

Creating a backpacking reservation for Laurel Ridge State Park on the PA DCNR website:

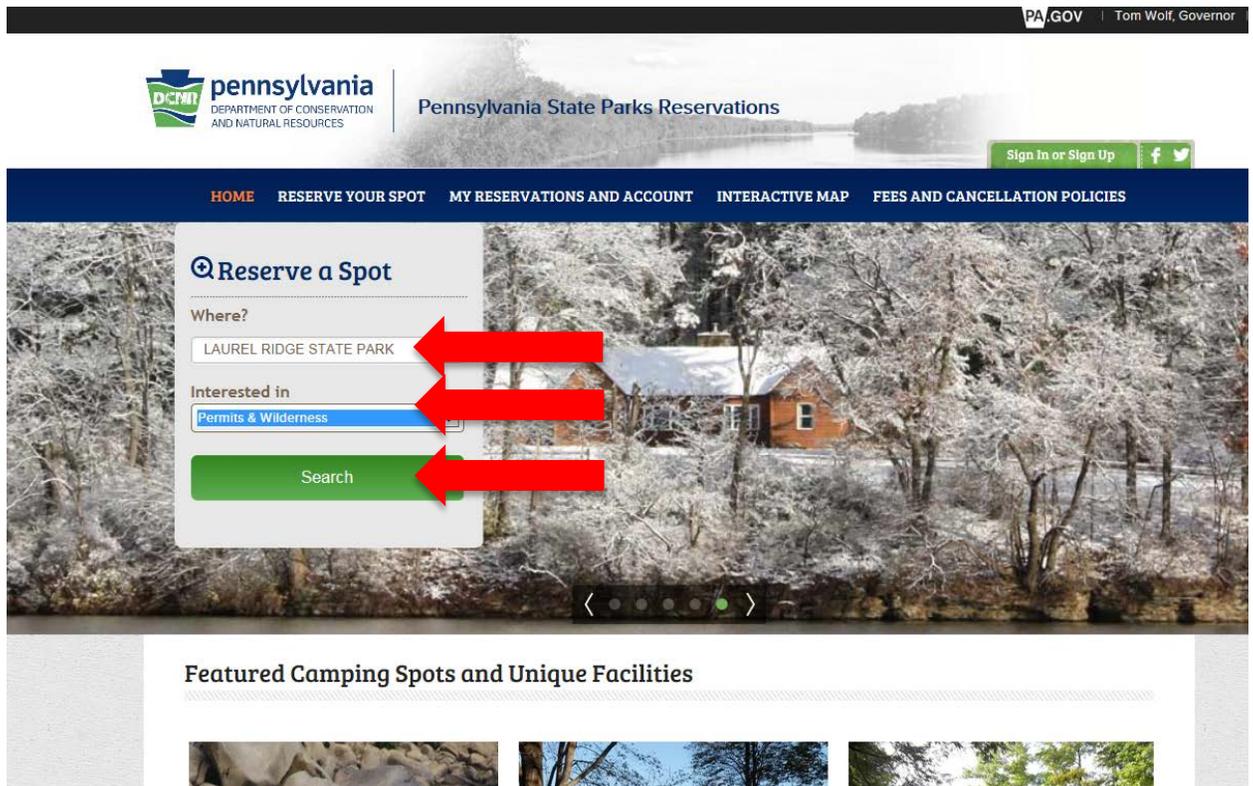
Go to the Pennsylvania State Parks homepage: www.visitparks.com

From the home page click on the reservations icon:



- Now you are on the Reserve America website, the company that handles reservations for Pennsylvania State Parks. Note: the image rotates and so might not be the same one shown below.
- If you already have an account with Reserve America then proceed to the instructions below. If you do not have an account with Reserve America then you may want to create an account, or just continue with the instructions below, but know that when you try to make the reservation you will have to stop and make an account at that time. It is not difficult to make an account.
- In the Reserve a Spot fields enter LAUREL RIDGE STATE PARK in the Location box
- In the Interested In dropdown, select PERMITS & WILDERNESS

- Select SEARCH



On the next screen, Laurel Ridge State Park appears as the first option for reservations.

Select the **CHECK AVAILABILITY** button

🔍 Reserve a Spot

Where?

LAUREL RIDGE STATE PARK

Interested in

Permits & Wilderness

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📍 LAUREL RIDGE STATE PARK, Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

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The 13,625-acre Laurel Ridge State Park stretches along Laurel Mountain from the picturesque Youghiogheny River at OhioPILE, to the Conemaugh Gorge ... [more]

Permits and Wilderness

Backpack Camping Permit

Check Availability

All Permits & Wilderness Facilities
[* in straight line, not driving distance]

Select **BACKPACK CAMPING PERMIT** from the Find Permits dropdown box.



Find your spot



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Permits

See also: Camping

Permit Area Details Permit Area Map

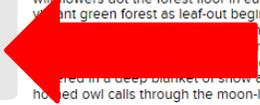
Description

The 13,625-acre Laurel Ridge State Park stretches along Laurel Mountain from the picturesque Youghiogheny River at Ohiole, to the Conemaugh Gorge near Johnstown. This large park spans Cambria, Fayette, Somerset and Westmoreland counties. The main feature of the park is the 70-mile Laurel Highlands Hiking Trail, which provides the setting for a semi-wilderness backpacking and day hiking experience. One of the most exciting reasons to visit the park is for its scenery. Spring wildflowers dot the forest floor in early April followed by a vibrant green forest as leaf-out begins in late April. Mountain hydrangea blooms in late June and early July. In mid-October witness fall foliage in a deep blanket of snow and the occasional great horned owl calls through the moon-lit forest.

Find Permits

Looking for

Backpack Camping Permit Backpack Camping Permit



Alerts and Important Information

Alcohol beverages are not permitted in the State Park. Laurel Ridge Hiking Trail: This major 70-mile hiking and backpacking trail from Ohiole to near Johnstown is the main feature of the park. The trail traverses state parks, state forests, state game lands, other public lands and private lands. The pavilion is not located on the trail.

From here you can select your ZONE (Shelter area) and Entrance Type (tent or shelter), dates of your stay, group size and number of nights you plan to be on the trail:

Find Permits

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Zone
C-GRINDLE RIDGE

Entrance Type

Entrance
Any Entrance

Start Date of Stay
MM/DD/YYYY

Group Size

Length of Stay

Search

ZONE: Select your Shelter Area here. From South to North they are:

Ohiopyle Shelter Area

Rt.653 Shelter Area

Grindle Ridge Shelter Area – No trailhead at this shelter area

Rt. 31 Shelter Area

Turnpike Shelter Area – No trailhead at this shelter area

Rt. 30 Shelter Area

Rt. 271 Shelter Area

Rt. 56 Shelter Area

ENTRANCE TYPE: Select Shelter or Tent.

ENTRANCE: This is where you select the specific areas that you want to stay each night. Start with your first shelter area.

START DATE of STAY: The date of the first night you plan to stay in a shelter area.

GROUP SIZE: Shelters sleep up to 5 people. If your group is larger than 5 you may reserve up to but no more than 3 shelters in one area per night. Tent spaces can accommodate up to 25 people.

LENGTH OF STAY: How many nights you plan to stay on the trail?

Select SEARCH

WARNING!!!! Are you an experienced backpacker or camper? Please read and click below if you are.



WARNING!

Backpack Camping is available in Pennsylvania at Laurel Ridge, Moraine, Oil Creek, and Raccoon Creek State Parks. These locations have developed designated areas to hike and camp along the trail. There are no modern facilities on these trails. Visitors will need to carry their gear with them. If unsure, and need specific information on the hiking or amenities, or have additional questions, please call the appropriate park prior to making reservations.

River Camping is provided in Pennsylvania at Cook Forest/Clear Creek State Park Complex and is developed for visitors to camp at designated campsites along the Clarion River. Access to these sites is by water only and visitors are required to carry all gear with them in the kayak/canoe.

I am an experienced backpacker or river camper!



Canoe/Kayak Camping along the Wild and Scenic Clarion River is available at Cook Forest State Park. Two sites are available up river with access to nearby restrooms and shower houses at Clear Creek State Park. This area is located on river left just downstream of the main camping area at Clear Creek State Park. Three additional sites are on river right approximately two miles downstream of Cooksburg. This area is designated primitive with no modern facilities. Camping on state lands in the Clarion Wild and Scenic River corridor is only permitted on designated campsites. For more information please call Cook Forest State Park at 814-744-8407.

Laurel Ridge State Park is home to the 70-mile Laurel Highlands Hiking Trail. It is a linear trail that extends from Ohlhopple State Park in the south to near Johnstown in the north. There are eight overnight areas shelter areas located approximately every 6-10 miles along the trail. For detailed trail information, water availability and directions to trailhead parking areas, contact the park at 724-455-3744.

This screen shows you what is available and what is not. If you are not logged in at this point you will need to do so before you continue. You can build your reservation from here.

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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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LAUREL RIDGE STATE PARK, PA

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Permit Area Details Permit Area Map Entrance List

Please Log-In to select dates on the grid below and start building your itinerary

Entrance Search Results 1-1 of 1

	Available	Walk-up	Not avail.	Reserved	Lottery									
	A	W	X	R	L									
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Legend

A: Available for online reservation (click to book entry date)
a: Available for online reservation with earlier arrival date
L: Accepting Lottery Application (click to apply for the lottery)
W: Available at the Facility
R: Reserved

Find your spot

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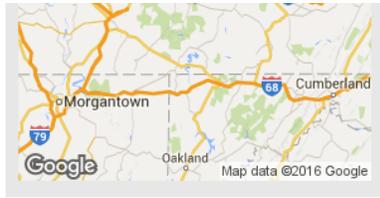
Entrance Type

Entrance
CGS 01 Grindle Shelter

Start Date of Stay
Sat Jun 18 2016

Group Size
?

Once you select the shelter/tent space that you want, select the Add to Itinerary button. A file tab will pop up at the bottom of your screen. When you have all of your shelters/tent spaces selected you can Book the reservation.



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Add to Itinerary



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Looking for

Backpack Camping Permit Zone

Entrance Type

Entrance

Start Date of Stay

Group Size

Length of Stay

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- L: Accepting Lottery Application (click to apply for the lottery)
- W: Available at the Facility
- R: Reserved
- C: Closed
- X: Not available
- N: Not available

Search

My Itinerary

Dates of Stay	Location/Equipment	Group Size
Jun 19 2016-Jun 20 2016(1 night)	CGS 01 Grindle Shelter	2

Book
✕ Remove All

Gift Cards

PLEASE NOTE – on the Permit Order Details Page:

- Double check the dates of you stay along with the reserved shelter areas.
- Vehicle & Parking information is REQUIRED. Please give a description of the vehicle, plate number if available and where you plan to park each vehicle.
 - **Ohiopyle Shelter Area** - Please call the Ohiopyle office at 724-329-8591 once you receive your reservation number to obtain the gate lock code to the Ferncliff parking area. The King Rd trailhead is no longer open so you must park in the Ferncliff parking lot, which is gated and secure.
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 - **Rt. 56 Shelter Area**
- Direction of Travel is REQUIRED. Please note – the trail runs NORTH & SOUTH.
- Emergency Contact is REQUIRED. Please name someone that will NOT be on the trip with you.

Permit Order Details

LAUREL RIDGE STATE PARK Backpack Camping Permit

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Group Leader Information

Group Leader Laurel Hill

Itinerary Details

[Change Itinerary](#)

Dates of Stay	Entrance	Group Size
Wed Jun 29 2016-Thu Jun 30 2016(1 night)	AOT 02-Ohio Tent	1

Permit Information

Vehicle and Parking Information*

PLEASE ENTER YOUR VEHICLE MAKE, MODEL, COLOR AND PLATE NUMBER IF AVAILABLE HERE. IF YOU HAVE MULTIPLE VEHICLES PLEASE NOTE WHICH VEHICLE WILL BE PARKED AT EACH TRAILHEAD.

Direction of Travel*

South

← THE LHHT RUNS NORTH & SOUTH. PLEASE SELECT NORTH OR SOUTH,

Emergency Contact

1*	First Name	Last Name	Phone
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Alternate Leader Information

Alternate Leader Information	1	First Name	Last Name	Phone
		<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Check the box that you have read and understood the alerts and important information on the page. Continue to Shopping Cart. Enter your payment information. We STRONGLY recommend that you print a copy of your email confirmation – it serves as your backpacking permit while you are on the trail.

 Yes, I have read and understood this Important information.

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Prior to your trip, check out the Laurel Ridge State Park website at <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/findapark/laurelridge/> for further rules, regulations and advisories. Use the gold navigation bar in the middle of the main page to look for these items.

The LHHT is also on Facebook! Check out <https://www.facebook.com/laurelhighlandshikingtrail> for trail conditions and advisories.