

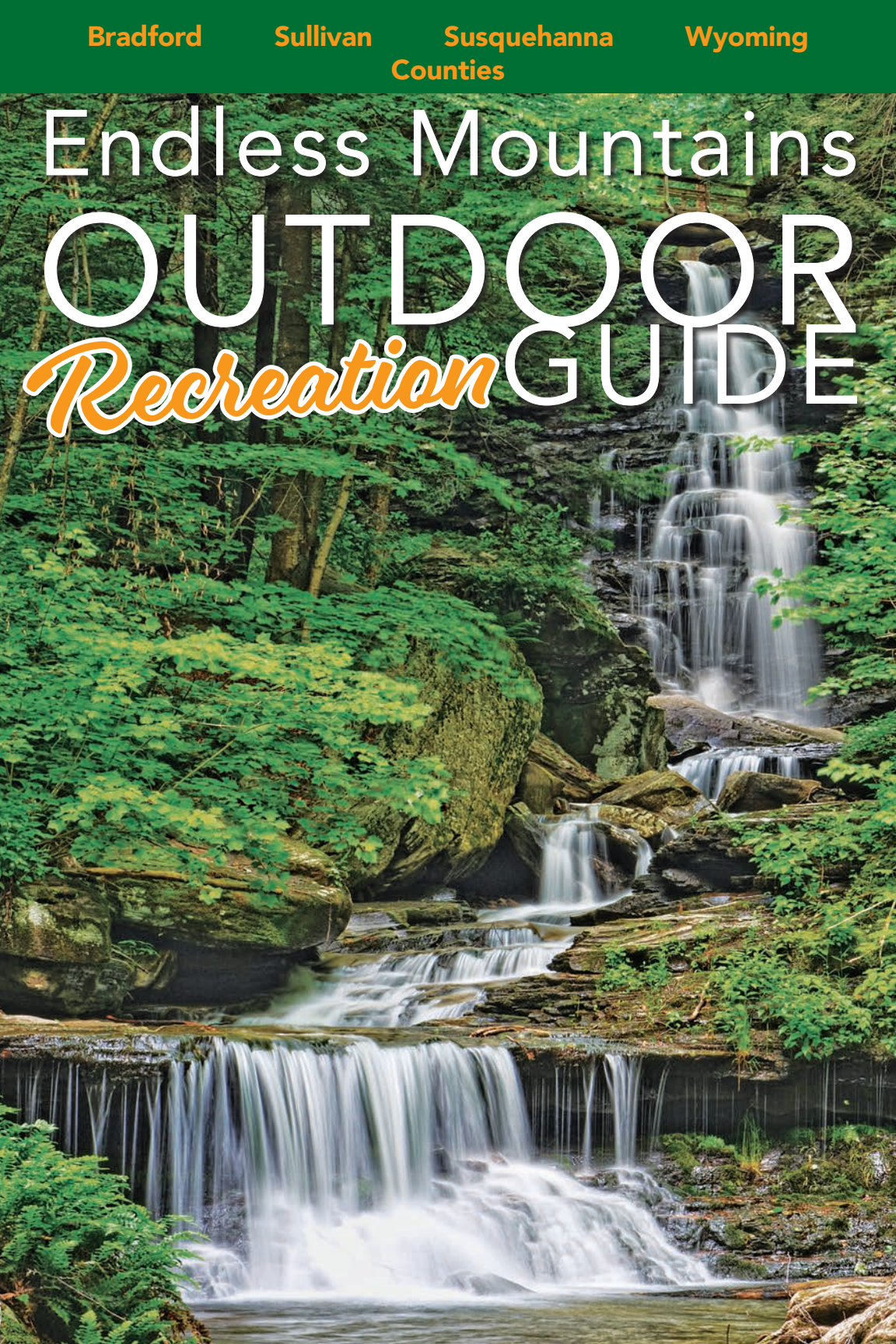
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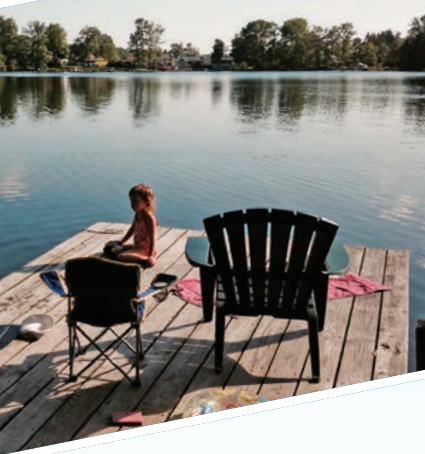
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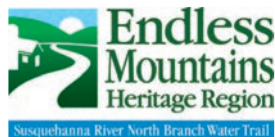
# ENDLESS MOUNTAINS HERITAGE REGION

The Endless Mountains Heritage Region (EMHR) was established in 1998 as a non-profit, membership-based organization within the PA Heritage Areas Program. It is one of 12 current heritage areas across the Commonwealth, which are designated by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). The EMHR proudly serves a 2,850-square mile area encompassing Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna, and Wyoming Counties.

The organization also serves as water trail manager for the upper North Branch Susquehanna River Water Trail, a national recreation trail and official gateway to the Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network. Known for our unmatched pastoral landscapes shaped by centuries of farming and timbering as well as land conservation, the EMHR embraces its agricultural theme of "Living with the Land," and its mission to "maintain and enhance the unique rural character and culture of the Endless Mountains."

In just over 20 years of existence, the EMHR has provided financial and capacity-building support to various partner organizations and dozens of projects to fulfill that mission. Through the years, the EMHR has attained well over \$2.5 million in state funding that has been brought into the region to perform historic and agricultural preservation initiatives, outdoor recreation development and improvement projects, scenic enhancements, and heritage asset promotion. These many initiatives have undoubtedly increased the quality of life for our residents and encourage tourism across the four-county area.

EMHR serves as a regional lead organization of the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership and is involved in various greenway, land conservation, and trail initiatives in the area, as well as scenic byways and vista enhancements.



Susquehanna River North Branch Water Trail

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(570) 265-1528

[EMHeritage.org](http://EMHeritage.org)

[cchamberlin@emheritage.org](mailto:cchamberlin@emheritage.org)  
[vbillings-seiler@emheritage.org](mailto:vbillings-seiler@emheritage.org)



**WELCOME** to the beautiful Endless Mountains, Pennsylvania's favorite outdoor playground!

When commonwealth founder William Penn sent cartographers out to survey the lands granted to his family by King Charles II, the team came back to record a map that shows everything north of present-day Philadelphia and Bucks County as "endless mountains". Today the region we call the Endless Mountains is comprised of the four northeastern counties (Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna, and Wyoming) that border the Wyoming Valley to the south and New York state to the north.

This region, home to thousands of miles of recreational parks, forests, and trails, includes some of the commonwealth's most majestic mountains, sparkling waterfalls and waterways, and untouched parks and forests. The Endless Mountains invites you to discover the natural beauty of the region that offers countless ways to enjoy outdoor fun and recreation all four seasons of the year!

Let this recreational guide serve as a directory to the Endless Mountains' wide variety of resources as you plan your next outdoor adventure. Included are listings of the various spots to consider broken down by type and activity along with other resource materials like a map, visitor information resources and guides to camping and services that will make planning a visit even easier.

Give yourself the gift of time spent in nature this year; we promise there is no better place in Pennsylvania to experience the abundant natural beauty of "Penn's Woods" than in the Endless Mountains!

### Tourism Promotion Agency Partners



Bradford County Tourism Promotion Agency  
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# STATE PARKS

The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources' Bureaus of State Parks offers the following description of their work:



*The primary mission of Pennsylvania state parks is to provide opportunities for enjoying healthful outdoor recreation and serve as outdoor classrooms for environmental education. In meeting these purposes, the conservation of the natural, scenic, aesthetic, and historical values of parks should be given first consideration.*

**T**he Endless Mountains are home to four of the Pennsylvania's 121 parks, each of which further that mission through resource maintenance and educational programming. At the state parks, visitors discover not only the natural beauty of the region but also enjoy for no or nominal costs activities ranging from soft to active adventure. No matter your outdoor activity of choice - hiking trails lined with spectacular waterfalls, photographing stunning vistas, sleeping under a quilt of twinkling stars, walking trails aglow with the colors of fall foliage, casting a line into a rocky mountain creek bed or snow shoeing during a gently falling snow - the state parks in the Endless Mountains are filled with opportunities for to pursue your favorite pastime!

## Bradford County

### MOUNT PISGAH STATE PARK

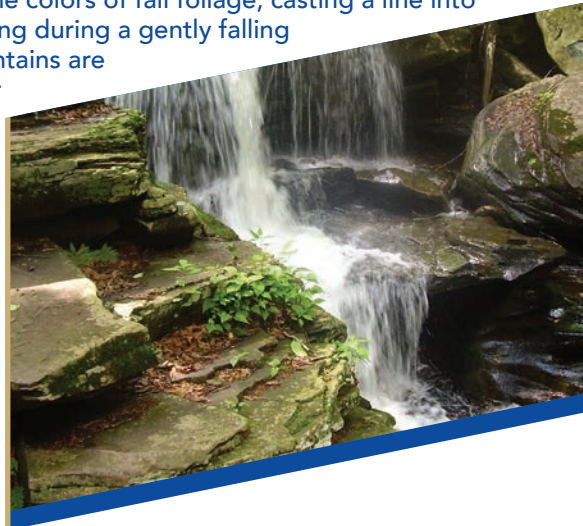
RR 3 Box 362 A  
Troy

Phone: (570) 297-2734  
Toll Free: 888-727-2757  
Reservations: 888-727-2757

Website: [dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/MountPisgahStatePark/](http://dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/MountPisgahStatePark/)

Email: [mtpisgahsp@pa.gov](mailto:mtpisgahsp@pa.gov)

Mt. Pisgah State Park, a 1,302-acre state park at the base of Mt. Pisgah (elevation 2,260 feet), offers visitors a wide variety of recreational resources from hiking trails, spaces, and butterfly garden to a 75-acre lake complete with launch, fishing pier and boat rentals in season. Located between Troy and Towanda, the park sits along Mill Creek where a dam forms Stephen Foster Lake, named after the composer and onetime local resident. The 75-acre Stephen Foster Lake offers a boat launch, dock, restrooms, and parking area. Mooring spaces are available for rental. Adjacent to the state park are Mt. Pisgah County Park and State Game Land 289.



Mt. Pisgah is a well-managed location to cast off when fishing season begins and remains popular spot throughout the year (including as an ice fishing destination when conditions safely permit). In summer, the swimming pool is open daily through Labor Day. Swimming is not permitted in the lake. The pool complex offers dressing rooms, showers, concession stand, and lifeguard station. Fall foliage season annually proves a popular time for hikers and recreational visitors to take in the brilliant displays of autumnal color that the park offers.

Educational programs as well as the summer DiscoverE program for kids are offered throughout the year at Mt. Pisgah State Park.



## Sullivan County

### RICKETTS GLEN STATE PARK (See cover photo)

695 State Route 487  
Benton

Phone: (570) 477-5675  
Toll Free: 888-727-2757  
Reservations: 888-727-2757

Website: [dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/  
FindAPark/RickettsGlenStatePark/](http://dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/RickettsGlenStatePark/)

Email: [rickettsglensp@pa.gov](mailto:rickettsglensp@pa.gov)

Ricketts Glen State Park is regarded as one of the most scenic areas in all of Pennsylvania. The park of 13,050 acres offers unsurpassed recreational resources that draw outdoors enthusiasts from far and wide. Trails ideal for every skill level of hiker are one of the park's most popular draws; the Falls Trail and the Glens feature a series of wild, free-flowing waterfalls, each cascading through rock-strewn clefts in carved by nature in the park's ancient hillsides. The 94-foot Ganoga Falls is the highest of 22 named waterfalls that visitors will discover. Ricketts Glen State Park also

harbors Glens Natural Area, a National Natural Landmark, dedicated to the preservation of old growth timber and the park's diverse wildlife population.

Lake Jean, a 245-acre recreational body of water, offers dry mooring and one boat launch (electric engines only). A boat rental concession operates during the summer season offering rowboats, paddleboats, kayaks, and canoes while a seasonal beachfront swimming area, picnic area, pavilion and parking lot make the lake a popular vacation destination.

The park offers a wide variety of camping options for visitors to consider - ten modern rental cabins are available for year-round use as well as 120 tent and trailer campsites (some available year-round). The campground features hot showers, flush toilets, shaded sites, gravel parking spurs and a sanitary dump station. Six campsites are ADA accessible.

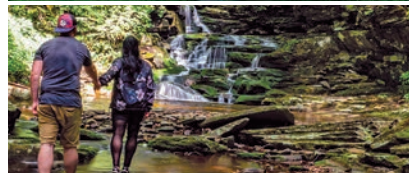
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## Sullivan County

**B**earing the name of the legislator whose work led to the formation of the county, Sullivan County is referred to by many as "the Gem of the Endless Mountains" for the lush forests, state parks, small towns, lakes, creeks and streams that draw outdoor recreations fans each year to the county that boasts one stop light within its 478 square miles.

A visit to Sullivan County is akin to a journey back in time. You will discover historic covered bridges over local creeks, lands untouched by development or urban expansion and will find yourself in awe over the four seasons of natural beauty everywhere you look. After a day in the great outdoors, lodging and campgrounds in and around towns like Dushore, Eagles Mere and Laporte are waiting to welcome you to this beautiful county where mountain magic will cast its spell on you!



## WORLDS END STATE PARK

PO Box 62  
Forksville

Phone: (570) 924-3287  
Toll Free: 888-727-2757  
Reservations: 888-727-2757

Website: [dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/WorldsEndStatePark/](http://dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/WorldsEndStatePark/)

Email: [worldsendp@pa.gov](mailto:worldsendp@pa.gov)

The 780-acre Worlds End State Park, surrounded by the lush Loyalsock State Forest, is known for its scenic vistas, dense forestation, and photographically magnificent waterways. In June, the park bursts with color when mountain laurel, Pennsylvania's state flower, blooms throughout the park. Likewise, fall foliage brings with it another seasonal display of nature's beauty when the Canyon Vista becomes ablaze with brilliant autumn's colors. The hiking trails offer a wide variety of terrain for enthusiasts to experience depending upon their skill and comfort level.

Nineteen rustic cabins are available for rental throughout the year at Worlds End State park. year-round. A 70-site tent and trailer campground is located along PA 154, one mile east of the park office. Half of the campsites have electric hookups. Water and restrooms are within a short distance of all sites.

A small dam on Loyalsock Creek forms a swimming area that is open from late-May to mid-September, 8 a.m. to sunset. Swimming at the site is at your own risk. The mountain stream water is always cold and exhilarating. A picnic area, outdoor chapel, concessions area and rest facilities are all located within a short distance of the swimming area on the creek.



## Susquehanna County

### SALT SPRINGS STATE PARK

Silver Creek Rd & Salt Springs Rd  
Montrose

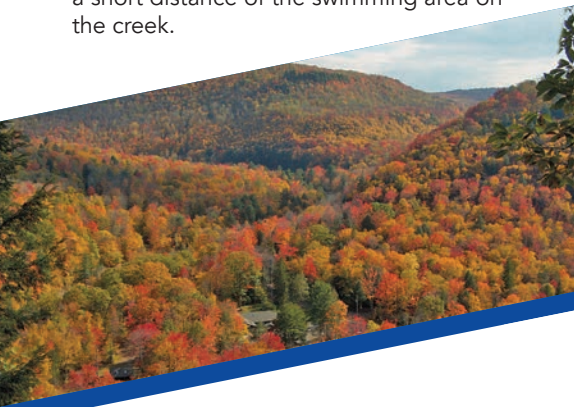
Phone: (570) 967-7275  
Toll Free: 888-727-2757  
Reservations: 888-727-2757

Website: [dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/SaltSpringsStatePark/](http://dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/SaltSpringsStatePark/)

Email: [lackawannasp@pa.gov](mailto:lackawannasp@pa.gov)

Old growth hemlocks, beautiful trails, and a series of scenic waterfalls along Fall Brook make the 400-acre Salt Springs State Park a popular destination for outdoor activity in Susquehanna County. Created in the 1960's on a tract of land owned by the Wheaton family from 1848, the land was purchased by The Nature Conservancy and subsequently by the commonwealth. Today, the Friends of Salt Springs State Park actively manage the educational and recreational programs that take place in the park throughout the year. From nature hikes to seasonal celebrations, outdoor enthusiasts will discover a wide variety of activities to consider when planning a visit to the park.

The Hemlock Trail features an accessible walkway that looks over the three waterfalls along Fall Brook Stream making it a popular destination for visitors. A welcome center and parking area offer easy access to the park's picnic area at the base of the mountain. A short walk across the bridge to view the area where the remains of the spring sit offers visitors a perfect spot to spend time surrounded by the natural beauty of Salt Springs State Park.






# ELK MOUNTAIN SKI RESORT

**S**ki Magazine, the renowned periodical of the popular winter sport, named Elk Mountain Ski Resort in Susquehanna County one of its "Six Unsung Heroes" in a round of the best places to experience. Impeccably groomed slopes that feature the highest altitude skiing in the commonwealth, Elk Mountain maintains a reputation as the best ski destination in Pennsylvania.


Offering 180 acres of spectacular scenery that feature 27 trails, skiers and snowboarders have discovered the fun and challenging conditions that Elk Mountain offers. Since opening as one of the state's first professional ski areas in 1959, the resort has continually upgraded equipment and services to ensure winter sports enthusiasts will experience a remarkable destination when they hit the slopes. Elk's first expert trail, completed before the chairlift itself, was host to the 1960 Pennsylvania State Championships; today, the popular trails at Elk Mountain Ski Resort continue to challenge ski competitors.



No matter what your level of skill – a great winter adventure awaits you when you visit Elk Mountain Ski Resort. Minutes from Interstate 81 and close to local lodging, vacation rentals, and attractions, you will discover New England quality conditions for a much shorter drive!

[www.elkskier.com](http://www.elkskier.com)

## DID YOU KNOW...



Elk Mountain Ski Resort's tree planting program is one of Pennsylvania's most active environmental care programs within the US ski industry? Since it began in the late 1970's then, the team has planted over 30,000 trees, with more trees being planted each year. Every two to three years, 2,000 to 3,000 White and Norway Spruce trees are purchased and planted in Elk Mountain's tree farm. It takes 10 to 12 years for the trees to mature and at that point, 600 to 1,000 trees are transplanted to the slopes after existing hardwoods are harvested. This program supports the mission by local businesses like Elk Mountain Ski Resort to maintain the natural beauty of the Endless Mountains.

# TRAILS



**H**iking, biking, horseback riding or an easy stroll on a beautiful day are all ways to take in the beautiful scenery of the Endless Mountains. The network of trails offers thousands of recreational miles for you to discover the fun waiting for you across the four counties of Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna and Wyoming all four seasons of the year!

## RAIL-TRAILS / REGIONAL TRAILS

### D & H Rail-Trail

The 38-mile D&H Rail-Trail runs from the Simpson Viaduct at Route 171, off of Morse Ave, north through Lanesboro to the New York State border, generally following the eastern border of Susquehanna County. Biking, hiking, running, horseback riding, snowmobiling. [nepa-rail-trails.org](http://nepa-rail-trails.org)

## TRAILS

### Bradford County

#### Jim King Memorial Park

556 Glen Valley Road, Athens  
[athenstownship.org/townParks](http://athenstownship.org/townParks)

#### Lamb's Lookout Park

500 Lamb's Lookout Lane, Canton  
[visitbradfordcounty.com](http://visitbradfordcounty.com)

#### Larnard-Hornbrook County Park

1241 Hornbrook Road, Towanda  
[bradfordcountypa.org/county-parks](http://bradfordcountypa.org/county-parks)

#### Mt. Pisgah County Park

2181 Wilcox Drive, Troy  
[bradfordcountypa.org/county-parks](http://bradfordcountypa.org/county-parks)

#### Mt. Pisgah State Park

RR 3 Box 362 A, Troy  
[dcnr.pa.gov](http://dcnr.pa.gov)

#### Round Top Park Recreation Area

1717 RoundTop Road, Athens  
[athenstownship.org/townParks](http://athenstownship.org/townParks)

### Sullivan County

#### Eagles Mere Conservancy

Conservancy Cabin, Eagles Mere  
[eaglesmereconservancy.org](http://eaglesmereconservancy.org)

#### Loyalsock State Forest

6735 Route 220, Dushore  
[dcnr.pa.gov](http://dcnr.pa.gov)

### Ricketts Glen State Park

695 State Route 487, Benton  
[dcnr.pa.gov](http://dcnr.pa.gov)

### Worles End State Park

PO Box 62, Forksville  
[dcnr.pa.gov](http://dcnr.pa.gov)

### Susquehanna County

#### Clifford Township Park

119 Cemetery Street, Clifford  
[cliffordtownship.org](http://cliffordtownship.org)

#### Endless Mountains Trail

Route 706 (Behind Pump n Pantry), Montrose  
[nepa-rail-trails.org](http://nepa-rail-trails.org)  
(More information on page 25)

#### Florence Shelly Preserve

Route 171, Thompson  
[nature.org](http://nature.org)

#### O & W Trail

Route 171, Simpson  
[nepa-rail-trails.org](http://nepa-rail-trails.org)  
(More information on page 25)

#### Salt Springs State Park

Silver Creek Rd & Salt Springs Rd, Montrose  
[dcnr.pa.gov](http://dcnr.pa.gov)

#### Woodbourne Forest & Wildlife Preserve

8500 PA Route 29, Montrose  
[nature.org](http://nature.org)

### Wyoming County

#### Camp Lackawanna

1219 Vosburg Road, Tunkhannock  
(570) 348-0643  
[camplackawannafirst.com](http://camplackawannafirst.com)

#### Christy Matthewson Park

18-19, Thompson Road, Factoryville  
[factoryville.org/community/christy-matthewson-park](http://factoryville.org/community/christy-matthewson-park)



## Howland Preserve

Vosburg Road, Tunkhannock  
nblt.org

## Iroquois Trail

Route 6 (East End,  
behind Emergency Operation Ctr)  
Tunkhannock

## Keystone College

### Woodland Campus Trails

Route 6 & 11, Factoryville  
keystone.edu

## Little Rocky Glen Preserve

State Rte 2012, Factoryville  
countrysideconservancy.org

## Seneca Trail

Route 29, Eatonville

## BIKE ROUTES

Several state bike routes cross the region through all four counties offering beautiful scenery and a varying topography for serious cyclists. State parks and forests (see pages 4-6, pages 10-11) designate certain trails and paths exclusively for mountain biking. Bikes are permitted of all kinds on various trails across the Endless Mountains.

### BicyclePA Route L

Runs through Susquehanna County  
Information: [trails.dcnr.pa.gov](http://trails.dcnr.pa.gov)

### BicyclePA Route Y

Runs through Bradford & Wyoming Counties  
Information: [trails.dcnr.pa.gov](http://trails.dcnr.pa.gov)  
Scenic rest stops in the region offer cyclists a chance to take in some of the area's unique and panoramic scenery. Here is a list of suggestions:

- Wyalusing Rocks, Route 6, Bradford County
- Marie Antoinette Overlook, Route 6, Bradford County
- Visitors Pull Off (Nicholson Viaduct Overlook), Route 11, Wyoming County
- Forksville Covered Bridge, Sullivan County

## CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

Cross Country skiing trails in the regions state parks and forests are all open through the season based on weather conditions. Refer to the State Park and State Forest Section for the complete list.

## ATVs / DIRT BIKES

ATV's are not permitted in Pennsylvania State Parks and Game Lands and permitted only in certain State Forests. Information can be found at [dcnr.pa.gov](http://dcnr.pa.gov). These sites offer ATV riding and dirt biking riding at certain times. Check the websites before visiting.

### Hurricane Hills Sports Center

200 Route 106, Greenfield Township  
[hmmotorcross.com](http://hmmotorcross.com)

Motocross track that offers ATV at certain times near Clifford. Check website.

### O & W Trail

Route 171, Simpson  
[nepa-rail-trails.org](http://nepa-rail-trails.org)

ATVs are allowed with a trail pass from Stillwater north to Poyntelle only. Vehicles must be registered, insured & obtain a trail pass from the Northern Wayne Outdoor Recreation Club [nworc.org](http://nworc.org)

### Round Top Park Recreation Area

1717 RoundTop Road, Athens  
[athenstownship.org/townParks](http://athenstownship.org/townParks)  
Certain trails open to ATV & dirt bikes, check the website.

## SNOWMOBILE TRAILS

Each winter specifically designated snowmobile trails are designated across the region.

Sunfish Pond County Park (see page 20) in Canton, Bradford County, offers trails extending into Sullivan County specifically for snowmobile riding.

Loyalsock State Forest designates certain trails for snowmobile use each winter. Check the park website at [dcnr.pa.gov](http://dcnr.pa.gov) for current information.

## HORSEBACK RIDING

Equestrians have several spots across the region to take their horses out to enjoy the scenic trails of the Endless Mountains.

State parks and forests in Pennsylvania designate certain trails specific for horseback riding (see pages 4-6, page 10 or [dcnr.org](http://dcnr.org)).

The D & H Rail-Trail permits horseback riding on their well maintained 38-mile trail in Susquehanna County ([nepa-rail-trails.org](http://nepa-rail-trails.org)).



# STATE FORESTS



It is no wonder one of the region's most popular forests is dedicated to Gifford Pinchot, the former Pennsylvania Governor who also served as the head of the US Forestry Service. Pinchot's work in conservation and forestation are responsible in part for the commitment to keep these public lands well maintained and accessible for recreation. Tourists flock to these forests each year for the brilliant displays of Fall Foliage, while hikers, campers, sportsmen and bird watchers know these areas to be some of the best spots to connect with nature.

*I have been governor every now and then,  
but I am a forester all the time. — Gifford Pinchot*

## **LOYALSOCK STATE FOREST** (offices)

**6735 Route 220, Dushore**

**Phone: (570) 946-4049**

**Website: [dcnr.pa.gov/  
StateForests/FindAForest/Loyalsock/](http://dcnr.pa.gov/StateForests/FindAForest/Loyalsock/)**  
**Email: [fd20@pa.gov](mailto:fd20@pa.gov)**

Loyalsock State Forest is named for the Loyalsock Creek (Pennsylvania's 2018 River of the Year), a scenic freestone stream that winds through Sullivan, Bradford, and Lycoming Counties. The predominantly hardwood forest is managed by DCNR's Bureau of Forestry to ensure the long-term health and productivity of this "working forest"; a commitment to the maintenance of the forest's wild character making it a resource for recreation, water, plant and animal habitat, sustainable timber and above all, scenic beauty.

Visitors will discover hundreds of miles of trails, toe paths and streambeds that allow access for hiking, fishing, bird watching and other outdoor activities. Primitive backpack camping is permitted while hiking along state forest trails; backpack campers are not required to obtain a camping permit if planning no more than one night at a location. Roadside campers, horse campers, and backpack campers staying in a designated campsite are required to obtain a camping permit from the Resource Management Center.

Loyalsock State Forest roads and trails are open to mountain bikes as designated by



the park rules. The variety you will discover in the forest's topography offers challenges for all skill levels.

Due to the number of boulders in the creek bed, kayaking and canoeing is recommended only in the area below Forksville. Canoes and kayaks are permitted on Bear Wallow and Sones' Pond.

Hunting is a popular use of the forest during seasons as established by the Pennsylvania Game Commission. Other than a few safety zones around buildings and picnic areas, hunting is permitted throughout the state forest. All hunters must be licensed as stipulated by Pennsylvania Game Commission and only during designated seasons.



## **PINCHOT STATE FOREST (offices)**

**1841 Abington Rd.  
North Abington Township**

**Phone: (570) 945-7133**

**Website: [dcnr.pa.gov/  
StateForests/FindAForest/Pinchot/](http://dcnr.pa.gov/StateForests/FindAForest/Pinchot/)**

**Email: [fd11@pa.gov](mailto:fd11@pa.gov)**

Named in recognition of Gifford Pinchot's monumental contributions to forestry and his legacy of forest land conservation the 44,743 acres of the Pinchot State Forest lands cover more than a few of the mountains near the confluence of the Susquehanna and Lackawanna rivers. The forest encompasses lands in Wyoming County as well as other adjacent counties.

Hunting and trapping are two uses of the Pinchot State Forest that attract many visitors each year. While hiking is one of the top activities enjoyed across the forest, mountain biking in designated areas draws visitors to this scenic spot. Cyclists are encouraged to check maps for the areas they are planning to travel on their visit. Horses may be ridden on state forest roads and



most trails. For rules, regulations, and trail maps, visit the website.

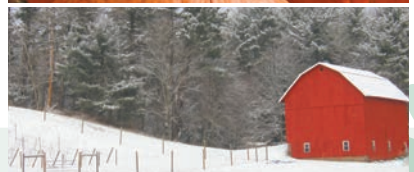
Mountain bikes may be used on most roads and trails in Pinchot State Forest, unless posted. The snowmobile trail is open to mountain biking; the degree of riding difficulty varies across the forest district. Bicyclists are encouraged to check maps for the areas they are planning to travel on their visit.

Horses may be ridden on all state forest roads and most trails on the Pinchot State Forest, including the Snowmobile Trail. Horseback riders should use caution when riding on the Pinchot State Forest as other users, including mountain bikers, hikers, hunters, and fishermen may be nearby.

## **Bradford County**

The 1,100 square miles of land featuring some of Pennsylvania's richest farmlands, sprawling parks, sparkling waterways and charming small towns make Bradford County an outdoor lover's dream destination. The Susquehanna River flowing through the county offers many miles of recreational waters for fishing, canoeing, and kayaking. Parks and pavilions throughout the county host outdoor events large and small throughout the year that make Bradford County a popular destination for sportsmen and families alike.

Originally called Ontario County, in 1812 the county officially became Bradford County to honor former US Attorney General William Bradford who was instrumental in the formation. Today, campers, hikers, bicyclists, anglers, and hunters enjoy the rich outdoor inventory of activities when they plan a visit to the county bearing his name.



# WATERWAYS & WATERFALLS



Whether you are looking for the thrill of canoeing the currents or casting off on a pastoral shore for a lazy day of fishing, the lakes, rivers, creeks and other bodies of waters across the Endless Mountains have a perfect location to fill your recreational needs all four seasons of the year!

## WATER TRAILS

### Susquehanna River North Branch Water Trail

The Endless Mountains Heritage Region proudly serves as the official Water Trail Management organization for the upper North Branch Susquehanna River Water Trail (NBSRWT). The North Branch has been designated as a National Recreation Trail of the National Park Service since 2009 and is also part of the Pennsylvania Water Trail System coordinated by the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission. This recreational trail offers kayakers, canoers, and paddlers some of the most scenic waters in the mid-Atlantic to discover and explore. [emheritage.org](http://emheritage.org)

## RIVERS & CREEKS

### Susquehanna River

From the tributaries in New York state to the Chesapeake watershed into which it empties, the mighty Susquehanna River has a rich history as a recreational and commercial artery linking towns and regions across the mid-Atlantic. Meandering through Susquehanna, Bradford, and Wyoming Counties, thanks to the efforts of conservationists and ecologists, visitors will discover almost 100 miles of clean, clear water for recreation. Boating, kayaking, canoeing, fishing, and tubing are some of the activities that visitors will enjoy along this beautiful waterway – Pennsylvania's 2016 River of the Year!

### Chemung River

Tributary of the Susquehanna River where it crosses into Pennsylvania from New York State, visitors will discover a boat launch and recreational resources near Sayre.

### Loyalsock Creek

A trout fishing fan's dream come true! Meandering along 64 miles of scenic wilderness, this popular creek was named 2018's Pennsylvania River of the Year in honor of

the wide variety of recreational activities visitors will discover. From the swimming area at Worlds End State Park to the rocky streambed filled with freshwater fish besides trout, Loyalsock Creek is a "must visit" for outdoor enthusiasts in Northeastern Pennsylvania!

### Bowman Creek

This 6-mile creek running along State Route 292 to Eatonville is highlighted by natural pools and easy rapids.

### Meshoppen Creek

This challenging 7-mile creek runs from Kaiserville to Meshoppen surrounded by a scenic course in Wyoming County.

### South Branch Tunkhannock Creek

Running from Factoryville to Dixon in Wyoming County, this 7-mile creek is one of the region's most popular whitewater runs due to the rapids it offers.

### Tunkhannock Creek

The 42-mile Tunkhannock Creek, a tributary of the Susquehanna River, runs along Route 29 through parts of Wyoming and Susquehanna counties. The creek is one of the sites used by Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission as part of their Keystone Select Stocked Trout Waters Program making it a great destination for fishing in the region.

### Lower Mehoopany Creek

The 6-mile course of this creek running from Forkston to Mehoopany offers easier rapids for navigation as it winds through this stretch of Wyoming County.

### Mehoopany Creek

Scenic spot in Wyoming County highlighted by numerous rapids along a 6 mile stretch from Stony Brook to Forkston.

### Upper Mehoopany Creek

This Wyoming County Creek is one of the Endless Mountains' best whitewater runs featuring challenging rapids and waterfalls. Recommended for experienced paddlers.



## LAKES & PONDS

### Lake Carey

The land surrounding this 182-acre lake is privately owned but this natural lake in Wyoming County is accessible to the public for recreational use.

### Lake Winola

These 185 acres in Wyoming County are composed of an eastern and western basin, separated by a peninsula entering the lake from north to south. The lake is managed by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. A public boat launch is located along the southeast corner of the lake. Motorized boats are permitted on the lake but are required to navigate counterclockwise.

### Fiddle Lake / Fiddle Lake Creek

Starting at site of the lake, the creek is a tributary of the West Branch of the Lackawanna River running through Susquehanna County. The creek runs approximately 6 miles flowing through Ararat Township, Herrick Township, and Union Dale.

### Eagles Mere Lake

A private lake that is not open to the public, those looking for an outdoor getaway can seek access through lodging partners and vacation rentals offered by realtors in the region who work in agreement with the lake association. The Eagles Mere Conservancy in town offers outdoor recreation programs that are open to the public.

### Forest Lake

Reservoir located just 5.7 miles from Montrose, in Susquehanna County where fishing enthusiasts will find a variety of fish including perch, rainbow trout, bream/bluegill and largemouth bass.

### Heart Lake

Lake in Susquehanna County also known as "Hart Lake". Fishing during season with current Pennsylvania license.

### Hunters Lake

This freshwater lake in Shrewsbury, Sullivan County, is a 117-acre impoundment owned by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and managed by the Fish and Boat Commission for public fishing and boating. The property, which includes approximately 2,000 acres of surrounding woodlands, allows only electric and non-electric engines on craft.

### Lake Jean

Part of Ricketts Glen State Park, Lake Jean offers a wide variety of activities from boating and kayaking to fishing to swimming. Boat rentals are available in season and the beach front and pavilion offer other recreational opportunities for visitors at this pristine, fresh mountain water lake.

### Lake Montrose

Reservoir outside Montrose, Susquehanna County, where pickerel, large and small mouthed bass and other local varieties can be found. Scenic spot to spend a day in the mountains casting off.

### Lake Wesauking

Located approximately four miles from Towanda in Bradford County, this picturesque fishing area is a favorite in season as a scenic spot to cast off on a beautiful day.

### Oxbow Lake

Boats are not permitted on this 60 acre lake in Wyoming County; fishing is permitted from the shore only.

### Quaker Lake

This 122-acre lake in Susquehanna County is a favorite spot for anglers looking to catch a variety of fish including Rainbow Trout.

### Shumans Lake

Sixty-acre lake in Sullivan County near State Game Lands 66, not far from Lopez.

### Bayards Pond

Reservoir located just 7 miles from Athens, in Bradford County, that plays home to a wide variety of fish along Pennsylvania's northern tier.

### Bearwallow Pond

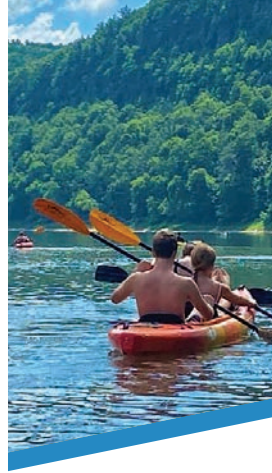
Twenty-three-acre pond in Sullivan County offering beautiful scenery and a peaceful setting for a day on the water.

### Claverack Pond

Reservoir in Bradford County near the Susquehanna River and Route 6; easy access.

### Shores Pond

Near Wysox in Bradford County, this 17-acre pond is a favorite of local fisherman. Easily accessible right off PA Route 6.

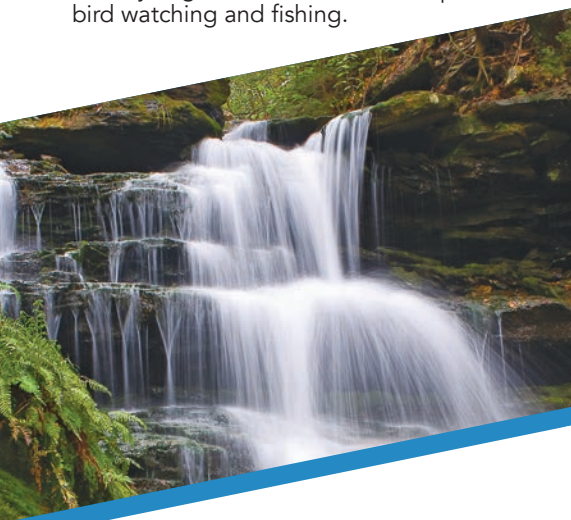


### Sones Pond

Sitting in the heart of the Loyalsock Forest, this fishing area offers restrooms, picnic facilities, and a public boat access.

### Splashdam Pond

55-acre pond in Colley Township, Sullivan County, regarded as an excellent spot for bird watching and fishing.



### Ricketts Glen State Park

The Glen Natural Area along the Falls Trail System of the Park offer hikers 21 waterfalls along the 3.2-mile hiking loop. This spectacular natural display is easily accessed from parking areas along PE Route 118 and from the Lake Jean parking areas.

### Salt Springs State Park

Visitors will discover three waterfalls in the scenic rocky gorge of the 405-acre park along the Fall Brook in this beautiful forest known for its old growth hemlock trees.

### Loyalsock Forest

#### Dry Run Falls

Close to parking and picnic areas in Loyalsock State Forest, Sullivan County, this 20-foot, two streambed waterfalls is easily accessible for visitors to enjoy.

#### Dutchman Falls

A short hike along the Loyalsock Trail in Sullivan County leads to this two-tier waterfall that naturally forms on the Loyalsock Creek.

#### Big Run Falls

A trio of roadside waterfalls in Sullivan County, easily accessible from Sullivan Falls Road.

### Boat Launches/Permits



Permits are required for boats in Pennsylvania whether for fishing or recreational paddling.

The Resources page (page 30) lists all of websites where a boater can read the rules as well as apply for temporary and permanent permits. Local outfitters can also assist with purchasing stickers.

These resources also offer the updated launch sites for the county you are visiting. Remember, violators of the rules can face fines.

In Sullivan County Launch Permits Can be purchased in the Sullivan County Treasurer's Office. 245 Muncy Street, Laporte.

## WATERFALLS

**One of the things that characterize the Endless Mountains waterways and trails is the abundance of natural waterfalls that outdoor enthusiasts will discovering the region. Some of the area's most photographic natural settings surround these waterfalls that visitors will find across Northeastern Pennsylvania!**

### Buttermilk Falls

Located near the road along PA Route 92 and Falls Road in Wyoming County. Note: Parking may be difficult at the site; best view of the falls is from a boat in the Susquehanna River.

### Double Run Falls

Located along the two-mile Double Run Hiking Trail in Forksville, Sullivan County.

### Dutchman Falls

Located near the head of the Loyalsock Trail in Sullivan County, this 25-foot waterfall is located along a path for moderate accessibility.

### Falls Creek Trail

A series of waterfalls located along Falls Creek in State Game Lands 12, Franklin Twp., Bradford County.

### Mineral Spring and Neeneha Falls

Discover a colorful natural spring and beautiful waterfall on a 3-mile hike along the Double Run, Link, and the new East Branch trails of Worlds End State Park.

### Mythical Falls/Koerber Falls

Natural falls located in State Game Lands 57, Forkston Twp., Wyoming County along Mehoopany Creek.

### Sullivan Falls

One of the largest roadside waterfalls in Sullivan County, located on State Game Lands 13.



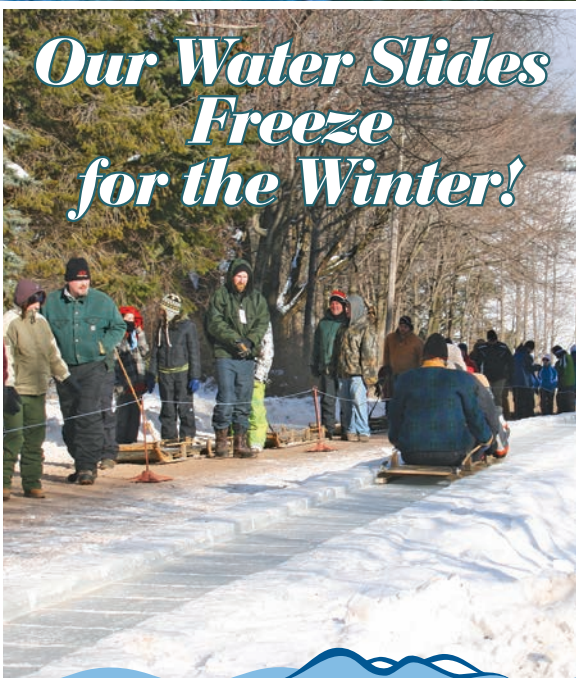
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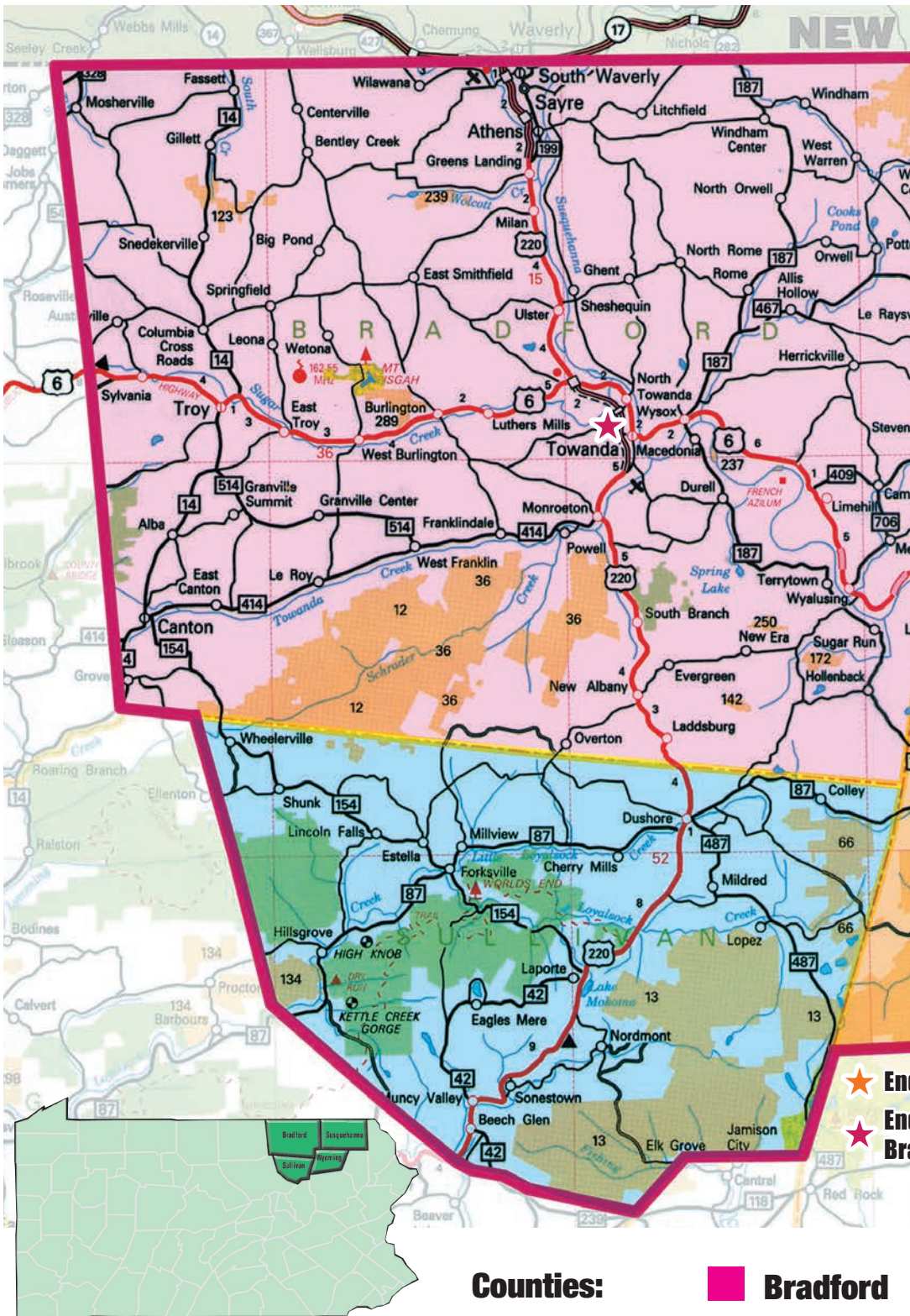


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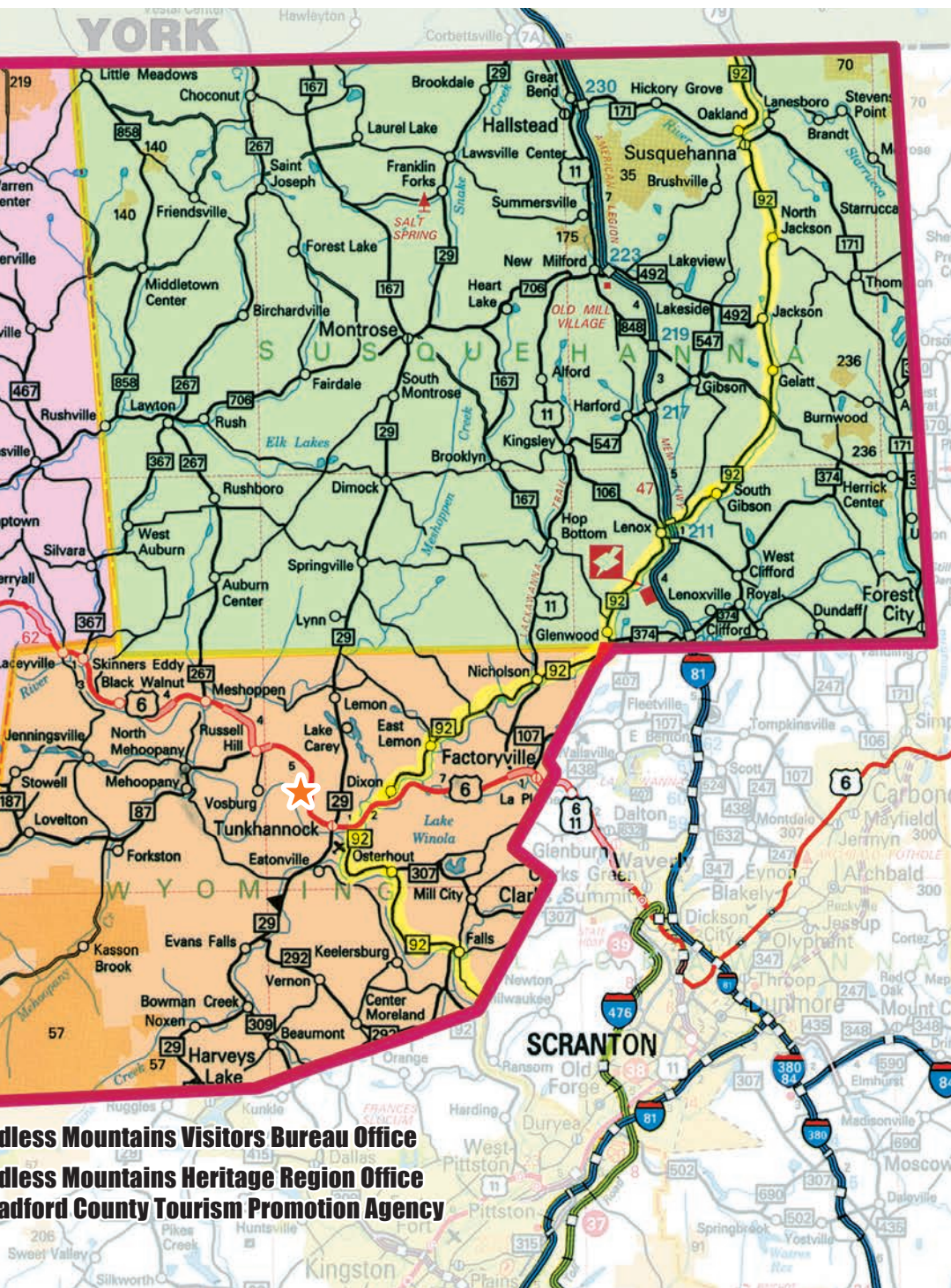
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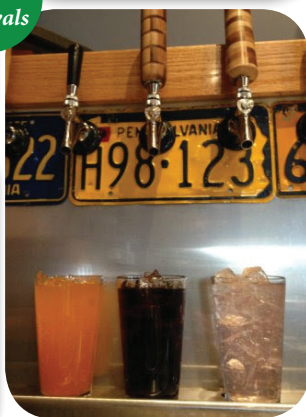
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# STATE GAME LANDS



**S**tate Game Lands throughout the region under the management of the Pennsylvania Game Commission not only offer hunters thousands of miles of prime land to pursue their sport but during off-season offer recreationalists like hikers, bikers, horseback riders, and other visitors prime untouched wilderness to enjoy throughout the year. Visitors are advised to do their research and learn the best times to visit based on their interests, and if heading out during one of Pennsylvania's gun or bow seasons to follow all guidelines as set down by the Game Commission to ensure their safety.

Game Land #	Town/Area	Acreage	Coordinates
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## Bradford County

12	Shunk	24,480 acres	41°37'18"N 76°42'47"W
3	Powell	18,870 acres	41°38'0"N 76°32'43"W
123	Bentley Creek	1,615 acres	41°54'51"N 76°46'32"W
142	Colley	369 acres	41°35'45"N 76°21'31"W
172	Colley	722 acres	41°37'22"N 76°17'11"W
219	Windham	5,619 acres	41°58'5"N 76°11'52"W
237	Wyalusing	161 acres	41°42'33"N 76°19'25"W
239	Sayre	842 acres	41°54'41"N 76°36'41"W
240	Monroeton	740 acres	41°39'48"N 76°25'23"W
250	Wyalusing	444 acres	41°38'47"N 76°19'47"W
289	East Troy	1,552 acres	41°47'2"N 76°39'32"W

## Sullivan County

12	Shunk	24,480 acres	41°37'18"N 76°42'47"W
13	Sonestown	49,528 acres	41°22'0"N 76°22'30"W
66	Lopez	8,107 acres	41°28'33"N 76°16'54"W
134*	Barbours	8,375 acres	41°25'0"N 76°46'24"W

\*(Sullivan & Lycoming Counties)

## Susquehanna County

35	Great Bend	7,772 acres	41°55'53"N 75°41'19"W
70*	Starrucca	6,363 acres	41°58'9"N 75°28'45"W
*(Susquehanna & Wayne Counties)			
140	Friendsville	1,347 acres	41°56'15"N 76°5'2"W
175	Great Bend	736 acres	41°53'19"N 75°44'42"W
236	Thompson	2,010 acres	41°46'11"N 75°31'22"W

## Wyoming County

57*	Lopez	45,986 acres	41°25'9"N 76°9'6"W
*(Wyoming & Luzerne Counties)			
66	Lopez	8,107 acres	41°28'33"N 76°16'54"



# LOCAL PARKS & RECREATION



You don't have to go deep into the forests or high atop the mountains to access the great outdoors in the Endless Mountains – closer to the small towns and byways of the four counties you will discover recreational areas galore perfect for an afternoon in the great outdoors! This list of parks, historic lands and scenic vistas offer you some immediately accessible resources to spend time having fun surrounded by the region's natural beauty.

## COUNTY PARKS & RECREATIONAL RESOURCES

### Bradford County

#### Alparon Community Park

436 Gate 1 Lane, Troy

[alparonpark.com](http://alparonpark.com)

Event space with bathrooms, campgrounds, facilities; fields & other event features.

#### Asylum Township Park

975 Old Mill Park Road, Towanda

[susquehannagreenway.org/parks-5](http://susquehannagreenway.org/parks-5)

Historic site offering river access, parking, restrooms, and picnic facilities.

#### Cook's Pond County Park

136 Cook's Pond Lane, Rome

[bradfordcountypa.org/county-parks/](http://bradfordcountypa.org/county-parks/)

Freshwater fishery with boat launch and parking.

#### French Azilum

469 Queens Road, Towanda

[thefreznazilum.com](http://thefreznazilum.com)

Historic site, museum and grounds along Susquehanna River.

#### Jim King Memorial Park

556 Glen Valley Road, Athens

[athenstownship.org/townParks](http://athenstownship.org/townParks)

Baseball, basketball, volleyball areas, pavilion, walking trails and playground.

#### Lamb's Lookout Park

500 Lamb's Lookout Lane, Canton

[visitbradfordcounty.com](http://visitbradfordcounty.com)

Scenic vista with trails as well as picnic and parking area.



#### Larnard-Hornbrook County Park

1241 Hornbrook Road, Towanda

[bradfordcountypa.org/county-parks](http://bradfordcountypa.org/county-parks)

Camping, recreational fields, pavilions and trails along the Susquehanna River.

#### Mt. Pisgah County Park

2181 Wilcox Drive, Troy

[bradfordcountypa.org/county-parks](http://bradfordcountypa.org/county-parks)

Hiking trails, pavilions, primitive camping, rest facilities and scenic vistas.

#### Round Top Park Recreation Area

1717 RoundTop Road, Athens

[athenstownship.org/townParks](http://athenstownship.org/townParks)

Fishing, hunting, hiking, off road trail, sledding, playground and pavilion.

#### Sunfish Pond County Park

1060 Sunfish Pond Road, Canton

[visitbradfordcounty.com](http://visitbradfordcounty.com)

Fishing, boat launch (electric motor), camping, snowmobile trail (seasonal), pavilion and park.

## Wyoming County

### Christy Matthewson Park

18-19, Thompson Road, Factoryville  
[factoryville.org/community/christy-mathewson-park](http://factoryville.org/community/christy-mathewson-park)  
Baseball field, basketball courts, walking trail and pavilion.

### Lazybrook Park

2 Lazybrook Road, Tunkhannock  
[tunkhannocktp.org/lazybrook-park](http://tunkhannocktp.org/lazybrook-park)  
Park with pavilions, playground and trails off historic Route 6 East

### Riverside Park

112b River Street, Tunkhannock  
[discovernepa.com/thing-to-do/riverside-park/](http://discovernepa.com/thing-to-do/riverside-park/)  
Playground, sports fields and recreational areas on the Susquehanna River.

## Susquehanna County

### Clifford Township Park

119 Cemetery Street, Clifford  
[cliffordtownship.org](http://cliffordtownship.org)  
Walking trail through park and woods, playground, fields, children's garden and historic site.

### Frank J. Reddin Park

Prospect Street, Susquehanna  
[susquehannaborough.com](http://susquehannaborough.com)  
Community park with sports fields and fitness course.

### Herrick Township Community Park

State Route 374, Herrick Center  
Outdoor recreations and fields with children's play area.

### Kennedy Park

Dundaff Street, Forest City  
Outdoor sports fields and courts, pavilion, pond and children's play area.

### Lucianna Park

Depot Street, Susquehanna  
[lanesboropa.com/viaduct.html](http://lanesboropa.com/viaduct.html)  
Recreational park at the site of the historic Starucca Viaduct.

### Nordahl Park

16 Oak Street, Nicholson  
Family friendly park for recreational activities and outdoor fun.

## Sullivan County

### Cosgrove Memorial Community Park

Cherry Street, Laporte  
Outdoor recreation and winter ice rink

### Dushore Park

114 N. German Street, Dushore  
[dushorepa.gov](http://dushorepa.gov)  
Recreational fields, baseball, tennis and more in the heart of town.

### Eagles Mere Conservancy

Conservancy Cabin, Eagles Mere  
[eaglesmereconservancy.org](http://eaglesmereconservancy.org)  
Trails, outdoor area surrounding a private lake. Check website for details.

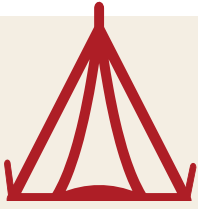
### Forksville Borough Community Park

Main Street, Forksville  
Outdoor recreational area with basketball court, soccer field and pavilion.





# CAMPING & CAMPGROUNDS



**S**leeping outdoors in the Endless Mountains offers outdoor adventurers a heavenly canopy of starlight made brighter by the lack of urban ambient light from cities and towns. From primitive spaces reliant upon only natural resources to full service hook up sites, campers will discover a wide variety of options to consider when planning their visit.

## STATE PARKS & FORESTS

The Pennsylvania State Park System operates state managed campsites and cabins at the major parks and recreation regions in the Endless Mountains. Refer to the State Park list on page 4-6 for contact information for these sites.

Reservations can be made online through the DCNR website at [pennsylvaniastateparks.reserveamerica.com/welcome.do](http://pennsylvaniastateparks.reserveamerica.com/welcome.do) or by calling toll-free 888-PA-PARKS (888-727-2757), 7:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Monday to Saturday.



## PRIVATE CAMPGROUNDS

### Bradford County

#### Alparon Park

436 Gate 1 Lane, Troy  
(570) 297-3648  
[alparonpark.com](http://alparonpark.com)

#### Alpine Meadow Lakes Campground

PO Box 85, Leisure Lakes Road, LeRaysville  
(570) 746-3742  
[alpinemeadowlakescampground.com](http://alpinemeadowlakescampground.com)

#### Armenia Mountain Campground

829 Mountain Avenue, Troy  
(570) 297-3149

### Camping at Grovedale Winery

71 Grovedale Lane, Wyalusing  
(570) 746-1400  
[grovedalewinery.com](http://grovedalewinery.com)

### Pine Cradle Lake Campground

220 Shoemaker Road, Rome  
(570) 247-2424  
[pclake.com](http://pclake.com)

### Riverside Acres Campground

976 Echo Beach Road, Towanda  
(570) 265-3235  
[riversideacres.com/index.html](http://riversideacres.com/index.html)

## Sullivan County

### Almost Heaven Campground

Pardoe Rd, Forksville  
(570) 924-3458

### Buttermilk Falls Campground

11364 Ellenton Mountain Rd, Shunk  
(570) 924-3427  
[buttermilkfallscampground.com](http://buttermilkfallscampground.com)

### Pioneer Campground

307 Pioneer Trail, Muncy Valley  
(570) 946-9971  
[pioneercampground.com](http://pioneercampground.com)

### Rocky Valley Campground

7482 Route 87 # 1, Dushore  
(570) 924-3549

## Susquehanna County

### The Camp at East Lake

3033 East Lake Road, New Milford  
(570) 465-2267  
[campingateastlake.com](http://campingateastlake.com)

### Funny Farm Lodging

2479 Bennett Rd., Hop Bottom  
(570) 357-3557  
[funnyfarmlodgings.com](http://funnyfarmlodgings.com)

### **Shady Rest Campground**

2684 SR 2067, Union Dale  
(570) 222-2365  
shadyrestcampgroundpa.com

### **Shore Forest Campground**

121 The Driveway, Hop Bottom  
(570) 289-4666  
shoreforestcampground.com

## **Wyoming County**

### **Cozy Creek Family Campground**

30 Vacation Ln., Tunkhannock  
(570) 836-4122  
northeastpacamping.com

### **Endless Mountain Campground**

255 Catfish Ln., Laceyville  
(570) 869-2580  
EndlessMountainCampground.com

### **Highland Campground**

105 Whispering Winds Ln., Dalton  
(570) 586-0145  
highlandcampgrounds.com

### **Rock Mountain Bible Camp & Family Campground**

1156 Rock Mountain Dr., South Gibson  
(570) 756-2200 / (800) 458-8260  
rockmountainbiblecamp.org



### **Slumber Valley Campground**

248 Meshoppen Creek Rd., Meshoppen  
(570) 833-5208  
slumbervalley.com

### **Stony Mountain Family Campground**

644 Stony Mountain Rd., Tunkhannock  
(570) 836-1997  
stonymtcampground.com

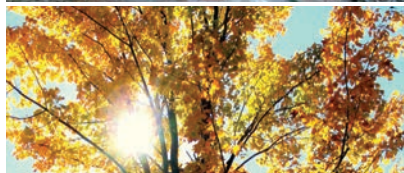
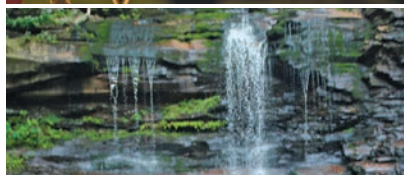
### **Susquehanna Shores Campground**

121 Susquehanna Beach Rd., Falls  
(570) 388-6921  
susquehannashorescg.com

# **Susquehanna County**

The 832 square miles of Susquehanna County bordering New York state feature some of the highest altitudes in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Home to one of the state's most popular winter recreation areas, Elk Mountain Ski Resort, the county's trails, parks, and forests offer outdoor recreation fans access to hundreds of miles of lands all four seasons of the year. The Susquehanna River in this county boasts excellent waters for fishing and paddling making it a destination unto itself.

Small towns like Montrose and Hallstead offer lodging, dining, and shopping areas as well as many craft breweries who use the rich agricultural product of the region to create their award winning recipes. Annual fairs, festivals and events offer excellent down time entertainment after a day on the trails or river!



# A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO SOFT ADVENTURE



The Endless Mountains are a wonderful destination to beat the “fear factor” and to learn a new skill of activity. Too often, the intimidation factor is the biggest obstacle preventing people from trying to learn a new activity. For some, mobility issues and safety concerns prevent them from getting out to discover the great outdoors. But whether it be taking a walk along a trail, getting out on the water in a kayak or picking up binoculars and heading out to the river lands to patiently observe a nest of eagles, the Endless Mountains offer a wide variety of resources for novice adventurers to take the first steps on a new path to connect with nature. This list of ideas highlights some of the region’s resources perfect for novice adventurers.

## Bradford County

### Eastside Riverfront Park

Enjoy a scenic walking path along the Susquehanna River in the heart of Towanda as you enjoy a leisurely “at your own pace” stroll through the historic county seat of Bradford County.

### Kayaking at Mt. Pisgah State Park

Learn the leisurely art of kayaking with a rental/lessons by the guides from Endless Mountains Outfitters who will get you out on the scenic water for a relaxing day of paddling at your own pace!

## Sullivan County

### Eagles Mere Conservancy

Take a walk along the beautiful trails or register for one of the many outdoor education programs the group offers throughout the year.

### Loyalsock Forest & PA Parks

Northeast PA Audubon society schedules events like hikes and walks to observe native and migratory species who make their home in the region. Look for events set in Sullivan Counties parks and forests and join the fun!

## Susquehanna County

### Salt Springs State Park

The Friends of Salt Springs State Park offer programming throughout the year to offer outdoor enthusiasts’ opportunities to discover new activities and to learn about the natural wonders of this beautiful park.

*If you can dream it, you can do it.*  
— Walt Disney



### D & H Rail-Trail

This popular trail is a great place for a stroll, an easy bike ride or for a fitness hike that immerses you body and soul to the timeless beauty of the region as you make your way at your own pace.

## Wyoming County

### Susquehanna River

Let the team at Susquehanna Canoe & Kayak teach you the technique to spend a leisurely day on the region’s beautiful Susquehanna River! Themed tours are offered during the season including the popular wine tasting tour.

### Trails at Keystone College

The trails on Keystone Campus are a wonderful destination for an easy walk or hike on the beautiful college campus in LaPlume.

### Howland Preserve

Trails and wooded areas along the Susquehanna River at the preserve offer easy paths to navigate and the chance to see local wildlife including bald eagles who make their nests along the river.



# THE D&H Rail-Trail

**D**uring the height of the Industrial Revolution across the mining and manufacturing towns of Northeastern Pennsylvania, the Delaware & Hudson Railroad traveled through the towns of the region from Carbondale to the New York state border moving goods and materials along the route. Today, the D & H Rail-Trail uses that historic 38-mile section to offer recreational users one of the region's premiere resources. Running through the small towns of Forest City, Union Dale, Herrick Center, Burnwood, Ararat, Thompson, Starrucca, Stevens Point, and Lanesboro, the trail offers hikers, bicyclists, runners, cross country skiers and horseback riders a well-maintained course that offers beautiful scenery along the way.

ATVs and dirt bikes are not permitted on the trail while snowmobiles require a trail pass for use. (More information at [www.nepsnotrails.snowclubs.com](http://www.nepsnotrails.snowclubs.com)). The trail is open for public use each day from dawn to dusk, closed at sunset. Permission is required to be on or along the trail after dark for hikers and other recreational users. The trail is approximately 80 feet wide in most places, users are asked to stay on the trail as much of the adjoining acreage is private property. Portable rest stations are maintained along the trail at the Forest City and Union Dale trailheads from May through November.

The D & H Rail-Trail offers plenty of opportunities to spend time pursuing your favorite activities while enjoying the beauty of the four seasons in this region. A walk along the trail during autumn is one of the best ways to celebrate Fall Foliage in the Endless Mountains. The D & H Rail-Trail offers visitors a destination to enjoy recreational activities, discover a part of local history, as well as an opportunity to visit some of the small towns connected by this wonderful resource.

**Rail-Trail Council of  
Northeastern Pennsylvania**  
PO Box 32, Union Dale, PA 18470  
Phone - (570) 679-9300  
Email - [trails@nep.net](mailto:trails@nep.net)  
Website - [neparailtrails.org](http://neparailtrails.org)



# HIGH OCTANE ADVENTURE



Some outdoor adventurers love the thrill of adrenaline blasting through their system as they pursue their favorite outdoor activities. Certain activities in the Endless Mountains lend themselves to the sportsmen and women who like their action a little higher paced. Here are a few resources that will appeal to the weekend warrior in you!

## **Burke's Gun Shop & Indoor Shooting Range**

Target practice and weapons training  
138 Trail Rd., Meshoppen  
(570) 869-1119  
[burkesgunshop.com](http://burkesgunshop.com)

## **Eagles Mere Toboggan Run**

Weather permitting, this winter ice run on the lake offers the thrill of a lifetime!  
Eagles Mere Lake, Eagles Mere  
(570) 525-3244  
[eaglesmeretobogganslide.com](http://eaglesmeretobogganslide.com)

## **Elk Mountain Ski Resort**

Highest altitude slopes in Pennsylvania; Slalom Trail; Terrain Park  
344 Elk Mountain Rd., Union Dale  
(570) 679-4400; Ski Conditions 1-800-233-4131  
[elkskier.com](http://elkskier.com)

## **EMR Event Park**

Paintball, camping and outdoor fun for individuals or groups  
577 Wolf's Lair Rd., New Milford  
(570) 465-9622  
[emreventpark.com](http://emreventpark.com)

## **Ricketts Glen State Park – Winter Waterfall Ice Hiking Excursions**

Winter hiking for serious hikers and climbers!  
695 State Route 487, Benton  
(215) 543-6171  
[valleytosummit.com](http://valleytosummit.com)

## **Rock Mountain Sporting Clays**

Clay shooting; site of the annual Pennsylvania Sporting Clays Championships  
674 Leon Mitchell Rd., Springville  
(570) 965-7625  
[rockmountainclays.com](http://rockmountainclays.com)

## Wyoming County

Wyoming County formed in 1842 takes its name from an indigenous Delaware native word meaning "land of vast plains". This description refers to the lush lands along the Susquehanna River from which the recreational mountains arise making for some of the most beautiful topography in Pennsylvania. Home to parks, trails, campgrounds, and easy river access areas, outdoor lovers flock to the county each year for vacation and outdoor getaways.

Award winning hotels, campgrounds, and inns in the county offer lodging options within minutes from the county recreation areas and local attractions. Two popular golf courses along historic Route 6 combined with the services of local outfitters add to the wide variety of options outdoor recreation fans can look forward to discovering on a visit to Wyoming County.





# OUTFITTERS & GUIDES



The proper gear, knowledge from local experts and recommendations from local sportsmen and guides can make all the difference when embarking out on an outdoor adventure to a new destination. Here in the Endless Mountains, several established outfitters and guides are waiting to help you navigate your way through the region's parks, trails, and waterways. No matter what your activity, our local experts are standing by to assist!

## Bradford County

### Endless Mountains Outfitters

Canoe & kayak rental service  
7474 PA-187, Sugar Run  
(570) 746-9140  
emo444.com

### Rutt'N Bucks Outfitters

Gun shop, hunting equipment  
13150 Rt 187, Wyalusing  
(570) 746-1110  
ruttnbucksoutfitters.com

## Sullivan County

### Valley to Summit

Wilderness adventure company that facilitates rock climbing, rappelling, recreational kayaking, winter waterfall ice hikes, and snowshoeing trips  
695 State Route 487, Benton  
(215) 543-6171  
valleytosummit.com

## Susquehanna County

### EMR Event Park

Facilitates group outdoor adventure, paintball, and other activities  
577 Wolf's Lair Rd., New Milford  
(570) 465-9622  
emreventpark.com

## Wyoming County

### Al's Susquehanna Guide Service

Fishing and river guide service  
101 Cherry St., Dunmore  
(570) 241-2211  
alssusquehannaguideservice.com

### Susquehanna Kayak & Canoe Rentals

Equipment rentals, river trip guide services  
2374 Sullivan's Trail, Falls  
(570) 388-6107  
kayaktheriver.com



# REGIONAL PRESERVES & BIRDWATCHING VENUES



**P**reserves are lands curated and managed by groups and organizations committed to the ongoing care and cultivation of the natural flora and fauna of a geographic region. The Endless Mountains is home to a wide variety of preserves, forests and wetlands that offer access to these recreational lands specifically set aside for conservation and recreation. Taking a hike, watching birds in their natural habitats, or discovering indigenous plants and animals are all ways to connect with the great outdoors when you visit our area's preserves.

## Sullivan County

### Mokoma Conservancy

Lake Road, Laporte  
mokomaconservancy.com  
Beautiful 243-acre wooded area, key to conservation of the watershed of Mokoma Lake, offers educational and recreational opportunities in Sullivan County.

## Susquehanna County

### Florence Shelly Preserve

Route 171, Thompson  
nature.org  
The 357-acre Florence Shelly Preserve boasts fields, woodlands, a stream, and a glacial pond surrounded by a floating bog. Property features 2 1/2 miles of trail.

### Woodbourne Forest & Wildlife Preserve

8500 PA Route 29, Montrose  
nature.org  
Protected area managed by The Nature Conservancy covering 648 acres. The preserve contains old fields, meadows, creeks, bogs, and forests that are home to a wide variety of animals

## Wyoming County

### Davis Crossing Preserve

274 Erhardt Rd., Dalton  
countrysideconservancy.org  
61-acre property in Overfield Township, Wyoming County, is partly wooded and partly wetlands, featuring heavy beaver activity. Located along Erhardt Road between Factoryville Sportsman's Club and Lake Winola.

### Howland Preserve

Vosburg Road, Tunkhannock  
nblt.org  
A 669-acre property which features include almost two miles of riparian forest along the Susquehanna River, mature conifer plantations, and mixed forests

### Little Rocky Glen Preserve

State Rte 2012, Factoryville  
countrysideconservancy.org  
26-acre property highlighted by a sandstone gorge on the South Branch of the Tunkhannock Creek in Clinton Township, Wyoming County. Hemlock-clad slopes rise to either side of the gorge making it a popular fishing and picnicking spot. Open to the public dawn to dusk, April to November.





# BIRDWATCHING LOCATIONS ACROSS THE ENDLESS MOUNTAINS

(From PA Game Commission &  
Northeast PA Audubon Society sources)

Seasoned bird watchers will recommend two tips to those new the hobby – get a good set of binoculars and have patience! These spots across the region have all been specifically mentioned as spots to observe native and migratory birds in the Endless Mountains:

## Bradford County

Sunfish Pond and State Game Lands 12

## Sullivan County

Eagles Mere and Loyalsock State Forest

## Susquehanna County

Florence Shelly Preserve  
Salt Springs State Park  
Woodbourne Forest & Wildlife Preserve

## Wyoming County

Howland Preserve

## Susquehanna River

(all locations, especially to see migratory  
birds who follow river currents for navigation)

[nepaaudubon.org](http://nepaaudubon.org)

[pgc.pa.gov/Wildlife/Birding/](http://pgc.pa.gov/Wildlife/Birding/)



# BIRD WATCHING



A pair of binoculars, camera and patience are all you need to get you started on one of the outdoors fastest growing past times – bird watching.

Bird watching is a marvelous way to enjoy the outdoors, and the Endless Mountains offer countless locations to observe both native and migratory species throughout the year. In addition to the forests and mountains where game birds, hawks and eagles can be discovered, water adjacent wetlands across all four counties play home to waterfowl and songbirds. According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, about 50 million Americans are avid bird watchers, many of whom are tourists who travel to different places to observe the native species of a particular region.

The variety of birds you will discover in the Endless Mountains is a large one – from robins and sparrows to brown hawks and eagles. The Northeast Pennsylvania Audubon Chapter website offers a comprehensive listing of birds' native to the area – Northeast PA Audubon Bird Identification Page. Local organizations like the Friends of Salt Springs State Park and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources offer educational programs throughout the year, as do local conservancies.

# KNOW BEFORE YOU GO



**W**hen looking to plan your outdoor adventure to the Endless Mountains, the Endless Mountains Heritage Region, Endless Mountains Visitors Bureau and Bradford County Tourism Promotion Agency are full-service visitor information bureaus whose mission is to assist visitors and travel planners. In addition to websites, calendars of events and itinerary planning services, the agencies all offer free materials like guides and maps to assist visitors discover the region's attractions and communities.

The following state websites can answer questions that outdoor enthusiasts will want to research to make sure they are properly licensed, advised, and informed when planning an outdoor adventure in the Endless Mountains.



**PGC.PA.gov**



**FishAndBoat.com**



**DCNR.PA.gov**

## HUNTING

Pennsylvania Game Commission  
[pgc.pa.gov](http://pgc.pa.gov)

Pennsylvania Game Commission  
Seasons & Limits  
[pgc.pa.gov/HuntTrap/Law/Pages/SeasonsandBagLimits.aspx](http://pgc.pa.gov/HuntTrap/Law/Pages/SeasonsandBagLimits.aspx)

PA Hunting & Trapping digest (online)  
[read.nxtbook.com/pgc/huntingtrapping/20202021/cover.html](http://read.nxtbook.com/pgc/huntingtrapping/20202021/cover.html)

Pennsylvania Hunter/Trapper  
Education & Safety  
[pgc.pa.gov/HuntTrap/Hunter-TrapperEducation/Pages/default.aspx](http://pgc.pa.gov/HuntTrap/Hunter-TrapperEducation/Pages/default.aspx)

Purple Paint Law  
[pgc.pa.gov/HuntTrap/Law/Pages/Purple-Paint-Law.aspx](http://pgc.pa.gov/HuntTrap/Law/Pages/Purple-Paint-Law.aspx)

## FISHING

Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission  
[fishandboat.com/Pages/default.aspx](http://fishandboat.com/Pages/default.aspx)

Pennsylvania Fishing Licenses  
[fishandboat.com/Fish/FishingLicense/Pages/BuyAFishingLicense.aspx](http://fishandboat.com/Fish/FishingLicense/Pages/BuyAFishingLicense.aspx)

## BOATING

Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission  
[fishandboat.com/Pages/default.aspx](http://fishandboat.com/Pages/default.aspx)



Pennsylvania Boating Regulations  
[fishandboat.com/Boat/BoatingRegulations/Pages/default.aspx](http://fishandboat.com/Boat/BoatingRegulations/Pages/default.aspx)

Register a Boat in Pennsylvania  
[fishandboat.com/Boat/RegisterTitle/Pages/default.aspx](http://fishandboat.com/Boat/RegisterTitle/Pages/default.aspx)

Life Jacket Requirements  
[fishandboat.com/Boat/BoatingRegulations/Pages/PersonalFlotationDevicesPFD.aspx](http://fishandboat.com/Boat/BoatingRegulations/Pages/PersonalFlotationDevicesPFD.aspx)

## HIKING & CAMPING

State Park Hiking Information  
[dcnr.pa.gov/Recreation/WhatToDo/Hiking/Pages/default.aspx](http://dcnr.pa.gov/Recreation/WhatToDo/Hiking/Pages/default.aspx)

State Park Camping Information  
[dcnr.pa.gov/Recreation/WhatToDo/StayOvernight/RVandTentCampsites/Pages/default.aspx](http://dcnr.pa.gov/Recreation/WhatToDo/StayOvernight/RVandTentCampsites/Pages/default.aspx)



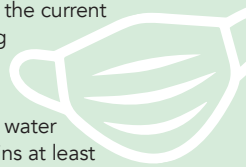
# BE PREPARED

**B**orrowing a recommendation from all the scout's manuals, it is always best to "be prepared" when embarking on an outdoor trip or adventure. Though the mountains and waterways of the Endless Mountains are unsurpassed for their scenic beauty, like all expansive outdoor regions certain precautions and tips bear consideration to make sure your visit is as safe and as worry-free as possible.

## COVID-19

As this Outdoor Recreation Guide is being prepared for publication in late 2020, the past year has seen the unprecedented outbreak of the COVID-19 affect the way we navigated not only our region, but our contact with the entire world. Moving forward, vaccines and other measures are steps are being implemented that will help us mitigate the spread of this virus. Points to consider when planning your visit include:

- Staying up to date on recommendations as set forth by the Pennsylvania Department of Health as you plan your visit and staying up to date while in the region. You can access the current guidelines and recommendations at the website [www.health.pa.gov](http://www.health.pa.gov) or by calling 1-877-PA HEALTH.
- Wear cloth masks; maintain social distancing protocols where necessary.
- Wash hands frequently with hot soapy water for at least 20 seconds; If soap and water are not readily available, you can use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol.
- Comply with lodging, campground, and rental property rules and guidelines as directed.



## TICKS & TICK-BORNE ILLNESS

The Pennsylvania deer population as well as other wildlife carry with them ticks, the insects who transmit and spread the debilitating Lyme Disease that has been on the rise over the last two decades. Some simple precautions when spending time in wooded or grassy regions will ensure you can avoid any possible exposure:

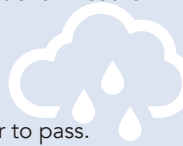
- Treat clothing and gear with products containing 0.5% permethrin. Use Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered insect repellents containing DEET, picaridin, IR3535, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus (OLE), para-menthane-diol (PMD) or 2-undecanone.
- Check clothing, gear, and pets for ticks after going indoors. Helpful Tip: Run a lint roller over clothing after being in woods and grasses.
- Shower within 2 hours of being outdoors making sure to check your entire body for ticks and immediately remove any that you find. Tips for removing a tick can be found on the Department of Health website [health.pa.gov](http://health.pa.gov).

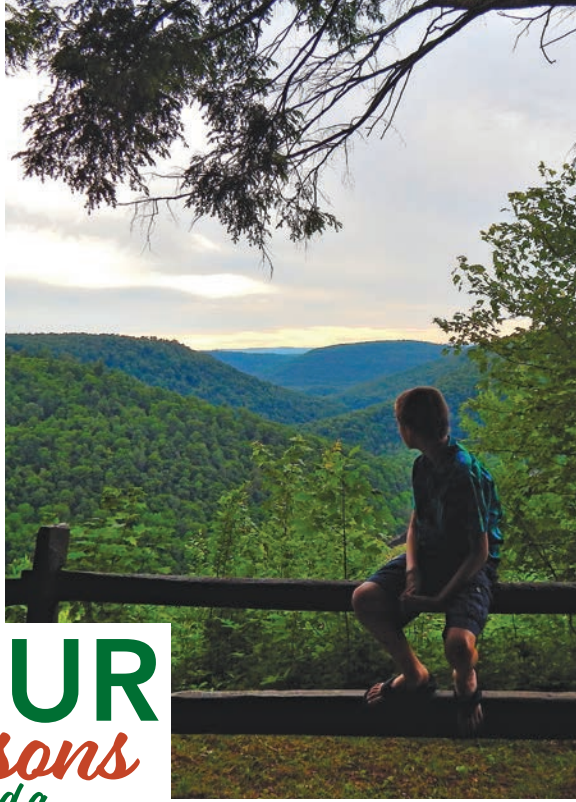


## WEATHER

Northeastern Pennsylvania's location directly south of the Great Lakes air currents and due west of the Atlantic Ocean's Gulf Stream, mean that at various times of the year, atmospheric conditions allow for rapid changes to the seasonal weather patterns. Winter can bring unexpected squalls and sleet making for treacherous driving, while summer storms and spring rains can produce damaging winds and lightning. A few recommendations are offered to keep you one step ahead of sudden changes:

- Before heading out for a day of activity, check the current conditions being broadcast by local media and weather reporting agencies. Apps like The Weather Channel, The National Weather Service and the local Eyewitness News Weather Alert app that covers all four counties of the Endless Mountains offer up to the minute changes and alerts.
- Look for stone formations and safe structures along trails and byways as conditions begin changing. Do not seek shelter under a tree in a thunderstorm but opt instead for low to the ground shelters and overhangs to allow the danger to pass.
- Plan for changes in the weather when packing. Nights can grow colder in the mountains in spring and summer when conditions permit; pack a jacket or sweatshirt even in warm weather.





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