

A Campers Guide
To
Handicapped Friendly
Camping Sites in NJ, NY & PA



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Overview

General

Camping is an inherently dangerous activity if you are not properly prepared. Most individuals are not exposed to the rigors and tools of camping on a frequent basis. This is why it is important to familiarize yourself with your gear before you venture out. Test you gear at home in the yard. Make sure that your equipment and clothes are proper for the time of year and climate.

Camping and Mobility

No one should miss out on the opportunity to experience the fun of camping. Because of the very nature of most camping experiences, the facilities and sites do not lend themselves to the needs of campers with mobility challenges.

I have tried to compile a listing of facilities that are either handicapped friendly and or ADA (American with Disabilities Act) compliant. Where practicable, I have either visited the site or researched it to be reasonably sure that the site is as stated and accessible.

Stating The Obvious / No-So-Obvious

Nobody enjoys being singled out or unduly made the center of attention. Be sensitive to those who have mobility challenges. Do your best to make the physical environment friendly, safe and favorable for our fellow campers. Then move on to the reason we ventured outdoors for in the first place.....**CAMPING!!**

Benefits of Camping

The most obviously benefits derived from camping by all persons are:

- Social interactions
- Communication with others
- A sense of responsibility
- Increased self-reliance
- Increased self -esteem
- Participation in recreation for fun
- Skill achievement
- A feeling of self-help
- Exercise and getting a little “fresh air”

Before you go

- It is recommended that you call the campgrounds well in advance of your trip. Facilities are constantly being changed and upgraded. What existed yesterday might be vastly different today.
- Some state campgrounds provide a guide to assist those in need. You must call in advance to arrange held.
- Most of all don't be afraid to ask questions.

Ways to Make Your Campground More Accessible for People with Disabilities

Quite often, a few simple changes can make campgrounds more accessible. Here is a list of things you can do to help make your area more convenient to the disabled camper.

A wide and level space, 20 feet wide preferable

Many disabled folks have wheelchair lifts and need a minimum of 6 feet beyond their rig. If the space isn't level, many lifts will not work properly.

Hard and level surfaces at the site

The best of all worlds for a wheelchair user is a paved site. The worst, and sometimes impossible site is one covered with deep sand or crushed rock. There are also composite materials similar to those used in playgrounds that can be strategically placed in the site

Accessibility to what makes camping special

Consider installing a raised campfire ring for ease of use. Use picnic tables that wheelchair users can get under.

Accessible office

Wheelchair users cannot get into the office if there are curbs or steps. This usually can be fixed easily by putting in a ramp.

Accessible toilets

Renovating bathrooms can be difficult and costly but many times a toilet can be made accessible by some easy and inexpensive changes such as moving one wall of a stall and hanging a curtain rather than a door. The first requirement, of course, is elimination of steps to the bathroom.

Accessible showers

No steps, at least a 30-inch door/opening, no curb into the shower, and fixtures reachable from a sitting position are needed. This, too, is an area that can involve considerable expense. One consideration is to not redo existing bathrooms, but to build one toilet/shower room to be used by both sexes.

Miscellaneous

In addition, there are other conveniences you may want to consider, such as access to other areas such as the lake or pool or other areas that would add to the overall outdoor experience.

Opening the Outdoors to People with Disabilities – NJ

Access for People with Disabilities in NJ

The Division of Parks and Forestry is continuously improving access to camping accommodations and other facilities for visitors with disabilities in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. This is an ongoing process, but many of the camping areas have partially accessible facilities.

Bass River, Belleplaine and Stokes state forests each have at least one lean-to that is partially accessible to visitors with disabilities. Parvin State Park, Stokes State Forest and Wharton State Forest each have one or more partially accessible cabins. We encourage people with disabilities who require special considerations to contact the appropriate park, forest or recreation area office. The staff will assist with arrangements. Text telephone (TT) users, please call the NJ Relay Services at (800) 852-7899. New Jersey campgrounds, educational centers and other facilities offer many recreational opportunities for people with disabilities, including camping, picnicking, fishing and nature viewing.

Totally Disabled Individuals Discounts in NJ

New Jersey residents who are totally disabled may obtain a pass entitling them to free admission and free parking upon providing adequate verification of their status. They also receive a \$2 per night reduction in campsite rates. Applications are available from the NJ Division Parks and Forestry.

State Parks in New Jersey

Burlington County

Bass River State Forest

762 Stage Road - Box 118
New Gretna, NJ 08224
(T) 609-296-1114
(F) 609-296-5456
E-mail: brsfr@dandy.net

- Forest office
- Lake Absegami bathhouse with beach access wheelchair available
- Family picnic & play area
- Enclosed Lean-tos #1 thru 9 in south camping area
- North and South Shore family camping areas, restrooms & play areas

Lebanon State Forest

P.O. Box 215
New Lisbon, NJ 08064
(T) 609-726-1191
(F) 609-726-1626
E-mail: Lebanon@miersey.net

- Forest office & restrooms
- **FAMILY CAMPING AREA, RESTROOMS & PLAY AREA**
- Interpretive center
- Family & group picnic areas, restroom & shelter
- Three (3) mile accessible hiking trail.
- Whitesbog Village General Store

Wharton State Forest

4110 Nesco Road
Hammonton, NJ 08037
(T) 609-561-0024
(F) 609-567-8116
E- mail: wharton3@juno.com

- Atsion Recreation Area
- **FAMILY CAMPING AREA RESTROOMS**
- Family cabins #1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8 & 9
- Bathhouse, concession, play area and beach access wheelchair available
- Boat ramp
- Family picnic & play areas
- Batsto Village - Visitor interpretive center & park office
- Fishing access - Batsto Lake and River
- Historic Batsto Mansion -1st floor only
- Building #11 restrooms
- Family picnic area
- One (1) mile accessible hiking trail
- Crowley Landing picnic area & restrooms

Cape May County

Belleplain State Forest

County Route 550
PO Box 450
Woodbine, NJ 08270
(T) 609-861-2404
(F) 609-861-0745
E-mail: belleplainstforest@delanet.com

- Forest office & restrooms
- Lake Nummy bathhouse, & play area with beach access wheelchair available
- Lake Nummy family & group picnic areas
- Lake Nummy fishing dock
- Enclosed lean-tos #1 through #14 & yurts
- Miesle Field & North Shore family camping areas, restrooms & play areas
- One-mile accessible hiking trail
- East Creek Lake Group Cabin with picnic area and fishing pier

Hunterdon County

Spruce Run Recreation Area

1 Van Syckel's Road
Clinton, NJ 08809
(T) 908-638-8572
(F) 908-638-5438
E-mail: sprucerun@blast.net

- Park office & visitor contact station
- Bathhouse, concession area & beach access wheelchair and ramps available
- Family camping area, restrooms & play areas
- Family picnic areas, restrooms & play areas
- Boat rental concession facility
- Boat ramps & restrooms
- Group picnic area, shelter, restrooms & play area

Voorhees State Park

251 County Road 513
Glen Gardner, NJ 08826
(T) 908-638-6969
(F) 908-638-8849
Email: Voorhees@blast.net

- Park office

- Family & group picnic areas, shelters, restrooms & play areas
- Family & group camping areas, restrooms & play areas
- Scenic overlook

Middlesex County

Cheesequake State Park

300 Gordon Road
 Matawan, NJ 07747
 (T) 732-566-2161
 (F) 732-566-0249
 E-mail: cheese@superlink.net

- Park office & restrooms
- Interpretive center
- Family camping area, restrooms & play area
- Spring Hill group picnic area, shelter, restrooms & play area
- Hook's Creek bathhouse, with beach access wheelchair available
- Family picnic area & play area
- Gordon Field group camping area & restrooms
- Half-mile interpretive trail with observation platform

Monmouth County

Allaire State Park

P.O. Box 220
 Farmingdale, NJ 07727
 (T) 732-938-2372
 (F) 732-938-6309
 email: allaire@superlink.net

- Park office & restrooms Historic Allaire Village
- Visitor center & restrooms
- General Store restrooms
- Family picnic area & shelter, restroom & play area
- Interpretive center.
- Family camping area, yurts, restrooms & play area

Morris County

Allamuchy Mountain State Park

800 Willow Grove Road

Hackettstown, NJ 07840
(Administered by Hopatcong State Park)
(T) 908-852-3790
(F) 973-398-6521

- Stephens Section - Park office
- Family picnic area & restrooms
- Family camping area, restrooms & play area
- Group picnic area, restrooms & play area

Hopatcong State Park

P.O. Box 8519
Landing, NJ 07850
(T) 973-398-7010
(F) 973-398-6521
E-mail: hosp@hopatcong.org

- Park office & restrooms
- Bathhouse, picnic & play area with beach access wheelchair available
- Boat ramp
- Family picnic shelter & play areas

Salem County

Parvin State Park

701 Almond Road
Pittsgrove, NJ 08318
(T) 856-358-8616
(F) 856-358-3105
E-mail: parvinstatepark@snip.net

- Park office & restrooms
- Family picnic & play area
- Bathhouse & restrooms with beach access wheelchair available
- Family camping area, restrooms
- Group camping area, restrooms & play area
- Family cabins #6 & #16
- Group picnic area, shelters & restrooms
- Boat ramp. Second Landing trailhead & restrooms.
- Fishing dock

- Three (3) mile accessible hiking trail

Somerset County

Delaware & Raritan Canal State Park

625 Canal Road
 Somerset, NJ 08873
 (T) 732-873-3050
 (F) 732-873-1607
 E-mail: dmcanal@eclipse.net

- Belle Mead Park Office
- Bull's Island Recreation Area
- Family camping area, restrooms & play area
- Family picnic & play area

Sussex County

High Point State Park

1480 State Route 23
 Sussex, NJ 07461
 (T) 973-875-4800
 (F) 973-875-8084
 E-mail: hpsp@warwick.net

- Lake Marcia bathhouse, with beach access wheelchair available
- Family picnic area, restrooms & play area
- Park office & restrooms
- Group picnic area, shelter, restrooms & play areas
- Interpretive center
- Overlook and concession at the monument
- Group & family cabins

Stokes State Forest

1 Coursen Road
 Branchville, NJ 07826
 (T) 973-948-3820
 (F) 973-948-3359
 E-mail: stokessf@nac.net

- Forest office & restrooms

- Lake Ocquittunk & Shotwell camping areas & restrooms
- Family cabins #7 & #15 & shower facility
- Group cabin #16
- Stony Lake bathhouse with beach access wheelchair available
- Accessible one-mile trail.
- Kittle Field family picnic area, restrooms & play area
- Sunrise Mountain scenic overlook & restrooms – Closed during winter
- Haskins group camping, restrooms & shower facility

Swartswood State Park

P.O. Box 123
 Swartswood, NJ 07877
 (T) 973-383-5230
 (F) 973-383-7277
 E- mail: swartswd@warwick.net

- Park office & restroom
- Bathhouse & concession with beach access wheelchair available
- Family camping area, yurts, restrooms & play area
- Family picnic area & play areas
- Duck Pond 1-mile multi-use trail
- Boat ramp
- Group picnic area & shelter

Warren County

Jenny Jump State Forest

Box 150
 Hope, NJ 07844
 (T) 908-459-4366
 (F) 908-459-5790
 E-mail: jjump@eclipse.net

- Forest office
- Family camping areas, restrooms & play area
- Shelters # 2, 7 & 8 and restrooms

Worthington State Forest

HC 62, Box 2
 Columbia, NJ 07832

(T) 908-841-9575

(F) 908-841-9519

E-mail: worth@voicenet.com

- Family and group camping areas
- Restrooms & play areas

County Parks in NJ

Camp Glen Gray

Bergen County Parks System

200 Midvale Mountain Road

Mahwah, NJ 07430

Phone: (201) 327-7234

Fax: (201) 327-0322

<http://www.glengray.org/>

Email: CampGlenGray@aol.com

Handicapped Camping at Glen Gray

As part of our effort to ensure access to camping facilities for everyone, The Gilwell cabin and lean-to site is accessible, weather permitting and by prior arrangement with camp. The cabin entrance is ramped to the upper section. Several steps connect this section to the lower cabin section.

The Gilwell lean-tos and the latrine are all at ground level or suitably ramped.

To inquire about this site, please contact the Ranger at (201) 327-7234.

Gilwell Cabin



Gilwell cabin is part of the Gilwell campsite. There are 8 lean-tos in the site as well. This entire campsite is handicapped accessible. By prior arrangement with the Ranger, a vehicle can bring handicapped campers up to the site (weather permitting). There are two rooms in the cabin. The lower room has a wood stove for heat, a gas stove for cooking and a refrigerator.

There are also bunks for sleeping. The upper room has bunks for sleeping and is handicapped accessible. Several steps connect the upper and lower rooms. Electricity is also available for a slight additional fee. The cabin accommodates 12 people.

Gilwell Lean-tos



Gilwell lean-tos are part of the Gilwell campsite. It includes a cabin as well. This entire campsite is handicapped accessible. The 8 lean-tos will accommodate up to 32 people. A latrine is also part of the site. By prior arrangement with the Ranger, a vehicle can bring handicapped campers up to the site (weather permitting).

Opening the Outdoors to People with Disabilities--New York

New York campgrounds, educational centers and other facilities offer many recreational opportunities for people with disabilities, including camping, picnicking, fishing and nature viewing.

Motor vehicle access by Temporary Revocable Permit to certain Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) lands is available to people with mobility impairment. To receive an application, contact any DEC Regional Office.

DEC's regional offices and education centers have been renovated to facilitate wheelchair travel from parking lots into buildings. Parking lots and walkways are paved, and ramps and wider doorways help accommodate wheelchair traffic.

In addition, DEC has remodeled restrooms for use by people with disabilities. Toilets, sinks, mirrors, water fountains, towel and soap dispensers, and grab bars are installed at wheelchair level.

DEC strongly recommends that prospective visitors call the area for further information before making the trip.

Signs mark all access points.

Access Features

Picnic pads: 20' x 20' hard surface areas, usually concrete, with picnic tables, barbecue grills and water spigots at wheelchair level.

Camping pads: 20' x 20' hard surface areas, usually macadam, with all picnic accessories — some pads have dirt centers for easier tent staking.

Fishing areas: accessible platforms or piers with safety rails.

Nature viewing: wood or hard surface walkways, ramps and observation platforms, all equipped with safety rails.

Showers: lowered showerheads and controls, fold-down seats, hand-held showers and grab bars.

Water access: wood or hard surface walkways to water's edge.

Accessible Recreation Areas-New York State

Below is a list of recreational areas, by county, that have access features for people with disabilities. For a listing of accessible fishing sites, check out DEC's Fishing Access for Anglers with Disabilities. Additional information can also be found at New York State's Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation web site.

State Parks in New York

Albany County

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center

(518) 475-0291

Off Rte. 443, 2 miles southwest of Delmar

- Day use, picnic pads, picnic tables, rest rooms, nature walk, pavilion

Cattaraugus County

Camp Seneca

— No telephone

Hungry Hollow Road, Great Valley

- Day use, grills, picnic tables, nature walk

Chenango County

Rogers Environmental Education Center

(607) 674-4017

Off Rte. 12, 1 mile west on Rte. 80

- Day use, picnic pads, grills, picnic tables, rest rooms, nature walk, pavilion

Clinton County

Ausable Point Campground

(518) 561-7080

Rte. 9, 12 miles south of Plattsburgh

- Day use, camping, picnic pads, grills, picnic tables, camping pads, showers, rest rooms, pavilion

Delaware County

Little Pond Campground

(914) 439-5480

Off Rte. 17, 14 miles northwest of Livingston Manor

- Day use, camping, picnic pads, grills, picnic tables, camping pads, showers, fishing access, water access, rest rooms, nature walk, pavilion

Bear Spring Mountain Campground

(607) 865-6989

Off Rte. 206, 5 miles southeast of Walton

- Day use, camping, picnic pads, grills, picnic tables, camping pads, fishing access, rest rooms, pavilion

Dutchess County

Tivoli Bay Wildlife Management Area

(845) 758-7012

Off Rte. 9G, Annandale

- Day use, nature walk

Stony Kill Environmental Education Center

(914) 831-8780

Rte. 9D, 2 miles north of Interstate 84

- Day use, picnic tables, fishing access, rest rooms

Erie County

Great Baehre Swamp

(716) 851-7010

Hopkins Road, 5 miles north of Klein Road in Amherst

- Day use, nature walk

Tillman Road Wildlife Management Area

(716) 354-7010

WEHRLE ROAD, 5 MILES EAST OF TRANSIT ROAD IN CLARENCE

- Day use, nature walk

Reinstein Woods

(716) 683-5959

Honorine Drive off Como Park Boulevard

- Nature walk

Essex County

Crown Point Reservation Campground

(518) 597-3603

Rte. 9N, 8 miles north of Crown Point

- Day use, camping, picnic pads, grills, picnic tables, camping pads, showers, rest rooms

Lincoln Pond Campground

(518) 942-5292

County Rte. 7, 6 miles southwest of Elizabethtown

- Day use, camping, picnic pads, grills, picnic tables, camping pads, showers, rest rooms

Meadow Brook Campground

(518) 891-4351

Rte. 86, 4 miles east of Saranac Lake

- Day use, camping, picnic pads, grills, picnic tables, camping pads, showers, rest rooms, pavilion

Paradox Lake Campground

(518) 532-7451

Rte. 74, 2 miles east of Severence

- Camping, grills, picnic tables, camping pads, showers, rest rooms

Putnam Pond Campground

(518) 585-7280

Off Rte. 74, 6 miles west of Ticonderoga

- Day use, camping, picnic pads, grills, picnic tables, camping pads, showers, rest rooms

Wilmington Notch Campground

(518) 946-7172

Rte. 86, 3.5 miles west of Wilmington

- Day use, camping, picnic pads, grills, picnic tables, camping pads, showers, rest rooms

Franklin County

Buck Pond Campground

(518) 891-3449

Rte. 30, off Rte. 86 in Gabriels

- Camping, camping pads, showers, rest rooms

Fish Creek Pond Campground

(518) 891-4560

Rte. 30, 12 miles east of Tupper Lake

- Day use, camping, picnic pads, grills, picnic tables, camping pads, showers, rest rooms, pavilion

Meacham Lake Campground

(518) 483-5116

Rte. 30, 19 miles north of Clear Lake Junction

- Day use, camping, picnic pads, grills, picnic tables, camping pads, showers, rest rooms, pavilion

Rollins Pond Campground

(518) 891-3239

Rte. 30, 12 miles east of Tupper Lake

- Camping, grills, picnic tables, camping pads, showers, rest rooms

Fulton County

Caroga Lake Campground

(518) 835-4241

Rte. 29A, 9 miles north of Gloversville

- Day use, camping, picnic pads, grills, picnic tables, camping pads, showers, water access, rest rooms

Northampton Beach Campground

(518) 863-6000

Rte. 30, 1.5 miles south of Northville

- Day use, camping, picnic pads, grills, picnic tables, camping pads, showers, rest rooms, pavilion

Greene County

North-South Lake Campground

(518) 589-5058

Off Rte. 23A, 3 miles northeast of Haines Falls

- Day use, camping, picnic pads, grills, picnic tables, camping pads, showers, water access, rest rooms, pavilion

Hamilton County

Eighth Lake Campground

(315) 354-4120

Rte. 28, 5 miles west of Raquette Lake

- Day use, camping, picnic pads, grills, picnic tables, camping pads, showers, rest rooms

Golden Beach Campground

(315) 354-4230

Rte. 28, 3 miles north of Raquette Lake

- Day use, camping, picnic pads, grills, picnic tables, camping pads, showers, water access, rest rooms

Lake Durant Campground

(518) 352-7797

Rte. 28, 2 miles south of Blue Mountain Lake

- Day use, camping, picnic pads, grills, picnic tables, camping pads, water access, rest rooms

Lake Eaton Campground

(518) 624-2641

Rte. 30, 1 mile north of Long Lake

- Day use, camping, picnic pads, grills, picnic tables, camping pads, showers, rest rooms

Lewey Lake Campground

(518) 648-5266

Rte. 30, 14 miles north of Speculator

- Day use, camping, picnic pads, grills, picnic tables, camping pads, showers, water access, rest rooms

Limekiln Lake Campground

(518) 357-4401

Off Rte. 28, 3 miles southeast of Inlet

- Day use, camping, picnic pads, grills, picnic tables, camping pads, showers, rest rooms, pavilion

Little Sand Point Campground

(518) 548-7585

Off Rte. 8, 5 miles west of Piseco

- Camping, picnic tables, camping pads, rest rooms

Moffitt Beach Campground

(518) 548-7102

Rte. 8, 4 miles west of Speculator

- Day use, camping, picnic pads, grills, picnic tables, camping pads, showers, rest rooms

Point Comfort Campground

(518) 548-7586

Off Rte. 8, 4 miles west of Piseco

- Day use, camping, picnic pads, grills, picnic tables, camping pads, rest rooms

Poplar Point Campground

(518) 548-8031

Off Rte. 8, 4 miles west of Piseco

- Day use, camping, picnic pads, grills, picnic tables, camping pads, rest rooms

Sacandaga Campground

(518) 924-4121

Rte. 30, 4 miles south of Wells

- Day use, camping, picnic pads, grills, picnic tables, camping pads, showers, rest rooms

Herkimer County

Hinckley Reservoir Picnic Area

(315) 826-3800

Off Rte. 365, 5 miles east of Hinckley

- Day use, picnic pads, grills, picnic tables, rest rooms, pavilion

Nicks Lake Campground

(315) 369-3314

Off Rte. 28, 1.5 miles southwest of Old Forge

- Day use, camping, picnic pads, grills, picnic tables, camping pads, showers, rest rooms, pavilion

Jefferson County

Cape Vincent Fish Research Station

(315) 654-2147
Off Rte. 12E, Cape Vincent

- Picnic pads, grills, picnic tables, fishing access, rest rooms

Lewis County

Otter Creek Horse Trail System

— No telephone
Off Rte. 12, 5 miles south of Lowville

- Day use, camping, picnic tables, rest rooms

Madison County

Brookfield Horse Trail System

— No telephone
Rte. 12, south of Rte. 20

- Day use, camping, grills, picnic tables, rest rooms, pavilion

Onondaga County

Labrador Hollow Unique Area

— No telephone
Off Rte. 80, Rte. 91 to Apulia

- Rest rooms, nature walk

Otsego County

Basswood Pond

— No telephone
Off Rte. 80, 1 mile north of Burlington

- Day use, picnic pads, grills, picnic tables, fishing access, rest rooms

St. Lawrence County

Cranberry Lake Campground

(315) 848-2315
Off Rte. 3, 1.5 miles south of Cranberry Lake Village

- Day use, camping, picnic pads, grills, picnic tables, camping pads, showers, fishing access, rest rooms, pavilion

Redwater Picnic Area

— No telephone
Off Rte. 30, 2 miles north of North Lawrence

- Day use, picnic pads, grills, picnic tables, rest rooms

Suffolk County

Quogue Wildlife Refuge

(631) 653-4771
Off Rte. 27A, North on Old Main Road

- Day use, rest rooms, nature walk, pavilion

Ridge Conservation Area

(631) 444-0305
North of Rte. 25 on Randall Road

- Day use, picnic tables, rest rooms

Also Check Out sites listed with Suffolk County Parks and the New York State Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation

Sullivan County

Beaverkill Campground

(914) 439-4281

Off Rte. 17, 7 miles northwest of Livingston Manor

- Showers, rest rooms

Mongaup Pond Campground

(914) 493-4233

Off Rte. 17, 3 miles north of DeBruce

- Showers, fishing access, rest rooms, pavilion

Ulster County

Kenneth Wilson Campground

(914) 679-7020

Off Rte. 28, 4 miles east of Mount Tremper

- Day use, camping, picnic pads, grills, picnic tables, camping pads, showers, water access, rest rooms

Woodland Valley Campground

(914) 688-7647

Off Rte. 28, 6 miles southwest of Phoenicia

- Showers, rest rooms

Warren County

Eagle Point Campground

(518) 494-2220

Rte. 9, 2 miles north of Pottersville

- Day use, camping, picnic pads, grills, picnic tables, camping pads, showers, rest rooms

Hearthstone Point Campground

(518) 668-5193

Rte. 9N, 2 miles north of Lake George Village

- Camping, picnic tables, camping pads, showers, rest rooms

Lake George Battlefield Picnic Area

(518) 668-3352

Off Rte. 9, 0.25 miles east of Lake George Village

- Day use, picnic pads, grills, picnic tables, rest rooms, pavilion

Lake George Battlefield Campground

(518) 668-3348

Rte. 9, 0.25 miles south of Lake George Village

- Camping, picnic tables, camping pads, showers, rest rooms

Lake George Beach

(518) 668-3352

Rte. 9, 0.25 miles east of Lake George Village

- Day use, grills, picnic tables, showers, water access, rest rooms, pavilion

Prospect Mountain

(518) 668-5198

Off Rte. 9, .3 miles south of Lake George Village

- Day use, picnic pads, grills, picnic tables, rest rooms, pavilion

Luzerne Campground

(518) 696-2031

Rte. 9N, 8 miles southwest of Lake George Village

- Day use, camping, picnic pads, grills, picnic tables, camping pads, showers, rest rooms

Rogers Rock Campground

(518) 585-6746
Rte. 9N, 3 miles north of Hague

- Day use, camping, picnic pads, grills, picnic tables, camping pads, showers, rest rooms

Opening the Outdoors to People with Disabilities – PA

Access for People with Disabilities in PA

The Pennsylvania Bureau of State Parks has a long-standing commitment to meeting the needs of people with disabilities. Because of the large resource base that state parks administers - over 277,000 acres - visitors with disabilities often use parks as locations to hunt, fish and enjoy the outdoors.

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)

With three days advance notice, interpreters for people who are deaf or hard of hearing are available for park interpretive programs.

Reduced fees

Pennsylvania State Parks Reduced Campsite Fee Card for People with Disabilities
This card allows people with disabilities to receive a \$3.00 discount for the base campsite fee at Pennsylvania State Parks. The card can be presented at a park when registering for a campsite, or the ID number can be given over the phone to 888-PA-PARKS.

For a copy of the guide or for information on any of Pennsylvania's 116 state parks, call 888-PA-PARKS. You can also e-mail your request, and be sure to include your mailing address.

History of Accessibility in Pennsylvania State Parks

Through the years, Pennsylvania State Parks has worked to make our facilities and activities accessible. With the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a comprehensive self-evaluation and transition plan has been done for each state park and recommendations have been made on how to bring all state park facilities into compliance with the ADA. The total cost to bring all state park facilities into compliance has been estimated at \$10 million. A copy of each park's plan is located at the park office and in the central office of state parks and is available for public review upon request.

Although the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) are final, the outdoor recreational component of these guidelines is still in draft. The draft entitled, "Recommendations for Accessibility Guidelines - Recreational Facilities and Outdoor Developed Areas," includes accessibility standards for campgrounds, picnic areas, trails, golfing, play areas, fishing, hunting, boating and ball fields. It was submitted to the U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board in July 1994. The Board has the responsibility to approve the recommendations. To date, the recommendations have not been made final, but when they are finalized they will serve as tools for state parks to use to make sure all areas are accessible to people.

Even though accessibility standards for outdoor areas aren't yet final, there are still many opportunities for sportsmen with disabilities in state parks. Of course there are lots of opportunities to hunt and fish, and accessible campgrounds, cabins, picnicking and swimming.

How do you go about finding out which parks can meet your needs if you have a disability? Explore our Web site and look for this symbol which highlights accessible facilities. Or call 888-PA-PARKS to learn more about accessible facilities. All parks are very willing to work with you to make sure you have an enjoyable outdoor experience.

If you are a hunter with a disability and need access to a park hunting area, you can meet with the park manager and discuss arrangements for an accommodation. The same process can be used to access fishing areas. Pennsylvania state parks follow the regulations of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

State parks are continually working to make more areas of the parks accessible. Money is committed to upgrade and build more accessible facilities. If you need an accommodation at a park to meet your needs, contact the specific park to see if they have upgraded that facility.

State Parks in Pennsylvania

Pocono Mountains/Endless Mountains

Ricketts Glen State Park

695 State Route 487
Benton, PA 17814-7505
570-477-5675
E-mail: rickettsglensp@state.pa.us

There are 120 tent and trailer campsites, some available year-round. The campground features hot showers, flush toilets, shaded sites, gravel parking spurs and a sanitary dump station. Six campsites are ADA accessible.

Cabins: Ten modern rental cabins are available year-round. Cabins are furnished and have a living area, kitchen/dining area, toilet/shower room and two or three bedrooms. Cabin F is ADA accessible. Linens and dishes are not provided.

Advance reservations are required. Call toll-free 888-PA-PARKS for reservations.

Tobyhanna State Park

P. O. Box 387
Tobyhanna, PA 18466-0387
570-894-8336
e-mail: tobyhannasp@state.pa.us

There are 4 tent accessible campsites, all of which are rustic in nature in this 140-site camping area, which is available from the first weekend in April to mid-December. Rustic toilets and hand operated water pumps are provided. Playgrounds are provided for the children. A dump station located along the camping area entrance road is available, weather permitting.

Advance reservations are required. Call toll-free 888-PA-PARKS for reservations.

Frances Slocum State Park

565 Mt. Olivet Road
Kingston Township
Wyoming, PA 18644

570-696-3525

e-mail: franceslocumsp@state.pa.us

There are 5 accessible campsites in the 100-site campground, with 15 walk-in tent sites, and 85 tent or trailer sites (some with electric hookups), which is available from the second Friday in April through the third Sunday in October. Each site contains a picnic table and fire ring. Flush toilets, showers, drinking water, and a sanitary dump station are available.

Advance reservations are required. Call toll-free 888-PA-PARKS for reservations.

Lackawanna State Park

R.R. 1, Box 230

Dalton, PA 18414-9785

570-945-3239 (Main Office)

570-563-3101 (Campground Office)

e-mail: lackawannasp@state.pa.us

The campground offers various types of campsites for both tents and trailers. There are 3 accessible campsites, and 61 sites with electric hookups 40-50 amp., modern centralized washhouses providing hot showers and restrooms, and a sanitary dump station. The camping season extends from the second Friday in April until the third Sunday in October. The maximum camping period is 14 consecutive days in the summer season and 21 consecutive days in the off-season. All campground restrooms and washhouses are accessible.

Some of the unique features of the campground are the children's play areas and small fishing ponds located along Woodland Ponds Trail.

Access for People with Disabilities

Accessible picnic tables and parking spaces are designated throughout the park. There is a paved path that provides access to the swimming pool area, to the fishing pier and to the small pavilion at the main boat launching area at the entrance to the day use area.

Advance reservations are required. Call toll-free 888-PA-PARKS for reservations.

Locust Lake State Park

c/o Tuscarora State Park

687 Tuscarora Park Road
Barnesville, PA 18214-9715
Telephone: 570-467-2404
Summer Contact Station (campground)
Telephone: 570-467-2772
E-mail: tuscarorasp@state.pa.us

There are three accessible sites in the campground and are equipped with 20-amp electricity and there is a fully accessible washhouse.

282 campsites are divided into tent or trailer sides that encircle the lake. Tenting is permitted on the north side of the lake and the trailer facilities are located on the south side of the lake. All areas are within easy access to swimming, boating, fishing and hiking facilities.

All campsites are located in a wooded area and have a parking pad, picnic table, fire ring and a cleared area for camping equipment. There are also a number of walk-in sites.

Campground conveniences include modern restrooms and wash houses with shower facilities. A sanitary dump station is located on the trailer side of the lake. Trash/recycling areas are located on both the north and south sides of the lake.

Locust Lake has a fishing pier by the camp store.

Advance reservations are required. Call toll-free 888-PA-PARKS for reservations.

Hershey/Dutch Country Region

French Creek State Park

843 Park Road
Elverson, PA 19520-9523
610-582-9680
e-mail: frenchcreeksp@state.pa.us

13 accessible sites and camping is available year-round at this 201 wooded modern sites that are with in easy access to shower and flush toilet facilities. Over 50 sites have electric hookups and more may be added in the future.

Ten furnished modern cabins, nestled among the hardwoods, offer a pleasant alternative to state park camping. Each cabin features sleeping for six, electric heat, kitchen, private bath with shower, and wall to wall carpeting. Bring your own dishes, cookware and bedding. Cabins are can be reserved year-round.

Advance reservations are required. Call toll-free 888-PA-PARKS for reservations.

Pine Grove Furnace State Park

1100 Pine Grove Road
Gardners, PA 17324-9078
717-486-7174
e-mail: pinegrovesp@state.pa.us

One accessible site of seventy-four tent and trailer rustic sites, some with electricity are available year-round. Access cannot be guaranteed in severe winter weather. The campground offers drinking water, non-flush toilets and a sanitary dump station. A camp store is 0.25 mile from the campground.

Advance reservations are required. Call toll-free 888-PA-PARKS for reservations.

Caledonia State Park

40 Rocky Mountain Road
Fayetteville, PA 17222-9610
717-352-2161
e-mail: caledoniasp@state.pa.us

There are 2 sites out of a total of 184 tent and trailer sites in two campgrounds. The camping season opens the second Friday in April and ends after antlerless deer season in December. The campground provides flush toilets, hot showers, electric hook-ups and a sanitary dump station.

Two homes are available for rental year round. One cabin is a 1½-story frame house with a modern kitchen, bathroom, dining room, living room, central heat, and three bedrooms that sleep ten people. The second cabin is a 2-story frame house with a modern kitchen, closed-in porch, 1½ baths, dining room, living room, central heat, and three bedrooms that sleep ten people.

Advance reservations are required. Call toll-free 888-PA-PARKS for reservations.

Codorus State Park

1066 Blooming Grove Road
Hanover, PA 17331-9545

717-637-2816 (Park Office)
717-637-2418 (Campground)
e-mail: codorusp@state.pa.us

There are 7 sites out of a total of 198 sites. The campground opens the second Friday in April and closes the third Sunday in October. These sites are suitable for tents or recreational vehicles up to 50 feet in length. Thirteen walk-in sites are available for tents only. Hot showers, flush toilets and a sanitary dump station are available. Many campsites have electric hookups. Eight campsites with electricity can accommodate people with disabilities. From Memorial Day to Labor Day the maximum stay in the campground is 14 consecutive nights. All camping equipment must be removed from the park for 48 hours before returning.

Advance reservations are required. Call toll-free 888-PA-PARKS for reservations.

Gifford Pinchot State Park

2200 Rosstown Road
Lewisberry, PA 17339
717-432-5011
Campground Office 717-292-4112
e-mail: giffordpinchosp@state.pa.us

The park office is a completely accessible building. In Conewago Day Use Area, the boat rental, restrooms, picnic pavilions 1 & 2, certain picnic tables and the adjacent portion of Lakeside Trail are accessible. The campground and campground beach are accessible. Contact the park office for information on accessible hunting areas.

There are 4 sites that are accessible out of the 339 campsites at the southern end of the lake; this park provides one of the largest state park campgrounds in the Commonwealth. The campground opens on the second Friday in April and closes at the end of October. All of the sites have macadam pads and can accommodate virtually any piece of camping equipment from a large motor home to the smallest tent. The campground has a swimming beach, outdoor amphitheater, hiking trails, boat launching and mooring area, sanitary dumping stations, staffed contact station, and modern bathhouses with flush toilets and showers. Pets are not permitted in overnight areas.

Organized Group Camping: The six sites hold from 20 to 100 people and can be combined to hold up to 260 people. This modern area in the campground is for scout, church or other organized groups that wish to camp together. Advance reservations are required.

Ten modern cabins can be rented year-round. Cabins have a living area, kitchen/dining area, toilet/shower room and two or three bedrooms with furniture. Renters provide their

own bed linens, bathroom articles, kitchenware and eating utensils. Cabins also have boat-mooring areas on the lakeshore.

Advance reservations are required. Call toll-free 888-PA-PARKS for reservations.

Valleys of the Susquehanna

Bald Eagle State Park

149 Main Park Road
Howard, PA 16841-9607
814-625-2775
e-mail: baldeaglesp@state.pa.us

The Russel P. Letterman Campground is a 99-site campground with 5 accessible sites and is located in the main park area. It is within easy walking distance of the beach, marina and other park facilities. It features paved camping spurs, showers, a sanitary dump station. About 85% of the campsites have electrical hook-ups and 4 sites can accommodate people with disabilities.

Advance reservations are required. Call toll-free 888-PA-PARKS for reservations.

Black Moshannon State Park

4216 Beaver Road
Philipsburg, PA 16866-9519
814-342-5960
e-mail: blackmoshannonsp@state.pa.us

The 80 campsites each have a picnic table and a fire ring with 5 accessible sites. Most can accommodate either a tent or a trailer. The area features a sanitary dump station and washhouses with flush toilets, showers and laundry tubs. Most sites have electrical hookups. The camping season begins the second Friday in April and ends after deer season in late December.

Cabins: From the second Friday in April until the end of deer season in late December, the park rents 13 rustic cabins. The cabins have minimal furnishings, modern stove, refrigerator, electric lights, a wood-burning stove and bunk beds. Six modern cabins are also available year-round, complete with electric heat, bedrooms, living/dining room, full kitchen and bath. Cabins are available for weekly rental in summer and on a daily basis during other seasons.

Accessible picnic tables and parking spaces have been designated throughout the park. Accessible restrooms are located at the campground, cabins, and the beach and food concessions areas. Access to the beach, campsites, cabins, Bog Trail and drinking fountains is available.

Advance reservations are required. Call toll-free 888-PA-PARKS for reservations.

R. B. Winter State Park

R. R. 2, Box 314
Mifflinburg, PA 17844-9656
570-966-1455
e-mail: rbwintersp@state.pa.us

Three of the 60 sites are accessible for tents, trailers and motor homes, and are available from the second Friday in April until after antlerless deer season in late December. Restrooms, hand-washing facilities, drinking water and a sanitary dump station are available. The campsites are completely shaded, close to a playfield, and within easy walking distance to all park facilities. A playground is in the campground.

Camping Cottages: The three camping cottages have wooden walls and floors, windows, lights, porch and sleep five people in a single bunk and a single/double bunk. One of the cottages is accessible.

Advance reservations are required. Call toll-free 888-PA-PARKS for reservations.

Scout Camps

Mt. Allamuchy Scout Reservation

750 Waterloo Rd., Stanhope, N. J. 07874

Phone: 973 347 3266

Fax: 973 347 3710

Camp email: allamuchy@nac.net

Patriots' Path Council BSA

222 Columbia Turnpike

Florham Park, New Jersey 07932

TEL: (973) 765-9322

FAX: (973) 765-9144

<http://www.ppbsa.org/>

Council email: patriots@bsamail.org

Mt. Allamuchy Scout Reservation is located on 970 acres surrounded by the scenic Allamuchy Mountain State Park. Located in Stanhope New Jersey, MASR consists of a Cub Scout Day Camp-Camp Wheeler, and a Boy Scout Resident Camp-Camp Somers.

Camp Somers Lean-to site



Special Scouting units have preference to this barrier free site, up to two weeks before the scheduled weekend. This site sleeps 20.



The site also has a Pavilion with tables and charcoal grill.

Contact the Mt. Allamuchy Scout Reservation directly to make arrangements.

Camp Amity Acres

Ocean County Girl Scout Council
Jones Road
Barrington, NJ 08007
609-698-0565

Girl Scouts of Ocean County
1405 Old Freehold Road
Toms River, NJ 08753-2729
Phone: 732-349-4499
FAX: 732-349-4690
Council email: council@ocgsc.org

Camp Amity Acres owned and operated by Girl Scouts of Ocean County is located in the Brookville section of Waretown. Camp Amity Acres includes 57 acres in the pinelands. Nature trails, a lake, playground, challenge course, nature and science center, three platform tent sites and Friendship Lodge a modern facility housing two dorms, two bathrooms with showers, two kitchens and a fireplace complete the camp.

Camp Amity Acres is available for Girl Scout troop camping from September to June. Its location to the ocean and local amusement park makes it a favorite spot to camp. For more information contact the Girl Scouts of Ocean County.

Amity Acres has a handicap accessible program center with entrance ramps, toilet and shower facilities. Ramps are also available at several platform tents. Rentals are to Girl Scout membership first then to other outside groups. For additional information call Betty Lou Cox, Program Director at 732-349-4499 or e-mail bettylou@ocgsc.org

Kittatinny Mountain Scout Reservation

22 Struble Road
Branchville, NJ 07826
973-948-4757

Central New Jersey Council, B.S.A
4315 US Highway 1
Monmouth Junction NJ 08852-1903
609-419-1600 (voice)
609-419-4186 (fax)
Web Site: <http://www.cnjc-bsa.org/>
Council email: jos@njcc.com

Kittatinny Mountain Scout Reservation

A complete camping facility suitable for summer and short term camping. KMSR is a 500+ acre scouting retreat. The camp is located on the edge of Stokes State Forest, in Sandyston, New Jersey within hiking distance of the Appalachian Trail.



Bauman Lodge

Bauman Lodge (cabin) has a capacity of 25 and is handicap accessible. Also has a wood stove for heat, bunks, electricity, and picnic tables.

Painted Turtle tent site has a capacity of 22 and handicap accessible tents and showers and picnic tables.

Reservations are taken through the Central New Jersey Council Service Center. If you have questions, or wish to make a reservation, please contact the Program Department Assistant at 609-419-1600 ext 33, or send email to jos@njcc.com.

Yards Creek Scout Reservation

Walnut Valley Road & Power Station Drive
Blairstown, NJ 07825
908-362-5374

Central New Jersey Council, B.S.A
4315 US Highway 1
Monmouth Junction NJ 08852-1903
609-419-1600 (voice)
609-419-4186 (fax)
Web Site: <http://www.cnjc-bsa.org/>
Council email: jos@njcc.com

Yards Creek Scout Reservation

Yards Creek Scout Reservation is a 510-acre Scout Camp. The camp is located on the grounds of the Yards Creek Pumping Station in Blairstown, New Jersey adjacent to the Appalachian Trail, within hiking distance of the Delaware River and the Delaware Water Gap. At this time (Jan 2003) Yards Creek is available for limited-use camping only

Handicapped accessible area is Site 6, which contains 10 tent platforms, 1 handicapped platform, 1 handicapped latrine, and 3 picnic tables.



THE LAKE AT YARDS CREEK SCOUT RESERVATION

Camp Turrell/Camp Kluge

144 Galligan Rd
Cuddebackville, NY 12729
845-754-7111

Northern NJ Council - BSA
25 Ramapo Valley Rd
Oakland, NJ 07436
201-677-1000
Web Site: www.nnjbsa.org
Council email: info@nnjbsa.org

Dow Drukker Scout Reservation

The Dow Drukker Scout Reservation is made up of two camps in the southern part of the Catskills of New York State. The reservation is over 795 acres with a 90-acre Lake. Just out side the towns of Port Jervis and Middletown.

Camp Turrell



Peterson Lodge

Camp Turrell is a Boy Scout Summer camp run by the Northern New Jersey Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Camp Turrell also can be used for off-season camping in the non-summer months. Peterson Lodge houses 24. There are mattresses, a wood stove, fireplace, electricity, seasonal water (mid April - mid October), and flush bathroom when water is on. There is a ground level entrance in the back of the building

Camp Kluge



A-Frame cabins

Camp Kluge is an off-season camp only. Family camping is available at the A frames cabins. They have lights, a cook top, 3 bed rooms, bathroom but at this time they also only have only seasonal well water from May to end of October. The cabins sleep 6. They do not have heat.

Camp No-Be-Bo-Sco

11 Sand Pond Road
Blairstown, NJ 07825
908-362-6637

Northern NJ Council - BSA
25 Ramapo Valley Rd
Oakland, NJ 07436
201-677-1000
Web Site: <http://www.nnjbsa.org/>
Council email: info@nnjbsa.org

Camp No-Be-Bo-Sco has provided a premium Scouting experience for Boy Scouts in the New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania area continuously since 1927. The camp borders the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and the Appalachian Trail. High Point State Park (the highest point in New Jersey), historic Millbrook Village, and many Delaware River access points for extended canoe trips are also nearby.

There are two cabins (Ho-Ho-Kus and Smith) that have removable ramps. Mechanics and Iroquois cabins are wheelchair accessible, but it's a long way to the latrine

For summer camping, Hopi is the designated handicapped accessible site. There are platforms with ramps. Electricity is run to a pole with GFI outlets near that platform. The latrine is wheelchair friendly.



Lake at Camp NoBe

Resica Falls Scout Reservation

E. Stroudsburg, PA 18301

Cradle of Liberty Council
Roger S. Firestone Scouting Resource Center
1485 Valley Forge Rd
Wayne, PA 19087
(610) 688 6900

There is one tent site (Chinook) set up with ramps and an accessible latrine. Site is available for summer camp. Prior arrangements are absolutely necessary. Call the Council Office well in advance of your scheduled stay. Vehicles are not allowed in the camp during the summer season. This could add a level of complexity to your stay.



Example of typical tent in the Chinook site at Resica Falls

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