

# Explore the Outdoors

## Near Clearfield, PA



- **Bendigo State Park** – A peaceful small park with a charming streamside picnic area on the bank of the Clarion River. Great spot for anglers and the swimming pool is a big hit in the summer.
- **Black Moshannon State Park** – The Black Moshannon Bog Natural Area has a boardwalk and trails for exploring unique birds, plants and forests.
- **Bucktail State Park** – A 75 mile scenic drive along Rt 120 offers a chance to see elk and beautiful fall colors.
- **Clear Creek State Forest** – Enjoy a view of the Allegheny Plateau at Bear Town Rock, accessible by automobile or on foot. Take an auto tour, with informative stops that shows the history and ecology of the area.
- **Clear Creek State Park** – Set along the Clarion River, the park is a cozy getaway and a canoeist's paradise. Camping and rustic cabins are available for a perfect place to spend a secluded vacation.
- **Cook Forest State Park** – The park's Forest Cathedral stand of white pines and hemlocks is a national natural landmark. Hike the 30-mile trail network. The Clarion River is a popular draw for those looking to canoe.
- **Elk State Forest** – Opportunities for both experienced and inexperienced hikers on 18 trails. Great spots to see elk.
- **Kettle Creek State Park** – Kettle Creek Lake is noted for its trout and bass fishing. Adventurous explorers find elk.
- **Moshannon State Forest** – There is an extensive 244-mile hiking trail system to enjoy. The Quehanna Trail is the longest and traverses the Moshannon State Forest for 75 miles.
- **Parker Dam State Park** – This historic park offers old fashioned charm and character. A scenic lake, rustic cabins, quaint campground, and unbounded forest make this an ideal spot for relaxing, hiking, and biking.
- **Prince Gallitzin State Park** – The vivid landscape draws visitors all year. The lake is popular with boaters, anglers, and wildlife. The 30-mile snowmobile trail network is open to mountain biking and hiking in warm months.
- **S. B. Elliott State Park** – A quiet mountaintop recreational area with rustic log cabins and campsites; perfect for a getaway. Great place to spot elk and other wildlife.
- **Sinnemahoning State Park** – The park offers picturesque views of surrounding areas and an abundance of wildlife. Stop by the wildlife center to see the exhibits.
- **Yellow Creek State Park** – There are easy walking trails for visitors of all ages. Many locations for watching wildlife. The first Pennsylvania state park to go green – look for environmentally friendly technology.

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## Volunteer Opportunities

### Volunteer

Volunteers - they're the lifeblood of our parks and forests. The Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation offers a wide variety of opportunities to put a volunteer's special skills to work. Whether you're a trail-builder, a wildlife expert, an event organizer or one of those special people who always say, "Just put me to work wherever you need me," Pennsylvania's state parks and forests have a role for you.

### Foundation Volunteers

Volunteers are welcome to assist with mailings, events, photography, videography, media editing, and more.

### Volunteer in State Parks and Forests with Friends Groups

Friends Groups are local groups who volunteer their time, services and support to enhance our state park and forest systems.

### What Do Friends Groups Do?

They work in partnership with the park to:

- Raise money for park playgrounds, equipment, and material
- Organize annual park cleanups and regular trail work days
- Plan and execute special events including craft shows, concerts and festivals
- Construct park and forest amenities like trails, visitor centers and gift shops
- Serve as campground hosts, visitor center hosts, and docents
- Create awareness about the value of their state park or forest

### Nearby Friends Groups

- Friends of Black Moshannon State Park
- Friends of Prince Gallitzin State Park
- Friends of Cook Forest State Park
- Friends of Yellow State Park
- Friends of Parker Dam State Park

### Conservation Volunteers

Volunteer opportunities in state parks and forests are also available through the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

Learn more at [www.paparksandforests.org](http://www.paparksandforests.org) and <https://www.volunteers.dcnr.state.pa.us/index.aspx>