

## ABBOT HOLLOW TRAIL

1.7 MILES

Blue blazes, more difficult hiking. Located at Parker Dam State Park. Explore a wilderness valley devastated by a tornado in 1985, then salvage-logged in 1986. The varying habitats caused by the blowdown, the logging roads, gas-well sites and beaver dams give the hiker many opportunities to view diverse wildlife.

## BEAVER DAM TRAIL

2.3 MILES

Blue blazes, easiest hiking. This trail is located at Parker Dam State Park. It is a loop that follows an old railroad grade. Early mornings are the best time to hike this trail if you are interested in active beaver dams.

## BEAVER MEADOW TRAIL

2 MILES

This trail is located near the Shower's Field in DuBois. It travels through the Big Beaver Meadow, an important corridor for the Seneca Indians. There is a place for your four-legged friends to play, and you can easily access the DuBois Mall and nearby restaurants.

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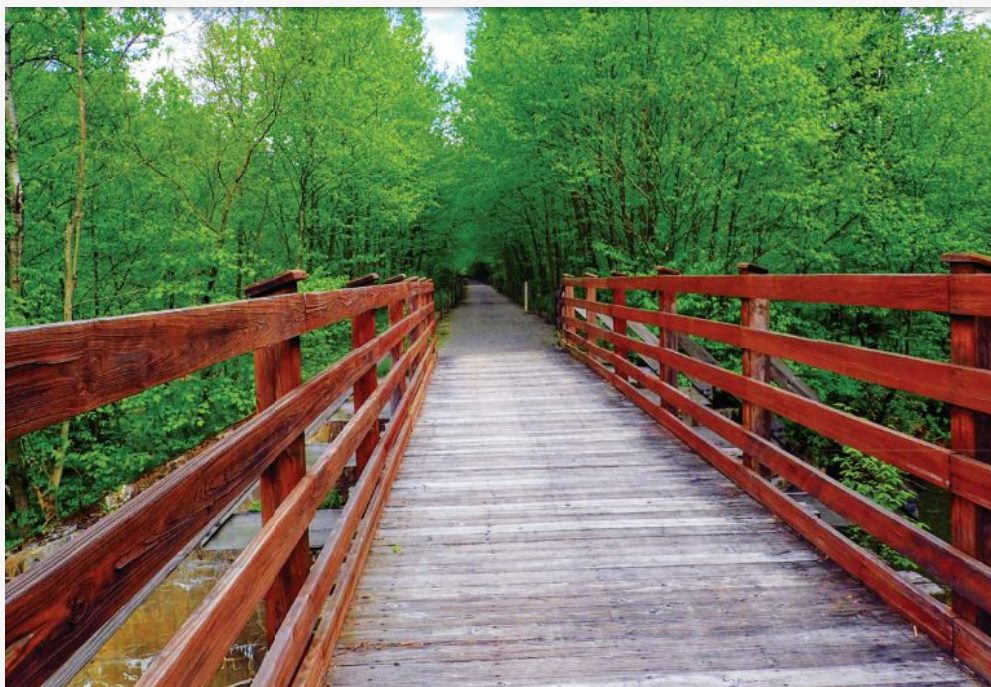
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## LAUREL RUN TRAIL

1 MILE

Yellow blazes, more difficult hiking. Located at Parker Dam State Park.

Long used by fishermen and more recently by loggers, this trail starts near the campground bridge, follows Laurel Run and winds through the tornado blowdown area.

## LOG SLIDE TRAIL

0.5 MILES

Orange blazes, easiest hiking. Located at Parker Dam State Park.

By the trailhead is an authentic reproduction of a log slide, used in the 1870s to haul logs out of the forest. A display shows other logging tools. Look along the trail for places where the Civilian Conservation Corps cut stone in the 1930s to build Parker Dam. The trail connects with Stumpfield Trail via a pipeline and is part of the Quehanna Trail, which is blazed in orange.

## MOOSE CREEK

5 MILES

From Rt. 322/153 at the base of Rockton Mt. to Rt. 153, take Moose Creek Road past the water dam. Some quite steep to gentle rolling for 2.5 miles on pavement turns to smooth dirt, still gentle rolling. Turn left onto Dubeck Road, which becomes steep again. Continue to 153.

## QUEHANNA HIGHWAY

Go past DOC Boot Camp for several miles to Game Commission parking lot on the left. From here, you can run either left or right. It is a very intense run, much steeper than it looks, on pavement that is kept very clean in the winter. The road is well marked with mile markers. Lots of wild game can be seen here; deer and elk frequent the area.

## QUEHANNA TRAIL

7.3 MILES

Orange blazes, most difficult hiking. This trail travels from the park through the Quehanna Wild Area. The backpack trail loops range from one to seven days. Only experienced hikers should use these wilderness trails. The main trail is blazed in orange. Connector trails are blazed in yellow. This trail runs through some of the most wild and beautiful country Pennsylvania has to offer. You will pass some of the most scenic features in the region while hiking this trail. It is likely you will share the trail with the majestic Pennsylvania elk.

## SKUNK TRAIL

1.4 MILES

Blue blazes, easiest hiking. Located at Parker Dam State Park. This trail winds through hardwood trees. It connects Souders Trail with Mud Run Road.

## SNOW TRAIL

1.6 MILES

Blue blazes and orange diamonds, easiest hiking. Located at Parker Dam State Park. The trail starts on Beaver Dam Trail and

connects with Moose Grade Road. It is popular with snowmobilers, hunters and cross-country skiers. Snow Trail offers a pleasant hike in the wilderness.

## SNOW SHOE RAIL TRAIL

18.6 MILES

Access this trail at the Clearfield County-Centre County line off the Kylertown exit along Interstate 80. This trail is smooth in places and has rough gravel in others. You will cross a viaduct bridge. The scenery includes amazing vistas, and the trail runs along the old Beech Creek Railroad. Beware of motorized vehicles.

## SOUDER'S TRAIL

0.75 MILES

You can access this trail at Parker Dam State Park. It is a scenic loop that features Laurel Run Creek. This trail connects to the Skunk Trail.

## SPURLINE TRAIL

3.5 MILES

Orange or blue blazes and blue diamonds, more difficult hiking. Start beyond Montgomery Field on Fairview Road and follow the old railroad spur used from 1910 to 1913 to log the area.

## STATE GAME LAND 77

3 MILES

A designated route on Slab Run Road and spurs from the gate off Game Lands (T402) to the dead end.

## STATE GAME LAND 78

1.3 MILES

A designated route along the main administrative road from the gate off SR 1009 to the dead end.

## STATE GAME LAND 87

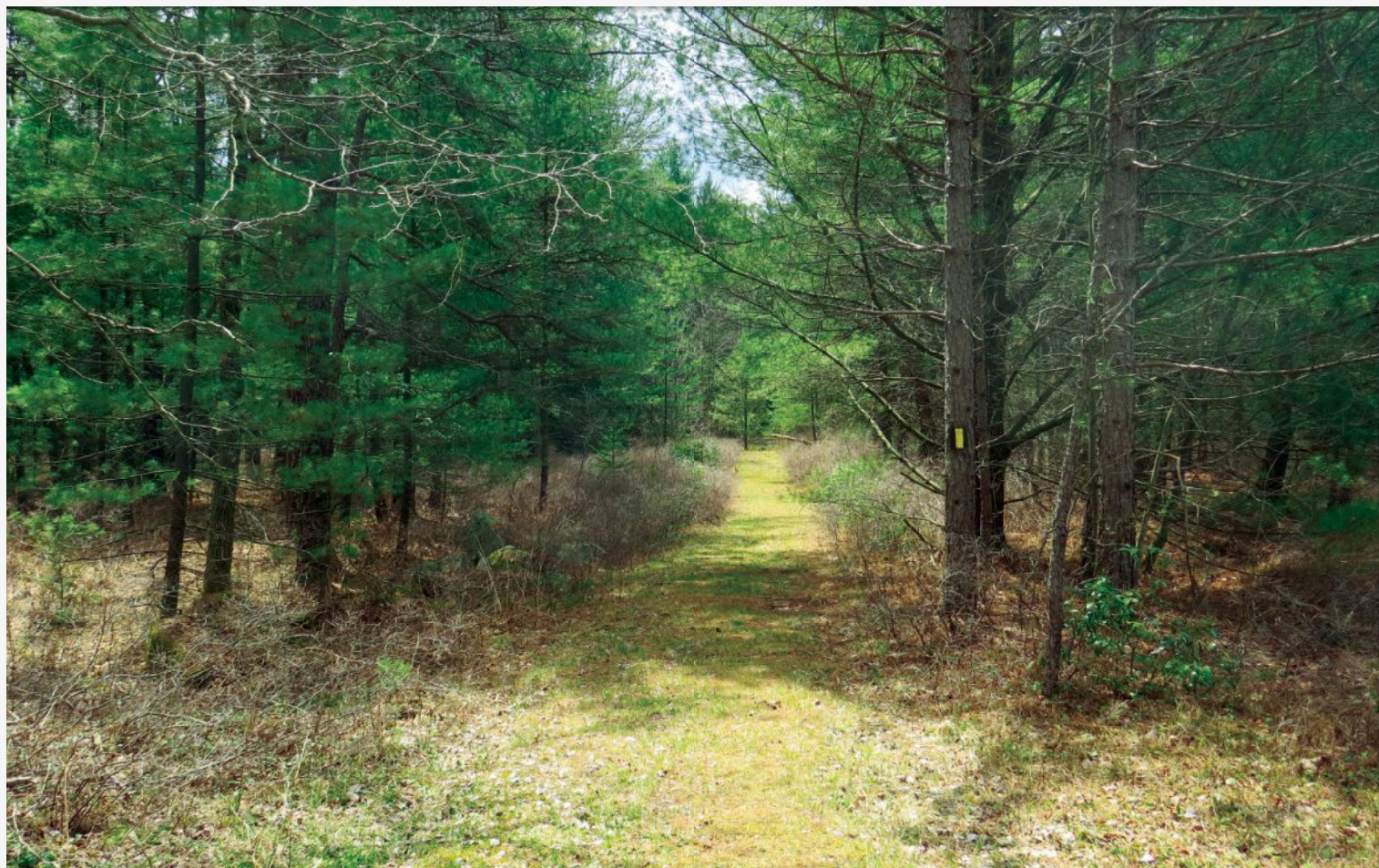
2.5 MILES

A designated route from gate-to-gate on Curry Run Road and the dead-end spur on Beech Run Road.

## STATE GAME LAND 93

8 MILES

A designated route from the main entrance off South Continental Divide Road across South Bennett Branch to the Winterburn gate and to the Sabula gate, including the spur road to the Home Camp Road gate.



## STATE GAME LAND 94

1.7 AND 1.5 MILES

There are two trails on this Game Land. The 1.7-mile route is a designated route on Roberts Run Road west from the main parking lot off Chestnut Ridge Road to the dead end at Trout Run Road. The 1.5-mile route is a designated route from the main parking lot off Chestnut Ridge Road to the dead end at the south gate.

## STATE GAME LAND 321

10 MILES

All main roads and spurs on this Game Land are considered designated routes and are posted accordingly.

## STUMPFIELD TRAIL

0.5 MILES

Yellow blazes, easiest hiking. Located at Parker Dam State Park.

Begin at the campground amphitheater and traverse a meadow that was once a forest of pine and hemlock. Look for large stumps left from logging at the turn of the 20th century. Stunted trees and thick shrubs are evidence of repeated wildfires that destroyed topsoil and slowed forest regrowth. This trail connects with Log Slide Trail via a pipeline.

## SULLIVAN RIDGE TRAIL

1.4 MILES

Blue blazes, more difficult hiking. This is located at Parker Dam State Park. This trail follows logging roads along the top of Sullivan Mountain, offering scenic overlooks of Moose Run Valley. Sullivan Ridge Trail connects Snow Trail with Abbot Hollow Trail. This trail is not for cross-country skiing.

## TORNADO ALLEY TRAIL

0.5 MILES

Blue blazes, easiest hiking. Located at Parker Dam State Park. This logging road connects Sullivan Ridge Trail with the cabin area. It offers a panoramic view of the tornado damage in Abbot Hollow.



## TRAIL OF NEW GIANTS

1 MILE

Yellow blazes, more difficult hiking. Located at Parker Dam State Park. On May 31, 1985, one of Pennsylvania's largest and strongest tornadoes roared through the park and destroyed the towering forest of ash, oak, beech and sugar maple trees. The Trail of New Giants cuts through the blowdown and the 250-acre Windstorm Preserve. Walk the trail and see the forest regenerating. A spur trail leads to a beautiful vista of the park and surrounding forest.

## WOLF RUN TRAIL

4.5 MILES

Located off Interstate 80, exit 97, this trail was formerly part of the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh rail line. Harvey Run and Wolf Run meander along this trail and it is near State Game Land #77, which you can explore at your leisure as well.

## WOPSONONOK NATURAL AREA

588 ACRES

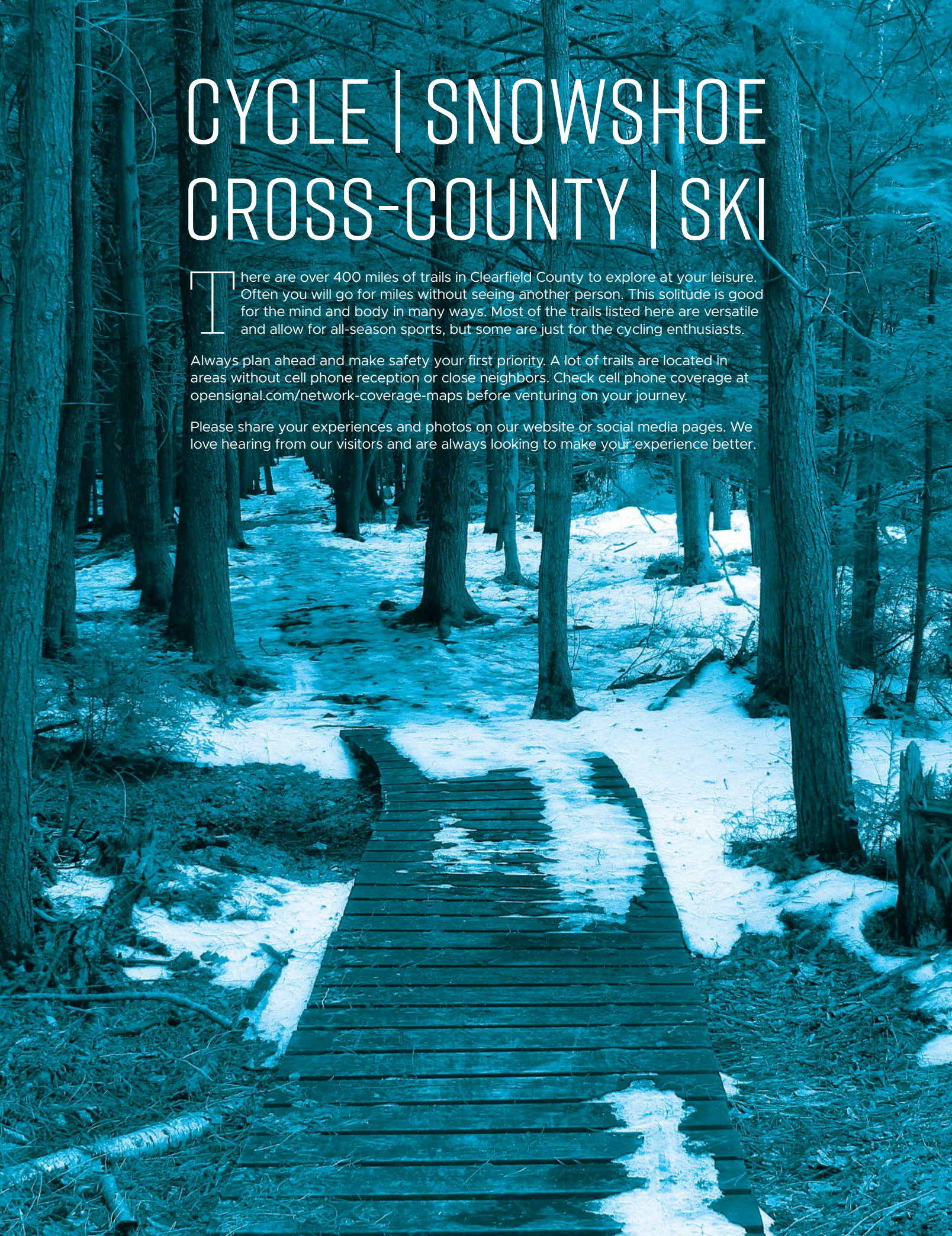
Explore the leafy terrain in this natural area from the parking area to the protected watershed areas.

# CYCLE | SNOWSHOE CROSS-COUNTY | SKI

There are over 400 miles of trails in Clearfield County to explore at your leisure. Often you will go for miles without seeing another person. This solitude is good for the mind and body in many ways. Most of the trails listed here are versatile and allow for all-season sports, but some are just for the cycling enthusiasts.

Always plan ahead and make safety your first priority. A lot of trails are located in areas without cell phone reception or close neighbors. Check cell phone coverage at [opensignal.com/network-coverage-maps](https://opensignal.com/network-coverage-maps) before venturing on your journey.

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## BEAVER DAM TRAIL

2.3 MILES

Blue blazes, easiest hiking. Located at Parker Dam State Park. This trail along Mud Run traverses good beaver habitat. Be on the lookout for signs of this amazing creature, like cuttings, tracks, lodges and dams.

## BEAVER MEADOW TRAIL

1.5 MILES

This asphalt trail was developed as a Safe Routes to School project. Beaver Meadow Trail runs for 1.5 miles between Liberty Boulevard and Schaffer Road (SR 4017). The paved trail offers a pleasant stroll or short bicycle ride along Sandy Lick Creek and offers a dog park for travel with your best friend.

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## MEADOW STREET TO CARBON MINE ROAD

4 MILES

(Rails to Trails) - This is a nice, flat stretch of the Clearfield-to-Grampian Rail Trail. Most of this stretch runs along the West Branch Susquehanna River, and there are a few places for you to stop and enjoy a picnic or just take a rest and see, smell and listen.

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## ROCKTON MOUNTAIN TRAILS

11.1 MILES

A cross-country ski trail system in winter, the Rockton Mountain trail system is a superb mountain bike trail network. Not only are riders having a blast on the many trails, but they are helping the State Forest Service maintain them. Riders keep the trails clear and the grasses down. This is one of a few places where the state is catching on to the benefits of mountain bikers. Rockton Mountain is relatively flat and broad, but has its fill of rock along the trail. Highlights: Technical ridge-top ride, great wildlife viewing, entire route blazed for your route-finding convenience. Tread: A rugged mix of rocky and rooted single track, rough old woods roads, double track and a small section of forest road.

## MOOSE CREEK/GREENWOOD

25 MILES

This is a mixture of dirt, gravel and pavement. Starting in Curwensville, you can either take State Route 879 toward Clearfield, or you can hop on Rails to Trails. Take SR 153 to the base of Rockton Mountain, and turn right onto Old Penfield Road. Go about five miles (mostly uphill), and you will come to SR 153. Cross SR 153,

and continue onto Upper Dubec Road for about 1.5 miles. Next, turn right onto U.S. Route 322 for about a mile, and then left onto Greenwood Road for nine miles of mostly flat and downhill riding.

## RACE COURSE

22 MILES

This is the route of a local race that has been put on here since 2006. It is a challenging and fast loop that starts in Clearfield and goes up Park Avenue, which is a two-mile climb and heads toward Glen Richey and Olanta. If you want to switch things up, you can make a left-hand turn onto Turkey Hill just outside Glen Richey. This is one of the most challenging 1.25-mile climbs in the county. The ride then turns onto SR 453 and heads back toward Curwensville. There is another short climb followed by a two-mile, white-knuckle downhill where 50-plus mph can be had. The final stretch is a seven-mile flat section following the West Branch Susquehanna River back to Clearfield.

## LUMBER CITY

22 MILES

This is one of the flatter routes in the county, but there are many options off this route that turn uphill in a hurry and challenge even the fittest cyclist. Start in Curwensville and take SR 879 West toward Grampian and Bells Landing. At mile 10, you will want to turn left onto SR 969 and head back to Curwensville. This is about 12 miles of mostly flat highway with a couple small rollers. This ride finishes with a great view of Curwensville Dam on your right. This course is ideal for cyclists who want to do a personal time trial to measure their fitness on a weekly or monthly basis.





## SOUDERS TRAIL

0.75 MILES

Yellow blazes, easiest hiking. Located at Parker Dam State Park. This scenic loop trail features Laurel Run, lush meadows, and large hardwood and evergreen trees. Only a part of Souders Trail is multiple use (cross-country ski, bicycling); the biggest part of the Souders look is hiking only.

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The trail is lined with hedgerows of multi-flora and other deciduous shrubs. The entire length of the Houtzdale Line Trail is open for use, with nearly eight miles of improved surface from the Muddy Run Bridge west of SR 2005 at Smoke Run to SR 2007 just west of Osceola Mills. The trail has been graded, compacted and marked with mileposts. The extreme east and west ends of the trail remain in rough condition but are useable by hikers, mountain bikers and cross-country skiers. The best access point is at the trail center in Houtzdale.

## ROCKTON MOUNTAIN RIDE

10 MILES

In early October for the last 10-plus years, there has been a five-mile uphill time trial on this stretch of highway to see who is king and queen of the mountain. This is not the steepest hill in the county, but it is the most challenging. It is five miles long, and you will no doubt battle the wind and yourself on your way to the top. Cars will pass you along the way, and they will look like ants when they get to the top of the mountain – and you will still have a long way to go. You will indeed have to dig deep within yourself on this one. Your reward will be a long five-mile descent back down the mountain.

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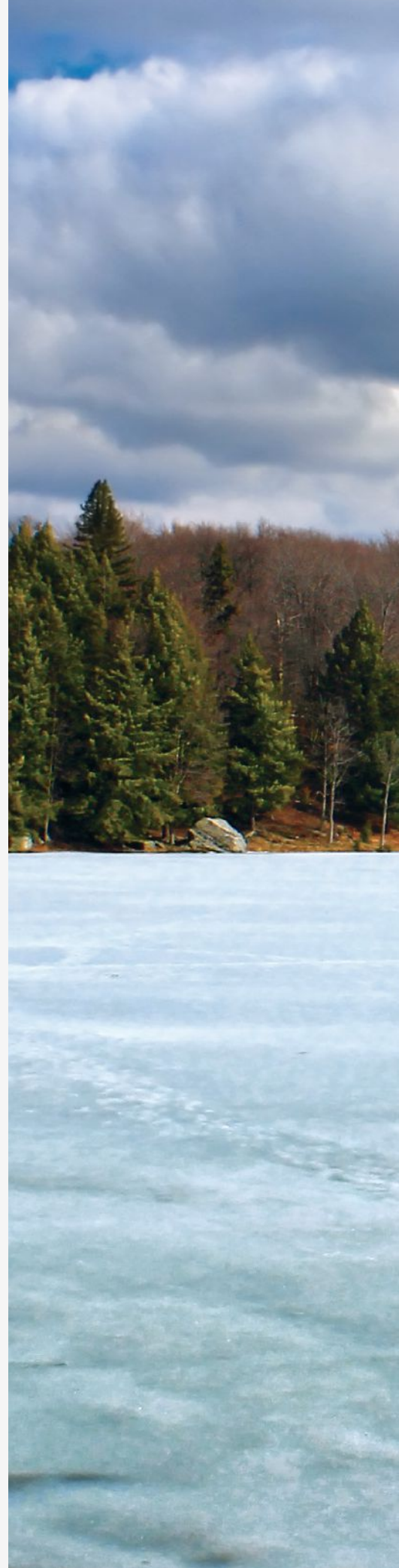
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## PARKER DAM STATE PARK

Snowshoes can be used throughout the park and, weather conditions permitting, groomed ski trails are maintained on Beaver Dam, Souders, CCC and Skunk trails for cross-country skiing. Parker Dam State Park is a haven for winter activities. A heated restroom is open in the day-use area. Grab a park map at the office to see which trails are open to hiking, cross-country skiing or bicycling.



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#### Weekend with Cart

- (Friday- Sunday) - \$26

### 9 HOLES AFTER 2 PM

#### Weekday Walking

- (Monday- Thursday) - \$8

#### Weekday with Cart

- (Monday - Thursday) - \$18

#### Weekend Walking

- (Friday- Sunday) - \$14

#### Weekend with Cart

- (Friday- Sunday) - \$22

### 18 HOLES

#### Weekday Walking

- (Monday- Thursday) - \$18

#### Weekday with Cart

- (Monday - Thursday) - \$30

#### Weekend Walking

- (Friday- Sunday) - \$24

#### Weekend with Cart

- (Friday- Sunday) - \$34

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#### Weekday Walking

- (Monday- Thursday) - \$14

#### Weekday With Cart

- (Monday - Thursday) - \$26

#### Weekend Walking

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- \$30 + tax - 3 pm to close
- 9 holes with cart anytime - \$20

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### SPRING & FALL

### Monday through Friday

#### 18 HOLES

- With Cart - \$26
- Walking - \$16

#### 9 HOLES

- With Cart - \$16
- Walking - \$11

### Weekends

#### 18 HOLES

- With Cart - \$29
- Walking - \$19

#### 9 HOLES

- With Cart - \$18
- Walking - \$14



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### Tuesday through Friday

- 9 • Walking - \$13
- With Cart - \$20
- 18 HOLES
- Walking - \$16
- With Cart - \$30

### Weekend/Holiday

- 9 HOLES
- Walking - \$15
- With Cart - \$22

### 18 HOLES

- Walking - \$18
- With Cart - \$32

### Twilight Special • Every day 4 pm-Dusk

- With Cart - \$26

### Monday Special

- 9 holes with cart - \$16
- 18 holes with cart - \$26

### October 1st through April 30th

### Monday through Friday

- 9 HOLES
- Walking - \$9
- With Cart - \$16

### 18 HOLES

- Walking - \$12
- With Cart - \$26

### Weekend/Holiday

- 9 HOLES
- Walking - \$12
- With Cart - \$19

### 18 HOLES

- Walking - \$24
- With Cart - \$29

### Twilight Special • Every day 4 pm-Dusk

- With Cart - \$26

## TREASURE LAKE

### Weekday

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- Walking - \$20
- With Cart - \$28

### 18 HOLES

- Walking - \$32
- With Cart - \$49

### Weekend

- 9 HOLES
- Walking - \$25
- With Cart - \$32

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### May 1st through September 30th

#### Monday

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- With Cart - \$32
- Walking - \$17

#### 9 HOLES

- With Cart - \$20
- Walking - \$10

#### Tuesday through Friday

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- With Cart - \$35
- Walking - \$20

#### 9 HOLES

- With Cart - \$25
- Walking - \$15

#### Weekends

- 18 HOLES
- With Cart - \$40
- Walking - \$25

#### 9 HOLES

- With Cart - \$30
- Walking - \$20

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### 18 HOLES

- Walking - \$36
- With Cart - \$53

### Junior (Under 22) Weekday

#### 9 HOLES

- Walking - \$18
- With Cart - \$26

### 18 HOLES

- Walking - \$25
- With Cart - \$43

### Junior (Under 22) Weekend

#### 9 HOLES

- Walking - \$22
- With Cart - \$28

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# Winkler Art Gallery

**T**he Winkler Gallery and Art Education Center (WGAEC) opened its doors in December 2003 as the Winkler Gallery of Fine Art. Over the past 15 years the Gallery transformed into an education center as well.

The Gallery's original concept was built by artists and designed to serve artists and their communities throughout the region. This concept remains the mission of the Winkler Gallery and Art Education Center. As a nonprofit, 501 (c) 3, the gallery strives to foster the growth of the visual arts by acting as a presenter of quality artists of numerous mediums. The Winkler Gallery combines the visual arts with music, poetry, writings, etc. in their enrichment and education programs.

The WGAEC encourages community involvement in the arts and serves as a local resource for arts information and culture. The Gallery serves as a focal point for the exchange and promotion of fine arts throughout Clearfield, Jefferson, Elk counties and the region within the PA Wilds.

The Artist Membership is a co-operative comprised of regional, accomplished, award winning artists. As part of the Gallery's "Education through the Arts" program, professional artists can be found at the gallery during most hours of operation to answer questions and offer

information about their craft. The WGAEC offers a wide range of artwork spanning from traditional to contemporary.

Housed in a spacious historical building in the heart of downtown DuBois, PA, the gallery is neighbored by fine dining restaurants, wonderful coffee shops, bakeries, a spa as well as exclusive shopping sites making this block a cultural hub for the community and tourists.

For carousel enthusiasts, the WGAEC is also the home of the world's oldest working Historic Carousel, Circa 1896 as well as an extensive collection of antique carousel animals.

On North Brady Street you'll discover painted footprints in primary and secondary colors that will lead you to the gallery's front door. A "must see" when visiting the region.

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# Liddle Art Gallery



The Liddle Art Gallery in Clearfield has been open since July 17th, 2014 and the main objective of this gallery is to present a friendly and fun environment by engaging the public in arts and craft classes. The gallery can provide private gatherings and the opportunity for local artist and crafters to sell their product inside the gallery. We currently offer classes in acrylics, watercolor, oil painting, ceramics and clay. The gallery also features a Bob Ross night. We offer special classes to special needs individuals, seniors and home schools in the area as well. Follow us on Facebook for more information: @LiddleGallery



A photograph of a forest with large, moss-covered rocks and tree roots. The scene is lush and green, with a large tree trunk on the left and a large rock formation in the center. The text is overlaid on the image.

# BILGER'S ROCKS

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A long, long time ago, over 300 million years, before the settlers, before the Indians, way back when the Earth was taking its shape, a city was built just outside of Grampian in Clearfield County. This prehistoric city was like none other, for it was made of massive rocks! Twenty acres of them! Some towering over five stories high, most more than 20 feet thick! Who wouldn't want to climb that?!? The geological phenomenon responsible for this masterpiece, known as frost wedging, caused boulders to break away from the mountainside, creating this magnificent vision full of numinous caverns and narrow passageways that have withstood eons of vagaries.

Today, these magnificent boulders serve as an advantageous destination for rock climbers, explorers, photographers, campers and picnickers alike! People from all over come to be humbled by this massive geological wonder, to experience the sights, smells and terrain of our world and what it may have been like before time began.

The flora, fauna and wildlife set Bilger's Rocks apart from other destinations. You can find the state bird, animal, insect, tree and flower within the borders of the grounds. There are even trees growing out of the rocks, and because of the climate changes within the rocks you can find exotic plants that are rare to the rest of the world.

But luckily for us, just because the park is "prehistoric" doesn't mean the campground has to be! The Bilger's Rock Association has been keeping the place in good shape and holding events on the grounds to educate and entertain the park's guests. On the 170 acres of park, there are campsites (with electricity!), pavilions, picnic areas, a concert arena (providing a natural amphitheater), hiking trails, recreational activities and even a concession stand. And for those who want to learn a little about the outdoors, educational tours of the grounds are available – bring your hiking boots!

To learn more about the park, the events – both public and private (you can get married here!) – how you can volunteer and to get contact info, please "like" Bilger's Rocks on Facebook.

So come on out and climb. We will race you to the top!



Bilger's Rocks has been a special place for local people for more than 100 years. Folks from many states and a number of other countries have come to enjoy it since our Association began to promote it in 1990. We hope you'll come and enjoy it too!

- We have beautifully shaded paths between 300 million-year-old rock walls
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- Educational programs
- Special events scheduled throughout the year



The Bilger's Rocks Assoc. • 1921 Bilgers Rock Rd. • Grampian, Pa 16838  
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## PARKER DAM STATE PARK

Parker Dam State Park has, since its inception, recognized the importance of nature and job growth. This park was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and to this day celebrates that importance in today's world of technology by offering a CCC experience. Parker Dam deserves to be recognized for many reasons, but here are just a few. They have teamed up with the local visitors bureau as the hub for the CCGT (Clearfield County GeoTrail). They meet with visitors participating in the activity, keep a log, hand out the geocoins and give information on PA Wilds destinations to visitors. Their education classes celebrate the PA Wilds by teaching responsible visitorship for outdoor activities. They work with the local YMCA on a winter event that highlights the winter outdoor activities. They were chosen as a host site for the Fireball Run, which is a seven-day experience that helps recognize missing children and offers investors the opportunity to enhance local tourism. Parker Dam State Park works well with local businesses and organizations to promote tourism growth by offering programs and a clean and safe environment all year long for travelers from Interstate 80. They also recognize that one of the county's best tourism assets is backroads adventures, and they promote driving tours like the Mountain Laurel Driving Tour.

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# CANOE KAYAK BOAT

Whether your passion is navigating the water by boat, kayak or canoe, Clearfield County is a world-class water activities destination. Below are the suggested itineraries recommended by McCracken Canoe Sales and Rentals for the West Branch Susquehanna River.

## MAHAFFEY TO CURWENSVILLE LAKE

20 MILES • UP TO 8-PLUS HOURS

Start at Starlight Restaurant. From here to Bower is the steepest drop with Chest Falls. At five feet (Bower Gage), it is fairly safe for moderate paddlers. Each inch of river height changes the difficulty. Above six feet, you should have self-rescue skills, as there can be long wave trains and steep drops enveloping you in river foam, leaving you not too sure which way is up. Meaning – pretty scary. Or exciting if you are a little or a lot crazy. Next-steepest drop is at Watts bottom. A little ways after that the river, backed up by Curwensville Lake, gets very slow. You feel as if you will never reach the end. Sometimes the wind pushes you back upstream. Don't be too disheartened, there are several points to exit the river in this stretch: Camp Corbly Road Bridge, Curry Run Bridge, Bells Landing Park and Lumber City Bridge, with a long climb to the road or to the canoe launch at Curwensville Lake. Car portage is necessary to continue downriver from Curwensville.

## CURWENSVILLE/CLEARFIELD

9 MILES • 3.5 HOURS

Start at Irvin Park or the Community Center in Curwensville, an easy stretch that mostly follows Rails to Trails. Watch for boons from the logging era. Exit at Lower Witmer Park.

## CLEARFIELD/SHAWVILLE

11 MILES • 4.5 HOURS

Starts on the left bank at Elliott's Park, named for John Crissman's dog. A lot of sweat has turned an overgrown weed bank into a beautiful respite to picnic, fish and launch canoes and kayaks to head downriver. If you see John out, be sure to thank him. This is a more remote stretch that winds itself through some gorgeous scenery. Watch for Bald Eagles, deer and other wildlife. Pause to explore a tunnel or two on your trip. I-80 bridges are about two-thirds of the way downriver. Exit on left bank below the fenced area across from Shawville Power Generating Station. We are near here.

## SHAWVILLE TO MILLSTONE RUN

1.5 MILES

This route is if you are only looking for an hour or so of just paddling around. Get in behind Shawville store or church, and get out on the right bank where Millstone Run comes in. Portage is required, by car recommended. Contact McCracken Canoe to help:  
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## SHAWVILLE/DEER CREEK (FRENCHVILLE)

13 MILES • 5.5 HOURS

This is another remote and winding stretch with unparalleled beauty featuring easy, calm waters flowing between giant boulders to sometimes excite ripples. Stepping stones, placed here by the giants of a bygone era, are used today by Bigfoot to play hopscotch across the river (writer's imagination at work). Paddle around and through them and use your own imagination as you create your own story as to the placement of these magnificent structures. Exit river right or river left just above Deer Creek Bridge. All boats exiting the right bank must sport a PA Fish and Boat Launch permit.



## DEER CREEK/ROLLING STONE

6 MILES • 2.5 HOURS

This is a shorter, easy stretch where you will see a few camps. Look for Ring Rocks left by lumbermen of a bygone era. Stop at Alder Run, climb up into the pines, and marvel at how two very different worlds can be so close. Take out Rolling Stone Bridge on the right bank.

## ROLLING STONE/KARTHAUS

11 MILES • 5 HOURS

The steepest drop on the West Branch Susquehanna River is more challenging depending on water levels. Boulders were blasted to the sides to make room for timber rafts on way to market, causing water to funnel and create wave trains. Then comes Moshannon Falls. You can always exit on the right at head of the falls to scout or portage around them. Once past the falls, the water slows down as the river widens.

## KARTHAUS/KEATING

22 MILES • 7-8 HOURS

A longer, slower stretch with few technical surprises except Buttermilk Falls. Though fish in the river here are sparse, many of the tributaries hold feisty native trout. A hike up Bougher Run will lead you to a waterfall where you may cool off under original running water. Others offer hikes to scenic vistas. Paddle up Sinnemahoning Creek to take out.

## KEATING/NORTH BEND

17 MILES • 5.5 HOURS

This stretch mostly follows the railroad tracks as you head toward Renovo or North Bend to finish 80 miles of wilderness from Clearfield.

## ANDERSON CREEK

23.5 MILES

Anderson Creek is classified as a Class II-III-plus classification whitewater stream and falls from the highest mountain east of the Mississippi River on Interstate 80 in Clearfield County, Pennsylvania. This is a challenging course and not for the leisure paddler. Along with the whitewater, you will face several small dams that are easy passage. The water level is best in the spring and only passable when the water is high.

## CURWENSVILLE LAKE RECREATION AREA

790 ACRES

This man-made lake is one of the county's hidden treasures. Its banks are decorated with foliage that is sure to impress any viewer throughout the seasons. There are a few Bald Eagles that call this area home and plenty of additional activity on the property to keep you entertained for days. There are no horsepower boating restrictions so if you are in a kayak or canoe, expect some rougher water.

## GLEN HOPE TO MADERA

6-8 HOURS

This is the longer trip at six to eight hours of paddling, depending on the speed of the current and how much playing around you do. It's also a flatwater section that some of the locals avoid due to its slower current, but it's popular for first-time, solo paddlers or younger paddlers in recreational kayaks.

## MADERA TO FAUNCE

4-5 HOURS

This is the most popular section because of its faster current and its winding path through some of Clearfield County's remote woods. On this twisty section, you'll enjoy a slightly faster current, occasional obstacles, fun riffles, eddies, and you'll enjoy some of Central PA's scenic views that take you past remote villages and a few campsites. And if you look closely, you'll see evidence of early homes, industry and even a once-major travel route during the 1800s that eventually succumbed to time.

## PARKER LAKE

20 ACRES

Parker Lake is tucked nicely in the tranquil arena of Parker Dam State Park. Paddling this lake will allow you to enjoy the woodlands and accompany the wildlife under Mother Nature's umbrella. All boats must display one of the following: Boat registration; launch permit or mooring permit from Pennsylvania State Parks, available at most state park offices; or launch permit from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. The lake is for electric and non-powered boats only; motorized boats are prohibited.

## SHAGGER'S INN

20 ACRES

If you are looking to float the backwoods, backroads, backwaters, with the local waterfowl, Shagger's Inn is the place to be. The setting for this stage is typical of a shallow-water impound. The wetland contains one of the few nesting areas in PA for Osprey. Waterfowl are common in spring and fall. The surrounding Moshannon State Forest is an excellent place to find Scarlet Tanager, Purple Finch and Wild Turkey.

## TREASURE LAKE

379 ACRES

Visitors can enjoy the beauty of this lake when they rent a kayak or canoe at the Treasure Lake Marina. Although this is a gated community, anyone can enjoy its activities while staying at a cabin or one of the lodging properties.

## WEST BRANCH SUSQUEHANNA RIVER

102 MILES

One hundred and two miles of the West Branch Susquehanna River are located in the boundaries of Clearfield County.

Trip times vary depending on water levels, paddling skills and weather conditions. They are also paddling times, not floating times. A Boy Scout merit badge can be earned by completing the trip between Clearfield and North Bend. The badge "80 Miles of Wilderness" can be earned by everyone and is based on a book of the same name. Contact DuBois Council BSA for more info on this. Phone McCracken's Canoe at **(814) 765-1410**  
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