

Lyman Run State Park



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Lyman Run State Park

The 595-acre Lyman Run State Park is in scenic Potter County. Maples and cherries dominate a mixed northern hardwood forest that surrounds the 45-acre Lyman Run Lake, making a most scenic setting.

Directions

Lyman Run State Park is 15 miles east of Coudersport and seven miles west of Galeton on Lyman Run Road.

Recreational Opportunities

CAMPING: flush toilets and hot showers

Daggett Run and Lower campgrounds offer separate camping areas with a total of 35 RV and tent campsites. Each campsite contains a picnic table, fire ring and lantern hanger. Twenty-nine campsites have electricity. Six campsites are walk-ins. The campgrounds have modern washhouses with hot water, flush toilets and showers. The campgrounds are open from the second weekend in April to the end of deer season in December. A sanitary dump station is in Lower Campground. Pets are permitted on designated sites in both campgrounds.

HIKING: 6 miles of hiking trails

The hiking trails link to many miles of trails in Susquehannock State Forest. Unless noted below, all trails are marked with rectangular yellow blazes. There are trailhead and intersection signposts.

Spur Line Trail: easiest hiking

The bumps on this trail are the remains of old railroad ties from the Goodyear Brothers logging railroad that hauled tan bark and hemlock logs during the lumbering era. Spur Line Trail ascends slowly from Lower Campground up to Rock Run Road. To the right along Rock Run Road is Lyman Run Vista. Hikers can complete a loop by continuing on the road then turning right onto Rock Run Trail.

Rock Run Trail: more difficult hiking

Along this aptly named trail are very large boulders. Rock Run Trail descends rapidly from Rock Run Road to intersect Spur Line Trail near Lower Campground.

Beehive Trail: more difficult hiking

The massive, old stumps along this trail show signs of ancient wildfires. Beehive Trail was built by the CCC in the 1930s and connects Daggett Run Campground and Rock Run Road. Wildcat Trail intersects Beehive Trail making a loop.

Wildcat Trail: more difficult hiking

Along this trail is a small upland bog that has northern cotton grass and several majestic old growth hemlock trees. Wildcat Connector connects Wildcat Trail with Rock Run and Spur Line trails.

Lyman Run Trail: more difficult hiking

Hike from one end of the park to the other following Lyman Run through many habitats and on a railroad trace. Lyman Run Trail can be accessed in Lower Campground, at the spillway, or where it intersects the Susquehannock Trail System. Until a bridge is installed hikers must make a wet crossing of the creek between Lower Campground and the Spillway.

Susquehannock Trail System: This 85-mile trail loop traverses some of the most rugged, mountainous terrain in northcentral Pennsylvania. This trail system also passes through Denton Hill, Patterson and Ole Bull state parks.

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

ATV TRAIL: Lyman Run State Park is an access point for 43 miles of ATV trail in Susquehannock State Forest. Restrooms and the food concession at Lyman Beach are within walking distance of the specially located “ATV-only” parking lot. ATV trailer parking is limited to five trailers. Additional parking is available at the Bureau of Forestry (Denton Hill) trailhead.

GEOCACHING: In this high tech treasure hunting game a Web site lists hidden containers called geocaches that players using GPS devices locate outdoors.

Lyman Run hosts a geocache for the Legacy of Conservation Geocaching Trail. Collect all 30 cards of notable Pennsylvania environmentalists to receive a special coin.

HUNTING AND FIREARMS: About 505 acres are open to hunting, trapping and the training of dogs during established seasons. Common game species are deer, turkey and bear. Hunting is also permitted in the adjacent Susquehannock State Forest.

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. The only exception is that law enforcement officers and individuals with a valid *Pennsylvania License to Carry Firearms* may carry said firearm concealed on their person while they are in the park.

PICNICKING: The shaded picnic area has picnic tables, charcoal grills, hot charcoal disposals, modern restrooms, drinking water and a play area. One picnic pavilion may be reserved up to 11 months in advance for a fee. When unreserved, the picnic pavilion is free on a first-come, first-served basis.

BOATING: electric motors only

Boating facilities on the 45-acre Lyman Run Lake include a launching ramp and a courtesy dock. The mooring area holds 60 boats. A permit, available at the park office, is needed for the mooring area.

Motorboats must display a boat registration from any state. 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.

LAKE FISHING: The 45-acre Lyman Run Lake is noted for its exceptional water quality and provides excellent trout fishing. The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission stocks the lake with rainbow and palomino trout throughout the fishing season.

STREAM FISHING: Lyman Run from Lyman Run Lake to West Branch Road is approved trout water and stocked each spring. The upper Lyman Run basin is a wild brook trout enhancement area. From the inflow to Lyman Run Lake upstream, 5.3-miles of Lyman Run and all its tributaries are excellent for wild brook trout fishing. Anglers should consult the *Summary of Fishing Regulations and Laws* for current restrictions and creel limits.

SWIMMING: The 300-foot sand beach is open from late-May to mid-September, 8 a.m. to sunset. Swim at your own risk. Please read and follow posted rules for swimming. A modern bathhouse with flush toilets, changing rooms, snack bar and boat rental is the centerpiece of the beach area.

ICE FISHING: Lyman Run Lake provides ice fishing for rainbow and palomino trout during the winter months. Ice thickness is not monitored. For your safety, be sure the ice is at least four inches thick and carry safety equipment.

ICE SKATING: Lyman Run Lake provides ice skating at the boat launch. Ice thickness is not monitored. For your safety, be sure the ice is at least four inches thick and carry safety equipment.

SNOWMOBILING: A 43-mile loop trail in Susquehannock State Forest passes through Lyman Run State Park.

Environmental Education and Interpretation

April through October an environmental interpreter presents resource-oriented programs and interpretive walks like guided hikes and kayak programs. Schools, organizations and clubs may request programs on a variety of topics including watersheds and stream ecology. Additional information is available at the park office.

Wildlife Watching

Depending on the season, visitors can see woodland wildlife like bobcat, coyote, white-tailed deer, black bear and wild turkey. In the spring, Lyman Lake is visited by migrating waterfowl like common loon and common merganser. A good pair of binoculars is often enough to see nesting pied-billed grebes, wood ducks and red-breasted mergansers.

History

Lyman Run State Park was named for Major Isaac Lyman, an American Revolutionary War soldier believed to be the second permanent settler in Potter County. In 1809, Lyman built his home in nearby Lymansville (now Ladonna), east of present day Coudersport.

In the 1880s, large stands of white pine were harvested and floated down Lyman Run to Pine Creek and on to Williamsport. In the 1890s, the Goodyear Brothers purchased most of the land drained by the West Branch of Pine Creek.

In 1905, Frank and Charles Goodyear constructed a large camp and engine terminal in the area that now is the park

day use area. From this base, steam locomotives pulled log trains through the ten miles of main line and 30 miles of spur lines. Many of the spur lines were steep, with grades of up to ten percent.

Each day, up to 100 train cars of logs were hauled out of Lyman Run to the sawmill in Galeton. At night, trains hauled hemlock bark to leather tanneries in Galeton, Westfield and Elkland.

The land changed hands several times until it was purchased by the R.J. Gaffney Company, who cut the remaining hardwoods for a wood chemical plant on the West Branch Pine Creek. Logging ceased in 1913.

For forest fire and watershed protection, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania purchased the land in and around Lyman Run in the 1920s.

In the 1930s, the Civilian Conservation Corps built Camp S-88 in the area that currently is the park maintenance area. The young men of the camp completed forestry improvements and road construction projects. Toward the end of World War II, the camp housed German prisoners-of-war. After the war, the camp seasonally housed migrant workers who harvested the local potato crop.

Construction of Lyman Run Dam began in 1951. Lyman Run State Park opened to the public in 1955. The dam was replaced in 2009.

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Highlights of the area are elk watching, scenic PA 6, Pine Creek Gorge (PA Grand Canyon), the darkest skies in the east at Cherry Springs State Park, and hundreds of miles of backpacking trails, bike paths and trout fishing streams. www.pawilds.com

Nearby Attractions

Information on nearby attractions is available from the Potter County Visitor Association. www.visitpottercounty.com

Lyman Run State Park is nearly surrounded by the 265,000 acres of Susquehannock State Forest. Hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, camping, fishing and other recreational opportunities are available in forest lands. 814-274-3600

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In an Emergency

Contact a park employee or dial 911. For directions to the nearest hospital, look on bulletin boards or at the park office.

NEAREST HOSPITAL:

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