



In the spring of 2025, PA Parks & Forests Foundation conducted an online survey of “Your Favorite Trail to ...”. Here are some resulting ideas for a picnic spot.

All State Parks/Forests Mentioned

- Susquehannock State Forest
- Gifford Pinchot State Park
- Linn Run State Park
- Moraine State Park
- Beltsville State Park
- Blue Knob

State Park

- Chapman State Park
- Cook Forest State Park
- Maurice K. Goddard State Park
- Memorial Lake State Park
- Mont Alto State Park
- Nolde Forest Environmental Education Center

- Ohiopyle State Park
- Ole Bull State Park
- Presque Isle State Park
- Pymatuning State Park
- Ridley Creek State Park
- Sand Bridge State Park
- Shawnee State Park
- Swatara State Park
- Tioga State Forest
- Worlds End State Park



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How to Have a Successful Picnic

- Plan ahead
- Picnic in the right place
- Dispose of waste properly
- Leave what you find
- Minimize campfire impacts
- Respect wildlife
- Be considerate of others
- * These are seven principles derived from the Leave No Trace guidelines.



Four Tips to Prevent Food Poisoning

1. Clean - your hands, prep surfaces
 2. Separate - don't cross-contaminate
 3. Cook - know the proper temperature for what you are cooking
 4. Store - refrigerate leftovers within 2 hours
- * Perishable items should be kept at 40°F

Presque Isle State Park

County: Erie County

Rotary Pavilion

- Located near Beach #7 (Waterworks Beach)
- Includes picnic tables (15), restrooms, grills, and a food prep area
- Surrounded by playgrounds, swimming areas, and parking
- Contains ADA accessible areas
- Can sit 100 comfortably
- Enclosed shelter

East and West Piers

- Includes picnic tables, grills, restrooms, and ADA accessible areas
- Offers vistas of Presque Isle Bay and the Erie skyline
- East Pier is also known as the Coal Dock or the Pulp Dock when trying to locate it

Linn Run State Park

County: Westmoreland County

Grove Run Picnic Area

- Located beside the trailhead for the Grove Run Trail
- Contains picnic tables, playgrounds, restrooms, and drinking water
- Recycling is available in the area

Flat Rock Trail

- 0.5 mile long out-and-back trail
- Trail considered “Easiest Hiking”
- Marked by yellow blazes
- Trailhead amenities include picnic tables and benches
- Trail runs along the Linn Run Stream

Gifford Pinchot State Park

County: York County

Conewago Day Use Area

- Located on the east side of the lake
- Fully accessible and offers amenities such as charcoal grills, picnic tables, parking, drinking water, and modern restrooms
- Four accessible picnic pavilions that can be reserved for a fee

Beach Area

- Offers amenities such as picnic tables, grills, and a playground
- Large building located in this area that includes modern restrooms and a snack pavilion

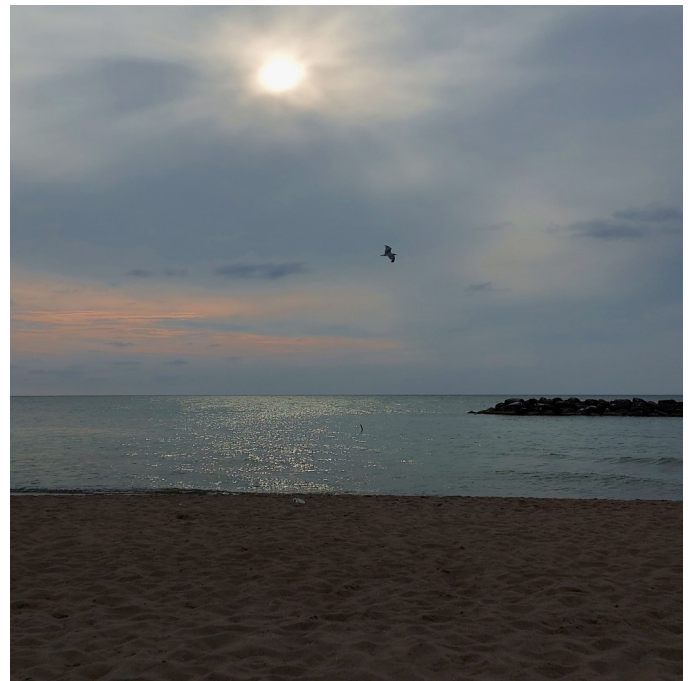


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