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R.B. Winter State Park
Photo by Brenda Jones

Sorry for the silence last week; Bill and I were on the road unexpectedly and a connection was non-existent. The internet was fine; it was the sad little laptop I took along to try and work that was less than optimum.

You may, perhaps, notice a subtle change in the Fridays look this week. I have switched mail providers to one that offers a few more nifty formatting and content options. The basics are here, but they may operate a little differently.

While we were away, March came in like a lamb and, as you can see from Brenda Jones' photo at R.B. Winter State Park, melting had begun to take place in many locales. Not that March will ever offer any consistency in that regard.



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NEWS OF NOTE

There is lots of catch up on, including so many fun new blog posts on the PPFF website news page. Christian Alexandersen makes a return with what he [learned from his 121 in '21 quest](#) (in two parts), several new Forest Fridays posts courtesy of the Bureau of Forestry, a look at invasive species ([NEW ZEALAND mudsnail?](#)), and a final look at life in CCC Camp S-62 - the [educational opportunities provided the Boys](#). Lest we forget, the CCC Boys were,

in many cases, really just that and education was an important part of helping them find their footing in what was a very scary time.

We are working on the storyboards for upcoming newsletters and blog posts –if there is something you want to see drop us a line at office@paparksandforests.org.

Speaking of the newsletter, the latest issue of *Penn's Stewards* is available now at the website:

<https://paparksandforests.org/...>

Also on the website (and shareable far and wide) is the culmination of our 2021 salute to the Environmental Rights Amendment - an online flip books compiles the essays, poems, songs, and photos you talented folks provided.

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PHOTOS OF THE WEEK



Hills Creek State Park

Beaver sign on an almost-spring day.
Photo by James Robson.



Kettle Creek State Park

You can almost hear the crunch of the trail Billy Howard is about to break here.



Loyalsock State Forest

You know these spaces are generally reserved for beauty shots. But it's equally important to understand the number of resources needed to effect a trail rescue if you aren't aware of conditions. Thanks to the Mildred (Sullivan County) Fire Department for sharing the photos. Clear roads. Icy trail.



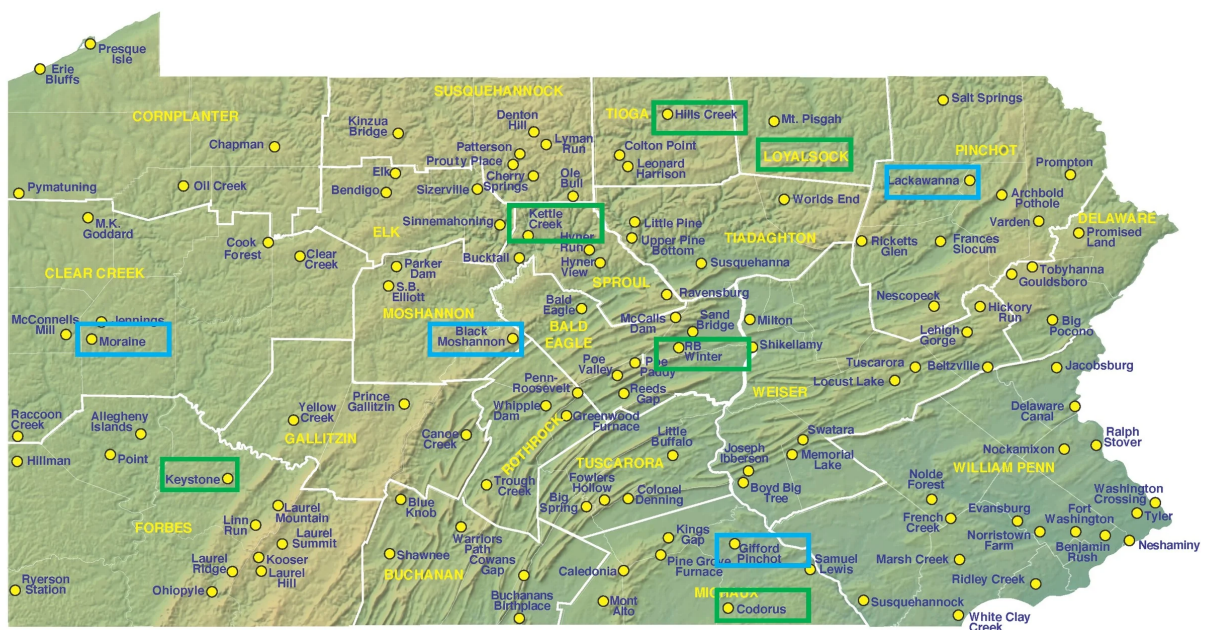
Codorus State Park

The clarity of the water at Codorus is probably only surpassed by the chill temperature. Photographer Tina Shearer's toes are in that water in another of the shots in this series.



This special bonus photo comes from GO Laurel Highlands who say "Keystone State Park is always a perfect place for a sunset." And this picture - whatever its story may be - is a [perfect jigsaw specimen](#).

WHERE ARE WE THIS WEEK?



TAKE FIVE FOR TRIVIA

The last question for February was about salamanders native to the commonwealth. We asked for three and got a bunch for sure. Read about them all on the [Fish & Boat Commission](#) website and check out this wonderful video

from the Michaux State Forest taken on February 17th, a 59 degree day. Sweeties.



Congratulations to Pittsburgh Erin, our randomly selected winner for February.

#creature feature



Student volunteer Abbey's post this week is toad-ally terrific!

DYK the Fowler's toad is one of only two true toads found in Pennsylvania?

Found in the southern two-thirds of the state, the Fowler's toad resides in floodplains, river valleys, along streams, and in wooded areas where they feast mainly on insects but also on worms and snails.

[Read more](#)

We will kick off March with Abbey's question. Do you know the identity of the other "true toad" found in Pennsylvania?

[Enter each week](#) to increase your chances of a fabulous prize at the end of the month when I'll draw one entry from all correct answers received during the month.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

North

[UV Night Hike](#)

Black Moshannon State Park

Saturday, March 26; 7:30 PM

South

[Vernal Pool Evening Walk](#)

Gifford Pinchot State Park

Friday, March 26; 7:00 PM (repeats 4/1)

East

[Flight of the Woodcock](#)

Lackawanna State Park

Saturday, March 26; 7:30 PM

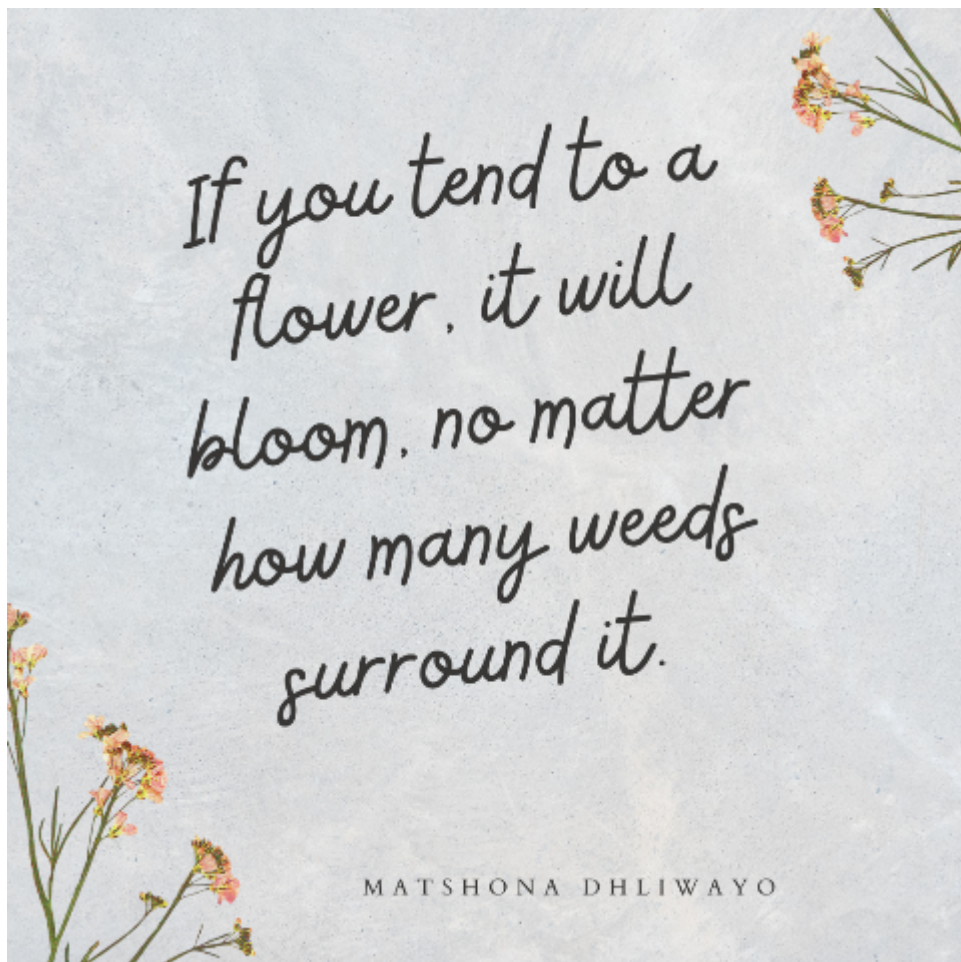
West

[Wood Duck Nesting Box Work Day](#)

Moraine State Park

Saturday, March 26; 10:00 AM
(registration required)

IN CLOSING



I am actually writing much of this content on Wednesday and it is snowing to

beat the band so the fact that Saturday is Plant a Flower Day might seem a stretch. Nothing says you can't plant one in a pot, right?

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