## What is a Gateway Community and Why is Ligonier One?

In the simplest terms, "gateway communities" are located next to a recreational resource. The idea is to forge strong bonds (economic, community involvement, promotion) between the community and the recreation (and education) next door.

Ligonier? Turn around 360 degrees and there is beauty—and some wonderful public lands—just waiting to be enjoyed.

Outdoor recreation is increasing every year, with Baby Boomers staying healthy longer and getting outside. Families are getting together to recreate together. And that's exciting for all of us!

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### FRIENDS IN THE FOREST

# GETTING ACQUAINTED

ligonier is surrounded by some of the most beautiful public lands in pennsylvania see for yourself all there is to do in our state parks and forests

A Little Food. A Little Hike. A Little Learning.

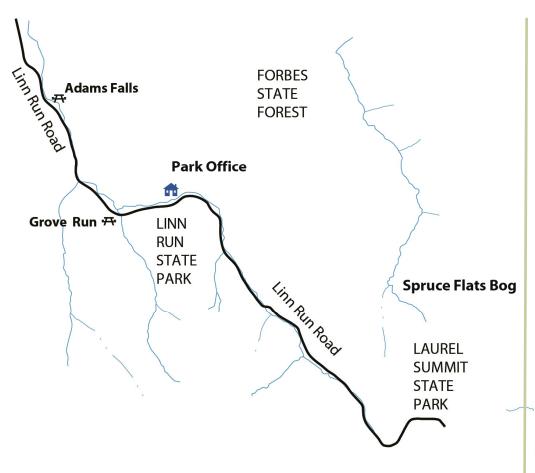
A Whole Lot of Fun.

friday september 23 | 2016 5:30 pm

saturday | september 24 | 2016 10:00 am to 2:00 pm linn run state park rector, pa 15677

## The Members of the Ligonier Gateway Community Action Team Welcome You to Linn Run State Park and Forbes State Forest

Enjoy some of the great experiences available to your family in these close-to-home public lands



Adams Falls Picnic Area and Trail, Linn Run State Park Easy to access picnic area by a babbling brook. Gentle one-mile trail to work off your picnic. What could be better?

Grove Run Picnic Area and Trail, Linn Run State Park Ready for a little challenge? The Grove Run Trail (4 miles long) starts out behind the picnic area and gets a little tougher as it goes along!

#### CCC Cabins, Linn Run State Park

Do you know the story of the Civilian Conservation Corps and all they did for Pennsylvania's public lands?

Spruce Flats Bog/Wolf Rocks Trail, Forbes State Forest Head up the mountain for a sheltered picnic area (Laurel Summit State Park) and a look at the rare plants and versatile bird life of the Spruce Flats Bog (Forbes State Forest). An easy ½-mile walk will open your eyes and ears to the area's unique beauty.

The Wolf Rocks Trail (a 4-mile loop hike) splits to the left as you head to the Bog and offers a scenic view of our ridges and valleys.