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#### Information and Reservations

Make online reservations at:  
[www.visitPAParks.com](http://www.visitPAParks.com) or call toll-free  
888-PA-PARKS (888-727-2757), 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.,  
Monday to Saturday, for state park information

## Penn-Roosevelt State Park

This 41-acre park is in an isolated area of the Seven Mountains region known as the Stone Creek Kettle. While this Centre County park is small in size, it is surrounded by an 80,000-acre block of Rothrock State Forest. Penn-Roosevelt is a good base for those seeking low-density recreation on this vast expanse of public land.

### Directions

The park is easily reached from US 322, one-half mile east of Potters Mills (where US 322 changes from two to four lanes) turn south onto Crowfield Road and drive six miles to park. Or further east, turn south, (near the runaway truck ramp) onto Stone Creek Road and drive six miles to park.

Penn-Roosevelt can also be reached from Greenwood Furnace State Park. Turn onto Broad Mountain Road at the park office. Follow the Penn-Roosevelt signs 12 miles to the park.

For a wider map of the area, obtain a copy of the Rothrock State Forest Public Use Map from Greenwood Furnace State Park or the Bureau of Forestry office in Huntingdon.

**The roads to the park are not plowed in the winter.**

### Recreational Opportunities

**PICNICKING:** A picnic area is on the west side of the lake. Picnic tables and a reservable picnic pavilion are available on the eastern side. Make reservations online or call toll-free 888-PA-PARKS (888-727-2757), 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Saturday.

#### CAMPING: rustic sites, tents only

The 18 rustic campsites are for tents only. Some sites are walk-in for more privacy. Drinking water and non-flush toilets are available. Due to the isolated location, Penn-Roosevelt provides an excellent opportunity to get away from noise and electric lights. Park rangers routinely patrol the park and camping fees are paid through a self-registration/payment system. Please keep food and coolers in vehicles to protect them from wild animals.

**HORSEBACK RIDING:** Thickhead Mountain Road, leading west from Penn-Roosevelt State Park, is closed to motor vehicles and along with the connecting Detweiler Road, makes an excellent trail ride. Horse rentals are not provided.

**HIKING:** Many trails are on nearby state forest land. The Mid State Trail bisects the park and provides cross-country hiking in the Ridge and Valley Region of central Pennsylvania. This 171-mile ridge top route connects US 22 at Water Street, Huntingdon County and the West Rim Trail in the Tioga State Forest north of Blackwell, Tioga County. This trail passes through a diversity of forested areas from newly regenerated forest stands to mature and old growth timber areas. Scenic vistas dot the trail, which passes through Thickhead Wild Area, and Bear Meadows and Detweiler Run natural areas.

The main trail is marked with orange blazes—two inches by six inches. Side trails are blue paint-blazed rectangles of the same size. Trail registers are at a number of places

along the trail and overnight camping is permitted anywhere along the trail except in the natural areas or within 200 feet of any forest road. Hikers wishing to overnight at Penn-Roosevelt State Park must use the camping area and pay the nightly fee. Hikers overnighing on the trail who wish to leave their vehicle overnight at the park should register with the Greenwood Furnace State Park office and use the main parking lot next to the CCC camp monument.

Mid State Trail is a rugged and demanding mountaintop trail, and hikers assume their own liability, realizing the difficulty and possible dangers involved. A detailed trail guide, including maps, is available for a small fee by writing to:

Keystone Trails Association  
101 North Front Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17101  
[www.kta-hike.org](http://www.kta-hike.org)

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

### Winter Activities

Cross-country skiing is permitted. Snowmobiling commences the day after the close of deer season in December. Many miles of surrounding state forest roads are open for joint-use by snowmobiles and licensed motor vehicles.

**The roads to the park are not maintained in the winter months so access to the park may not be possible.**

### Trash Disposal and Recycling

Penn-Roosevelt State Park participates in a carry-in/carryout 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 home all trash, garbage and recyclables. Campers should carefully burn any paper waste in their campfire, but please do not burn foil, glass, cans, plastics or food waste.

### History

At the turn of the 20th century, large railroad logging operations were in progress in the Seven Mountains area with the hillsides and hollows receiving a “lumberman’s shave” typical of the day. During the summer, Reichley Brothers, a logging company, ran a 39-mile Sunday excursion train carrying up to 210 passengers, mostly from Lewistown. The trip began at Milroy, traveled to Poe Mills, to Thickhead Mountain, through the Stone Creek Kettle, and back to Milroy by way of Laurel Creek. One of the hardest climbs was at Stone Gap, just south of the main park area.

These logging company properties were later sold to the Commonwealth in large tracts, forming the bulk of the Rothrock State Forest. Many of the railroad grades were later used as a base for the state forest roads. Observant visitors can still find some of the grades.

Penn-Roosevelt State Park did not exist until June 5, 1933, when members of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Company 361 arrived to set up a work camp during the height of the Great Depression. The camp at Penn-Roosevelt was first known as Camp S-62, Stone Creek Kettle. The CCC of the 1930s was segregated and the camp at Stone Creek Kettle was one of 28 “Colored” camps in Pennsylvania.



Corpsmembers lived at the camp and constructed recreational facilities, including a 195-foot log-crib dam that has since been stone-faced. They also built many of the surrounding forestry roads and trails. Two fireplaces, a unique stone bake oven and other ruins of the camp can still be found.

For many years, Penn-Roosevelt was a state forest picnic area. In 1983, it was officially designated as Penn-Roosevelt State Park.

### Wildlife Watching

Wildlife is abundant in the area. The alert observer may see white-tailed deer, black bear, wild turkey and many species of small game. Due to the small acreage, Penn-Roosevelt State Park is closed to hunting. However, the surrounding Rothrock State Forest is open to hunting. The camping area makes an excellent base for a fall hunting trip. Feeding wild animals such as bears, raccoons and skunks is prohibited. When wildlife loses its fear of people, dangerous situations can result.

**WATER RESOURCES:** The small lake at the confluence of Sassafras Run and Standing Stone Creek is not stocked, but there are wily native brook trout. The stream below the dam is stocked in the spring. Wading is permitted in the lake and stream; swimming is not. On quiet evenings, muskrats can be seen on the lake and an occasional duck, goose or eagle visits from time to time. Trapping is prohibited.

### Nearby Attractions

Information on local attractions is available from the Central Pennsylvania Convention and Visitors Bureau.  
[www.centralpacvb.org](http://www.centralpacvb.org)

**Greenwood Furnace** (12 miles south) has a full range of recreational activities including swimming, camping, gift shop and historical interpretation programming.

**Whipple Dam** (14 miles southwest) is a day-use park that has a swimming beach and summer boat rental.

**Rothrock State Forest** has over 94,000 acres of land open for various recreational activities and includes special areas.

The 150-acre **Alan Seeger Natural Area** (5 miles southwest) has magnificent specimens of old-growth eastern hemlock and an almost impenetrable growth of rhododendron that blooms in early July.

The 45-acre **Detweiler Run Natural Area** (5 miles west) is quite isolated and is characterized by old-growth white pine and hemlock with heavy undergrowth of rhododendron of unusual size.

The 325-acre **Bear Meadows Natural Area** (10 miles west) consists largely of a swamp comparable to the glaciated areas found farther north. Trees and shrubs here are found in very few locations in Pennsylvania.

The 2-acre **Big Flats Laurel Natural Area** (11 miles west) is on a high mountain plateau and features several acres of our state flower, the mountain laurel.

For more information contact: Rothrock State Forest,  
814-643-2340.

### 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!

- Prevent forest fires by having a fire in proper facilities and properly disposing of hot coals. Do not leave a fire unattended.

- Because uncontrolled pets may chase wildlife or frighten visitors, pets must be controlled and attended at all times and on a leash, caged or crated.

- Do your part to keep wildlife wild! Enjoy wildlife from a safe distance and do not feed or approach wild animals.

### 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.

#### NEAREST HOSPITAL

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