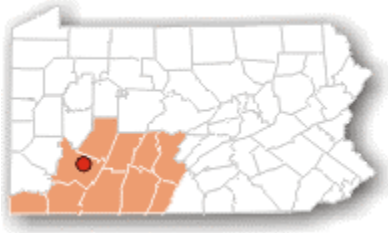


Keystone

Keystone State Park is great for family vacations year-round. Camping, modern cabins, trails of all sorts, a lake, and a swimming beach provide an ideal setting for a summer outing. The park is within easy driving distance from the Pittsburgh metropolitan area and its many attractions. Keystone State Park is a multi-use park with overnight facilities and year-round recreational opportunities.

The 1,200-acre park is in Derry Township, Westmoreland County, and boasts a 78-acre lake constructed by the Keystone Coal and Coke Company in the early 1900s. The coal company purchased the land from the McClelland Family in 1909 and the original farmhouse remains in use in the park today. Keystone State Park opened in 1945.

Directions



Located on SR 1018, the park is three miles from the SR 981/SR 22 intersection in New Alexandria and five miles from Latrobe.

Recreational Opportunities

Camping: modern sites, some with electricity

The 100 tent and trailer sites are available from the first Friday of April to late December. Lakeside Campground has 40 sites and is adjacent to the lake. Hillside Campground has 60 sites and is in a more remote area of the park for those wishing more privacy. Both campgrounds have a modern bathhouse facility. A sanitary dump station is available. Shower facilities are not available after October 1st. **Campground Map:** You must have Adobe Acrobat to view this map. [Go download a copy of Acrobat Reader.](#) [Go to the campground map.](#) (484 kb) [Go to camping](#) for more information.

Boating: electric motors only

A public boat launching ramp and mooring area are on the north shore by the breast of the dam. Non-powered boats must have one of the following: state park launching permit or state park mooring permit which are available at most state park offices; or current Pennsylvania boat registration. Motorboats must display a current boat registration. Motorboats registered in other states must display a Pennsylvania state park launch permit or mooring permit in addition to their current registration.

All watercraft must contain for each occupant a readily accessible U.S. Coast Guard approved Type I, II, III or V personal flotation device (PFD) in serviceable condition. Children under 13 years of age and all non-swimmers must wear the approved PFD when boating.

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

Recycling: Keystone recycles a limited number of items. Please help us by taking your recyclables home with you to a collection site.



Modern Cabins: The 11 modern cabins are available for rent year-round. These cabins are near the breast of the dam between the two campgrounds. The cabins sleep six people in two bedrooms, one with a double bed and another with two sets of bunk beds. Each cabin has: a modern bathroom with shower; kitchen with stove, refrigerator and microwave; and outside is a picnic table and fire ring with grill. You must bring your own kitchen, bath and bedding necessities. Cabin #11 is ADA accessible. [Go to cabins](#) for more information.

Cabin Map: You must have Adobe Acrobat to view this map. [Go download a copy of Acrobat Reader.](#) [Go to the Keystone cabin map.](#) (203 kb)

Winter Activities: Ice fishing, ice skating, sledding and cross-country skiing are popular when conditions permit. The day use area of the park and the cabins provide excellent opportunities for winter sports. The park is only 30 minutes from the snow country of the Laurel Highlands and Forbes State Forest.

It is recommended that you contact the park office to determine ice and snow conditions in advance of any

planned outing. The lake ice thickness is not monitored. For your safety, be sure the ice is four inches thick and carry safety equipment.

Bicycling: Lake Side Trail is excellent for bikes of all types. This two-mile, level trail loops around the lake on park roads and walkways. Mountain bikes must stay on park roads or gravel walkways. All other trails are foot-traffic only.



Hunting and Firearms: About half of Keystone State Park is open to hunting, trapping and the training of dogs during established seasons. Common game species are deer, turkey, squirrel, pheasant and grouse. Hunting on the lake and surrounding area is prohibited.

Hunting woodchucks, also known as groundhogs, is prohibited. Dog training is only permitted from the day following Labor Day to 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.

Wildlife shall not be hunted, pursued, molested or intentionally disturbed except that hunting, trapping and the training of dogs is permitted within authorized hunting seasons and areas.

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

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.

To keep this area clean and safe, no food, beverages, smoking or pets are allowed on the sand area of the beach, but only in adjacent, designated areas.

A food concession is open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day when the beach is open and offers hot and cold food and a variety of sundry items.

Hiking: 6 miles of trails

The park offers a variety of trails open year-round for hiking, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. All trails have easy access with parking available at the trailheads.

Davis Run Trail is a 2.5-mile trail that meanders through wetlands and the upland forest area of Keystone Lake.

Lake Side Trail is a 2-mile loop around the lake on park roads and walkways.

McCune Run Trail is a short hike to a beaver pond and wetland area.

Pine Trail is a short loop trail through a red pine and white pine plantation.

Stone Lodge Trail is a 1.4 mile, steep loop that starts by the visitor center and winds through hardwoods up to ridge top conifers.

Picnicking: Several picnic areas in the park offer picnic tables, parking, drinking water and restrooms. No charcoal grills are available in the picnic area. Two picnic pavilions offer charcoal grills, drinking water and electricity. Please dispose of hot charcoal in proper receptacles. Pavilion #1 is on the north side of the lake (closer to the beach) and Pavilion #2 is below the breast of the dam. 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.

Wildlife Observation: There are many opportunities to see wildlife, but please observe from a safe distance and do not feed wildlife. Keystone State Park hosts a wide range of plant and animal life. These natural attractions offer an exciting adventure for the visitor willing to sit, watch and listen for these hidden wonders. The marsh area is a great place to view beaver, waterfowl and other wetland species. Stop at the visitor center for a bird checklist or to learn about the natural sites and wildlife of the area.



Fishing: The 78-acre Keystone Lake has warm water and cold water fishing, with trout stockings throughout the year. Warm-water fish are largemouth bass, tiger muskellunge, northern pike, black crappie, yellow perch, carp and brown bullhead catfish. A fishing area by the spillway is ADA accessible. Fishing is prohibited at the beach, dam breast, boat launch and boat mooring areas. Acid mine drainage limits the fishing quality in the stream below the breast of the dam.

Keystone Lake is a Big Bass Lake and special regulations apply. All Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission rules and regulations apply. Fishing licenses are available at nearby issuing agents.

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

Environmental Education and Interpretation



An environmental education specialist offers programs year-round. For a schedule of activities or to request a special program, call 724-668-2566. The ADA accessible James E. Kell Visitor Center is in the overnight area. This historic stone lodge has an introduction to the history, flora and fauna of the park.

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

Access for People with Disabilities



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)

888-537-7294 (TTY)

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Nearby Attractions

Forbes State Forest: Over 50,000 acres of land are open year-round for a variety of outdoor activities including; hiking, hunting, fishing, horseback riding, mountain biking and snowmobiling. For more information contact: Forbes State Forest, PO Box 519, Laughlintown, PA 15655, 724-238-9533.

For information on nearby attractions, [contact the Laurel Highlands Vacation Bureau](#), Town Hall, 120 E. Main St., Ligonier, PA 15658, 724-238-1200.

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:

Latrobe Area Hospital

121 West Second Avenue

Latrobe, PA 15650

724-537-1000

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