COOK FOREST STATE PARK

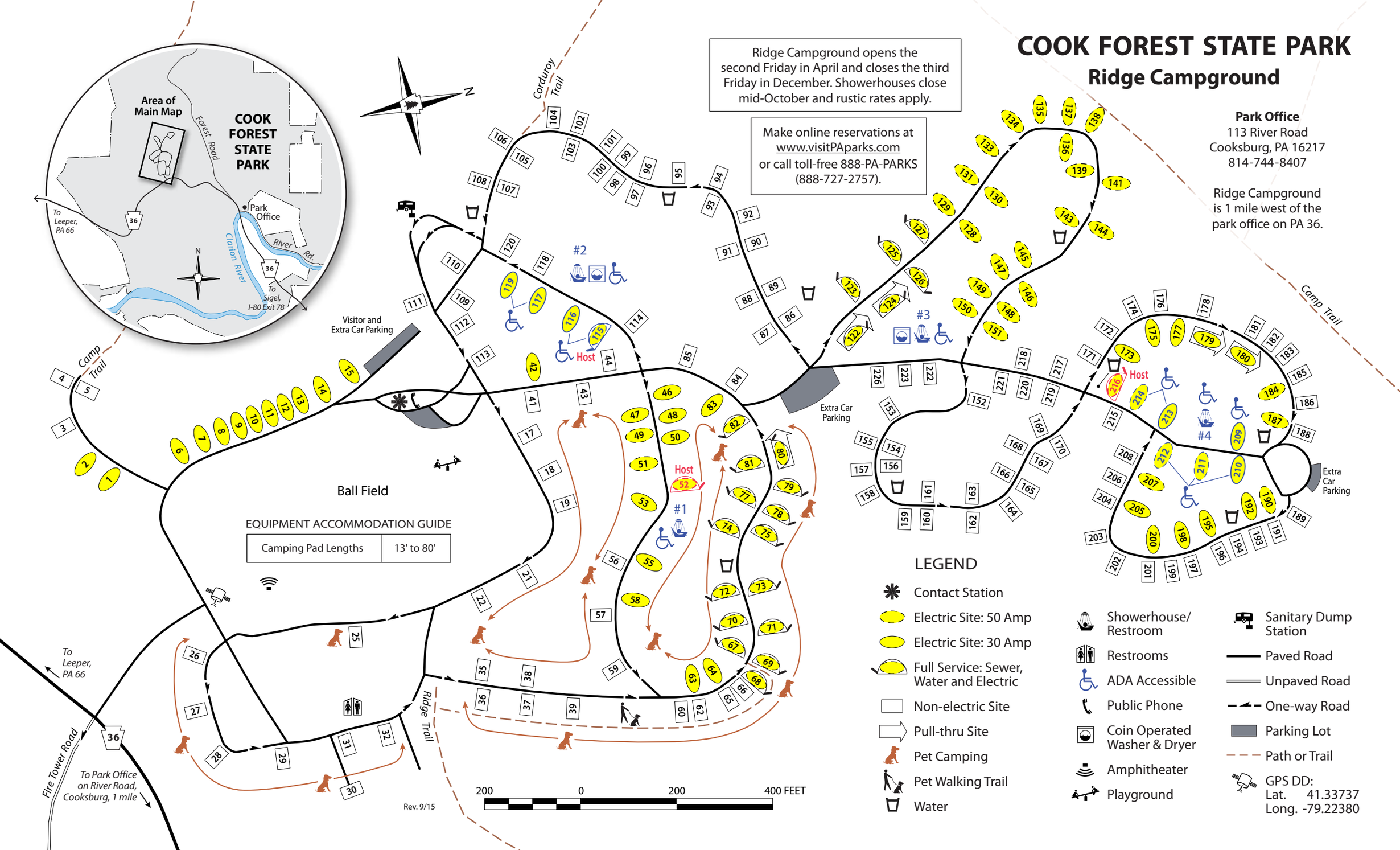
Ridge Campground

Ridge Campground opens the second Friday in April and closes the third Friday in December. Showerhouses close mid-October and rustic rates apply.

Make online reservations at www.visitPAparks.com or call toll-free 888-PA-PARKS (888-727-2757).

Park Office
113 River Road
Cooksburg, PA 16217
814-744-8407

Ridge Campground is 1 mile west of the park office on PA 36.



Cook Forest State Park

Ridge Campground has 211 campsites, some with electric hookups, some with full service hook-ups, and a sanitary dump station. The modern comfort stations have flush toilets, hot showers, and coin-operated laundry facilities.

Pets

Pets are permitted at designated campsites in this campground. Please contact the park office or contact station for guidelines for pets.

Pets are prohibited in swimming areas and all overnight areas, except the campgrounds and lodging facilities involved in the pet program. Guide dogs and service dogs are not considered pets.

Camping Season

This campground opens in mid-April and closes in mid-December. Modern restrooms and the dump station close in mid-October.

Reserving a Site

Most campsites in Pennsylvania state parks can be reserved 11 months in advance to noon of the day of arrival. Campers without a reservation arriving after noon should check at the contact station or near the campground entrance for instructions.

Reservations can be made using MasterCard, VISA, American Express, and Discover credit cards or personal, traveler's, and cashier's checks. To receive a confirmed reservation, full payment must be received by the Bureau within ten days of making the reservation.

For reservations visit www.visitPAparks.com, or call 888-PA-PARKS (888-727-2757), Monday to Saturday, 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM. except on the Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day holidays.

Campsite Issuing

Advance reservations are available for almost all campsites. Unreserved sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. If an employee is not available, read posted instructions and check the "After Hours Posting Report" then proceed to an available site and set up.

The appropriate fee must be paid to a park employee or deposited in a supplied honor system envelope before setting up on a campsite.

Changes and Cancellations

Cancellations can be made via the call center or web. Cancellations made up to the close of business seven days prior to your scheduled arrival date will incur a $10 cancellation fee per reservation. If you cancel six days or less prior to the arrival date, you will forfeit the first night's fee or $75, whichever is the lesser amount.

A $10 fee per reservation is assessed for all changes made to your reservation, except for adding nights to the reservation.

If a reservation receives the weekly discounted rate, any change that results in shortening the stay, will cause the customer to lose the benefit of the weekly rate. A new daily rate will be calculated for the remaining dates, which will affect any amount refunded.

Please note, reservations made at the maximum window (11 months to the day) are not permitted to move their reservation for 22 days. After 22 days, patrons can change or move their reservation for a $10 transfer fee.

Any cancellation or change on the day of arrival must be made through the state park.

Changes to an online reservation must be made by calling the Pennsylvania State Parks Reservation Center at 888-PA-PARKS (888-727-2757) Monday through Saturday, 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM Eastern Standard Time, except for backpack camping, which are handled by the specific park.

Access for People with Disabilities

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

Protect and Preserve Our Campgrounds

Please be familiar with all state park rules and especially the following rules and regulations.

Maximum Camping Period

Campers may stay in a state park campground for up to 14 consecutive nights from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Campers may camp for 21 consecutive nights during the remainder of the year.

Maximum Number of People Per Site

Site occupancy is limited to one family unit (persons living under one household) or one non-family unit limited to five persons per site. Anyone renting a campsite must be 18 years of age or older and must be present at the campsite.

Motor Vehicles

Only one car per campsite is allowed unless otherwise posted. Park only in designated areas.

Alcoholic Beverages

Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in all Pennsylvania state parks.

Check-in/Check-out Time

Check-in time is 3:00 PM. Campsites must be vacated by 3:00 PM.

Visitors, Quiet Hours and Noise

Visitors are welcome to campsites from 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM. Campers must not disturb the sleep of others between 9:00 PM and 8:00 AM. Electric generators that create excessive noise are prohibited.

Fires

Fires are permitted only in provided fireplaces or grills. Gas and propane camp stoves are permitted. Please be careful with fire. Fires must be attended at all times and extinguished before leaving the campsite.

Firewood

Firewood is not provided. Cutting live trees or standing trees and the operation of chainsaws are prohibited.

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!

Handwashing

Handwashing and dishwashing are permitted only where appropriate facilities are available. Handwashing and dishwashing are prohibited at water spigots, hand pumps, springs, lakes, and streams.

Hunting

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. Exceptions include: law enforcement officers and individuals with a valid *Pennsylvania License to Carry Firearms* are authorized to carry a firearm concealed on their person while they are within a state park.

pennsylvania
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

9/15

Printed on Recycled Paper

Cook Forest State Park
Ridge Campground

Modern Camping

Cook Forest State Park Office
113 River Road
Cooksburg, PA 16217-0120
GPS DD: Lat. 41.33244 Long. -79.20793
814-744-8407
email: cookforestsp@pa.gov
www.visitPAparks.com