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

### History

#### Thaddeus Stevens 1792-1868

Called the Great Commoner, Thaddeus Stevens was an abolitionist, radical republican and was one of the most effective and powerful legislators of the Civil War era. Some historians consider Stevens the de facto leader of the United States during the presidency of Andrew Johnson. Stevens became the third person in American history to be given the privilege of lying in state in the U.S. Capitol rotunda, following Senator Henry Clay and President Lincoln.

Born in Caledonia County, Vermont, Stevens would face many prejudices for having a club-foot. This and his birth to a poor family likely forged a lifelong drive to defend the poor and persecuted. After graduation from Dartmouth in 1815, Stevens moved to York, Pa. to teach, but within a year moved to Gettysburg, Pa. to practice law, dabble in real estate and in 1822, enter the iron business with the opening of Maria Furnace in Fairfield, Adams County.

Finding better iron ore in Franklin County, Stevens built a new charcoal iron works, which went into blast in 1837. The Caledonia Iron Works grew to include the charcoal iron furnace, forge, rolling mill, stables, warehouses, blacksmith shop, sawmill, and tenement houses for the workers and their families.

Thaddeus Stevens served in the Pennsylvania General Assembly from 1833 to 1841, where he fought for free, public education. In 1842, Stevens moved his law practice to Lancaster, Pa. where he could make a better living as a lawyer and support his iron business interests. Jumping into politics again, Stevens served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1849 to 1853 and again from 1859 to his death in 1868. During his terms in office, Steven championed the passing of three amendments to the constitution: the 13th, abolition of slavery; the 14th, citizenship and due process; and the 15th, the right to vote.

Even in death Stevens illustrated his principles by choosing to be buried in a cemetery that accepted people of all races.

#### The Park

While Thaddeus Stevens fought for abolition in Washington DC, Caledonia Iron Works furnace foreman William Hammett was a conductor for the Underground Railroad. Hammett would meet a conductor near Pond Bank and guide

run-away slaves north to Greenwood, just west of the park, to meet the next conductor on the journey to freedom. For this, and Stevens' tireless fight for equal rights, Caledonia State Park is a Path of Freedom site.

During the Gettysburg Campaign of the American Civil War, the confederate cavalry of General J.A. Early raided throughout southern Pennsylvania but followed a policy to destroy no private property or industry. The cavalry burned and pillaged Caledonia. Early explained his actions, "Mr. Stevens is an enemy of the South. He is in favor of confiscating their property and arming the Negroes. His property must be destroyed."

The Confederate army marched through the ruins of Caledonia on their way to the Battle of Gettysburg, then retreated back the same way, followed by the Union army.

With money from Stevens and the help of the Ahl brothers, Cumberland County ironmen, furnace manager John Sweeney rebuilt the furnace and forge, which continued to operate at a reduced capacity until 1870.

After a nineteen-year estate battle over the Caledonia property, the Diller brothers of Lancaster County purchased the iron works in 1887 and operated quarries for ganister sand and other minerals. In 1903, the Caledonia Mining and Manufacturing Company, then owned by a New York investment group headed by telephone magnate Theodor Vail, sold most of the Caledonia Iron Works lands to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as part of the new Forest Reserve System. The tracts of cutover forestlands were being set aside as a future supply of timber and to be "outing grounds for citizens."

The Chambersburg and Gettysburg Electric Railway Company leased the area around the old furnace and blacksmith shop as a trolley park. The company turned the former blacksmith shop into a trolley station and built amusement rides and a dance pavilion.

In 1927, the Pa. Alpine Club, a local hiking group, reconstructed the old furnace stack as a reduced scale model monument to the iron works.

From 1933 to 1939, young men of camp SP-18-PA of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) built many of the roads throughout Michaux State Forest and recreational facilities at Caledonia State Park.



### Environmental Education and Interpretation

A park educator offers programming during the summer season. The history and environment of the area are topics for discovery for park visitors of all ages. Children's programs, guided walks and campfire programs are scheduled throughout the summer season. Program schedules are available at the park office. Special requests are welcome and may be directed to the park office.

The Thaddeus Steven Blacksmith Shop has operating hours during the summer. Visitors can tour and, on occasion, visit with a guest blacksmith as he hammers out iron products. The park is also the home of the Pennsylvania Forest Fire Association Museum, located across from the park office.

### 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.

### Nearby Attractions

Information on nearby attractions is available from the Franklin County Visitors Bureau, [www.explorefranklincountypa.com](http://www.explorefranklincountypa.com) or the Gettysburg Convention and Visitors Bureau, [www.gettysburgtravel.com](http://www.gettysburgtravel.com)

**MICHAUX STATE FOREST:** This 84,000-acre forest features hunting, fishing and general outdoor recreation. 717-352-2211

**GETTYSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK:** This historic military site is operated by the National Park Service and preserves and explains the events that occurred on the Gettysburg Battlefield during the Civil War. [www.nps.gov/gett](http://www.nps.gov/gett)

### 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**  
Chambersburg Hospital  
112 North Seventh Street  
Chambersburg, PA 17201  
717-267-3000

## Caledonia State Park

The 1,125-acre Caledonia State Park is in Adams and Franklin counties, midway between Chambersburg and Gettysburg along the Lincoln Highway, US 30.

The park is nestled within South Mountain, the northern terminus of the well-known Blue Ridge Mountain of Maryland and Virginia. Within South Mountain there are four state parks and 84,000 acres of state forest land waiting to be explored and enjoyed. The soils on either side of South Mountain are ideal for fruit production, proven by the abundance of orchards in the surrounding area.

### Directions

Caledonia is at the intersection of US 30 and PA 233. From Chambersburg, follow US 30 east 11 miles to the park. From Gettysburg, follow US 30 west 15 miles to the park. From Harrisburg, follow I-81 53 miles to Chambersburg, then 7.3 miles east on US 30.

### Reservations

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### Recreational Opportunities



#### CAMPING: modern restrooms with showers

Tent and trailer sites are available in two campgrounds. The camping season opens the day before trout season in March and ends with the conclusion of deer season in December. Both campgrounds have drinking water, showers and flush toilets. A sanitary dump station is available in Hosack Run Campground.

**Chinquapin Hill Campground** is nestled on the side of a mountain among plenty of shade trees and is close to the swimming pool. Some sites have electric hookups. The park amphitheater is in this camping area and is accessible to the public from the day use parking area. Pets are prohibited in this campground.

**Hosack Run Campground** is one mile from the main day use area. All sites in this camping area are pet friendly. This campground has moderately level, open and shaded sites, and many sites have electric hookups. This camping area also has a small playground for children. There are ADA accessible sites available with a nearby family-assist restroom.

**ORGANIZED GROUP TENTING:** Caledonia offers 5 separate 20-person sites for rent to organized adult and youth groups. This area opens the day before trout season in March and closes the 4th Sunday in October. There are flush toilets, picnic tables and fire rings. Advance reservations are required. Caledonia makes a great base for groups touring the Gettysburg National Military Park.



**SWIMMING:** The park features a large, ADA accessible swimming pool with a small snack bar. The pool is open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. from the 2nd Saturday in June to Labor Day, unless posted otherwise.

**PICNICKING:** Oak and pine trees along Conococheague Creek shade picnic tables and charcoal grills. Two rustic, CCC-era 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.

**HIKING:** see reverse side



**CALEDONIA LODGE:** Located along US 30, Caledonia Lodge is a two-story frame house available for rent year-round. The lodge has a modern kitchen, closed-in porch, 1½ baths, dining room, living room, central heat and three bedrooms that sleep ten people.

**HUNTING AND FIREARMS:** About 740 acres are open to hunting, trapping and the training of dogs during established seasons. Common game species are deer, rabbit, squirrel and turkey. Hunting is permitted in the adjacent Michaux State Forest.

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.



**FISHING:** The East Branch Conococheague and Rocky Mountain creeks and Carbaugh Run flow through the park and the surrounding state forest lands, offering many exciting places for anglers. Brown trout, rainbow trout, native brook trout and some warm-water game fish can be found in these streams.



**CALEDONIA PUBLIC GOLF COURSE:** An 18-hole, par 68, public golf course is just south of US 30. Constructed in the late 1920s, the course is the oldest and one of the most scenic courses in south central Pennsylvania. For more information contact, Caledonia Golf Enterprises, Inc., 9515 Golf Course Road, Fayetteville, PA 17222, 717-352-7271. [www.caledoniagolfpa.net](http://www.caledoniagolfpa.net)

**CATHEDRAL IN THE PINES:** Caledonia's Summer Sunday School dates back to the summer of 1917 when the Manges and Moyer families decided to provide a Sunday school for their children and other families' children who spent the summer months vacationing at Caledonia, be it in tents or the increasing cabin community around the park. Since 1955, the Franklin County Sunday School Association has kept the tradition alive and offers outdoor, nondenominational Sunday school from Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day Weekend. All are welcome to attend.

**TOTEM POLE PLAYHOUSE:** Since 1952, the Totem Pole Playhouse, a summer stock theater, has offered performances during the summer months. Request a schedule of shows by contacting: Totem Pole Playhouse, 9555 Golf Course Road, P.O. Box 603, Fayetteville, PA 17222, 888-805-7056. [www.totempoleplayhouse.org](http://www.totempoleplayhouse.org)

**CALEDONIA ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR:** This event is held annually on the second Saturday in July. Join as many as 150 skilled crafts people and artists as they display and sell their creations.

**Hiking: 10 miles of trails**

**CHAMBERSBURG WATER LINE: 1.9 miles, easiest**  
This park "right-of-way" is perfect for the entire family. Level and grassy, the waterline cuts across the entire park and offers glimpses into the dark and beautiful forest of the park.

**CHARCOAL HEARTH TRAIL: 2.7 miles, most difficult**  
This is the longest and most rugged trail in the park. With its trailhead at the falls on Thaddeus Stevens Historic Trail, Charcoal Hearth Trail climbs steeply for 10-15 minutes to Graeffenburg Mountain before leveling off, then descends gradually, ending by a quiet stream near the Furnace Dam and pond. On the descent, watch for four historic charcoal hearths (noted on the map) and an old wagon road. Keep a watchful eye out for squirrels, chipmunks, birds and deer.

**FIRE ROAD TRAIL: 1 mile, more difficult**  
This is a dirt road that serves as a fire break for the campground and access road for park vehicles.

**MIDLAND TRAIL: 0.7 mile, easiest**  
Starting at the trailhead kiosk, this trail passes through the park near the swimming pool, past the park office and ends at the old forestry museum building in the organized group tenting area. This uniquely beautiful walk is pleasant and level under a heavy canopy of white pine. This is also a great area to hear the "flute-like" song of the wood thrush on summer late afternoons.

**QUARRY GAP ROAD/TRAIL: 1 mile, most difficult**  
Hike up Quarry Gap Road to the dead end, turn left through the gates to the Appalachian Trail.

**RACCOON RUN TRAIL: 5 miles, most difficult**  
This is an old section of the Appalachian Trail that still connects to the main trail.

**RAMBLE TRAIL: 2.2 miles, more difficult**  
This wide walking trail begins at the trailhead kiosk and passes through the scenic lowlands of the park then returns to the pool area. In its circular route, the trail follows the millrace of an old rolling mill and passes the rolling mill falls. The trail also passes through one of the oldest white pine plantations in Pennsylvania. This is a great place to see woodland birds.

**THADDEUS STEVENS HISTORIC TRAIL: 0.8 mile, easiest**  
Guides are available at the park office for this self-guiding trail. Step back in time to imagine the bustling community of the Caledonia Iron Works. Investigate the blacksmith shop, millrace, falls, furnace dam and header dam. Start at the trailhead kiosk or at the blacksmith shop. Return to the park by way of the Midland Trail which passes by the park office.

**THREE VALLEY TRAIL: 0.7 mile, most difficult**  
Beginning along Ramble Trail, Three Valley Trail crosses over the Chambersburg Water Line and ascends 400 feet up Ore Bank Hill to the Appalachian Trail (AT). This trail is maintained by the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club as a side

trail to the AT. This trail is blazed in blue, but white blazes appear when the trail merges with the AT at the top of the incline. Retrace your steps or make a right onto the AT.

**TROLLEY TRAIL: 0.7 mile, easiest**  
Although short, this path is suitable for bicycles. This trail was once an old trolley grade that brought visitors from Chambersburg to the Caledonia Amusement Park. The old blacksmith shop once served as the trolley station. CAUTION - for your safety, do not bicycle on US 30.

**WHISPERING PINE NATURE TRAIL: 0.4 mile, easiest**  
Discover the lowland forests of Caledonia State Park on this short loop trail that begins along the park road between the two bridges after passing the park office.

**APPALACHIAN TRAIL: 1.8 miles in the park, most difficult**  
The famous 2,186 mile Appalachian Trail (AT) passes through the park on its way north to Mt. Katahdin in Maine and south to Springer Mountain in Georgia. Hiking this section of the AT gives hikers a taste of the terrain of the entire trail. Many scouting groups use this part of the AT as a "shake down" trip before setting out on longer excursions. Visitors can do an overnight hike on the AT from Caledonia to Pine Grove Furnace State Park. The PATC (Potomac Appalachian Trail Club), an all-volunteer club, maintains this section of the trail

Tell us about your hike at: [www.explorepatrails.com](http://www.explorepatrails.com)

# CALEDONIA STATE PARK

- Park Office
  - Blue Symbols Mean ADA Accessible
  - Gate
  - Public Phone
  - Restrooms
  - Food Concession
  - Picnic Area
  - Picnic Pavilion
  - Playground
  - Amphitheater
  - Recycling/Trash
  - Water
  - First Aid (Summer Only)
  - Swimming Pool
  - Campground
  - Organized Group Tenting
  - Sanitary Dump Station
  - Interpretive Wayside
  - Bicycling
  - Hiking Trail
  - Paved Trail
  - Appalachian Trail
  - Parking Lot Unpaved
  - Parking Lot Paved
  - Unpaved Road
  - State Park No Hunting
  - State Park Hunting
  - Michaux State Forest
- CONTOURS ARE ON 50 FT. INTERVALS

