

## Final Cache

N 41° 01.080      W 75° 42.8\_\_

Add up all of the numbers from the previous questions. Multiply by 2. Add 3. Put the answer in the blank spot. This gives you the coordinates for the hidden cache.

Just off the trail near the cache you can see the remnants of a water tower that was built by the CCC.



## Thanks for visiting!

Thank you for visiting Hickory Run State Park! While you're here at the park, please consider checking out some of the other attractions:

- Over 40-miles of trails
- Hawk Falls, a beautiful natural waterfall
- Swimming beach at Sand Spring Lake open from Memorial Day to Labor Day
- Campground with nearly 400 sites
- Scenic vistas from Fireline Trail
- Disc golf and orienteering courses located in the Sand Spring Day Use Area
- Free interpretive programs on weekends from Memorial Day to Labor Day
- Several streams, ponds, and a lake for fishing

## Be prepared with your GPS

- Know how to use your GPS unit.
- Bring along with you:
  - park map
  - water
  - extra layers
  - first aid kit
  - extra batteries
- Tell someone where you are going and when you expect to be back
- Practice Leave No Trace on your adventure; take only pictures, leave only footprints.
- Pay attention to your surroundings.
- In the case of an emergency, call 911.

## Welcome. Now get out!

Don't let your adventure end here. Check out the various kinds of fun the other Pennsylvania state parks and forests have to offer, and *GET OUT!*



[www.dcnr.state.pa.us/getoutdoorspa](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/getoutdoorspa)

If you need an accommodation to participate in park activities due to a disability, please contact the park you plan to visit.

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## For more information

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# The CCC GPS Tour



**The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) was created in 1933 “for the relief of unemployment through the performance of useful public work, and for other purposes.”**

**The work of the young men in the CCC can be seen throughout the park.**

**Grab your GPS unit and follow the coordinates for a behind-the-scenes tour of the history of the CCC here at Hickory Run State Park.**

This GPS Tour is an official geocache at [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) (GC1PPJ7)

Type: multi-cache  
Difficulty: ★★★★★

Size: small  
Terrain: ★★★★★

## About the CCC

The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) was formed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1933. Just 37 days after taking office, the first enrollee had signed up for the program.

Unmarried, unemployed men age 18-25 were the first enrollees. Later the age limit was changed to 17-23. World War I veterans also had separate camps. Enrollment was for 6 months and could be extended up to a total of 2 years.

Many young men came to the camps hungry and poorly clothed. They were issued uniforms and given three meals a day. Most young men gained about 40 pounds while in the CCC. The men earned \$30 a month, most of which was sent home to their families.

Run by the U.S. Army, the regimented life of camp was new to most new enrollees. A typical day began at 6 a.m. with breakfast at 6:30 a.m. followed by sick call and policing of the camp. At 7:15 a.m. trucks were loaded with tools and men for the day. "Local experienced men" usually served as foremen for the work. Lunch was usually half an hour. At 4 p.m. the trucks headed back to camp for the flag lowering ceremony, inspection, and announcements. After dinner, the men had free time to socialize and learn crafts until lights out at 10 p.m.

Pennsylvania had the second highest number of camps to California. Between 1933 and 1942, 194,527 Pennsylvanians were employed in 114 CCC camps across the state. More than 3,000,000 men served in the CCC nationwide. The outbreak of World War II caused the ending for the CCC on June 30, 1942.



## The CCC at Hickory Run

In 1933 13,000 acres of land from General Harry C. Trexler's estate was purchased by the Federal Government, for the purpose of establishing a park. It was in December of 1933 that the National Park Service initiated work on the recreational development of this large tract of land. The land was redesignated a Recreational Demonstration Area, in which large numbers of people could find healthy outdoor activity and recreation at little personal cost.

In 1939, the CCC established a camp at Hickory Run and began to work throughout the park. The work here was given project code SP-19, and was later renamed NP-6. Between 200 and 650 men from Company 1324 (who were relocated from project SP-18 at Caledonia State Park) were located here and worked on various infrastructure projects under the leadership of Project Superintendent Howard Miller.

### Stop #1

**N 41° 01.494                      W 75° 41.764**

The camp at Hickory Run was located here near the present-day CCC dam.

A standard camp was formed in a rough "U" shape with recreation halls, a garage, a hospital, administrative buildings, a mess hall, officers' quarters, enrollee barracks, and a schoolhouse, all constructed of wood; it numbered approximately 24 structures. Each building fronted a cleared space that was used for assemblies and sports activities.

► How many swings are on the play set in the middle of the field? \_\_\_\_

### Stop #2

**N 41° 01.698                      W 75° 41.254**

This 11-acre lake was built by the CCC in 1941. It wasn't until 1952 that the lake was opened for public bathing. The numerous parking areas were located near picnic grounds, which still include many tables and nearby fireplaces. The beach area recently underwent modern renovations and visitors can enjoy a new concessionaire, shower house, and restrooms.

► How many steps/stairs to the top of the dam? \_\_\_\_

## Stop #3

**N 41° 01.966                      W 75° 42.410**

This historic crossing on Hickory Run was improved by the CCC. It lies between the (1800s) towns of Saylorville, upstream, and Hickory Run, downstream.

► What color is the wooden railing painted? How many letters are in that word? \_\_\_\_



## Stop #4

**N 41° 01.472                      W 75° 42.631**

Among the work that the CCC boys did was building and repairing dams. Although they did not have a hand in building the chapel, which was historically used as a school house, the young men did work in the stream. They built the dams that still stand in front of and downstream of the chapel, creating calm reflecting pools and gentle cascades.

► How many windows are on the chapel? \_\_\_\_  
*Count windows, not individual panes.*

