



In the spring of 2025, PA Parks & Forests Foundation conducted an online survey of “Your Favorite Trail to ...”. Here are some resulting ideas to reach good fishing.

Recommended State Parks and Forests for Fishing:

Susquehannock State Forest
Loyalsock State Forest
Pymatuning State Park
Yellow Creek State Park
Beltzville State Park
Chapman State Park
Codorus State Park
Cook Forest State Park
Gallitzin State Park
Gifford Pinchot State Park
Laurel Hill State Park
Lehigh Gorge State Park
McConnells Mill State Park
Norristown Farm Park
Trough Creek State Park
Presque Isle State Park
Prince Gallitzin State Park
Shawnee State Park



Pymatuning State Park. Photo by Kody Beer.



Poe Valley State Park. Photo by Carey Fritz.

Susquehannock State Forest

There’s something for every angler in Susquehannock State Forest. Cross Fork Creek is a Wild Trout fishery, and there’s also trout fishing in the Hammersley Wild Area. For the fly fishers, there is a designated fly-fishing-only area within Kettle Creek.

Pymatuning State Park

The trailhead for the Spillway Trail can be accessed from either Fries Road or the spillway parking lot. This casual 3.25 mile out-and-back trail crosses the Shenango River, presenting ample angling opportunities. The Pymatuning Reservoir contains walleye,

muskellunge, carp, crappie, perch, bluegill, largemouth bass, and smallmouth bass, and in the winter, walleye, perch, and crappie can be caught by ice fishing.

Yellow Creek State Park

Yellow Creek State Park is a great place for both amateur and advanced anglers. For the classic fishing experience, Laurel Run, Yellow Creek, and Little Yellow Creek are all stocked with brown trout and brook trout.

Yellow Creek Lake is stocked with warmwater game fish like smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, walleye, northern pike, tiger muskellunge, yellow

perch, bluegill, and catfish. In the winter, ice fishing can yield sunfish, perch, and pike. While every angler has their favorite fishing spot, the fishing pier at the north end of the lake near



Yellow Creek State Park. Photo by Casandra Schroek.

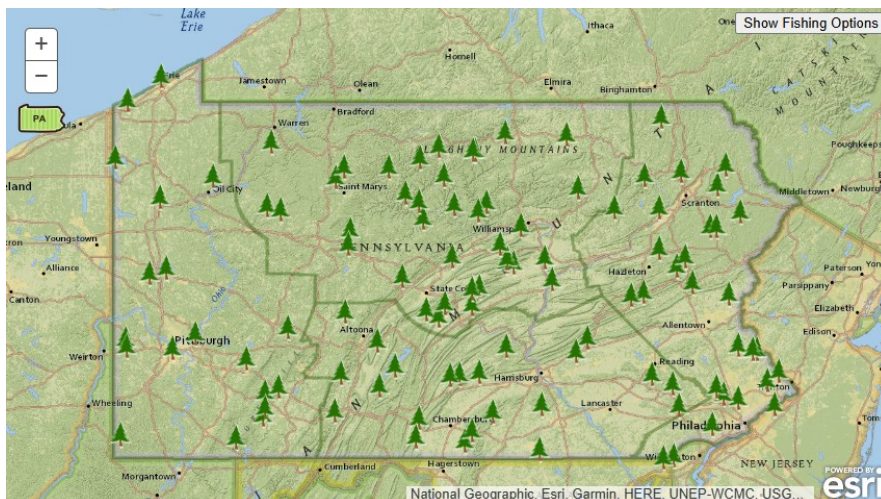
Camp Seph Mack may be a good place to begin. This pier is ADA accessible, so a great diversity of anglers can use this space!

Last but not least, Dragonfly Pond is a great spot for young anglers to learn their craft. Fishing here is reserved for children

aged 12 and younger. If the north end lake fishing pier is too busy, people with disabilities are also allowed to enjoy fishing in the quiet Dragonfly Pond. There is a 0.5 mile loop around the pond that intersects with the Black Hawk Trail.

Fishing Tackle Loaner Program

DCNR offers a fishing tackle loaner program in Pennsylvania, through a partnership with the Fish & Boat Commission, allowing anglers to check out rods, lures, and more as if they were library books! Loaner locations are currently established in 38 state parks. A valid ID must be provided by at least one adult per group. For more information, visit <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dcnr/recreation/what-to-do/fishing>



DCNR map showing locations of parks with fishing opportunities

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