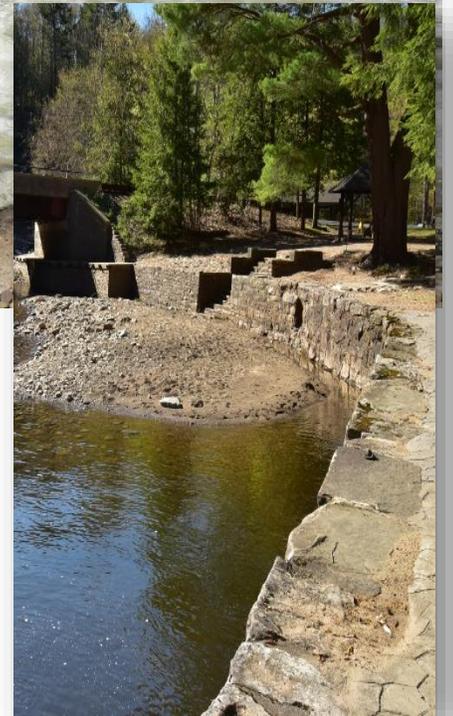
<https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Pages/OpenClosedAlert.aspx>

Due to the uncertainty this summer, we have decided to cancel the 2021 Worlds End Day – and will instead be focusing our attention and resources on events in the summer of 2022 celebrating Worlds End 90th anniversary. Check out future issues of *The Vista* for more about the upcoming anniversary. For the status of other summer events at the park this summer, please check our Facebook page and the park's Facebook page.

UPDATE: Swimming Area Dam Repairs



Major renovations to the dam that creates the park's swimming area are expected to start in early June – after delays caused by the late-winter ice on Loyalsock Creek and high-water levels caused by this year's heavy snow melt (the high-water levels also deposited a pile of rocks and sand in the swim area – see picture on the right). Unfortunately, the swim area will be closed until the project is completed – hopefully sometime in July. Monitor the Friend's and the park's Facebook pages and the next issue of *The Vista* for an update.



UPDATE: AMPHITHEATER PROJECT

The old campground amphitheater has been demolished by park staff and the site has been cleared (see to the left). The plans for the new amphitheater include a stage, screen, sound system, etc. The goal is to have the new amphitheater ready for the park's 90th anniversary celebration in 2022. Look for updates in future editions of *The Vista*.



FIREWOOD SALES EXPAND TO LOOP B OF THE CAMPGROUND:

A new self-serve firewood kiosk is located next to the shower-house on loop B of the campground. This joins our existing kiosks near the shower-house on loop A of the campground and to the right as you enter the cabin area-price is \$8.00 per bundle. Self-serve ice is also available outside the park office and the shower-house on loop A of the campground. Price is \$6.00 for large bags; \$3.00 for small. Money from these sales funds the park improvement projects of the Friends of Worlds End State Park.



ARCHERY COURSES THIS SUMMER.

Certified Archery Instructors Jane Swift and Mike Scott will once again be offering archery instruction at the park this summer with an emphasis on safe archery practices. The park will provide the equipment you need.

The training will take place at the Point Pavilion on Rt 154 and is open to all ages 9 and up.

9:30 am – 11:00 am on the following dates:

- Tuesday June 22.
- Tuesday July 13.
- Tuesday July 27.
- Tuesday August 10.
- Tuesday August 24.

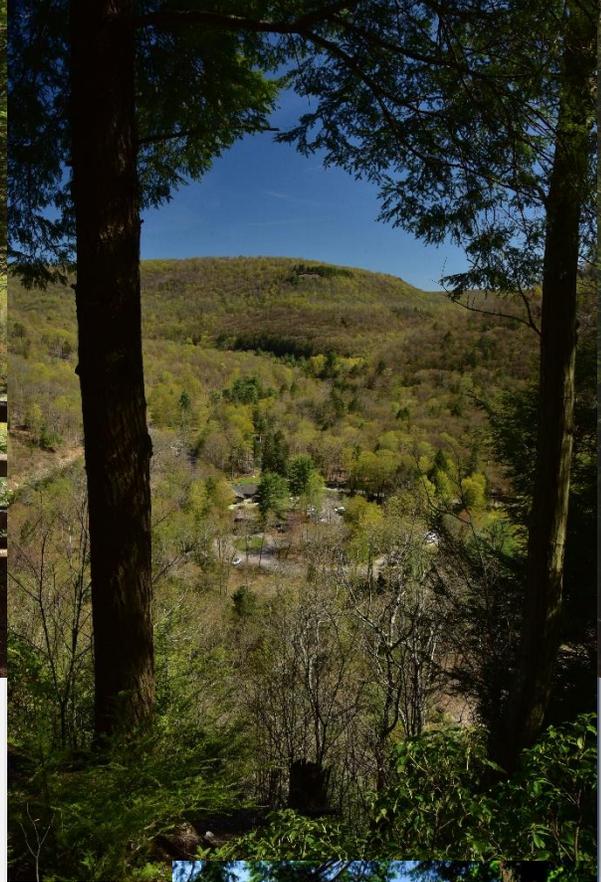


Vistas In and Around Worlds End

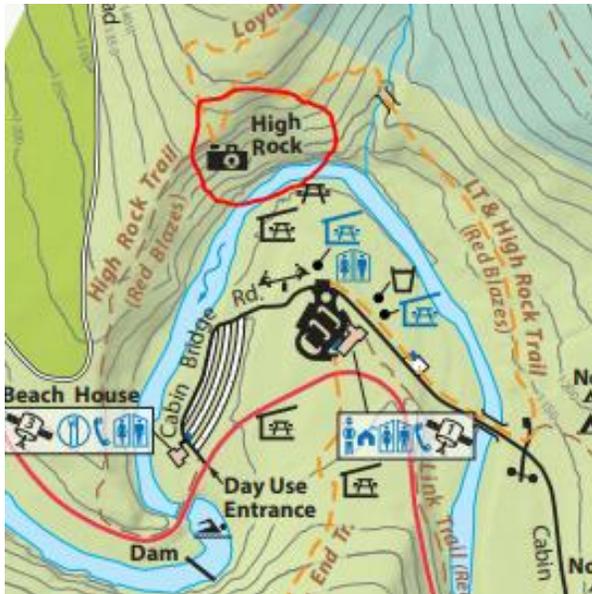


Summer is an ideal time to explore the many stunning vistas that grace Sullivan County. Our tour of some of these vistas of course starts with the most famous – **Loyalsock Canyon Vista!** The good news for 2021 is that the most direct route to this vista from the park – Mineral Springs Road – has been repaired and reopened after being closed since 2018 due to a landslide. To reach this vista by car, from the campground go up Mineral Springs Road – and turn left when you reach Cold Run Road. By foot, hike up the Canyon Vista Trail from the campground.

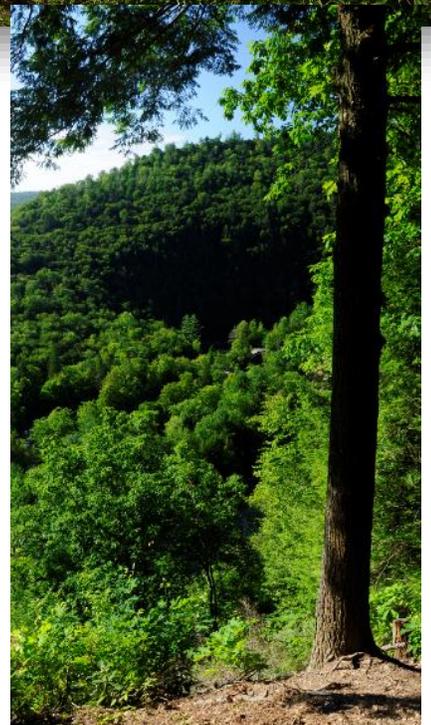
High Rock Vista



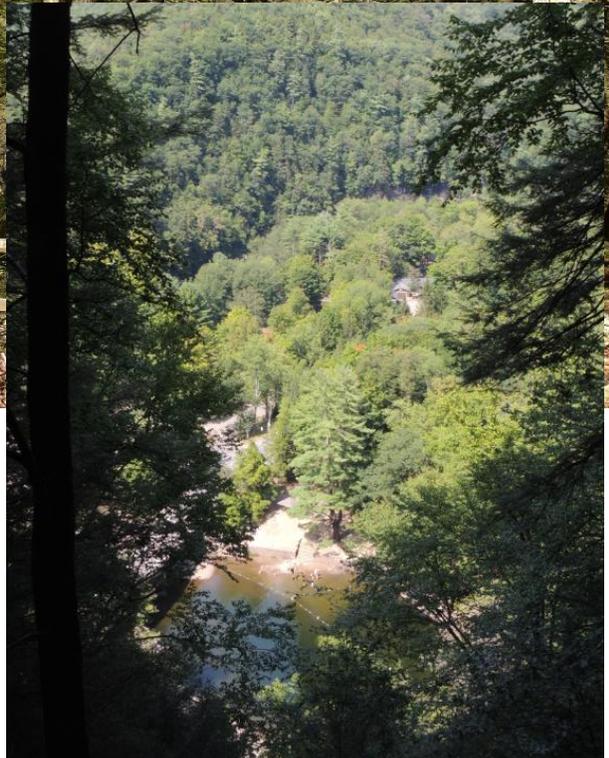
High Rock Vista is Canyon Vista’s opposite “twin” – instead of looking west across the canyon and the park – you are instead looking east. High Rock Vista also sets at a lower elevation than Canyon Vista – and unlike Canyon Vista – you do see some of the park buildings and facilities from this vantage point.



Another difference is that you cannot reach High Rock Vista by car – only by foot using the High Rock Trail. This trail can be accessed along Rt. 154 after you cross the bridge at the swimming area – or at the other terminus of trail – on the left after you cross the bridge over Loyalsock Creek on Cabin Bridge Road.

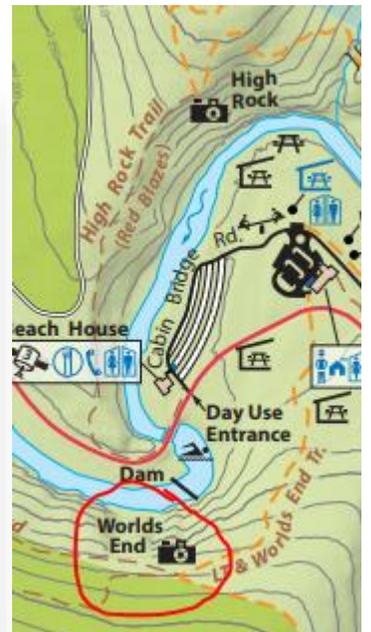


Worlds End Vista



For a dizzying view of the park's swimming area, check out the **Worlds End Vista!** This vista can be reached via the Worlds End Trail that starts at the park's Visitors Center. After a steep uphill ascent, you will see the vista that looks to the north. A more gradual, less steep, but longer option is to use the Loyalsock Trail / Pioneer Road from the east. Use caution as the hillside in this area is very steep.

Around the Worlds End Vista, you will notice all the tree damage from the April 2019 tornado - that entered the park near this vista.



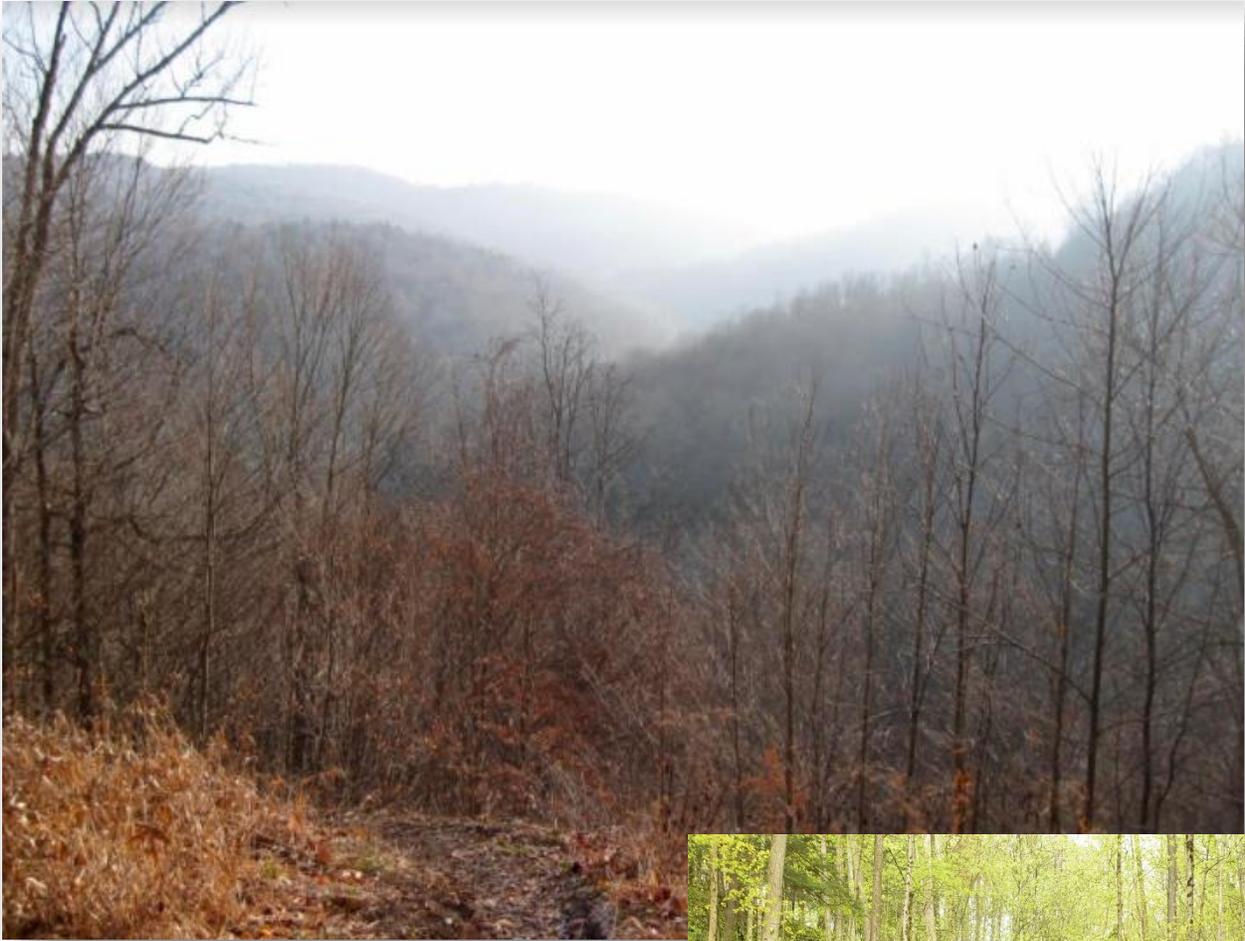
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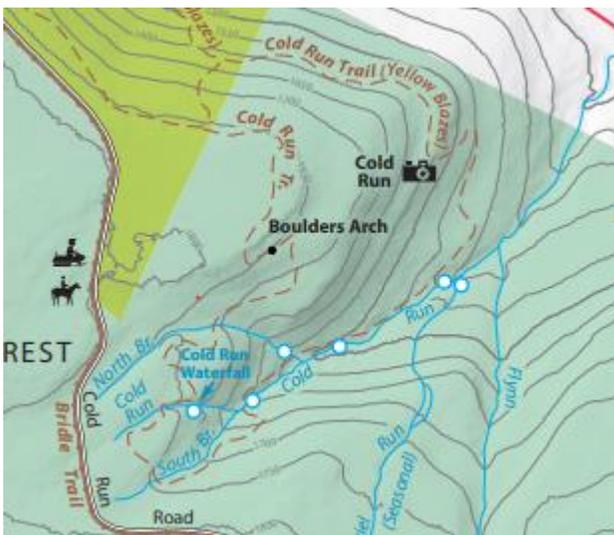
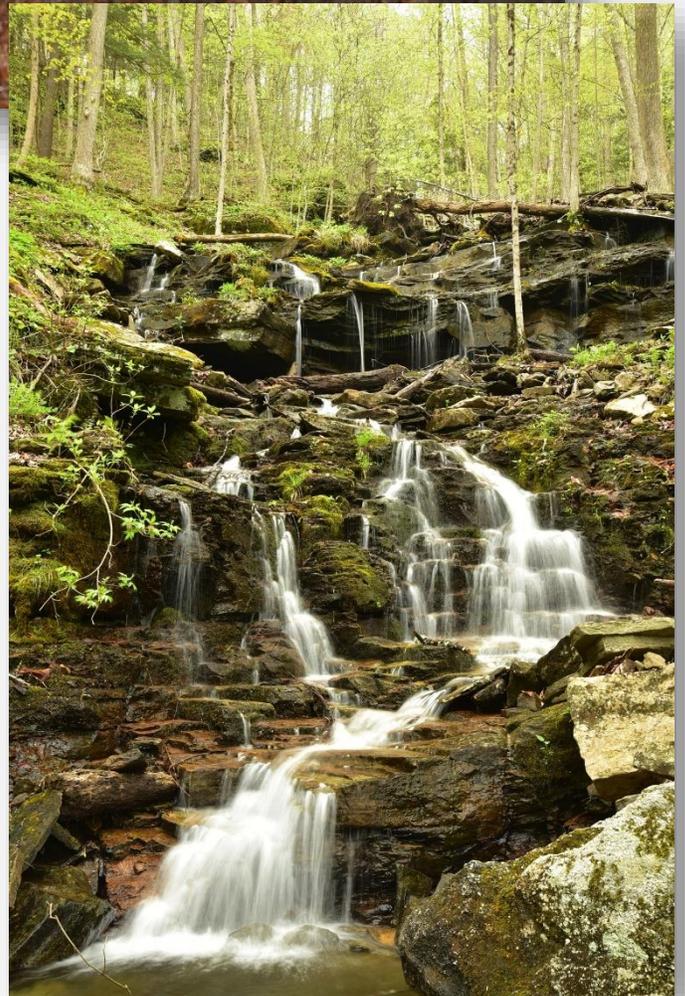
Cold Run Vista

Two of the newest vistas in or near the park are relatively close to each other – both look in a northeasterly direction – and both must be reached on foot. **Prospect Rock** can be found along the Canyon Vista Trail – you can park and access this trail at Loyalsock Canyon Vista. Prospect Rock provides a view looking up Loyalsock Creek where it enters the park from the east. Also from the Canyon Vista Trail, you can access the Cold Run Trail – which features waterfalls, rock formations, and the **Cold Run Vista**.





The Cold Run Vista can be found on the Cold Run Trail – a loop trail off of the Canyon Vista Trail. In addition to the vista, the trail features large boulders and several waterfalls (best seen in the spring time or after a heavy rain).



Hoagland Vista



Hoagland Vista – so named because it looks northwestward up the Hoagland Branch of Elk Creek – has recently been enhanced thanks to efforts of the state Bureau of Forestry. Improvements include the clearance of brush that was obstructing the view, grading and seeding the viewing area, and a better parking area. This vista can be reached by car – from route 87 in Hillsgrove take Mill Creek Road to a right turn on Camels Road, then another right onto Slab Run Road. This road dead-ends at the vista. By foot, the vista can be reached via the Hardwood and Hogback Trails.

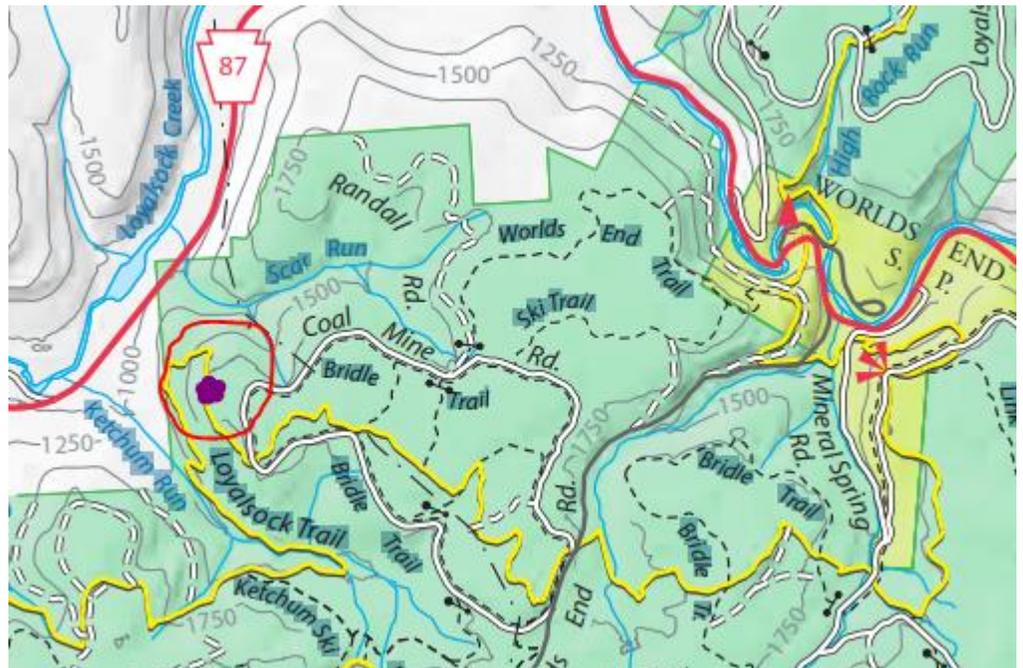


Upper Alpine View



Upper Alpine View offers a look southwest down the Loyalsock Valley. This vista can only be reached on foot using the Loyalsock Trail (see the purple dot circled in red on the map below). The closest, fastest way to reach it is to drive on Coal Mine Road – and shortly before (or after depending upon which direction you are traveling) the road crosses the Loyalsock Trail, you will see a parking area. Then take the Loyalsock Trail for a 15–20-minute downhill (not steep) walk.

There is also a **Lower Alpine View** further along the Loyalsock Trail with a similar perspective but at a lower elevation. It takes an additional 15-30 minutes hiking to reach – but be cautioned that the trail to the Lower Alpine View is very steep and should not be attempted without proper hiking gear (sturdy footwear, hiking poles, etc.).

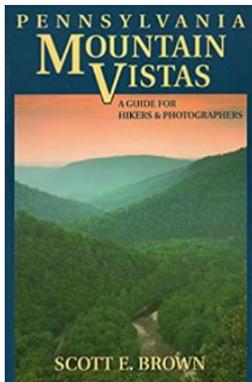


High Knob Overlook

We end our tour of area vistas where many people choose to end the day – at **High Knob Overlook**. This expansive, westward-facing vista is the spot in Sullivan County to view the setting sun – and it is not unusual to see a full parking lot toward the end of the day filled with people enjoying the sunset. From its 2,047 feet elevation you can see 20 miles away and three counties (Sullivan, Lycoming, and Bradford) - and 90,000 acres of woodland. It is also an ideal stargazing location – featuring unobstructed and very dark skies. You can reach High Knob Overlook by car using High Knob Road off of Worlds End Road or Dry Run Road. You can reach it on foot using the Loyalsock, High Knob, or Bridle Trails.



Other Pennsylvania Vista Information Resources:

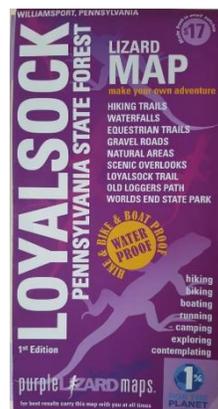


Pennsylvania Mountain Vistas – A Guide for Hikers and Photographers.

By Scott E. Brown

Pennsylvania Overlooks - A Guide for Sightseers and Outdoor People.

By Art Michaels



Purple Lizard Map – Loyalsock State Forest.

Available from many local merchants including *The Sullivan Review* (<https://thesullivanreview.com/maps/>).

Loyalsock State Forest Map and Recreation Guide

Available at local Loyalsock State Forest headquarters and ranger stations.



Trails in and Around Worlds End State Park Map and Guide.

Prepare your summer-time hiking with our map, *Trails in and around Worlds End State Park*. The map includes scenic vista locations – including many mentioned in this issue of *The Vista*. It is for sale at the park office for \$10.00, and is also available from *The Sullivan Review* (<https://thesullivanreview.com/maps/>), *McCarty Mercantile* and online from the *Keystone Trails Association* (<https://www.kta-hike.org/>). The Friends of Worlds End State Park trail patch, designed by Ruth Rode, is also on sale at the park office for \$5.00.



And Coming Soon:

Ruth Rode and Dave Kowalewski are working on *Falls & Views Loop: Exploring the Wildness of Worlds End State Park and the Loyalsock State Forest!* This will be a backpacking map/guide featuring over 17 vistas and 50 waterfalls. Look for updates in the next issue of *The Vista!*





NEWS

<https://paparksandforests.org/>

Check out the Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation (PPFF) new, updated website. The new website features a page where you can find information on individual PPFF chapters (like the Friends of Worlds End State Park):

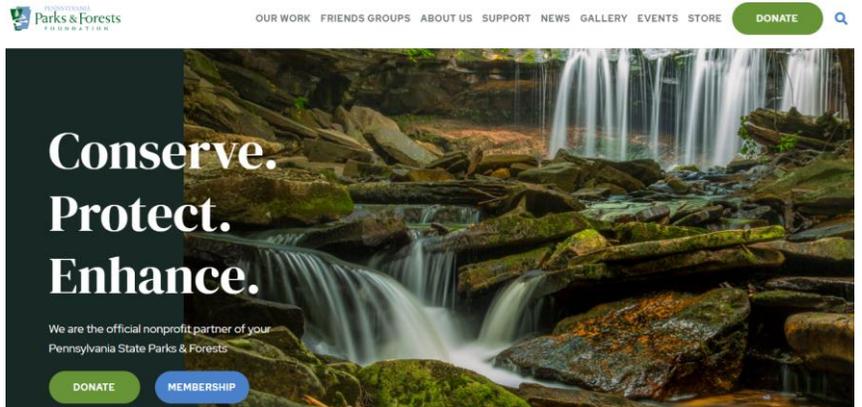
<https://paparksandforests.org/friends-groups/>

...and how to make a donation to a Friends Group:

<https://paparksandforests.org/friends-groups/donate-to-a-chapter/>

VISION
Building the voice for Pennsylvania's state parks and forests.

MISSION
PPFF's mission is to inspire stewardship of Pennsylvania's state parks and forests through public engagement in volunteerism, education, and recreation.



Pennsylvania Land and Water Trail Network Strategic Plan 2020-2024



The **PENNSYLVANIA LAND AND WATER TRAIL NETWORK STRATEGIC PLAN 2020 -2024** is now available on DCNR's webpage:

<https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Communities/TrailDevelopment/Pages/default.aspx>

http://elibrary.dcnr.pa.gov/GetDocument?docId=3176020&DocName=dcnr_20030875.pdf



Coming in 2022:

90th Anniversary Worlds End State Park 1932 – 2022

ENROLL TO BECOME A DCNR CONSERVATION VOLUNTEER

If you are interested in volunteering at the park, we encourage you to register. Registering brings you insurance coverage and the ability to track your volunteer hours. See more on DCNR's website:
<https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/GetInvolved/Pages/default.aspx>

To support the Friends of Worlds End State Park, check out the SUPPORT section of the Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation website and designate your gift to the FRIENDS OF WORLDS END STATE PARK!

<https://paparksandforests.org/friends-groups/donate-to-a-chapter/>

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