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Nescopeck State Park

Bordered on the south by steep Mount Yeager and on the north by Nescopeck Mountain, the 3,550-acre Nescopeck State Park encompasses wetlands, rich forests and many diverse habitats. Nescopeck Creek, a favorite of anglers, meanders through the park. Hiking trails follow the creek, pass through quiet forests and skirt wetlands. An environmental education center provides year-round educational programs on the park's diverse resources. Interpretive exhibits highlighting the park's natural history can be seen inside the environmental education center.

Directions

Traveling East on I-80: Take Exit 262 (Hazleton, Mountain Top - PA 309). Follow PA 309 south about 0.75 mile. Turn left onto Honey Hole Road. The park begins along Honey Hole Road a short distance east of the I-80 underpass. From here, travel an additional 3.5 miles along Honey Hole Road to enter the Lake Frances Day Use Area. It is on the right just opposite Lake Frances Road.

Traveling West on I-80: Take Exit 273 (White Haven, Freeland). Turn right onto PA 940. At the stop sign, go straight onto PA 437 for about 4.5 miles. Directly after the power lines, turn left onto Honey Hole Road. Travel 2.5 miles to enter the Lake Frances Day Use Area. It is on the left opposite Lake Frances Road.

From Wilkes-Barre: Take PA 309 south. After passing under I-80, travel about 0.75 mile and turn left onto Honey Hole Road. The park begins along Honey Hole Road a short distance east of the I-80 underpass. From here, travel an additional 3.5 miles along Honey Hole Road to enter the Lake Frances Day Use Area. It is on the right just opposite Lake Frances Road.

Recreational Opportunities

FISHING: The 9-acre Lake Frances has trout, bass and panfish. A well-used trail circles Lake Frances and provides fishing access throughout the year. Six miles of Nescopeck Creek are designated as a high quality, cold-water fishery and contains brown trout and native brook trout. Several miles of the creek are designated as delayed harvest, artificial lure only. The PA Fish and Boat Commission stocks Lake Frances and Nescopeck Creek. Fishing poles are available for use at the visitor center as part of a loaner program. Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission rules and regulations apply.

HIKING: 19 miles of trails
 Many of the trails begin along Honey Hole Road. Visitors can discover the diverse habitats in the park on trails that travel through forests, fields and wetlands. Several trails lead to and parallel beautiful Nescopeck Creek.

Due to the sensitivity of the natural resources in the park, biking is prohibited on park trails.

Tell us about your hike at:



CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING AND SNOWSHOEING:

These popular winter sports are permitted on several trails throughout the park. The trails are not groomed but are relatively flat or have slight grades making them a great way to explore the park during winter. Inquire at the environmental education center about the snowshoe loaner program.

HUNTING AND FIREARMS: Most of the park is open to hunting, trapping and the training of dogs during established seasons. Common game species are white-tailed deer, turkey, black bear, rabbit and gray squirrel. Nescopeck State Park has traditionally been managed for the American woodcock, which can also be found in the park. State Game Land 187, which adjoins the park, provides additional areas open to hunting.

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 while they are within a state park.

Environmental Education and Interpretation

Year-round staff provides environmental education programming for local schools and interpretive programs for park visitors.

The park's education program strives to teach about the natural world and critical environmental issues facing society. Special emphasis is placed on the education and interpretation of Nescopeck's unique, natural biodiversity.

School students engage in hands-on activities, exploring and learning about ecosystems within the park to further their awareness, appreciation and knowledge of the natural environment.

The education staff offers the Bureau's Watershed Education program to area high schools, teachers and other groups interested in learning about complex issues within their watersheds.

Teacher workshops based on state and national environmental education curricula, as they relate to Department of Education academic standards, are also offered.

A variety of interpretive and recreational programs are available for park visitors. These programs focus on the natural, historical and cultural features of the park and region. The park also participates in the Bureau's DiscoverE program, which gives young people an opportunity to explore and learn about the environment.

In addition to offering quality educational programs, the park is an outdoor natural laboratory for visiting biologists, college interns and resource professionals involved in an array of research projects.

Wildlife Watching

Habitats like the 200 acres of high quality wetlands, rich forests and six miles of the pristine Nescopeck Creek are home to over 160 species of birds, 50 species of mammals, 30 species of amphibians and reptiles and over 650 species of plants.



Nearby Attractions

Information on nearby attractions is available from the Luzerne County Visitors Bureau, 888-905-2872. www.tournepa.com

Two nearby state parks, Hickory Run and Frances Slocum, feature camping, hiking and other attractions. Lehigh Gorge State Park features whitewater boating, biking and hiking. Call 888-PA-PARKS for camping reservations. State Game Land 187 borders Nescopeck State Park on three sides and is open to public hunting.

The Black Diamond section of the Delaware & Lehigh Trail can be accessed off PA 437, just 4 miles from the park. www.delawareandlehigh.org

Get Involved

Nescopeck State Park is always looking for enthusiastic, qualified individuals to lend their talents and skills to enhance and preserve the park. Volunteers are needed to assist in trail maintenance, nest box monitoring, help with special events and projects, and participate in park cleanups. For more information, contact the environmental education center.

Sustainable Features

The park was designed for long-term sustainability. The environmental education center incorporates eco-friendly materials and energy conservation features. The parking lots promote stormwater infiltration to alleviate runoff. Warm season grass fields replace invasive plants and shrubs. For more information, ask for a brochure at the office.

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.

- Please recycle. Recycling receptacles are located inside the environmental education center.
- 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.

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 environmental education center.

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