

HIKING TRAILS



A 20-mile trail network invites you to explore. Seneca, Indian, Bog and Hay Road trails and a short section of the Moss-Hanne Trail are connected, making them suitable for loop hikes.

HAY ROAD TRAIL: 1.1 miles, easiest hiking

This grassy old road eases through a mature mixed-oak forest with a black cherry understory. It once carried farmers to harvest marsh grasses.

SENECA TRAIL: 0.8 mile, easiest hiking

This trail weaves through a typical second growth forest of oak and cherry which shades stumps of pine that were logged out over a century ago.

INDIAN TRAIL: 1 mile, more difficult hiking

This trail carries travelers through changing scenery of open oak woods, pines, clearings and an unusual grove of hawthorns.

BOG TRAIL: 0.3 mile, 0.5 full loop, easiest hiking

Take the boardwalk to explore a wetland dominated by sphagnum moss and leatherleaf, and accented by sedges, rushes, carnivorous plants and lilies. Observe waterfowl and other wildlife along the trail. Wayside panels tell the surprising story of bogs and other park wetlands. Access for people with disabilities is at Boating Area #3.

GPS: Lat. 40.9014 Long. -78.05775

LAKE LOOP TRAIL: 0.7 mile, easiest hiking

This flat, ¾-mile loop connects two bridges for an easy walk along the lake's lower shoreline. It offers a visit to the beach (please walk pets to the back of the beach house) and the dam.

MOSS-HANNE TRAIL: 7.7 miles, more difficult hiking

On its way through the Black Moshannon Bog Natural Area, this trail travels through pine plantations, hemlock bottomland, wetland edges, hardwood forests, grassy openings, blueberry patches and beaver ponds in all stages of succession. Waterproof footwear is recommended since some sections are often wet. Two boardwalk sections allow exploration of a big marsh and an alder swamp. The best blueberry areas are near this trail (mid-June to mid-August).

STAR MILL TRAIL: 2.1-mile loop, easiest hiking

With fine views of the lake and opportunities to see wildlife, this trail travels through pines, a climax forest of beech and hemlock and an uncommon stand of balsam fir. Look for evidence of Star Mill, a sawmill which was built in 1879.

SKI SLOPE TRAIL: 2 miles, most difficult hiking

Begin at the beach parking lot for a trek up Rattlesnake Mountain. Enjoy the views from the highest point in the park, including an old ski slope. At the PA 504 crossing, try to decipher the old Philadelphia-Erie Turnpike mile marker.

SLEEPY HOLLOW TRAIL: 1.2-mile loop, more difficult hiking

Explore a hemlock-birch forest and woodlands of cherry and oak. This trail is recommended for spring wildflowers. Look for evidence of a 1984 selective timber cut. Harvested trees were killed by years of gypsy moth defoliation. New growth provides good food and cover for turkey, deer and songbirds. The trail starts near Pavilion 1.

TENT HILL TRAIL: 0.2 mile, more difficult hiking

Begin near Campsite 22. This trail drops down to the lake shoreline and connects the campground with Lake Loop Trail.

SNOWMOBILE TRAIL: 1.1 miles, easiest hiking

This trail connects to gravel roads and trails open to snowmobiles, horses and mountain bikes on surrounding state forest land. Use the Beach Parking Lot which is plowed in winter. This grassy old road provides a trip through an oak woods with an open understory.

SHINGLE MILL TRAIL: 2 miles, more difficult hiking

This path ventures from the parking area near the dam and follows beautiful Black Moshannon Creek. The trail continues north of the Huckleberry Road bridge and connects to the Allegheny Front Trail.

BLUEBERRY TRAIL: 1-mile loop, easiest hiking

Get a taste of the Black Moshannon Bog Natural Area on this short loop. Parking is available at the Mid-State Airport. The trail is abundant with many berries which also attracts a variety of wildlife and bird species.

ALLEGHENY FRONT TRAIL: This trail encircles the park, traversing 40 miles of the Allegheny Plateau, some rocky and rugged, on the way to five mountain trout streams and eleven vistas in the Moshannon State Forest. It's ideal for backpacking or a day hike on any segment.

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