

## Chapman

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 Allegheny National Forest, Chapman is an oasis of recreational facilities in a vast area of wilderness.

### Directions



The park is off of US 6, in Warren County, near the town of Clarendon, and is adjacent to the Allegheny National Forest and State Game Land 29.

### Reservations

To reserve a campsite, organized group tenting area or a picnic pavilion, call 888-PA-PARKS, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon. - Sat. Campsites can be reserved from 11 months up to noon of the day of arrival. Organized group tenting areas and picnic pavilions can be reserved from 11 months to two days in advance.

### Recreational Opportunities

**Swimming:** A sand beach is open from late-May to mid-September, 8 a.m. to sunset. Lifeguards are on duty from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day, unless otherwise posted. Please read and follow posted rules for swimming when lifeguards are off-duty. Children nine years of age and younger must be accompanied by a responsible person.



**Picnicking:** The main picnic area is by the beach and overlooks the lake. Four 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.

**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.



#### **Camping: rustic sites, some with electricity**

This beautiful woodland campground has 83 campsites, rustic restrooms, water at convenient hydrants and a sanitary dump station. The area is open from mid-April to mid-December. Winter access cannot be guaranteed. Conditions should be checked by calling the park office.

**Campground Map:** You must have Adobe Acrobat 4.0 or higher to view this map. [Go download a copy of Acrobat Reader.](#) [Go to the campground map.](#) (352 kb) [Go to camping](#) for more information.

**Organized Group Tenting:** Year-round, this rustic area is available for rent to adult and youth groups. The area has rustic restrooms, fire rings, picnic tables and water. Advance reservations are required.

[Go to organized group tenting](#) for more information.



#### **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.**

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.



**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. Accessible fishing piers are available on the eastern and western shorelines of Chapman Lake. Within the park and the surrounding Allegheny National Forest there is good trout fishing in the West Branch of Tionesta Creek and Farnsworth Run.

For complete information on fishing rules and regulations in Pennsylvania, [visit the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Web site](#).

### **Boating: electric motors only**

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.

Non-powered boats must have one of the following: launching permit or mooring permit from Pennsylvania State Parks, available at most state park offices; or boat registration or launching permit from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. Motorboats must display a current boat registration. Motorboats registered in other states must have one of the aforementioned launching or mooring permits.

For complete information on boating rules and regulations in Pennsylvania, [visit the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Web site](#).



**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. The [Allegheny National Forest](#) and State Game Land 29 adjacent to the park are open to hunting.

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 accessible hunting information.

**Use extreme caution** with firearms at all times. The park is used by other visitors during hunting seasons. Firearms and archery equipment 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 must be kept in the owner's car, trailer or camp.

For complete information on hunting rules and regulations in Pennsylvania, [visit the Pennsylvania Game Commission Web site](#).

### **Winter Activities**

**Warming Hut:** On the western side of the park is a warming hut containing a wood burning stove and benches.

**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, restrooms and a warming hut.

**Ice Fishing:** Chapman Lake is stocked during the winter.

**Ice Skating:** Many people enjoy ice skating on Chapman Lake in the maintained area near the boat launch on the western shore.

**Cross-country Skiing:** The 4.4 miles of 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.

### **Interpretive Programs**

An environmental interpretor is on staff for the summer season and offers movies, slide programs, guided walks, stream studies, children's programs and other educational programs.

[Go to environmental education and interpretation](#) for more information.

### **Access For People With Disabilities**

Accessible picnic tables and parking spaces have been designated throughout the park. All of the restrooms can accommodate wheelchairs. Restricted service roads are open to people with disabilities by permit only. Permits are available at the park office.



If you need an accommodation to participate in park activities due to a disability, please contact the Pennsylvania Bureau of State Parks:

888-PA-PARKS (voice)

717-558-2710 (local or international voice)

888-537-7294 (TTY)

717-558-2711 (local or international TTY)

711 (AT&T Relay Services)

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### History

The park 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.

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### Local Attractions

For more information on nearby attractions and accommodations, please contact: Northern Alleghenies Vacation Region, 800-624-7802, [www.northernalleghenies.com](http://www.northernalleghenies.com).

**Allegheny National Forest:** Recreational opportunities are numerous in the adjacent 513,161-acre forest. 814-362-4613

**State Game Land 29:** This 9,363-acre area is open to hunting, hiking, birding and nature study. 877-877-0299

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### 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  
Two Crescent Park West  
Warren, PA 16365  
814-723-3300

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### Important Links

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### For More Information Contact

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