

Marsh Creek

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Marsh Creek State Park is in the rolling hills of northcentral Chester County. The 1,705-acre park contains the 535-acre Marsh Creek Lake, which is great for fishing, sailing and is a reststop for migrating waterfowl

The park is about two miles west of the village of Eagle on PA 100. Access to the park from the Pennsylvania Turnpike is via PA 100 north. At Eagle, signs direct you to the park.

Horseback Riding: The bridle trails are in the western side of the park and have loops of various distances. Use extreme caution when riding in hunting areas during hunting seasons.

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)

717-558-2710 (local or international voice)

888-537-7294 (TTY)

717-558-2711 (local or international TTY)

711 (AT&T Relay Services)

History

Marsh Creek State Park was developed to help manage the water resources in the Brandywine Creek Watershed, which drains 330 square miles, most of which are in Chester County.

Frequent flooding, water shortages and lack of recreational opportunities for nearby population centers were problems in the watershed.

The sponsoring agencies all shared the construction costs of the dam and lake. They were: U.S. Soil Conservation Service, Chester County Water Resources Authority, Chester County Commissioners, Chester County Conservation District, the General State Authority and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources (now the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources).

The Chester County Water Resources Authority and Chester County Commissioners paid for utility and road relocations.

The Chester County Water Resources Authority also acquired the land rights for the project. Subsequently, the Department of Environmental Resources acquired the land around the lake for recreation from the Water Resources Authority for approximately \$1.1 million. Project 70 bond funds were used to acquire the land at this site.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania constructed and operates the recreational facilities.

Nearby Attractions

For information on nearby attractions and accommodations, please contact; the Chester County Conference and Visitors Bureau, 800-228-9933, www.brandywinevalley.com.

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:

Chester County Hospital

701 East Marshal Street

West Chester, PA 19380

610-431-5000

or

Brandywine Hospital

201 Reeceville Road

Coatesville, PA 19320

610-383-8000

Marsh Creek State Park

675 Park Rd.

Downingtown, PA 19335-1898

610-458-5119

Manager: Randy Frey

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