

Evansburg

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Evansburg State Park is in southcentral Montgomery County between Norristown and Collegeville. Evansburg offers a significant area of green space and relative solitude in an urbanized area. Its main natural feature, the Skippack Creek, has dissected the land into ridges and valleys that create feelings of enclosures and provides scenic views.

Horseback Riding: There are 15 miles of designated trails. Riders can also use the right side berm of public roads. A trailhead parking lot for horse trailers is on Skippack Creek Road.

Environmental Education and Interpretation

Environmental education and interpretive programs explore a wide variety of ecological and environmental topics. Through activity-oriented programs utilizing the park's resources, participants gain a better understanding of our fragile natural ecosystems.

School group programming for all grade levels and teacher workshops are available. Scout, church, civic and private groups can also arrange for special programs. Advanced scheduling for group programming is required.

All programs are available March through November. For more information, contact the environmental education specialist at 610-409-1150.

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

Friedt Visitor Center: This farmhouse was built in the early 1700s. This historic building interprets the lifestyles of the German Mennonite families who owned the home for 190 years. Outside, the root cellar, well, and herb and sensory gardens add to the eighteenth century atmosphere. An exhibit room in the house is devoted to the natural history of the area, and the house also provides an area for visitors to watch songbirds and other animals.

Access for People with Disabilities

Accessible picnic tables, parking spaces, and sanitary facilities have been designated in the main day use area at May Hall Road.



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)

Plants and Wildlife

Evansburg State Park is forested by a combination of northern and southern hardwood types in various stages of growth. The blending of these types results in a remarkably wide variety of trees, wildflowers, habitats and wildlife.

Early morning and evening hours are the best time to see deer, rabbits and other wildlife. Please obey park regulations to protect park resources.

Caution: Poison ivy is common in the park.

History

In 1684, when William Penn purchased the portion of his American Province that is now Evansburg State Park, the inhabitants were the Unami of the Lenni Lenape (Delaware) Nation. Shortly thereafter, the area was settled according to the plan of Penn's "Holy Experiment."

The area developed rapidly. By 1714, the Skippack Pike was constructed to provide access to the Philadelphia market. An eight arch stone bridge spanning the Skippack Creek on the Germantown Pike was constructed in 1792. It is the oldest bridge in continuous, heavy use in the nation.

The Skippack Valley remained an agrarian economy through the early part of the twentieth century. Following World War II, the pace of change quickened. Prior to acquisition of park lands, the rural charm of the area was in danger because much of the countryside was being threatened by urbanization.

Background studies were critical to planning for Evansburg State Park. The earliest of these was the Tri-State Commission Regional Open Space Plan which identified the site in 1933. In 1962, the State Planning Board identified Evansburg as an area to be acquired under the "Project 70" plan. In the late 1960s, the "Project 70 Land Acquisition and Borrowing Act" provided the funding for acquisition of the 3,349 acres which is Evansburg State Park. In 1975, plans for the first phase of development were approved. Project 500 (Land and Water Conservation Fund) provided the moneys necessary to develop the park's major recreation area that was officially opened for public use on June 28, 1979.

Today, Evansburg State Park preserves a significant area of unspoiled, natural beauty in Montgomery County and serves as a buffer between highly developed areas. As the communities surrounding the park continue to grow and expand, it will continue to provide a place for outdoor recreation, education and solitude.

Nearby Attractions

The area surrounding Evansburg State Park is rich in tourist attractions. A lucky traveler may happen upon a country auction or visit one of the many antique shops located in this rich, historic belt.

Nearby attractions include: downhill skiing at Spring Mount, the Audubon Wildlife Sanctuary, Valley Forge National Historic Park and the quaint Skippack Village.

For information on nearby attractions and accommodations, please contact the Valley Forge Convention and Visitors Bureau, 888-VISIT-VF, www.valleyforge.org.

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:

Mercy Suburban Hospital
2701 DeKalb Pike
Norristown, PA 19401
610-278-2000

Evansburg State Park
851 May Hall Rd.
Collegeville, PA 19426-1202
610-409-1150
Manager: John Gribosh

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