

Explore the Outdoors

Near Mansfield, PA

- **Mt. Pisgah State Park** - Pack a picnic lunch, visit the nature center or take a dip in the pool.
- **Ricketts Glen State Park** - Hike the Falls Trails and explore the Glens, which boasts a series of free-flowing waterfalls, in one of the most scenic areas in Pennsylvania.
- **Loyalsock State Forest**- Miles of well-maintained roads open the forest to horseback riding, hiking and fishing.
- **Worlds End State Park** – Enjoy spectacular scenery and vistas while camping, hiking or cross country skiing.
- **Susquehanna State Park** –This park is the launching site for the riverboat Hiawatha, offering river excursions.
- **Ravensburg State Park** - Especially beautiful in June and October, this park offers picnicking, camping and fishing.
- **Little Pine State Park** – Little Pine Lake, hiking trails, camping, and nesting bald eagles are prime attractions.
- **Upper Pine Bottom State Park** –Visitors often use the parking area of this small roadside picnic site for access to hiking, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling and hunting in the surrounding Tiadaghton State Forest.
- **Ole Bull State Park** – A premier trout fishing spot, with swimming, hiking, biking, and camping along the Kettle Creek.
- **Tiadaghton State Forest** –Wildlife watching and scenic drives, especially during the fall, are popular activities.
- **Cherry Springs State Park** - Bring a telescope for an evening of unparalleled views of the night sky.
- **Hills Creek State Park** -Camping, cabins, swimming, boating, and hiking make this an ideal spot for family vacations.
- **Tioga State Forest** –The forest is home to the Pine Creek Gorge, also known as the "Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania." Great spots for picnicking, hiking and biking.
- **Leonard Harrison State Park** – Enjoy great bicycling on the 62 mile Pine Creek Rail Trail, offering fabulous views.
- **Susquehannock State Forest**- Sixteen vistas provide magnificent views of the forest for hikers to enjoy.
- **Colton Point State Park** – Rugged overlooks offer great views of the Grand Canyon of PA.
- **Patterson State Park**-A 15 mile mountain bike path connecting Denton Hill and Cherry Springs state parks passes through this remotely located park. Visitors enjoy the two rustic picnic pavilions.
- **Denton Hill State Park** -In winter there is great downhill skiing. Summers bring a variety of outdoor events.
- **Lyman Run State Park** – Lyman Lake offers water recreation with shady picnicking and hiking.

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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

Local Friends Groups

- Friends of Mt. Pisgah State Park
- Friends of Lyman Run State Park
- Cherry Springs Dark Sky Association

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 and <https://www.volunteers.dcnr.state.pa.us/index.aspx>