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Ralph Stover State Park

Situated along the Tohickon Creek, the 45-acre Ralph Stover State Park provides a scenic picnic area. The nearby High Rocks section of the park features a majestic overlook of the Tohickon Creek Gorge.

Directions

Ralph Stover State Park is two miles north of Point Pleasant on State Park Road and Stump Road, in eastern Bucks County.

Recreational Opportunities



FISHING: Warmwater species found in Tohickon Creek include smallmouth bass, sunfish, carp, and catfish. The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission stocks trout, a coldwater fish. Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission regulations and laws apply.

HUNTING: All portions of the park are closed to hunting.

SWIMMING: Although there is no swimming at Ralph Stover, a swimming pool is open during the summer at Nockamixon State Park, about 20 miles away; and at Tohickon Valley County Park, about four miles away.

HIKING: 1 mile of trails

The easy walking trails pass through many habitats near the millrace, along the Tohickon Creek and historic bridge, and Works Progress Administration (WPA) era structures.

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



WHITEWATER BOATING: When high water conditions exist, Tohickon Creek offers a challenging course for closed-deck canoes and kayaks. Whitewater craft may be launched in the park. Please do not block parking areas and roadways.

At the end of March and the beginning of November, there are planned whitewater releases from Lake Nockamixon. For information, call Delaware Canal State Park at 610-982-5560.

The creek contains several drop-offs, especially downstream of the High Rocks cliffs. Paddlers should never boat alone. The Tohickon Creek, with its drop-offs, obstructions, and strainers can be very dangerous.

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.

SCENIC VISTA: The High Rocks section of the park features an outstanding view of a horseshoe bend in Tohickon Creek Gorge and the surrounding forest.

ROCK CLIMBING: Experienced rock climbers use the 150-foot sheer rock face, but the cliffs are dangerous. Stay behind the safety rail for your own protection.



PICNICKING: The park has a beautiful shaded picnic area with picnic tables, picnic pavilions, fireplaces, and vault restrooms. Picnicking facilities are along the scenic Tohickon Creek.

TRASH DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING: Ralph Stover State Park participates in a carry-in/carry-out trash disposal program for small parks. There are no trash collection or recycling facilities. Visitors are asked to limit the amount of disposable items brought to the park and to take all trash, garbage, and recyclables home with them.

History

Early inhabitants of the area, the Lenni Lenape, named the creek "To-Hick-Hanne" meaning "Deer-Bone-Creek," leading to the modern name Tohickon Creek.

Early industry depended on Tohickon Creek. Ralph Stover State Park marks the site of a late 18th century water-powered grist mill. The park takes its name from Ralph Stover who owned and operated the mill. Remnants of the mill and the millrace, which diverted the water from above the dam to power the mill, are still visible.



In 1931, the Stover heirs gave this property to the commonwealth for use as a state park. Recreational facilities were first opened in 1935 after development by the Federal Works Progress Administration (WPA).

The property known as the High Rocks was added through the donation of the late James A. Michener, a noted author. This area is popular for its spectacular views and geological features. It is used extensively as a rock-climbing site. The 150-foot sheer rock face offers a unique challenge to the experienced climber.

Nearby Attractions

Information on nearby attractions is available from the Bucks County Conference and Visitors Bureau, 800-836-BUCKS. www.buckscountycvb.org

Nearby state parks offer great recreational opportunities.

Nockamixon State Park has cabins, a lake for boating and fishing, and trails for hiking, biking, and horseback riding.

Delaware Canal State Park contains a 60-mile long towpath for walking.

Pennsylvania State Parks Mission

The primary purpose of Pennsylvania State Parks is to provide opportunities for enjoying healthful outdoor recreation and serve as outdoor classrooms for environmental education. In meeting these purposes, the conservation of the natural, scenic, aesthetic, and historical values of parks should be given first consideration. Stewardship responsibilities should be carried out in a way that protects the natural outdoor experience for the enjoyment of current and future generations.

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. You are responsible for you and your family's safety.
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
- Because uncontrolled pets may chase wildlife or frighten visitors, pets must be physically controlled and attended at all times and on a leash, caged, or crated. Electronic fences and leashes are prohibited.
- Do your part to keep wildlife wild! Enjoy wildlife from a safe distance and do not feed or approach wild animals.
- Prevent forest fires by having a fire in proper facilities and properly disposing of hot coals. Do not leave a fire unattended.
- Please park only in designated areas and obey all traffic regulations.
- Soliciting and posting signs is prohibited without approval from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

In an Emergency Dial 911

Call 911 and contact a park employee. Directions to the nearest hospital are posted on bulletin boards.

NEAREST HOSPITAL

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