

## Sizerville State Park



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The 386-acre Sizerville State Park is nearly surrounded by Elk State Forest and is close to one of the largest blocks of state forest in the state. Sizerville has many recreational and natural opportunities and is a good base for exploring nearby public lands.

## Directions

Sizerville State Park is six miles north of Emporium on PA 155 in Cameron and Potter counties.

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## Recreational Opportunities

**CAMPING:** warm showers and flush toilets

The 28-site campground opens the second Friday in April and closes in mid-December. Facilities include flush toilets, showers, sanitary dump station, and ADA accessible facilities. Eighteen campsites have electricity. Five walk-in tent sites offer a secluded streamside setting. The campground features a play area and outdoor amphitheater. The maximum stay in this camping area is fourteen days during the summer season and 21 days during the off season. Campers must vacate the park for 48 hours before setting up again. **Pets are prohibited in overnight areas.**  
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**PICNICKING:** Six picnic pavilions, rustic restrooms, and over 100 picnic tables are in the two picnic areas, shaded by white pine, hemlock, and hardwood trees. A playground is in a central location. ADA accessible parking and picnic tables are throughout the areas.

Picnic pavilions may be reserved up to 11 months in advance for a fee. Unreserved picnic pavilions are free on a first-come, first-served basis. Horseshoe pits are nearby each pavilion. Pavilions 1 and 2 are ADA accessible.



**SWIMMING:** The 105-foot-long concrete pool, with an adjacent wading pool, is open 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day, unless otherwise posted. The maximum depth is five feet. There is a lift in the pool for people with disabilities.

**FISHING:** The east and west branches of Cowley Run contain brook and brown trout. Cowley Run is a high quality stream offering mountain freestone fishing at its best. It is not unusual to catch native brook trout in these waters. Nearby, the Portage and Driftwood branches of the

Sinnemahoning Creek provide anglers with an opportunity to fish for smallmouth bass and trout. All streams receive spring stockings. Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission regulations and laws apply.

## HIKING: 5 miles of trails

The hiking trail system offers a series of six loop trails. The **Bottomlands, Campground, and North Slope** trails take visitors through a variety of lowland habitats and are relatively easy to walk, making them ideal for hikers of any age.

**Fee Hollow Trail** begins by the campground and then climbs into the state forest.

**Nady Hollow Trail** is a 1.5-mile loop that ascends a 1,900-foot mountain. **Proper footwear is recommended for any hiking and is essential for the Nady Hollow Trail.**

**Nady Hollow Connector** is a less challenging, shorter loop and an alternative to Nady Hollow Trail.

**Sizerville Nature Trail**, across from the campground in Elk State Forest, is a three-mile loop with a small elevation change, a scenic vista, and educational stopping points. Maps are available in the park office.

Sizerville State Park is a trailhead for the **Bucktail Path**, which is part of an extensive trail system throughout the northern tier region of central Pennsylvania.

Tell us about your hike at: [www.explorepatrails.com](http://www.explorepatrails.com)

**HIKING SAFETY:** Hikers on Elk State Forest trails should have a state forest map. Hikers should leave their hiking itinerary with park staff before a long hike.

**HUNTING AND FIREARMS:** About 200 acres are open to hunting, trapping, and the training of dogs during established seasons. Common game species are deer, turkey, grouse, bear, and squirrel. Hunting is permitted on the adjacent Elk State Forest.

Hunting woodchucks, also known as groundhogs, is prohibited. Dog training is only permitted from the day following Labor Day through March 31 in designated hunting areas. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Pennsylvania Game Commission rules and regulations apply. Contact the park office for ADA accessible hunting information.

Use **extreme caution** with firearms at all times. Other visitors use the park during hunting seasons. Firearms and archery equipment used for hunting may be uncased and ready for use only in authorized hunting areas during hunting seasons. In areas not open to hunting or during non-hunting seasons, firearms and archery equipment shall be kept in the owner's car, trailer, or leased campsite. Exceptions include: law enforcement officers and individuals with a valid *Pennsylvania License to Carry Firearms* are authorized to carry a firearm concealed on their person.

## Enjoy the Winter

The average yearly snowfall is 60-70 inches. The park provides parking and rustic restrooms.

**SNOWMOBILING:** Two miles of park trails and roads provide access to over 60 miles of groomed snowmobile trails on the adjacent Elk State Forest.

**CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING:** Park trails provide access to many miles of trails on the adjacent Elk State Forest.



## Wildlife Watching

In the spring and summer, small woodland flowers, flowering trees, and mountain laurel blossom in profusion, adding their loveliness to the park and surrounding area. During the fall, the flaming foliage of the mixed hardwood forest provides a colorful backdrop for visitors to enjoy the park. The topography of the entire park is a plateau cut by narrow stream valleys.

## Environmental Education and Interpretation

The park offers a wide variety of environmental education and interpretive programs. Through hands-on activities, guided walks, and evening programs, participants gain appreciation, understanding, and develop a sense of stewardship toward natural and cultural resources.

Curriculum-based environmental education programs are available to schools and youth groups. Teacher workshops are available. Group programs must be arranged in advance and may be scheduled by calling the park office. For more detailed information contact the park office.

The Environmental Education Building provides exhibits and information on what to do and see while in the area. The native plantings surrounding the building include a butterfly garden that attracts many species.

## Annual Autumn Festival

Held the first Saturday of October, weather permitting, this festival is a celebration of old time skills and crafts. There are make-it and take-it crafts, examples of old time crafts like quilting, tatting, bee keeping, woodcarving, and candle making, and lots of good food. Contact the park office for more information.

## History

Sizerville State Park opened for public use in 1924 with the first facilities built in 1927. The name "Sizerville" comes from a logging boomtown of the same name that flourished around the turn of the century. Sizerville itself was named for the Sizer family who were, according to local legend, the first settlers in the area.

Beautiful white pines and hemlocks grace the forests of the park. The pines were planted in the 1930s as a conservation effort by the young men of Civilian Conservation Corps

(CCC) camp S-85. Several thousand acres in and around the park were planted to replace the massive tracts of old growth timber logged at the turn of the 19th century.

The East Branch of Cowley Run has historical significance in game management in Pennsylvania. In 1917, a pair of beavers was presented to the Pennsylvania Game Commission by the State of Wisconsin because beavers had disappeared from Pennsylvania. This first pair was released on East Branch Cowley Run, and beavers are still found in the area.

## Nearby Attractions

Information on nearby attractions is available from the Pennsylvania Great Outdoors Visitors Bureau, 814-849-5197. [www.visitpago.com](http://www.visitpago.com)

**Sinnemahoning State Park** features the 142-acre George B. Stevenson Reservoir, wildlife park/center office, camping, picnicking, and wildlife watching. 814-647-8401

**Elk and Susquehannock state forests** are open to hunting, fishing, hiking, and general recreation.

- Elk State Forest: 814-486-3353.
- Susquehannock State Forest: 814-274-3600.

## Protect and Preserve Our Parks

Please make your visit safe and enjoyable. Obey all posted rules and regulations and respect fellow visitors and the resources of the park.

- Be prepared and bring the proper equipment. Natural areas may possess hazards. Your personal safety and that of your family are your responsibility.

- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

- Please camp only in designated areas and try to minimize your impact on the campsite.

- Firewood Advisory: Firewood may contain non-native insects and plant diseases. Bringing firewood into the park from other areas may accidentally spread pest insects and diseases that threaten park resources and the health of our forests. Campers should use local firewood. Do not take wood home and do not leave firewood - Burn It!

**Access for People with Disabilities**

This symbol indicates facilities and activities that are Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible for people with disabilities. This publication text is available in alternative formats.

If you need an accommodation to participate in park activities due to a disability, please contact the park you plan to visit.

**In an Emergency**

Dial 911 then contact a park employee. Directions to the nearest hospital are posted on bulletin boards and at the park office.

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