

Fowlers Hollow State Park



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The 104-acre Fowlers Hollow State Park is in a narrow valley created by Fowler Hollow Run. The park is on the edge of Tuscarora State Forest at the intersection of several multi-use trails. The campground of the park is a good base for adventures into a huge tract of public land.

Directions

From PA 274 in Blain, turn south at the east end of town, then drive one-quarter of a mile. Turn right after the bridge. The park can also be reached from PA 274 west of New Germantown on Upper Buck Ridge Road.

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Recreational Opportunities

PICNICKING: Picnic tables and a limited number of grills are available in a wooded setting. The one picnic pavilion may be reserved up to 11 months in advance for a fee. If unreserved, the picnic pavilion is free on a first-come, first-served basis.



CAMPING: Twelve campsites with electric hookups and six walk-in tent sites are available from late March to mid-December. All campsites have a picnic table and fire ring. There are flush toilets, water spigot and sanitary dump station, but no showers. Pets are permitted.

MOUNTAIN BIKING AND HORSEBACK RIDING: Fowlers Hollow is a trailhead for Alfarata and Beaton trails, which are extensive trails in Tuscarora State Forest. Mountain biking is also permitted on park roads.

SNOWMOBILING: Fowlers Hollow has parking and a restroom. The park is a trailhead to the 46-mile trail network in Tuscarora State Forest. Snowmobiles may be operated on designated trails and roads from the day following the last day of deer season in December until April 1, weather permitting.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING: There are two miles of designated trail southwest of the campground. Skiing is also permitted in all areas of the park.

HUNTING: Hunting is permitted on adjacent state forest lands. Terrain is moderately hilly to mountainous and favors turkey and deer.



HIKING: Fowlers Hollow State Park is a trailhead for a variety of hiking trails within, and connecting to, the extensive trail system in Tuscarora State Forest. The Tuscarora Trail is nearby. Be sure to acquire a Tuscarora State Forest Public use map before hiking on forest lands.

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

FISHING: Fowler Hollow Run traverses the park and provides trout fishing. The stream receives a mid-May stocking of brook trout.

History

In 1901, the Perry Lumber Company began logging operations in the area by building a narrow gauge logging railroad along the unused Path Valley Railroad grade from New Germantown to what is now Big Spring State Forest Picnic Area. The railroad then expanded south into Bowman Hollow and around the end of Rising Mountain into what is now Fowlers Hollow State Park. The company engine was named the Alfarata after the American Indian princess in the poem "the Blue Juniata."

The company did not have a large, stationary sawmill, but used five portable sawmills, one of which was used in Fowlers Hollow. The loggers cut lumber and shipped hemlock bark to the Newport Extract Plant.

By 1905, the lumber was exhausted and the Perry Lumber Company sold all of its equipment. In 1907, the company sold 2,573 acres to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

In the early 1930s, unemployed local men, through the Works Progress Administration (WPA), constructed many of the facilities in Fowlers Hollow State Park.



Nearby Attractions

Information on nearby attractions is available from the Hershey Harrisburg Regional Visitors Bureau. www.visithersheyharrisburg.org

COLONEL DENNING STATE PARK: This quaint park offers camping, swimming, fishing, hiking, picnicking, hunting, cross-country skiing and ice skating and is in the scenic Doubling Gap along PA 233.

BIG SPRING STATE FOREST PICNIC AREA: The 45-acre Big Spring State Forest Picnic Area is 5.5 miles southwest of New Germantown, along PA 274. Tucked in the side of Conococheague Mountain, Big Spring is a picnic and hiking area. A short loop trail leads to a partially completed railroad tunnel with historic interpretation at the trailhead. The picnic area also provides access to the Iron Horse Trail for day and overnight hiking.

TUSCARORA STATE FOREST: The 96,000-acre forest is open to hunting, fishing, mountain biking, horseback riding, snowmobiling and general recreation. Nearby is the Frank E. Masland Jr. Natural Area, a 1,270-acre tract that is a good example of old, second-growth forest. 717-536-3191



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Please make your visit safe and enjoyable. Obey all posted rules and regulations and respect fellow visitors and the resources of the park.

- Be prepared and bring the proper equipment. Natural areas may possess hazards. Your personal safety and that of your family are your responsibility.
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
- Please camp only in designated areas and try to minimize your impact on the campsite.
- Firewood Advisory: Firewood may contain non-native insects and plant diseases. Bringing firewood into the park from other areas may accidentally spread pest insects and diseases that threaten park resources and the health of our forests. Campers should use local firewood. Do not take wood home and do not leave firewood - Burn It!
- Prevent forest fires by having a fire in proper facilities and properly disposing of hot coals. Do not leave a fire unattended.

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 park office.

NEAREST HOSPITALS

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 Carlisle, PA 17015
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West Shore Hospital
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 Mechanicsburg, PA17050
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