Sand Bridge State Park

Sand Run's lovely murmur and the sounds of birds fill this lovely picnic spot. The two rustic picnic pavilions hug the side of Seven Notch Mountain, conveniently along PA 192.

FISHING: Rapid Run is an excellent coldwater fishery. It is stocked annually with brook and brown trout. Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission regulations and laws apply.

HUNTING: Because of its small size, hunting is prohibited at Sand Bridge State Park. Hunting is permitted on surrounding Bald Eagle State Forest land.

Use extreme caution with firearms at all times. In areas not open to hunting firearms shall be kept in the owner’s vehicle or enclosed trailer. Exceptions include: law enforcement officers and individuals with a valid Pennsylvania License to Carry Firearms are authorized to carry a firearm concealed on their person while they are within a state park.

History
No one knows how the area became known as Sand Bridge. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania purchased the land in 1965 and it became part of White Deer State Forest District. In the 1930s, the Civilian Conservation Corps built the pavilions and restrooms.

In 1978, the Pennsylvania Bureau of State Parks took over administration of Sand Bridge State Park.

Nearby Attractions
Information on nearby attractions is available from the Susquehanna River Valley Visitors Bureau, 800-358-5466. www.visitpennstate.org

Recreational Opportunities
Sand Bridge State Park participates in a carry-in/carry-out trash disposal program for small parks. There are no trash collection or recycling facilities. Visitors are asked to limit the amount of disposable items brought to the park and to take all trash, garbage, and recyclables home.

PICNICKING: Sand Bridge is a convenient picnic spot with picnic tables, charcoal grills, water, and rustic restrooms. Two picnic pavilions are free on a first-come, first-served basis.

McCalls Dam State Park

The sound of White Deer Creek pervades the quiet, remote Mc Calls Dam State Park. Majestic pines, hemlocks, maples, and oaks reach for the sky around the small picnic area. Bald Eagle State Forest surrounds the 8-acre park.

Directions
McCalls Dam State Park is in the extreme east end of Centre County. It can be reached by traveling McCall Dam Road, which links PA 192 at Raymond B. Winter State Park and PA 880 at Eastville.

GPS DD: Lat. 41.0175 Long. -77.17958

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PICNICKING: The small picnic area next to White Deer Creek has tables, a few charcoal grills, and a rustic restroom.

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In 1850, an early settler built a dam on White Deer Creek to provide power to his large sawmill and shingle mill. Sixteen years later the dam was repaired and used as the second of a series of splash dams to float white pine logs to the Susquehanna River and the extensive sawmills at Watsontown.

Although the dam is gone, Johnny McCall and his dam will always be remembered because of Mc Calls Dam State Park.

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Nearby Attractions
Information on nearby attractions is available from the Central Pennsylvania Convention and Visitors Bureau, 800-358-5466. www.visitpennstate.org

The 193,000-acre Bald Eagle State Forest is open to hiking, hunting, fishing, mountain biking, horseriding, snowmobiling, wildlife watching, and general recreation.

In an Emergency
Call 911 and contact a park employee. Directions to the nearest hospital are posted on bulletin boards.

NEAREST HOSPITAL
Evangelical Community Hospital
One Hospital Drive
Lewisburg, PA 17837
570-522-2000
Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission regulations and Warmwater fishing is within easy driving distance and FISHING: Rauchtown Creek and its tributaries provide a fee. Unreserved picnic pavilions are free on a first-come, tables, picnic pavilions, charcoal grills, a playfield, and PICNICKING: May through the last Sunday in September. Each of the 21 stone, rough-sawn logs, and stained wood. HUNTING: Because of its small size, hunting is prohibited at Ravensburg State Park. Hunting is permitted on surrounding Tiaadaghton State Forest land. use extreme caution with firearms at all times. In areas not open to hunting firearms shall be kept in the owner’s vehicle or enclosed in a building. Exceptions include: law enforcement officers and individuals with a valid Pennsylvania License to Carry Firearms are authorized to carry a firearm concealed on their person while they are within a state park. HIKING: 1 mile of trails Raven Trail runs nearly the length of the park, parallel to Rauchtown Creek. Several other trails provide steep access to rocky outcrops or access to longer hiking trails on state forest land, including the 261-mile Mid State Trail. Proper attire and good physical conditioning are recommended for your comfort and safety. Tell us about your hike at: www.exploreputsrails.com

Ravensburg State Park
The park lies in a cozy, steep-walled gorge carved by Rauchtown Creek through the side of Nippenose Mountain. A northern hardwood forest blankets the bottomland along this spring-fed stream. Talus (rocks) covered slopes and interesting rock formations are interspersed among a stunted oak forest growing on the steep mountainsides and ridges. This pretty valley is especially beautiful when the mountain laurel blooms in late June and during the fall foliage of early October.

The 146,000-acre Tiaadaghton State Forest nearly surrounds Ravensburg State Park’s 75 acres. The state forest has hiking, hunting, fishing, and wildlife watching. A short drive away is Bald Eagle State Forest and the Mt. Logan and in an Emergency

Pennsylvania Wilds
Pennsylvania Wilds is two million acres of public lands for hiking, biking, fishing, boating, hunting, and exploration in northcentral Pennsylvania. Highlights of the area are elk watching, scenic PA 6, Pine Creek Gorge (PA Grand Canyon), the darkest skies in the east at Cherry Springs State Park, and hundreds of miles of backpacking trails, bike paths, and trout fishing streams. www.pawilds.com

Ravensburg State Park is in central Pennsylvania, Clinton County, on PA 880, eight miles southeast of Jersey Shore, or four miles north of Carroll, Exit 192 on I-80. GPS DD: Lat. 41.1084  Long. -77.2436

Directions
Make online reservations at www.visitPApoarks.com or call toll-free 888-PA-PARKS (888-727-2757), 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday to Saturday. Recreational Opportunities
CAMPING: tents only, modern shower house The forested campground is open from the first Friday in May through the last Sunday in September. Each of the 21 sites has a picnic table and a fire ring.

Picnicking: Within the three picnic areas are picnic tables, picnic pavilions, charcoal grills, a playfield, and horseshoe pits. Most picnic tables are shaded. Two picnic pavilions may be reserved up to 11 months in advance for a fee. Unreserved picnic pavilions are free on a first-come, first-served basis.

Geologic Formations
The most outstanding geologic feature in the park is Castle Rocks. Tall erosion spires of sandstone are silhouetted against the sky, like the towers of an ancient castle. You can see Castle Rocks from Mid State Trail in the southern end of the park. Frost action has caused the sandstone blocks to break away at weak places in the sandstone, leaving behind isolated pillars. Additional information on the geological features is found in the “Trail of Geology Guide” available on the park website.

Local Services
Food, picnicking supplies, and gasoline can be found at several stores in Oval, about five miles northeast of the park, or Jersey Shore, about 8 miles north.

Nearby Attractions
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