

## Minister Creek Campground

**Finding the area** To reach the Minister Creek Campground, follow State Route 666 West from Sheffield, PA. The campground is 14.7 miles southwest of Sheffield.

An [on-line map](#) of this recreation area is available.

**Facilities** The Allegheny's smallest campground, Minister Creek has six family campsites situated along the waters of Minister Creek. Each site contains a picnic table, fire ring, and tent pad. Vault toilets and hand-pumped water are available. Campsites are filled on a first come, first served basis only, no reservations. Dead and down wood may be used as firewood.

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**Other features:** [Minister Creek Hiking Trail](#), a six-mile loop, starts and ends at the campground. The trail is marked with off-white blazes, and joins the [North Country National Scenic Trail](#) on the north end.

Trout [fishing](#) is excellent in Minister Creek and also in nearby Tionesta Creek.

## Minister Creek Trail

This 10.8 kilometer (6.6 mile) trail begins at the Minister Creek Campground and forms a loop through the Minister Creek Undeveloped Area north of SR 666.

**Finding the trail:** The trailhead parking lot is located on SR 666 west of Minister Creek Campground, 14.7 miles southwest of Sheffield, PA. Minister Creek Campground offers six campsites situated along the waters of Minister Creek. Each site contains a picnic table, a fire ring and a tent pad. Vault toilets and hand-pumped water are available.

A [trail map](#) is available on-line.

**Hiking the trail:** Watch the informational signs. This trail offers challenges to a wide range of skill levels as it climbs to the plateau within the Minister Creek Undeveloped Area. The Minister Creek Trail joins the [North Country National Scenic Trail](#) along the most northerly segment. The North Country National Scenic Trail then continues east, and the Minister Creek Trail turns south back towards the campground.

Fishing for small native brookies can be done in Minister Creek. Enjoy the wildlife viewing as you hike. The vegetation found in the Minister Creek Undeveloped Area supports wildlife typically associated with older trees and decaying vegetation. A well-used dispersed recreation campsite called Triple Forks Camp, is located where the two tributaries of Minister Creek join to become one stream. Part of the Minister Creek Trail is located on old railroad grades used in early logging efforts.

Camp overnight as you enjoy the Minister Creek Trail, or make a leisurely day trip through the Minister Creek Undeveloped Area.

**Regulations:** The trail currently is marked with off-white diamonds. Forest trails policy prohibits the use of saddle, pack, or draft animals on hiking trails.

**Safety:** The skill level of these hiking trails are more difficult and you should be in good health to enjoy them. We encourage you to hike with at least one other person and to leave your itinerary with friends so they'll know where to look if you don't return on time or need assistance.

These trails are open for winter hiking. Remember to dress in layers appropriate for the weather conditions. Be aware that these trails are used heavily in the late fall and spring by hunters. It is a good idea to wear bright fluorescent colored clothing if hiking during these time periods.

Practice *no trace ethics* - *pack it in, pack it out*, and for sanitary disposal of wastes, dig a pit on flat ground at least 6 inches deep and at least 200 feet from water.

**For emergencies, dial 911.** The nearest hospital is located north of the trailhead in Warren. The nearest telephone is located in Sheffield.

Boiling water before consumption is recommended.

Please report any unsafe trail conditions such as downed trees and missing signs or trail markers directly to the Bradford Ranger District at 814-362-4613. We appreciate your support.

**Volunteers:** If you, a friend, or your club are interested in volunteering to help maintain this trail area, please contact the Ranger District.

**Customer service:** The Sheffield area offers food and gas facilities. Warren is a full service community.

**For more information** on this and other trail opportunities, contact [local Tourist Promotion Agencies or Forest Service Offices.](#)

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