



Mont Alto State Park



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888-PA-PARKS (888-727-2757), 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.,
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The 23-acre Mont Alto State Park is in Franklin County. It can be reached from Caledonia State Park on US 30, the Lincoln Highway, by traveling seven miles south on PA 233. From the south, travel north on PA 233 from the town of Mont Alto for one mile.

Recreational Opportunities

FISHING: The West Branch of Antietam Creek flows through the park and offers excellent trout fishing.

HIKING: Local mountain roads offer interesting short hikes and a flora that attracts a diversity of wildlife, especially woodland birds.

PICNICKING: Two picnic areas contain tables and two picnic pavilions. The ADA accessible Dance Pavilion can be reserved online or call 888-PA-PARKS (888-727-2757).

SNOWMOBILING: The park has restrooms, parking, loading/unloading ramp and access to the public snowmobile trails of the Michaux State Forest. Snowmobile trails open after the close of deer season in late December.

History

The Mont Alto Charcoal Iron Furnace was built in 1807 by Colonel Daniel Hughes and his son Samuel on land granted to Daniel's father by Lord Baltimore.

In 1864 the Hughes family sold the iron works to a partnership headed by Colonel George Wiestling. To facilitate getting the iron to market, the Mont Alto Railroad Company was incorporated in 1872. A park with a swimming pool, hiking trails and a carousel (housed under the round pavilion) was built and became a popular mountain retreat. The Mont Alto Iron Works closed in 1893.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania purchased the park and furnace lands, which became Pennsylvania's first state forest park in 1902. The next year the Commonwealth's first professional forester began training foresters at the Mont Alto Forestry Academy, which became today's Mont Alto Campus of the Pennsylvania State University.

Nearby Attractions

For more information on regional attractions, contact the Fulton County Chamber of Commerce and Tourism.
www.fultoncountypa.com

Adjacent to the park is the Mont Alto Campus of the Pennsylvania State University. Local legend holds that famed abolitionist John Brown taught Sunday school at the campus chapel while living in Chambersburg and planning his raid on the Harpers Ferry Arsenal.

Michaux State Forest: This 84,000-acre forest features hunting, fishing and general outdoor recreation. The 611-acre Meeting of the Pines State Forest Natural Area is adjacent to Mont Alto. Northern and southern species of pine grow in this area, including table mountain pine, pitch pine, short-leaf pine, white pine and Virginia pine. 717-352-2211

Trash Disposal and Recycling

Mont Alto State Park participates in a carry-in/carry-out trash disposal program for small parks. There are no 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.



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