

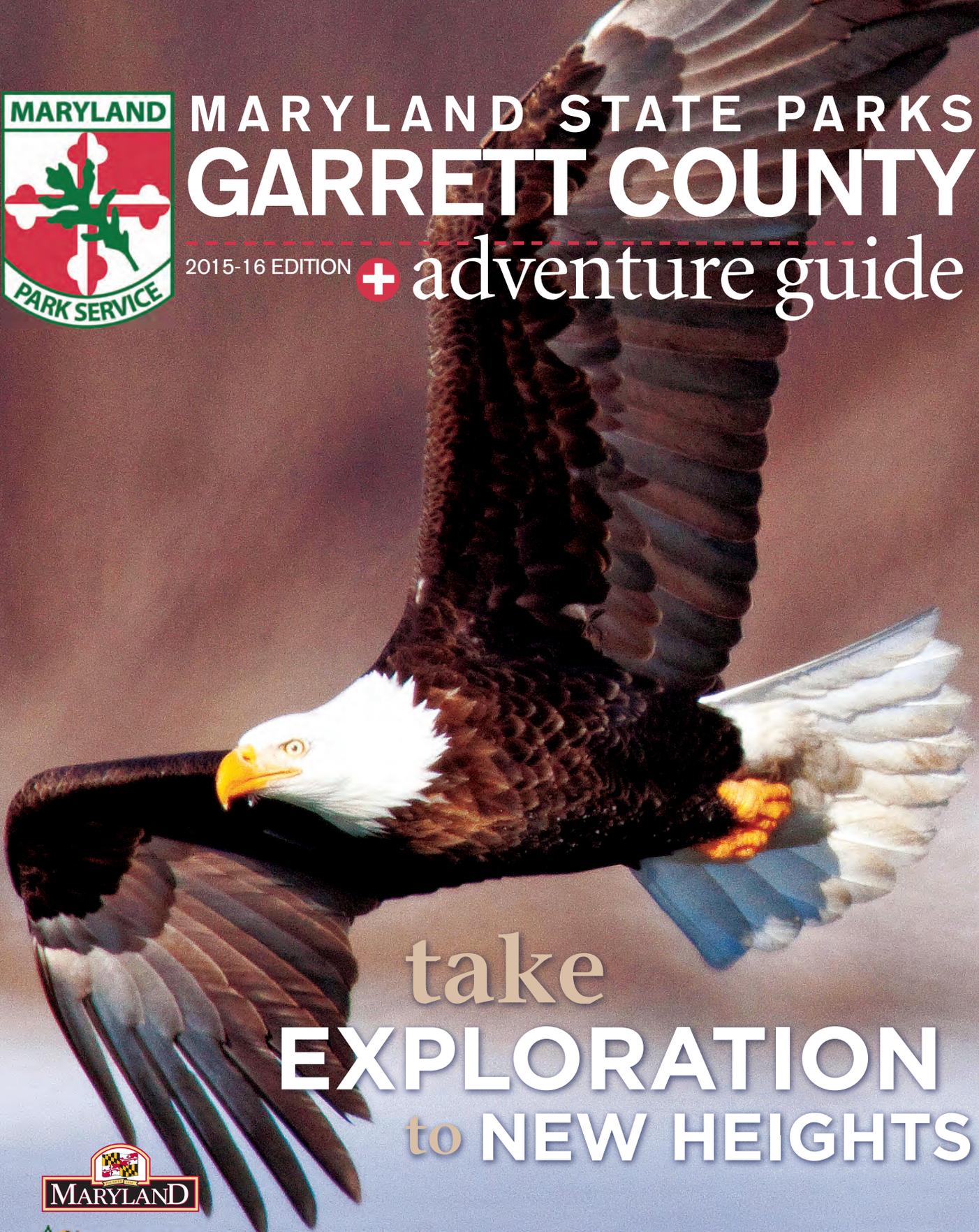


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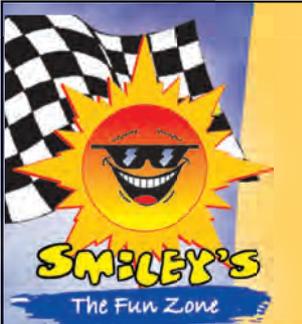


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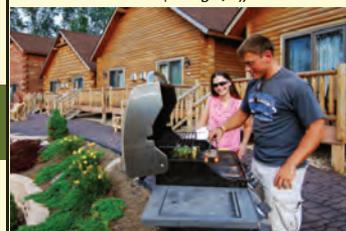
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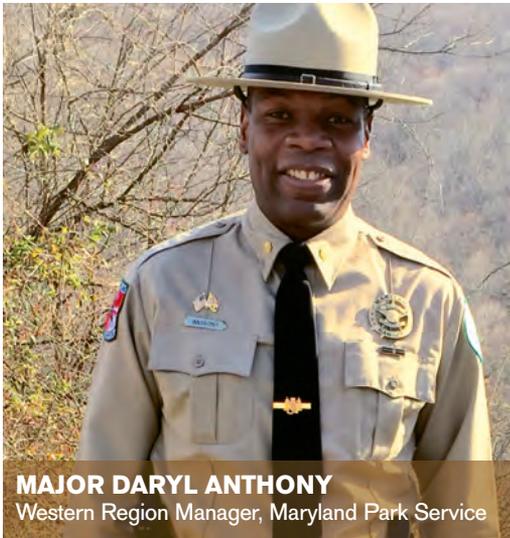


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Want more? How about hiking the trail at Swallow Falls to arrive at the tallest free-falling waterfalls in the state — where you can hear the roar and feel the spray as thousands of gallons of water crash down sheer rock walls. Try shooting the class-five rapids down the Youghiogheny River Corridor; enjoy a hike along Poplar Lick at New Germany; or uncover the fun of geocaching at Dan's Mountain. For a little fun in the sun, learn how to use a paddleboard along with other water activities at Deep



MAJOR DARYL ANTHONY
Western Region Manager, Maryland Park Service

Creek Lake. There the Discovery Center is also awaiting your exploration — or, just relax on one of our sandy beaches. For winter fun, come check out the cross-country skiing at New Germany and Herrington Manor or snowshoeing and snowmobiling at Deep Creek Lake.

If you use social media, you can follow us in many ways to learn about upcoming events and activities as well as ski conditions in the winter.

It has been said that, “Memory is a child walking along a seashore. You never can tell what small pebble it will pick up and store away among its treasured things.” I hope that you will visit your Maryland State Parks and create lasting memories of your own. +

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Amidst the beautiful Allegheny Highlands, Maryland's largest man-made lake, Deep Creek Lake, entices visitors to boat, swim, fish, picnic, camp and more.

Deep Creek Lake State Park

YEAR-ROUND BEAUTY AND LAKESIDE RECREATION

Cradled at the base of the picturesque Meadow Mountain, Deep Creek Lake State Park sits more than 2,500 feet above sea level. The park boasts a mile of shoreline along Maryland's largest manmade lake, Deep Creek Lake, where fishing, swimming and boat launching opportunities abound. Go for a swim at the park's beach or picnic by the waterfront (a service charge applies) where tables, grills and more are accessible. Shelters may be reserved in advance for a fee through our reservation system.

Interpretive programs, with evening campfires, talks and hikes on the natural and cultural resources of the park, are available throughout the year and by special request. Activity schedules are posted on bulletin boards throughout the park and the Discovery Center. Hunting is permitted in the park's backcountry areas during regulated hunting seasons. The managed hunting areas are posted, and applicable regulations including license requirements apply. Consult the Maryland Guide to Hunting and Trapping for season dates and bag limits.

Meadow Mountain Trail System offers mountain biking, cross country skiing, snowmobiling and hiking on trails ranging from moderate to difficult. Snowmobile season is Dec. 15–March 15. Snowmobilers can park and access the trails from the boat launch area. All snowmobiles must have current DNR ORV permits, available at Park Headquarters and the Discovery Center. A trail guide is available at Park Headquarters, the Discovery Center, or online. Owners must keep pets on a leash on trails, and clean up after them.

Most of the park's visitor services are located on State Park Road. Park Headquarters is at the intersection of Brant and State Park roads, and is open daily. For emergencies, call the Maryland Park Service at 410-260-8888 or dial 911. For general park information, call 301-387-5563, and The Discovery Center can be reached at 301-387-7067. +

BOAT SMART, BOAT SAFE

Thousands of people visit Deep Creek Lake to enjoy a variety of water sports, so be sure to follow proper safety guidelines to ensure a great experience. Visit www.dnr.state.md.us/boating/safety for a safety requirements checklist, and call Natural Resources Police at 301-777-7771 or dial 911 immediately if you see or are involved in a boating accident.

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AREA

The lake management office is located on Brant Road just past park headquarters. Information about buffer strip use and lake regulations can be obtained by calling 301-387-4111. The state property around the lake is commonly called the buffer strip. Annual permits are issued to adjacent property owners who wish to use the buffer strip to access the lake.

A fishing area is located on the south side of the U.S. Route 219 bridge. Anglers with a Maryland fishing license can fish from the shoreline any time, day or night. Several parking spaces and a comfort station are available to visitors.

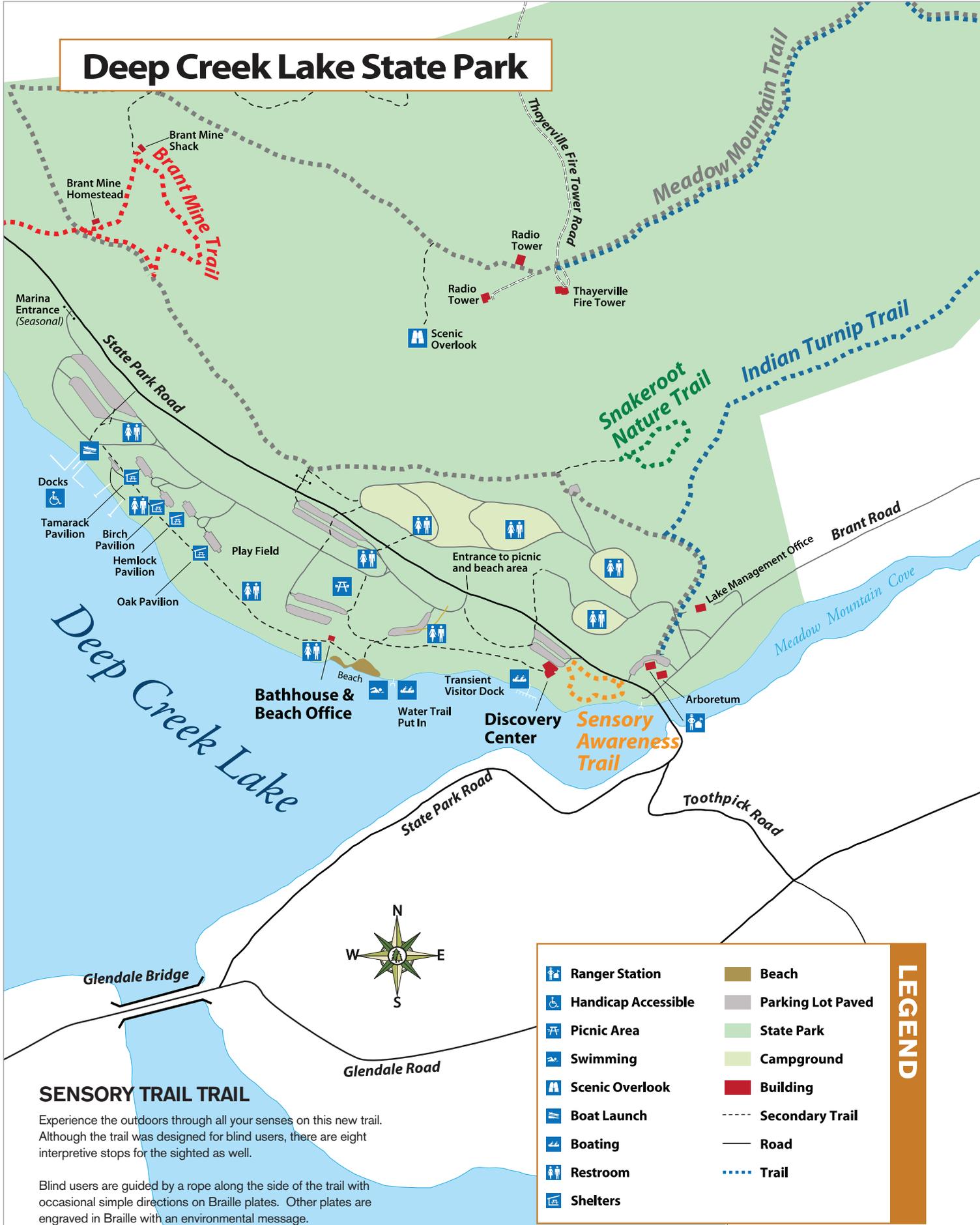
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Deep Creek Lake's boat launch facility is open 24 hours a day most of the year, except when winter weather or icy conditions prohibit access to the water. The lake is well known for its fishery, with abundant stocked trout, walleye, bass and yellow perch. A service charge covers the daily launching and removal of your boat during a 24-hour period. Annual and weekly passes are available for purchase at park offices.

Personal watercraft, such as jet skis, and air-cushioned vessels may not be operated on the lake 11 a.m.–4 p.m. on the Saturday, Sunday and holiday of Memorial Day weekend; and the Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from July 1 through Labor Day.



Deep Creek Lake State Park



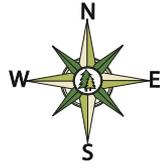
SENSORY TRAIL TRAIL

Experience the outdoors through all your senses on this new trail. Although the trail was designed for blind users, there are eight interpretive stops for the sighted as well.

Blind users are guided by a rope along the side of the trail with occasional simple directions on Braille plates. Other plates are engraved in Braille with an environmental message.

	Ranger Station		Beach
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LEGEND





The Youghiogheny River's Class V rapids challenge even the most experienced kayakers, as the wild river drops in elevation approximately 100 feet per mile between Sang Run and Friendsville.

Youghiogheny Scenic & Wild River

FORMER GATEWAY FOR GROWTH DRAWS THRILL-SEEKERS

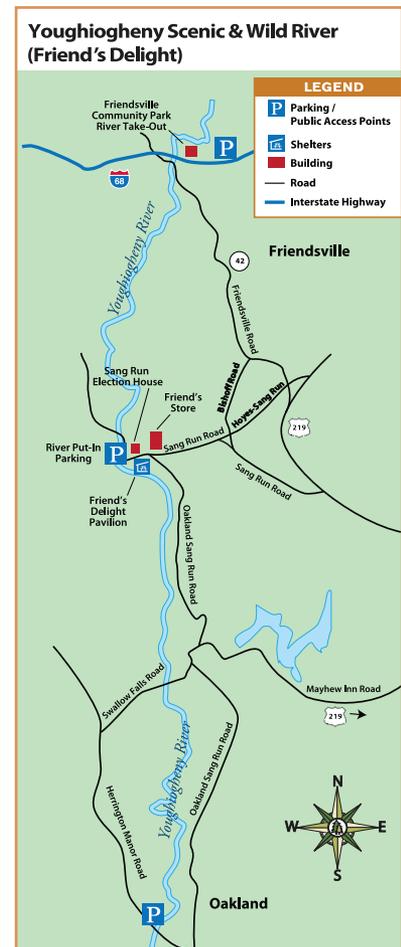
Beginning in southern Garrett County, the Youghiogheny Scenic & Wild River is a part of the Mississippi River watershed that stretches northward into Pennsylvania. During the late 1800s, Garrett County prospered with the eastbound transport of agriculture, timber and coal via the B&O Railroad. Logging railroads penetrating the Youghiogheny River valley permitted transfer of its timber and coal.

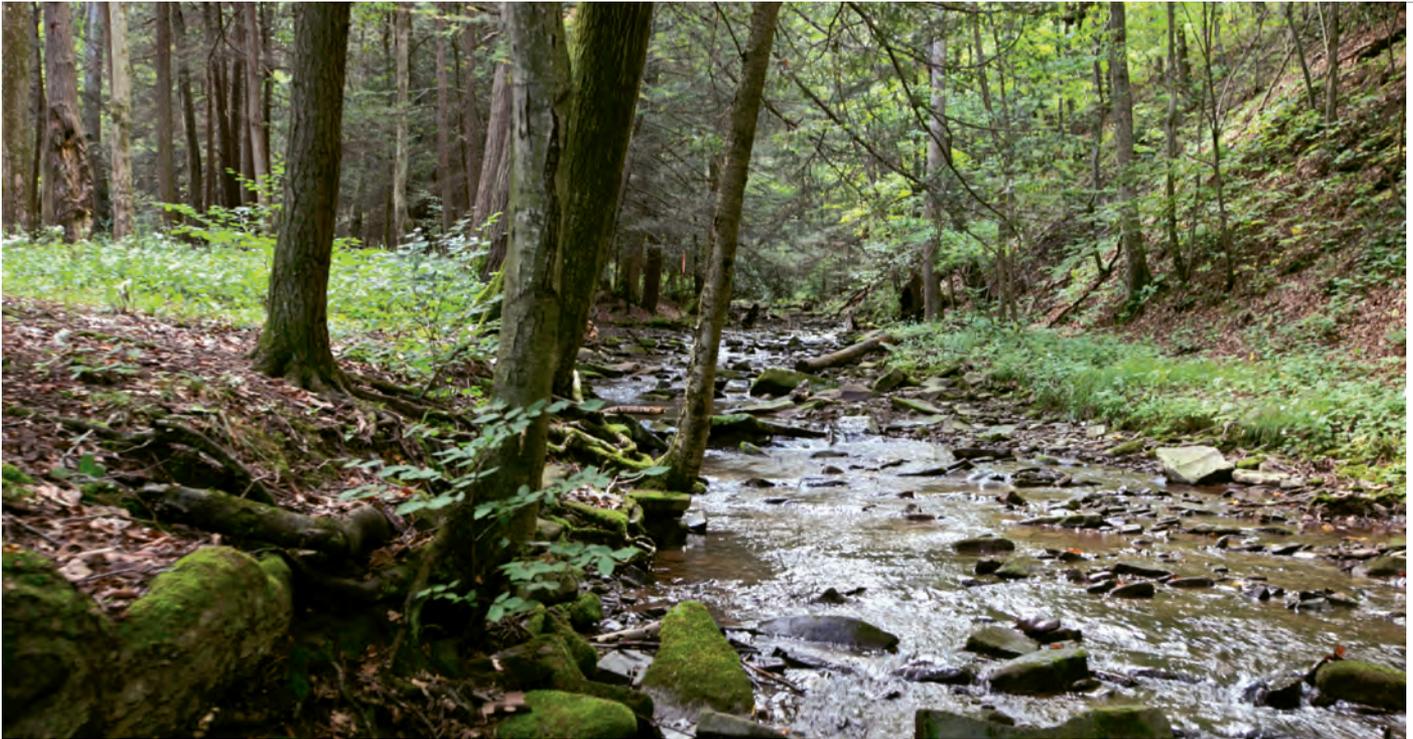
In 1889, the Confluence & Oakland Railroad was built to reach the timberlands along the path of the river south of Confluence, Pa., through Friendsville, Md., to the town of Kendall, Md. Two major lumber companies, A. Knabb Co., which manufactured barrels and staves from the white oak in the valley, and Kendall Lumber Co., which maintained a large sawmill at the site, were headquartered here.

As timber and coal industries along the Youghiogheny waned, the land restored naturally and regained much of its original beauty thanks to nearby landowners. In 1976, a 21-mile segment of the Youghiogheny was designated as Maryland's first Wild River.

Managed by the Maryland Park Service, a state-protected corridor along the river helps preserve its resources. Today, thousands of whitewater enthusiasts flock to Sang Run to experience the Class V rapids of the Upper Youghiogheny. This river is not for beginners and can be a challenge for even the most experienced kayakers. Public access is available during daylight hours only. Please leave pets at home if planning to spend a day on the river. Visit www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/western/youghiogheny.asp for more information on the Youghiogheny region and a complete list of rafting companies offering guided adventures.

Friend's Delight, an 81-acre tract of land settled by John Friend in 1769 after bartering with the Shawnee tribe, is managed by the park service and open seasonally. It includes a rentable picnic shelter near the river and Friend's Store, which has operated for more than a century. Friend's Delight, also known as the Youghiogheny River shelter, is available for picnics and daytime special occasions. Visit www.reservations.dnr.state.md.us/reservations.





A small creek flows in the foothills between Meadow and Big Savage Mountains past campgrounds near Monroe Run Trail.

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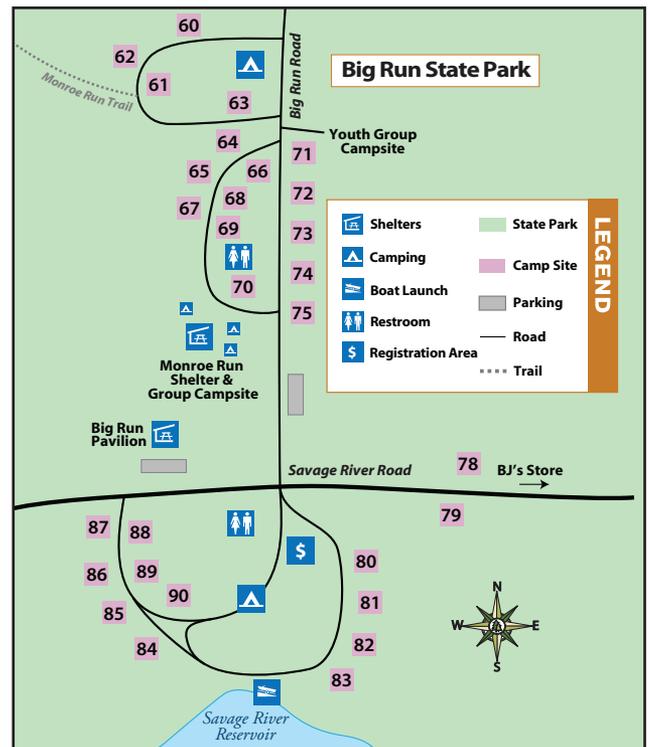
Big Run State Park

RECREATION AND TRANQUILITY COLLIDE

If a peaceful outdoor experience is what you need, then Big Run State Park in Swanton, Md., is just the place. Nestled along a native brook trout stream, Big Run features 29 primitive campsites open year round on a first-come, first-served basis. To register for a site, follow the instructions on the bulletin board at the intersection of Big Run Road and Savage River Road.

Big Run also offers group camping areas and a large picnic pavilion for day-time use – available by reservation. To book a group campsite or a pavilion, call 1-888-432-CAMP or visit www.reservations.dnr.state.md.us.

All campsites and pavilions are within walking distance of the Savage River Reservoir. The reservoir is packed with trout, bass, catfish, tiger muskie and more. A boat launch area is available for small watercraft, such as kayaks, canoes and rowboats. Waterless restrooms are available on a seasonal basis. +



Monroe Run Shelter and Group Campsite

FRIENDLY REMINDERS



- Pets must be leashed and accompanied by owner at all times.
- Gas-powered boats are prohibited on the Savage River Reservoir.
- Consumption of alcohol is prohibited, except inside motor homes.
- An alcohol permit may be purchased for the Big Run Pavilion at time of reservation.



The more than 200-year-old bridge was reportedly named after Jacob Casselman. The name was so often misspelled as "Castlemán", that the two spellings were once used interchangeably. photo: John Moore

Casselman River Bridge

A POWERFUL LINK — ONCE TO THE WEST, NOW TO THE PAST

Astride the Casselman River just east of Grantsville stands the historic Casselman River Bridge. Originally constructed in 1813, the single arch stone bridge once served the old National Road, which linked Cumberland, Md., with the Ohio River.

The bridge crosses an area named Little Crossings. In 1755 George Washington, then a young military aide, was on the staff of British Gen. Edward Braddock. Braddock led an army against a French fort near what is now known as Pittsburgh. Braddock's army forded the river at Little Crossings and also retreated across the same spot after being defeated soundly by the French. At this time, very few whites had settled in the area, although Native Americans had utilized it for thousands of years.

In the 1760s, after the French had been driven out of North America, Joseph Tomlinson erected the first inn several miles east of Little Crossings. The ford and the road that crossed it became a major thoroughfare of westward travelers. By the late 1700s a mill and farm residence were built near the crossing.

Early in the 19th century the federal government began an ambitious program of internal improvements, which included widespread road construction to help knit

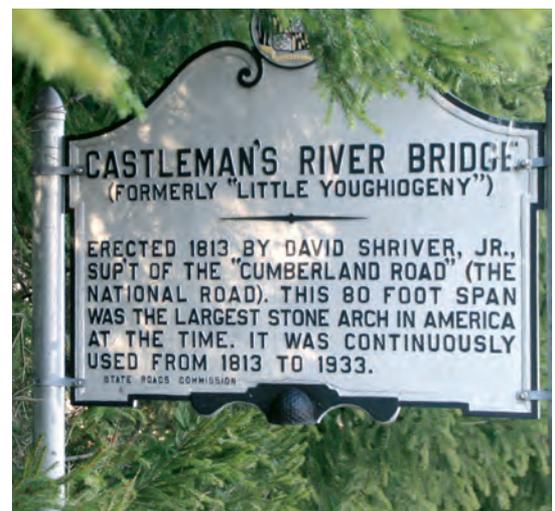
together the young republic. The National Road project was a capital improvement program aimed at upgrading Braddock's Road. The Casselman River Bridge was one of many such improvements built along the road.

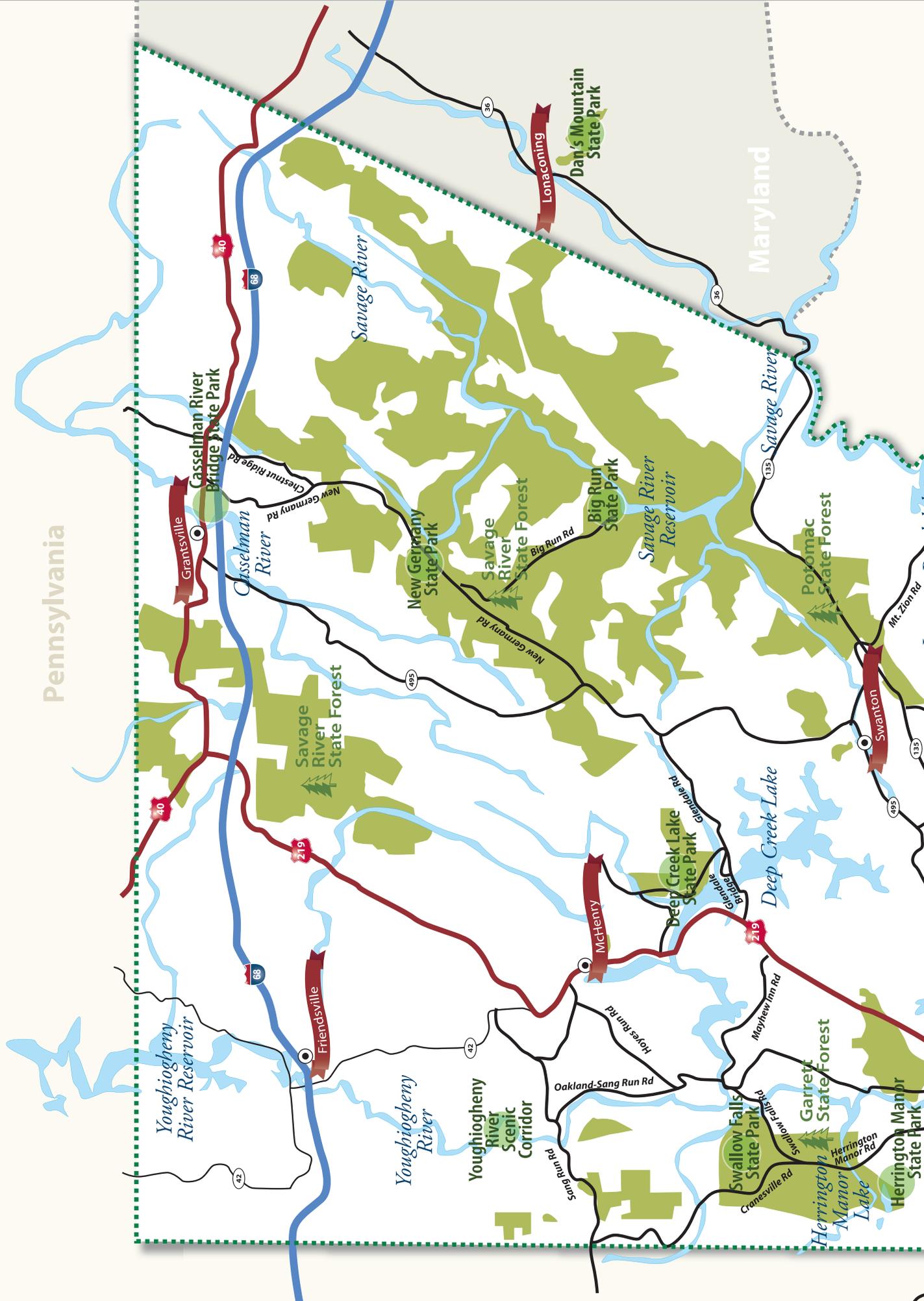
At the time of its construction, the 80-foot span was the largest of its type in America. It was reportedly made longer than it needed to be in hopes that the planned Chesapeake and Ohio Canal would pass under it. A public celebration was held at the bridge on the day that workmen removed the supporting timbers. To the amazement of many, the bridge did not collapse.

Little Crossings became a busy center of commerce and transportation. Stagecoaches, wagons, horsemen and foot travelers crossed over the bridge. More buildings appeared, including a store and another inn, which remains today as the Penn Alps Restaurant and Craft Shop. The advent of the railroads in the 1840s resulted in cheaper travel. The National Road went into decline but it was revived in the early 20th century when federal aid became

available for road development to accommodate a newer means of transportation: the automobile.

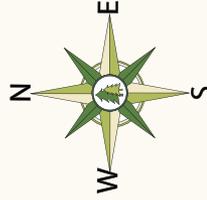
The bridge continued in service until U.S. Route 40 also became an important east-west artery, just as the National Road had been. In 1933 a new steel bridge joined the banks of the Casselman River. The State of Maryland restored the old stone bridge in the mid-1950s, and it is now the center of Casselman River Bridge State Park. +





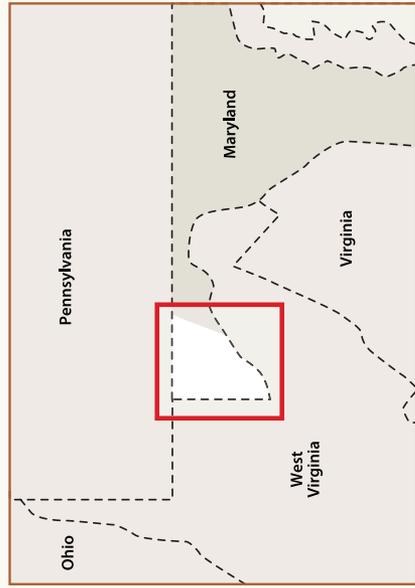


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	Garrett County		Interstate Highway
	State Forest		Water
	State Park		Cities/Towns





New Germany State Park

WHERE FAMILY TRADITIONS BEGIN

Often referred to as a “best kept secret” by visitors, New Germany State Park is nestled peacefully between Big Savage Mountain and the Eastern Continental Divide. With miles of multi-use trails, campsites and plenty of lakeside activities, the park is perfect for anyone looking for a refreshing breath of fresh mountain air. Families can stay and play for days at New Germany. +

Yours to Explore

CABINS New Germany features 11 historic log cabins, available for reservation year round. Built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s, each cabin combines rustic features with the cozy comforts of home, including a beautiful stone fireplace, full kitchen and bathroom, and electric heat. Pets are welcome in Cabins #3–7.

CAMPING Camp out under the stars at one of New Germany’s serene campsites, available April through November. Reservations are recommended, but walk-in campers are welcome. The Hemlock Loop is pet-friendly.

SWIMMING & BOATING New Germany Lake provides a designated swimming area, and kayaks, paddleboats and rowboats are available for rent at the Snack Bar & Gift Shop in the Lake House.

FISHING Anglers can fish for trout, bass, tiger muskie and catfish, and no license is required for anyone under 16. Fishing licenses are available for purchase at the Ranger Station. A Youth Fishing Rodeo takes place each year in May.

EXPLORING Looking to explore the natural world? Begin your journey at the new Nature Center next to the Lake House. The Nature Center features live animals, interactive displays, crafts, self-guided activities and nature-themed games for all ages. Visitors can borrow a variety of field guides and outdoor gear for an action-packed day of adventure.

PICNICKING Picnic tables and grills are nestled in shaded areas throughout the park, and two large picnic pavilions are available by reservation. For large gatherings, New Germany’s historic Recreation Hall is available for reservation May–October. With a full kitchen, a stone fireplace, and seating for up to 49 people, the building is perfect for family reunions, weddings and other special occasions.

HIKING & BIKING With more than 10 miles of peaceful trails, New Germany is a delight for hikers, bikers and nature enthusiasts. Leashed pets are welcome.

SKIING & SNOWSHOEING In the winter months, cross-country skis and snowshoes are available for rent seven days a week (weather permitting), and the trails are professionally tracked and groomed for skiing. After exploring the snowy outdoors, visitors can enjoy tasty treats and a warm fire at the Snack Bar & Gift Shop inside the Lake House.

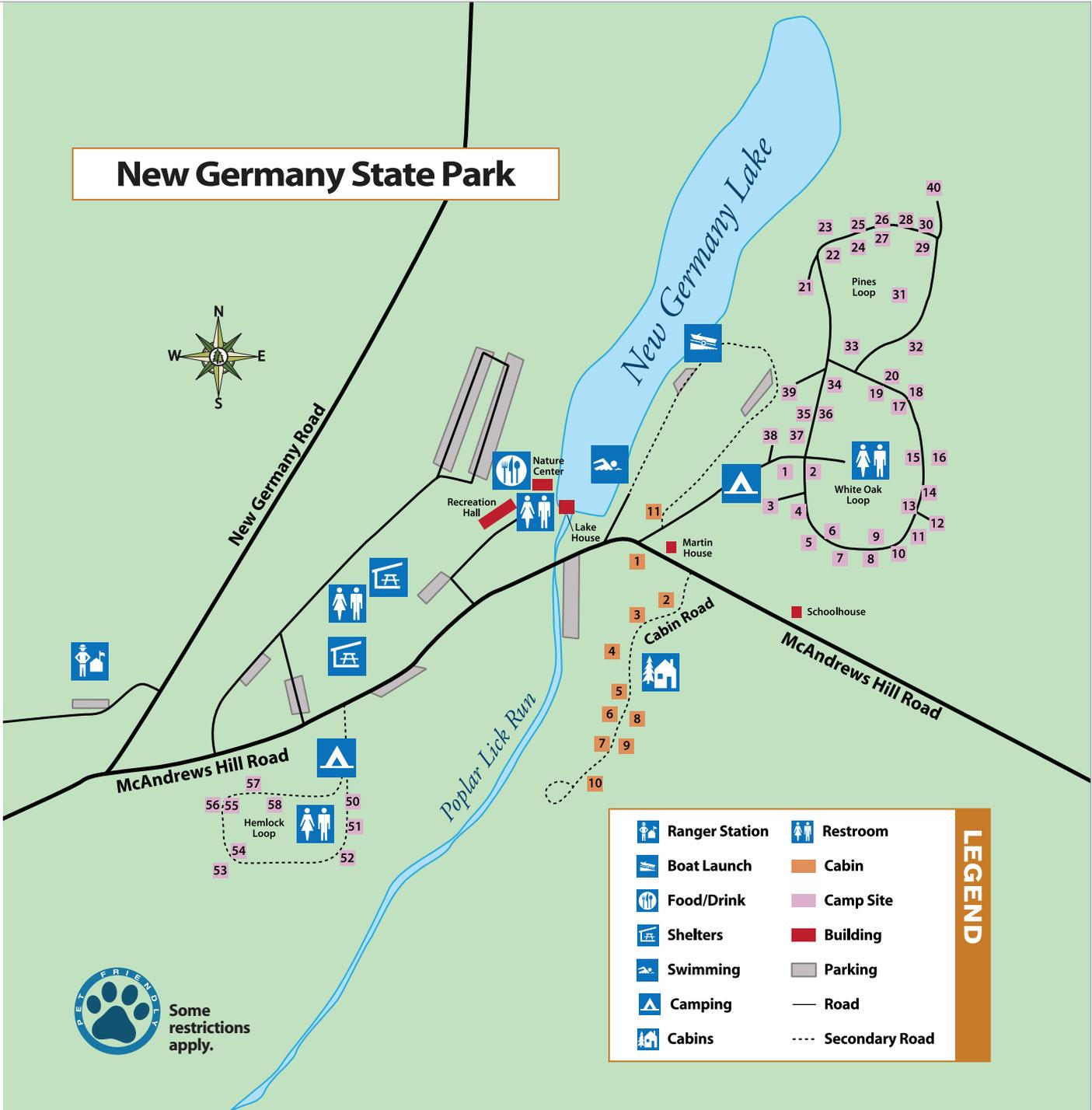
FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- The park is open 8 a.m. to sunset.
- Cabin rates vary based on cabin size (up to 8-person cabins are available). Personal items such as towels, linens and pillows are not provided. For cabin or campsite reservations, call **1-888-432-CAMP** or visit www.dnr.maryland.gov.
- Pets are welcome at New Germany with some restrictions. For more information about pet-friendly campsites, cabins, and activities, call the Ranger Station at 301-895-5453. Pets must be leashed and accompanied by owners at all times, and excessive barking is prohibited.
- Consumption of alcohol is prohibited, except inside cabins and motor homes.
- An alcohol permit can be purchased for the Recreation Hall and picnic pavilions at time of reservation.
- During ski season, daily ski reports are available on our Twitter page.
- **New to New Germany?** Visit our gift shop, located inside the Ranger Station, for firewood, hunting/fishing licenses, T-shirts, hats, specialty gifts, books and more. Open daily, year round, from 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m. Need to stay connected? Free wireless internet service is provided at the New Germany Snack Bar & Gift Shop next to the lake!



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Herrington Manor State Park

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES FOR ALL SEASONS

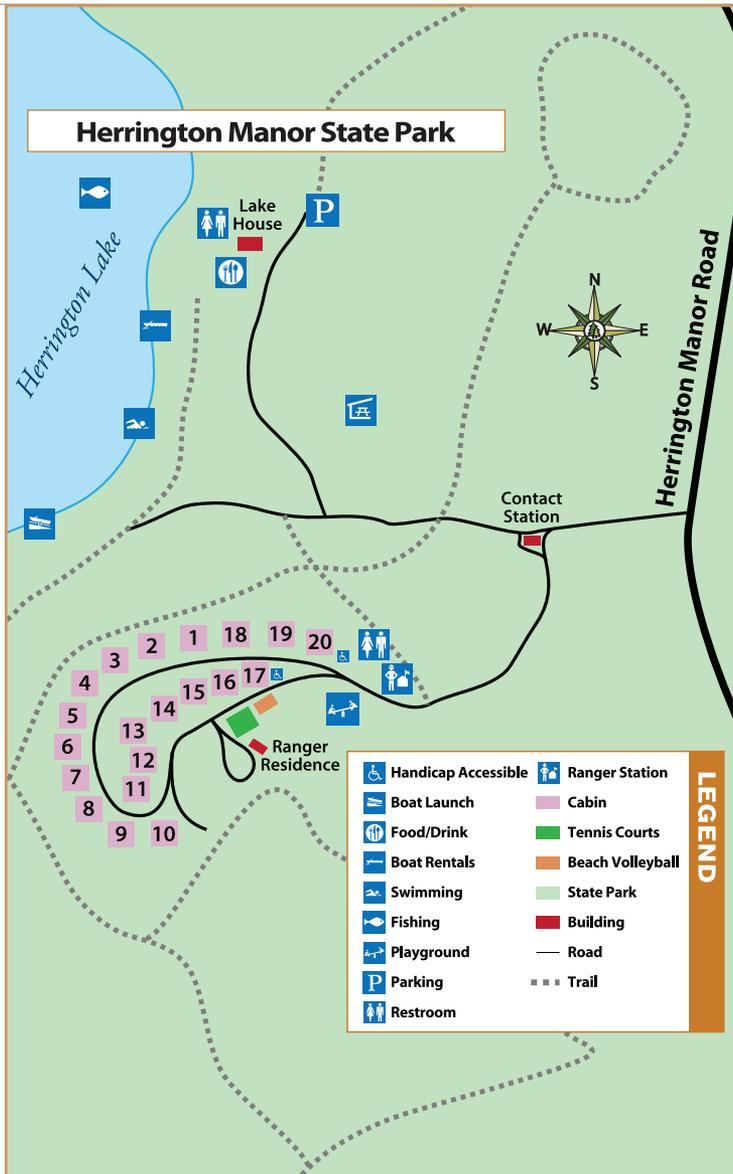
Herrington Manor is steeped in the history of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), an emergency program established by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1933 that paired the nation's high number of unemployed young men with the desperate need for conservation work across the country. The CCC built the dam, dug the lake, and built several of the log cabins still enjoyed today. In 1964, Herrington Manor officially became a State Park, getting its name from Sgt. Abijah Herrington, a Revolutionary War soldier. Today, Herrington Manor offers year-round recreation in the open air. Herrington Lake encompasses 53 acres of great fishing, swimming, paddling, and bird watching, and is stocked with rainbow trout in the spring. Largemouth bass, blue gill, chain pickerel, and even a few catfish reside in the lake year-round. Canoe rentals are provided at the Lake house, as well as some snacks for those that forgot to pack a picnic basket. Herrington Manor's trails connect with the state forest, and offers miles of hiking, and cross-country skiing in the winter. Pets on a leash are always welcome, and can even cool their paws in the lake near the boat ramp. +



FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- The park is open 8 a.m. to sunset.
- Alcohol is prohibited in the park except inside cabins.
- Pets are welcome at Herrington Manor with a few exceptions. Pets are prohibited on the beach and designated swim area. Pets are prohibited inside all buildings, except the designated pet cabins. Pets must be leashed and accompanied by owners at all times, and excessive barking is prohibited.
- Herrington Manor is a "Trash-Free Park." Please take your trash home with you and plan accordingly for your visit.

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Cabin Fever

Herrington Manor provides 20 full-service cabins available for rent year round. Two-, four- and six-person cabins offer a full kitchen with oven/stove, pots and pans, microwave, toaster, coffee maker, dishes, silverware, bowls and cups. Each cabin is equipped with a bathroom with shower, living area with dining table and chairs, electric heat as well as a wood burning fireplace insert; some cabins have an open fireplace available. Bed linens, blankets, pillows and towels are not provided. Each cabin has a front porch with chairs to relax and enjoy the scenic view. A picnic table and charcoal grill are located beside each cabin. Call

1-888-432-2267, 8 a.m.–8 p.m. Monday through Friday, or visit www.reservations.dnr.state.md.us. +



At Your Leisure

ACCESSIBILITY The headquarters, lake house, beach area, and fishing pier are accessible to the mobility impaired. A beach wheelchair is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

BOATING Herrington Manor concession rents canoes and kayaks on the lake, but visitors may bring their own boats (electric trolling motors only) as well.

FISHING With a Maryland Angler's license, fishermen can fish anywhere in the lake except for the swimming area. Licenses can be purchased at the park office. Children under 16 do not need a license to fish in the lake.

PICNICKING Several picnic tables and grills are scattered throughout the beach area, as well as other areas around the lake. A pavilion available to rent sits on top of a knoll above the beach and lake area.

SWIMMING The lake features a swimming area, beach and concession stand. Lifeguards are on duty Memorial Day through Labor Day at the swimming area, with the concession open for food and boat rentals as well.

HIKING, SKIING & SNOWSHOEING

Herrington Manor offers ski and snowshoe rentals at the lake house, open on weekends and holidays. During the week these items can be rented at the park office. The park has 10 miles of trails to hike, ski and snowshoe, plus a 5½-mile trail from Herrington Manor State Park to Swallow Falls State Park.

WILDLIFE Herrington Manor is home to many different types of wildlife. Visitors may catch a glimpse of bears, deer, turkeys, foxes, squirrels, rabbits and other critters while enjoying the park. Remember these animals are wild, so please do not feed them.



Though the falls offer breathtakingly beautiful views, visitors should exercise caution in and around Swallow Falls State Park's hazardous waters.

Swallow Falls State Park

RIPPLING RAPIDS AND ROCKY RIDGES RENDER MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN VIEWS

Best known for Maryland's highest waterfall, Muddy Creek Falls, Swallow Falls State Park is comprised of four breath-taking waterfalls on the 1¼-mile trail through the sensitive management area, a region of virgin Hemlock and White Pine trees estimated to be 300 years old. Both the Youghiogheny River and Muddy Creek contain severe natural hazards, such as waterfalls, violent rapids, swift currents, deep pools, underwater hydraulics, cold water, slippery rocks and rough terrain. Injuries and deaths have occurred in and around these waters. Visitors should be alert for these hazards and

EXERCISE CAUTION to protect themselves and any children from potentially life-threatening accidents.

Mother Nature at Work

Hurricane Sandy hit Swallow Falls State Park in October 2012. Thousands of trees were damaged by almost 3 feet of heavy wet snow that broke branches and uprooted many trees. Swallow Falls is a sensitive management area, which means the forest is essentially left to survive on its own with minimal cutting and development. Due to this storm, the landscape of the forest has dramatically changed from

At Your Leisure

PICNICKING There are several picnic tables and grills located on the hill just past the main parking area. A pavilion located beside the main parking lot can be rented as well.

HIKING A 1¼-mile trail meanders through the sensitive management area along the Youghiogheny River. Muddy Creek Falls, Upper and Lower Swallow Falls, and Tolliver Falls can be seen on this loop trail. A 5.5-mile trail also connects Swallow Falls State Park to Herrington Manor State Park.

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what it was in recent years, and it will continue to change now that the canopy has been opened to allow more sunlight into the area. +

Pitch a Tent

With 65 campsites featuring modern bathhouses, picnic tables, fire rings, lantern posts on stabilized pads — as well as three sewer, water and electric hook-up sites, plus three sites with water and electric — Swallow Falls State Park is a great place to camp out under the stars. Each campsite can accommodate six people; at least one person must be 18 or older. Additionally, three camper cabins offer electric, one double bed and one bunk bed, and three youth group sites are available with a bathhouse in a separate loop within the campground. Alcohol is prohibited in all areas of the park. Pets are permitted on campsites with a registered camper year-round. Pets are prohibited on the trail and day-use area the Saturday before Memorial Day through Labor Day. After Labor Day pets are permitted on a leash in the day-use area. Sites are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis, but reservations are strongly recommended the Wednesday before Memorial Day through Labor Day. Walk-ins are welcome based on availability. For reservations, call 1-888-432-2267 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, or visit www.reservations.dnr.state.md.us. Reservations are required for camper cabins from mid April through mid December. Contact the park office at 301-334-9180 prior to arrival for the camp combination. +

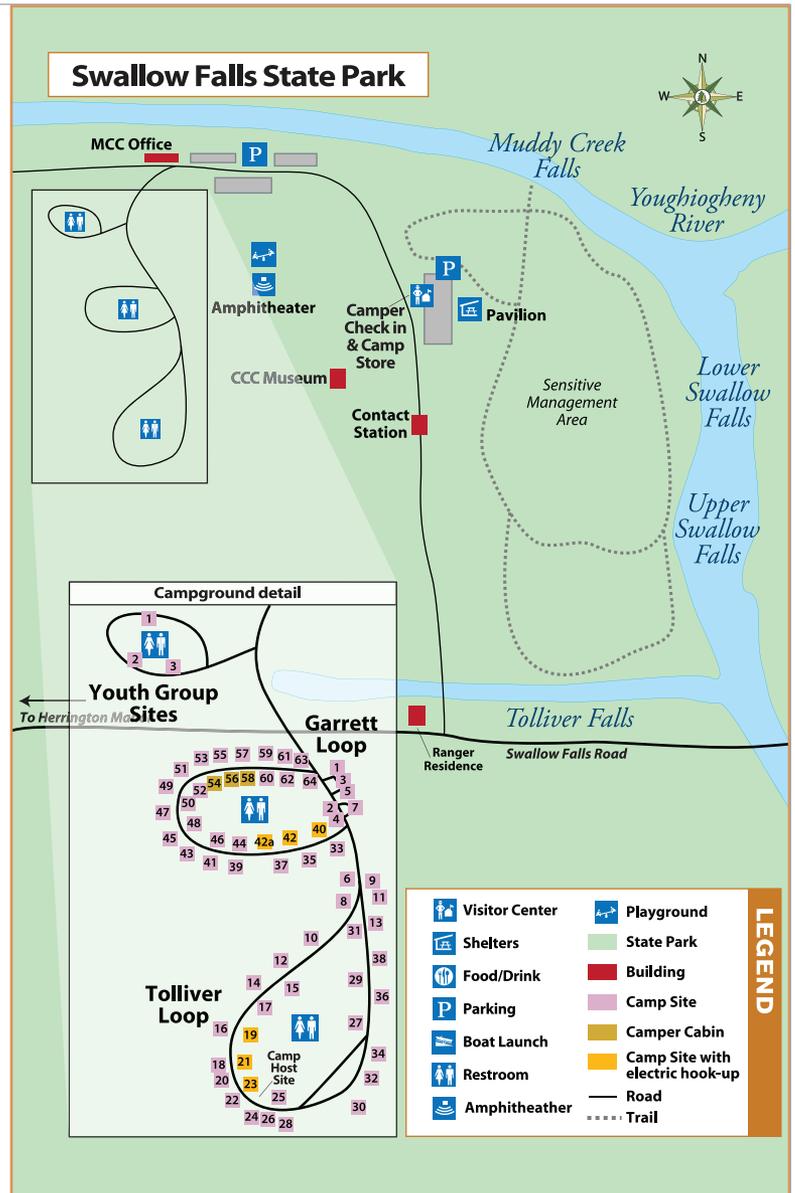


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JENNINGS RANDOLPH LAKE

Mt. Zion Road, Swanton, Md. 301-334-9180

Managed jointly by Swallow Falls State Park and Herrington Manor State Park, Jennings Randolph Lake was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1981 as an emergency reservoir for metro Washington, D.C. More than five miles long, the lake flows along the North Branch of the Potomac River and divides Maryland and West Virginia. The Maryland Park Service, Freshwater Fisheries and Natural Resources Police manage a boat ramp on the lake open April through October, weather permitting. A floating dock and parking lot that accommodates 50 boat trailers can be found on-site.

Jennings Randolph Lake offers wonderful fishing, and boasts the state record for walleye caught in 1998. Bring plenty of rope for your anchor line, as much of the lake is over 100-feet deep. Many species of wildlife can be spotted in the lake area, including bears, eagles, beavers, and waterfowl, but remember to respect the wildlife, and give them plenty of room to do their thing.

Garrett County State Forests



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SAVAGE RIVER FOREST

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Savage River State Forest is located in central and eastern Garrett County, south of U.S. Route 40. The largest forest in Maryland with more than 54,000 acres, Savage River Forest provides year-round recreation opportunities, including hiking, biking, cross-country skiing, camping, backpacking, paddling, fishing, hunting and more. The forest also features a shooting range and several miles of off-road vehicle (ORV) trails.

GARRETT STATE FOREST

1431 Potomac Camp Road, Oakland, Md. • 301-334-2038

Located five miles northwest of Oakland off U.S. Route 219, Garrett State Forest is considered the birthplace of forestry conservation in Maryland. In 1906, the Garrett brothers, John and Robert, donated 2,000 acres to the State of Maryland under the condition that a state forestry department be established to manage the area. This generous donation served as the foundation of Garrett State Forest, and Maryland's present public land system. Today, the forest consists of 7,500 acres with opportunities for hunting, fishing, hiking, biking, cross-country skiing, camping, ORV trails and more.

POTOMAC STATE FOREST

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Potomac State Forest is located in southeastern Garrett County, off MD Route 135. This forest consists of 10,000 acres and provides several access points to the North Branch of the Potomac River. The forest provides opportunities for hunting, fishing, hiking, biking, camping, a 3-D archery range and several miles of ORV trails.



FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- Pets are allowed in Maryland State Forests, but must be under control at all times.
- ORV use is restricted to designated trails, with an ORV permit. Permits are available at Savage River State Forest Headquarters or Potomac-Garrett State Forest Headquarters.

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Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs)

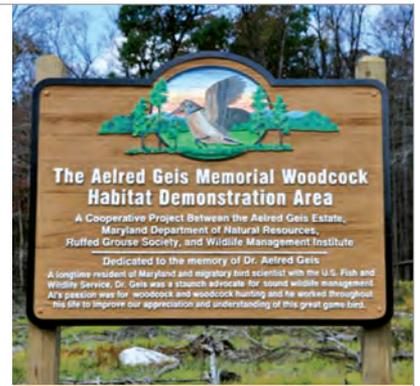
MAINTAINING AN ECOLOGICAL BALANCE TO CONSERVE WILDLIFE

Cunningham Swamp WMA is located in Central Garrett County. This 258 acre tract encompasses the majority of Cunningham Swamp, a rich wetland with exceptional habitat for wetland and bog related species. There are open fields and upland forest habitats within the boundaries of the WMA as well. There is exceptional cover here for everything from ruffed grouse and American woodcock to black bears and white-tailed deer. Habitat for waterfowl such as wood ducks and Canada geese is excellent, and beaver and other furbearers are likely to call this WMA home as well.

The thick alder, viburnum and other wetland shrub species growing here make for excellent cover. This cover and abundant food sources are attractive to many young-forest and wetland loving species. This cover is attractive to a

healthy number of black bears and white-tailed deer. A diverse array of songbird species will be found here through the nesting and migrating seasons as well.

There is ample opportunity for the Garrett County adventurer to hunt waterfowl and big game such as white-tailed deer and black bears. The abundant cover here will challenge hunters to find game, but provides a unique opportunity to hunt in a pristine wetland habitat. Bird watchers may find some interesting species here that prefer the thick cover of alder swamp types of habitat, including alder flycatchers, Nashville warblers, and golden-winged warblers. It's an easy walk from the parking lot down the trail to the wetland area. Explorers that are more adventurous may choose to don their boots and probe deeper into the wilds of this unique Wildlife Management Area. +



Mt. Nebo Wildlife Management Area

Mt. Nebo Wildlife Management Area is a 1,863-acre tract best known for its excellent ruffed grouse and woodcock hunting. Approximately 90 percent of the Mt. Nebo WMA is dominated by mixed hardwood forest in various age classes. A focus on creating and maintaining young forest has helped to ensure good quality habitat that supports an abundance of wildlife and a diverse variety of species. This management will benefit woodcock, ruffed grouse, alder flycatchers, golden-winged warblers, and other young-forest wildlife. A special woodcock habitat project at Mt. Nebo is dedicated to the memory of Aelred Geis, a longtime Maryland resident and a migratory bird scientist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Geis conducted pioneering research on woodcock and was a strong advocate of sound wildlife management. A large sign on the demonstration area recognizes his life and accomplishments.

White-tailed deer, wild turkeys and waterfowl are also among the popular game species. Many trails and old roads invite quiet walks or challenging hikes and takes the adventurer into many picturesque landscapes.

The WMA centers on Millers Run in the Youghiogheny River watershed. The area includes old fields, alder wetlands, aspen stands, hardwood forest of varying ages, dry-land shrub habitats, and spring seeps. The diversity of habitats on Mount Nebo WMA make it a unique destination for birders and nature lovers and outdoor enthusiasts.



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Dan's Mtn. State Park

FAMILY FUN IN THE COOL MOUNTAIN AIR



Perched high upon a 16-mile-long mountain in Lonaconing, Md., Dan's Mountain State Park is the perfect place to cool down on a hot summer day. The 481-acre park features an Olympic-sized swimming pool, four large pavilions, a gigantic recycled-tire playground and a pond for fishing. Nearby, Dan's Rock Overlook affords a panoramic view of the surrounding region from a height of 2,898 feet.

SWIMMING

The Dan's Mountain heated swimming pool features a giant water slide! The pool is staffed by certified lifeguards and is fully accessible for persons with disabilities. A snack bar and

modern restrooms are provided. Hours are 11 a.m.–6 p.m. Memorial Day–Labor Day; closed on Tuesdays. Hours depend on weather; call ahead to verify hours.

GATHERINGS & PARTIES

The park's four large pavilions are available by reservation from April–Nov. One features a huge stone fireplace. Another offers a panoramic view of the pond. Two pavilions are near the pool. Call 888-432-2267 or visit www.dnr.maryland.gov to reserve. The pool is available by reservation for private parties (after hours) with certified lifeguards on duty. Call the Ranger Station at 301-895-5453 for more information. +

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- Pets are allowed at Dan's Mountain State Park except for within the pool area.
- Pets must be leashed and accompanied by owner at all times.
- Consumption of alcohol is prohibited.
- An alcohol permit can be purchased for the pavilions at time of reservation.
- Dan's Mountain State Park has no overnight facilities. The park closes at sunset.

DIRECTIONS

From I-68, take Exit 34 and travel south on MD Route 36 for approximately six miles.



Ski Till You Drop!

SNOW ENTHUSIASTS FLOCK TO GARRETT COUNTY FOR OUTDOOR WINTER FUN

Cross-country skiing, ice skating and snowmobiling are just a few of the many winter sports that draw hordes of fresh powder aficionados to Garrett County each winter. During ski season, the trails at both Herrington Manor and New Germany state parks are tracked and groomed for cross-country skiing, and ski rentals make hitting the trails easy for first-time skiers. Cross-country

skis and snowshoes are available for rent daily at New Germany and Herrington Manor state parks. Snowshoes, perfect for exploring the snowy terrain, are available for rent at Deep Creek Lake State Park. Rental hours are subject to change due to weather and ski conditions. For daily ski reports, search for Herrington Manor or New Germany at: www.dnr.maryland.gov. +

Did You Know?

New Germany State Park once was the site of Maryland's first ski resort. In the early '40s, visitors put their hickory skis to the test on New Germany's downhill and cross-country ski trails. Nicknamed "Maryland's Alps," the park was the state's premier downhill ski destination until the '60s, when larger ski resorts were built in the area. Today, the downhill slopes have been reforested, but New Germany remains a popular destination for skiing and snowshoeing.

FROZEN WATER WARNINGS

- Remember, no ice is safe. Anyone who participates in ice activities must accept the degree of risk associated with this choice.
- Although ice fishing, skiing and other activities are permitted on Deep Creek Lake and Herrington Manor Lake, visitors must use extreme caution.
- Children should ALWAYS be supervised.
- Always plan ahead: Wear a life vest, tell someone your plans if you go out alone, carry an ice pick and nylon rope, and never venture onto the ice after dark.
- The Maryland Park Service does not maintain ice surfaces in any way.



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Garrett County Events Calendar

2015-16

JUNE 6 National Trails Day

New Germany State Park

In celebration of National Trails Day, New Germany State Park will be hosting a "TRAILgating" party, featuring a variety of volunteer projects and trail-related activities throughout the day. National Trails Day occurs on the first Saturday of every June and encourages people of all ages to discover and enjoy America's vast network of trails. Call 301-895-5453.



JUNE 6 Youth Fishing Rodeo

Herrington Manor State Park, 8 a.m.–noon

All children ages 15 and under are welcome to participate. Competitive prizes and door prizes will be awarded. To encourage beginners, a limited supply of fishing equipment will be available for loan during the event. Call 301-895-5453.

JUNE 27 Great American Backyard Campout

Various State Parks

The Maryland Park Service has teamed with the National Wildlife Federation to celebrate the annual Great American Backyard Campout with events at various State Parks. The cost of each event varies and all proceeds support nature education programs. Cost may vary. Visit www.dnr.maryland.gov.

JULY 4 Fire on the Mountain

Fireworks will be launched from the top of Wisp Resort over Deep Creek Lake. Viewing spots include the scenic overlook on Rt. 219, McHenry Cove on Deep Creek Lake and businesses in McHenry. Rain date: July 5th. Call 301-387-4386.



JULY 11–13 Art in the Park

Deep Creek Lake State Park

Now in its 14th year, Art in the Park features 50 artisans, food vendors, naturalist programs, live animal displays, and much more. Park service charge applies. Call 301-387-7067 or visit www.dnr.maryland.gov and www.discoverycenterdcl.com.

JULY 26–AUG. 2 59th Annual Garrett County Agriculture Fair

Garrett County Fairgrounds, McHenry, Md.

Don't miss this traditional summer fair, featuring musical entertainment, carnival rides, games & more. Visit <http://www.garrettcountyfair.org>.



SEPTEMBER 5 & 6 Apple Butter Boil

Swallow Falls State Park

State Park staff will demonstrate how to make apple butter and roast corn, and guests will have an opportunity to participate. Indulge in this age-old practice of preserving part of the year's crop that has a long tradition of bringing families, friends, and neighbors together. "Freshly-made apple butter will be available for purchase. Call 301-334-9180.

SEPTEMBER 19 & 20
SavageMan Triathlon

Two challenging courses – at 30 miles and 70 miles – bring out the true “Savage” in all who come to conquer the pristine, rugged Allegheny Mountains as they swim, bike, and run toward victory in this annual race. The triathlon begins and ends inside Deep Creek Lake State Park. Visit www.winthefight.org/savageman.



SEPTEMBER 26
Fall Fest at Friends Delight

Friend's Store, Sang Run Road
Join State Park staff and volunteers for candlemaking, Dutch-oven cooking, clay pottery demonstrations, live honey bee products, a native plant presentation, and historical talks about the property and its restoration. Stroll to the pumpkin patch and pick a pumpkin to carve or paint, stuff a scarecrow, and eat caramel apples and other fall treats! Call 301-387-7067.

OCTOBER 8–12
47th Annual Autumn Glory Festival

Throughout Garrett County
The 47th annual Autumn Glory Festival includes parades, music, craft shows, kick-off reception, musical competitions, farmers market, scenic driving tour and more. Call 301-387-4386.



DECEMBER 5
Holiday Open House

Deep Creek Lake State Park Discovery Center
Make and decorate a natural picture frame, have your picture taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus, and make a decoration for our tree. Refreshments provided. Call 301-387-7067.

JANUARY 1, 2016
Annual First Day Hike

Various State Parks
Celebrate 2016 with a First Day Hike! Maryland State Parks invite everyone to enjoy a healthy start

to the New Year by participating in a First Day Hike on January 1. First Day Hikes have become a tradition in State Parks across the country, offering a great way to get outside, exercise, enjoy nature and welcome the New Year with friends and family. Visit www.dnr.maryland.gov or call your favorite Maryland State Park for details.



Unless otherwise noted, All events are free of charge. Call 301-895-5453 or visit www.dnr.maryland.gov for more information.

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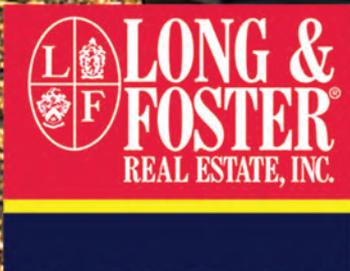
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