

Shawnee State Park



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Shawnee State Park is 3,983 acres of Pennsylvania's scenic Ridge and Valley Province. Ten miles west of the historic town of Bedford along US 30, Shawnee has modern recreational facilities that blend into the natural environment. A focal point of the park is the 451-acre Shawnee Lake.

Directions

US 30 and PA 96 pass through Shawnee State Park.

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Recreational Opportunities

CAMPING: flush toilets, warm showers

The 293 sites have picnic tables and fire rings, and accommodate tents or trailers. 98 sites have electric hookups. Three campsites are ADA accessible. There is a sanitary dump station and centrally located washhouses with flush toilets, showers and laundry tubs. The camping season begins the second Friday in April and ends in late December.

CAMPING COTTAGES: The three cottages sleep five people in bunk beds, and have wooden floors, windows, electric heat, porch, picnic table, fire ring and electric lights and outlets.

YURTS: These round, canvas and wood walled tents have a wooden deck and sleep five people in bunk beds. Yurts have a cooking stove, microwave oven, refrigerator, countertop, table, chairs, electric heat and outlets, fire ring and picnic table.



SHAWNEE LODGE: This two-story house is on an island in Lake Shawnee. It sleeps eight people in four bedrooms with two double beds and four single beds. The lodge has air conditioning and a modern kitchen. A fire ring and picnic table are in the yard. Renters should bring their own linens, towels and dishes.

BICYCLING: 7.5 miles of trails

The 3.4-mile Lakeshore Trail is easy biking and includes a small section of shared road. All other designated bicycling trails are moderate difficulty.

PICNICKING: Picnic tables, charcoal grills, water fountains and restrooms are scattered around the park. Five 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. Picnic Pavilion # 3 is ADA accessible.



FISHING: The 451-acre Shawnee Lake is stocked with warm-water game fish. Common game species are smallmouth and largemouth bass, northern pike, walleye, muskellunge, pickerel, catfish, crappie, yellow perch, bluegill, sunfish, sucker, bullhead and carp. An ADA accessible fishing pier is by the Diehl Boat Launch. Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission laws apply.

HUNTING AND FIREARMS: Over 3,000 acres are open to hunting, trapping and the training of dogs during established seasons. Common game species are deer, rabbit, squirrel and grouse.

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. The only exception is that law enforcement officers and individuals with a valid *Pennsylvania License to Carry Firearms* may carry said firearm concealed on their person while they are in the park.

SWIMMING: The sand and turf beach has modern bathhouses with flush toilets and showers. Vending machines are available. The beach is open from late-May to mid-September, 8 a.m. to sunset. Swim at your own risk. Please read and follow posted rules.

DISC GOLF: The 9-hole, 3 par course in the main day use area has nice distance holes and an up-and-over-the-hill challenge.

HIKING: 16 miles of trails

Refer to the list on the map side for trail lengths.

Tell us about your hike at: www.explorepatrails.com

BOATING: electric motors permitted

The 451-acre Shawnee Lake has three boat launch areas and 183 dry boat mooring spaces. The main boat dock and launch ramp are ADA accessible. The boat concession rents paddleboats, canoes and rowboats during the summer.

Motorboats must display a boat registration from any state. Non-powered boats must display one of the following: boat registration from any state; launching permit or mooring permit from Pennsylvania State Parks that are available at most state park offices; launch use permit from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission.

ORGANIZED GROUP TENTING: On the secluded Kegg Run finger of the lake, the organized group tenting area offers campers easy access to fishing, and canoe and kayak launching. Four campsites each have a capacity of 20 campers or a total capacity of 80. The camp has composting toilets and a hand-pumped well. Each site has picnic tables and a fire ring. Organized youth and adult groups can rent the area mid-April through mid-October. Advance reservations are required.

Enjoy the Winter

SNOWMOBILING: Registered snowmobiles are permitted on an 11-mile trail network in the eastern side of the park.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING AND SNOWSHOEING: Most trails are suitable for novice and experienced skiers and snowshoers. Lake Shore is the most popular trail.

SLEDDING AND TOBOGGANING: A large area of hillsides near Picnic Area #2 is great for sledding.

ICE FISHING: Common species caught through the ice are yellow perch, northern pike, walleye and pickerel. **Ice thickness is not monitored.** For your safety, be sure the ice is four inches thick and carry safety equipment.

ICE SKATING: An area at Colvin Boat Launch is popular when conditions permit.

Environmental Education and Interpretation

The park environmental interpreter conducts a summer program of nature walks and evening programs that focus on the natural and historical resources of the park and surrounding landscape.

History

The park is named for the Shawnee American Indians who migrated from the Potomac to the Ohio Country. In the early 1750s, a Shawnee village known as "Shawanese Cabbins" was located just south of Schellsburg.

General Forbes camped his army within the boundaries of the park while building the Forbes Road in the campaign of 1758 against the French at Fort Duquesne, Pittsburgh. One can still walk remnants of the Forbes Trail within the park.

The white barn, buildings and houses now surrounded by a lake of water were once surrounded by a sea of grass. These buildings belonged to John Bowman's "Water Brooks Farm." Bowman was president and chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh and was the driving force behind the building of the Cathedral of Learning.

Nearby Attractions

Information on nearby attractions is available from: Bedford County Visitors Bureau, www.bedfordcounty.net The Alleghenies, www.thealleghenies.com

Bedford County offers many points of interest. Days can be spent sampling the past heritage and the present culture through its mountains and rolling agricultural fields.

US 30, the Lincoln Highway, roughly follows the Forbes Trail that was the main highway between Fort Bedford and Fort Ligonier in the 1700s. Original inns and other examples of a unique Bedford architectural style can be seen along the road and in small settlements such as Schellsburg.

The City of Bedford Historic District includes the oldest courthouse in use in Pennsylvania and the Espy House where President George Washington headquartered in 1794 to review his troops on their way to suppress the Whiskey Rebellion in Western Pennsylvania. A walking tour of 51 buildings in the historic district is available in the Bedford County Travel Guide.

Old Bedford Village, on old US 220 just north of Bedford, is a complex of historical buildings which were collected from all over the county. Arranged in the manner of a typical colonial settlement, the buildings were reconstructed and contain demonstrations of the early American crafts which were found in colonial Bedford. Craftsmen clothed in authentic garb explain their craft.

For downhill skiers, Blue Knob Ski Area, in Blue Knob State Park, is one of the best ski resorts in Pennsylvania and is 25 miles from Shawnee State Park. Cross-country skiers will find a variety of interesting terrain for their sport.

Bedford County is well known by sportsmen for its beautiful trout streams and abundant deer and other wild game. For the non-hunter, Bedford offers great wildlife observation opportunities.

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

Contact a park employee or dial 911. For directions to the nearest hospital, look on bulletin boards or at the park office.

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