

Chapman State Park

The 805-acre Chapman State Park includes the 68-acre Chapman Lake on the West Branch of Tionesta Creek. Adjacent to state game lands and the Allegheny National Forest, Chapman is an oasis of recreational facilities in a vast area of wilderness.

Directions

The park is off US 6, in Warren County, near the town of Clarendon, and is adjacent to Allegheny National Forest and State Game Land 29. Turn on to Railroad Street in the town of Clarendon, which becomes Chapman Dam Road. Follow Chapman Dam Road 5 miles to the park.

Reservations

Make online reservations at www.visitPAparks.com or call toll-free 888-PA-PARKS (888-727-2757), 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Saturday, for state park information and reservations.

Recreational Opportunities

PICNICKING: The main picnic area is by the beach and overlooks the lake. Five picnic pavilions may be reserved up to 11 months in advance for a fee. Unreserved picnic pavilions are free on a first-come, first-served basis. Pavilions #1-4 are ADA accessible.



CAMPING: modern sites, most with electricity
This beautiful woodland campground has 82 campsites, modern restrooms, water at convenient hydrants and a sanitary dump station. Pets are permitted at designated campsites. ADA accessible sites are available. The campground is open from mid-April to mid-December. Winter access cannot be guaranteed and can be checked by contacting the park office.

CAMPING COTTAGES: Three cottages sleep five people in single bunks and double/single bunks, and have wooden floors, windows, table and chairs, electric heat, porch, picnic table, fire ring and electric lights and outlets CC 1 is ADA accessible.

YURTS: These round, canvas and wood walled tents have a wooden deck and sleep six people in 2 bunk beds and a double bed. Yurts have a stove top, microwave oven, refrigerator, countertop, table, chairs, electric heat, electric lights and outlets, fire ring, picnic table and are adjacent to a water pump. Yurt 1 is ADA accessible.

ORGANIZED GROUP TENTING: Year-round, this rustic area is available for rent to adult and youth groups. The area has restrooms nearby, fire rings, picnic tables and water. Advanced reservations are required.

SWIMMING: A 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. A concession stand at the beach is available during the summer months.

HIKING AND BACKPACKING: 12 miles of trails

In addition to the trails at the park, Chapman is the trailhead for backpacking trails on adjoining public lands. Map and trail information is available in the park office. Free parking is available at the park for those who would rather not leave their vehicles along public roadways. **Please sign in at the park office if you plan to leave your vehicle in the park.**

Chapman State Park is in the midst of about 517,000 acres of Allegheny National Forest and state game land. When going on a hike, always take a map and compass and **know how to use them.** Leave word with a family member, friend or the park office concerning the trails you will take, destination and expected return time. Have a safe hike.

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

FISHING: The 68-acre Chapman Lake has fishing for cold-water and warm-water fish, including brook and brown trout, largemouth bass, bluegill, sunfish, yellow perch and sucker. ADA accessible fishing piers are on the eastern and western shorelines of Chapman Lake. Within the park and the surrounding Allegheny National Forest, trout fishing exists in the West Branch of Tionesta Creek and Farnsworth Run.

BICYCLING: Although most hiking trails are not open to bicycles, all roads in the park and in the adjacent state game land and Allegheny National Forest are open to bicycles.

BOATING: electric motors permitted

The 68-acre Chapman Lake has a boat launch and 41 seasonal mooring spaces on the western side, and mooring for registered campers on the eastern shoreline. A boat rental concession is in the beach area during the summer months.

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.

HUNTING AND FIREARMS: Over 400 acres are open to hunting, trapping and the training of dogs during established seasons. Common game species are deer, turkey, bear and small game. Allegheny National Forest and State Game Land 29 adjacent to the park are open to hunting.

Special Canada goose hunting regulations are in place. Contact the park office for more information.

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.

Enjoy the Winter

WARMING HUT: On the western side of the park is a warming hut with a wood burning stove and benches near the sled riding hill.

SNOWMOBILING: Chapman is a trailhead to over 300 miles of trails in Allegheny National Forest. The trails are open after the end of deer season in late December. Chapman provides parking, heated restrooms and a warming hut.

ICE FISHING: The 68-acre Chapman Lake is popular for ice fishing for perch and trout.

ICE SKATING: An ice skating pond was constructed behind the ELC in 2011 and is lighted nightly until at least 9 p.m., when conditions permit. Skating is permitted on the lake at your own risk.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING: At least 4.4 miles of groomed ski trails connect with numerous trails in the adjoining national forest and state game land.

SLEDDING AND TOBOGGANING: A seven-acre slope on the western side of the park is lighted until 10 p.m. daily.

Environmental Education and Interpretation

An environmental interpreter is on staff for the summer season and offers a variety of programming including guided walks, stream studies, children's programs and occasional guest speakers. Special programming available upon request.

History

The park name honors Dr. Leroy E. Chapman (1881-1967) of Warren. Dr. Chapman was a state senator from 1929 to 1963 and was very active in civic affairs.

Many community groups were instrumental in creating this popular state park. The first land for the park was acquired in 1949. A dam was constructed near the old earthen dam of the Bucher Mill Log Pond, which dates back to Bucher's Mill that was built about 1849. Chapman State Park opened in 1951.



Nearby Attractions

Information on nearby attractions is available from the Warren County Visitors Bureau, 800-624-7802. www.wcvb.net

ALLEGHENY NATIONAL FOREST: Recreational opportunities are numerous in the adjacent 513,000-acre forest. 814-723-5150.

STATE GAME LAND 29: This 9,363-acre area is open to hunting, hiking, birding and nature study.

Protect and Preserve Our Parks

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.

- Because uncontrolled pets may chase wildlife or frighten visitors, pets must be controlled and attended at all times and on a leash, caged or crated. Pets are prohibited in swimming areas.

- Do your part to keep wildlife wild! Enjoy wildlife from a safe distance and do not feed or approach wild animals.

- Prevent forest fires by having a fire in proper facilities and properly disposing of hot coals. Do not leave a fire unattended.

- Please park only in designated areas and obey all traffic regulations.

- Please recycle. Place trash accumulated during your stay in proper receptacles, or take it home with you.

- Soliciting and posting signs is prohibited without approval from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

Access for People with Disabilities

This symbol indicates facilities and activities that are Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible to 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

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

NEAREST HOSPITAL

Warren General Hospital
2 Crescent Park West
Warren, PA 16365
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