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Kettle Creek State Park

Kettle Creek State Park consists of 1,793 acres along Kettle Creek in western Clinton County. The park is in a valley surrounded by mountainous terrain and wilderness.

Many of the existing recreational facilities arose from a joint flood control project developed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the former Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources.

Directions

The park is along SR 4001, seven miles north of PA 120 at Westport and three miles west of PA 144.

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Recreational Opportunities

BOATING: electric motors only

The 167-acre Kettle Creek Reservoir is an ideal place to kayak and canoe. A boat launch and boat mooring for 60 vessels are at the northern end of the lake. An overnight mooring permit is required. Sailboards and sailboats are permitted. Overnight mooring for park campers is also available, free of charge.

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.

Each vessel must have a Coast Guard approved wearable Type I, II, III, or V personal flotation device in serviceable condition for each occupant. Children under 13 years of age and all non-swimmers must wear the approved PFD when boating.

EQUESTRIAN TRAILHEAD: An equestrian trail, 22 miles in length, starts at Beaverdam Run and travels through Sproul State Forest before returning to the trailhead. Overnight camping at the trailhead is by permit only. Contact the park office for information. Trail maps are available at the park office.

PICNICKING: The picnic area is below the park office along Bearfield Run and Kettle Creek Reservoir. Many picnic tables with charcoal grills, hot coal disposal and water hydrants are scattered throughout this area. Sunny and shaded picnic sites are available. Restrooms are near the parking area and at the park office.

Softball and volleyball areas are provided along with playground sets at several locations. Several large open fields provide excellent play areas for groups of all sizes.

The Pine Grove Picnic Area is available for reservations. A large memorial picnic pavilion with electric hook-up, overlooking the lake, is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

CAMPING: modern and rustic campsites, some with elec. The park has two camping areas with level sunny or shady sites that accommodate tents or trailers. Each site has a picnic table and fire ring. Water spigots are scattered throughout the campgrounds.

The Lower Campground is along Kettle Creek and has 41 sites with electricity and also modern restrooms with showers. The Lower Campground is open from early April to mid-October.

The Upper Campground overlooks the Alvin R. Bush Dam and Kettle Creek Reservoir and has 27 sites, 12 with electric hook-ups and vault toilets. Pets are permitted on all sites. The Upper Campground is open from early April to the end of deer season in mid-December.

HIKING: 2 miles of trails

Novice and experienced hikers will find several trails in the park area. Short walks as well as longer day-hikes are possible. Backpackers can enjoy the 53-mile Donut Hole Trail with an access parking lot across from the Lower Campground. This trail connects onto several other trail systems. Trail maps are available at the park office.

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

HUNTING AND FIREARMS: Most of the park is open to hunting, trapping and the training of dogs during established seasons. Common game species are deer, grouse, squirrel, bear and turkey.

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.

The adjacent Sproul State Forest also permits hunting and trapping. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers lands are managed in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Game Commission and the Bureau of State Parks and the Bureau of Forestry.

FISHING: The 167-acre Kettle Creek Reservoir is noted for its trout and bass fishing. Also found in the lake are brown bullhead, sucker and many species of panfish. Lower Campground is beside the seven-acre Kettle Creek Lake, a very popular fishing area. Kettle Creek is noted for its excellent water quality that supports a healthy aquatic population. Abandoned mine drainage limits the fishing quality below the Lower Campground.

Many excellent native trout streams surround the park. Additional information on fishing is available at the park office.

Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission laws and regulations apply in all areas. Fishing licenses are available nearby at several issuing agents.

Winter Activities

The park is open throughout the winter. The day use area provides access to all trails and activities.

ICE FISHING: The 167-acre Kettle Creek Reservoir is stocked with trout for the winter season.

SNOWMOBILING: Snowmobiles must stay on designated trails and have a current registration. Park trails connect to many miles of trails in the surrounding Sproul State Forest.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING: Cross-country skiing is permitted throughout the park.

SLEDDING AND TOBOGGANING: The gentle slopes below the park office make for excellent tobogganing/sledding.

Wildlife Watching

The remote nature of Kettle Creek State Park makes it a wonderful place to see wildlife. Black bear, white-tailed deer and wild turkey are common residents. Elk, river otter and fisher are elusive animals that can be found in the park.

Kettle Creek Reservoir is a beacon for waterfowl, especially in the spring and fall migrations. Loons, grebes, ducks and gulls use the lake and wetlands as a rest stop. Bald eagle, kingfisher, great blue heron, wood duck and merganser can be seen year-round. Osprey are common summer visitors.

The field and edge habitats of the park are nesting spots for bluebird, indigo bunting, goldfinch, cardinal and common yellowthroat.

The forests of the park are composed of deciduous hardwoods and a few stands of hemlock and pine. Warblers, vireos, thrushes and other songbirds nest in the park and can be seen migrating through. Woodpeckers, nuthatches, sparrows, finches, jays and ravens can be found in the forests, even in winter. Golden eagles have been spotted cruising the valley in winter.

Environmental Education and Interpretation

During the summer months, Kettle Creek State Park shares an environmental interpretor with Ole Bull State Park. The history and environment of the area are topics for educational programs for park visitors of all ages. Children's programs, guided walks and campfire programs are scheduled throughout the week. Program schedules are available at the park office. Special requests are welcome and may be directed to the park office.

History

Kettle Creek State Park is named after the popular trout stream that flows through the area. In the 1930s, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) developed the original park in what is now Lower Campground.

In 1962, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers dedicated the Alvin R. Bush Dam for flood protection for the

lower Susquehanna watershed. The area above the dam was developed for recreation and administered by the Pennsylvania Bureau of State Parks.

Nearby Attractions

Information on nearby attractions is available from the Clinton County Economic Partnership Tourist Agency. www.clintoncountyinfo.com/Tourism.htm

SPROUL STATE FOREST: The 278,000-acre Sproul State Forest surrounds Kettle Creek State Park and offers hiking, backpacking, snowmobiling, pleasure driving, and horseback, ATV, and mountain bike riding. All areas of Sproul State Forest are open to hunting and fishing. Camping permits are required before setting up camp on state forest lands. 570-923-6011

KETTLE CREEK VISTA: Three miles west of the park, this overlook provides a breathtaking view of the Kettle Creek Valley.

ALVIN R. BUSH DAM: This flood control dam is operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and creates 4.5 miles of natural, scenic shoreline. This is one of four dams in the flood control plan for the West Branch Basin of the Susquehanna River watershed.

PENNSYLVANIA FLAMING FOLIAGE FESTIVAL: In Renovo, PA, the second full weekend in October.

Nearby Services

Services, including medical, are available at Renovo, 16 miles southeast along PA 120.

Explore Pennsylvania Wilds

Pennsylvania Wilds is two million acres of public lands for hiking, biking, fishing, boating, hunting and exploration in northcentral Pennsylvania.

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

Access for People with Disabilities

 This symbol indicates facilities and activities that are ADA accessible. 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

Emergency first aid is available at the park office. In an emergency call 911.

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