



Neshaminy State Park



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Neshaminy State Park is along the Delaware River in lower Bucks County. The park takes its name from Neshaminy Creek, which joins the Delaware River at this point. The park's 339 acres include picnic areas, a swimming pool, and a separate children's spray park. Boating access to the Delaware River is provided at the marina.

Directions

At the intersection of State Road and Dunksferry Road, the park is easily reached from the PA 132 (Street Road) Exit of I-95.

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Recreational Opportunities

BOATING: unlimited hp motors permitted
Privately owned boats may be launched on the Delaware River at the two boat access areas. About 370 marina slips for boats are rented seasonally. Demand for these spaces is always high and waiting lists are maintained. Slips are available for people with disabilities. Contact the marina concessionaire for specific information concerning marina dock rental, transient slips, dry storage, and related services.

For more information, contact the marina concession at 215-826-1662. www.neshaminystatamarina.com

Motorboats must display a boat registration from any state. Daily and/or seasonal launch ramp fees apply.



SWIMMING: The main pool and children's spray park are open from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day. The pool is closed on weekdays until mid-June. Regular hours for weekends and holidays are 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM and 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM weekdays, unless otherwise posted. Lifeguards are on duty when the pools are open.

For their safety, all children ten years of age or younger must be accompanied by a person at least 14 years of age. Children without such supervision will be asked to leave the pool.

For more information, contact the pool concession at 215-245-8499 (seasonal).

Swimming is prohibited in the Delaware River from Neshaminy State Park.

PICNIC PAVILIONS: Neshaminy has three picnic pavilions that may be reserved up to 11 months in advance for a fee. Unreserved picnic pavilions are free on a first-come, first-served basis. Modern restroom facilities are located near the pavilions. Call toll-free 888-PA-PARKS to reserve a picnic pavilion.

HIKING: 4.4 miles of trails, easiest hiking

Logan Walk (0.57 mile) is the original drive to the former Robert Logan home, which has been removed. The tree-lined walk is used by visitors for numerous recreational activities and serves as a park service road. The walk is paved and ADA accessible.

River Walk Trail (0.92 mile) follows the shoreline and gives views of the river with its boating traffic and also explores the tidal marsh.

The River Walk brochure compares the past to the present and describes some of the river inhabitants like sturgeon, shad, and eel. Puzzles help children explore the estuary, river, and tidal marsh. This self-guiding brochure is available at the park office.

Oak Lane (0.22 mile), **Locust Lane** (0.58 mile), **Beaver Lane** (0.29 mile), and **Buck Alley** (0.26 mile) trails explore the interior of the park and are a great way to discover animals and plants.

East Walk (0.17 mile), **West Walk** (0.17 mile), **South Walk** (0.24 mile), **Playground Road** (0.14 mile), and **Winks Lane** (0.44 mile) trails provide access to the pool, playground, and picnic areas within the park. All of East Walk and part of West Walk are ADA accessible.

Eagles Forest Trail (0.4 mile) allows visitors to explore and learn about the Philadelphia Eagles' "Go Green" initiative and the importance of healthy forests and healthy habitat.



FISHING: A variety of warmwater fish species can be found in this stretch of the Delaware River and Neshaminy Creek. Common species are largemouth and smallmouth bass, muskellunge, catfish, and various panfish. The park is also a popular area in the spring for the annual run of striped bass. Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission regulations and laws apply.

THE PLAYMASTERS THEATRE WORKSHOP:

The playhouse, on State Road, offers entertainment throughout the year. 215-245-7850. www.playmasters.org

Eagles Forest

The forest is part of the Philadelphia Eagles football team "Go Green" program that focuses on offsetting the Eagles organization's environmental impact and gets fans interested in conserving natural resources. In 2007, the Philadelphia Eagles kicked off the Eagles Forest at Neshaminy State Park by planting hundreds of trees and shrubs. Together, the Eagles and the DCNR are laying the cornerstone for a healthy forest and healthy habitat.

The Delaware Estuary

Can you feel the ocean's tides in Pennsylvania? You can at Neshaminy State Park. Waves will not knock you down, but if you watch the river, you can see it rise or fall an inch a minute for an overall change of seven feet between tides. Even though the river flows another 116 miles from here to the ocean, you are at sea level. When the tide comes in at a New Jersey beach, the water rises here also. Because tides affect this part of the river, it is called an estuary.

American Indians used the rise and fall of tides to trap fish. They built low fences in the river. At high tide, the fish swam over the top of the fence. As the tide went out, the fish were trapped and easily speared.

The Neshaminy freshwater estuary is a unique place. Plants and animals from two worlds meet here, some from the ocean and some from upstream headwaters.

TIDAL MARSH NATURAL AREA

This 71-acre state park natural area encompasses part of the freshwater intertidal zone along the shores of the Delaware River and Neshaminy Creek. This area contains wetlands and unique plants.

History

A crazy idea began at Neshaminy.

For repayment of a debt to his father, William Penn received a land grant in the American Colonies from the king of England. Instead of assuming that the king's grant gave him property rights, William Penn had what many people considered a crazy idea, he would buy the land from its current inhabitants, the American Indians.

In 1682, William Penn made his first purchase from the Lenape chiefs. The land was bounded on the south by Neshaminy Creek. A year later, Penn's second purchase was bounded on the north by Neshaminy Creek, making what is now Neshaminy State Park the core of the future Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The major portion of today's Neshaminy State Park was a gift to the commonwealth by Mr. Robert R. Logan. A descendant of James Logan, colonial secretary to founder William Penn, Robert Logan's estate "Sarobia" was given to the state upon his death in 1956. The property had been a wedding gift to Mr. Logan and his wife, the former Sarah Wetherill of Philadelphia, by the bride's parents. The Logan's home has been removed, but many of their furnishings and belongings are now in the collections of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

Dunks Ferry Road, forming the eastern boundary of the park, is one of the oldest roads in Pennsylvania. Beginning in 1679, Dunken Williams operated a ferry across the Delaware River. The road gave travelers access to his ferry, and today, over three hundred years later, "Dunks Ferry" Road perpetuates both his name and enterprise.

During the mid-1700s, a large inn was built to serve travelers. Operated by many owners over the years, the Dunk's Ferry Inn had a colorful history. One of the most successful owners was John Vandergrift, who also had a profitable shad fishing business for thirty-nine years during the late 1800s.

Nearby Attractions

Information on nearby attractions is available from the Bucks County Conference and Visitors Bureau, 800-863-BUCKS. visitbuckscounty.com

Tyler State Park has hiking, bicycling and exercise trails, nature trail, fishing, picnic facilities, environmental education, summer canoe rental, and a mobile food concession. 215-968-2021

Litter

This park, your park, is used by thousands of people each year. If each person drops only one thing, it adds up quickly. Please dispose of trash properly.

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.

- 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. Pets are prohibited in swimming areas.

- 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.

- Please recycle. Place trash accumulated during your stay in proper receptacles or take it home with you.

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

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

NEAREST HOSPITAL

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