Ricketts Glen State Park highlights the Mohican Natural Area, a National Natural Landmark. Hillside Falls Trail Tablet and explore the Glen, which boasts a series of wild, flowing waterfalls, each cascading through a different area of the park. The 96-foot Great Falls is the highest of 22 named waterfalls.〇 Glens, which boasts a series of wild, free-flowing streams, each cascading through a different area of the park. The 96-foot Great Falls is the highest of 22 named waterfalls.

Natural Area, a National Natural Landmark.

Colonel Ricketts built trails to the area of giant pines, hemlocks, and oaks. Many of the magnificent trees in this area have been protected and maintained in a forest ecosystem that is representative of the period when the region was a part of the Appalachian Mountains. The lower glen came to be called Ricketts Glen. The development of Kitchen Creek cut through deep gorges creating an extensive variety of trees. The lower reaches of Kitchen Creek are part of the Mohican Natural Area.

Ricketts bought land in northeast Pennsylvania in 1882 and 1883, and later in 1888. By 1893, Ricketts owned over 7,000 acres of land in the area.

In 1924, the ground was broken for a new state park. The new park was named Ricketts Glen State Park in honor of William Ricketts. The park opened in 1926 and has been visited by millions of people since then.

Environmental Education and Interpretation:

Natural methods, old-growth forests, and majestic geological formations, which helped produce 22 named waterfalls, make Ricketts Glen an excellent choice for nature lovers. From March to November, the environmental education specialist conducts hands-on activities, guided walks, and presentations on the natural and historical resources for school groups, scouts, civic organizations, and the public. Call in advance to set up a program that will interest your classroom or group setting. Contact the park office for a listing of scheduled educational programs.

Stay the Night:

Cabin rentals are available year-round. Cabins are equipped with basic amenities, including a stove, refrigerator, and microwave oven, and are open from May to September. Deluxe cottages are designed to accommodate 5 people and provide additional amenities such as a bedroom, bathroom, and kitchen. Dogs are welcome in all cabins.

Organized Group Tent Camping:

Ricketts Glen State Park offers a variety of camping opportunities for groups of all sizes. The state park has a large tent camping area that can accommodate up to 150 people. The park also offers a small group camping area that can accommodate up to 30 people.

How to Access the Waterfalls:

Twenty-one waterfalls are along the Falls Trail System within the Glen Natural Area. While some are only a few feet high, others are over 100 feet. The highest waterfall is off of the Mohican Natural Area. The hike to this waterfall is approximately 3 miles round trip. The park offers a variety of guided and unguided tours to help visitors explore the waterfalls.

Lake House Trailhead Parking - This property is ideal for those looking for a quiet, peaceful setting. The trailhead is located off of PA 70. Enjoy a variety of waterfalls, including the 120-foot Great Falls. The area is excellent for birding and other outdoor activities.

Bed & Breakfast Trailhead Parking - This trailhead is located off of PA 118. It is ideal for those looking for a variety of activities, including hiking, birding, and scenic drives.

In addition to the waterfalls, Ricketts Glen State Park offers a variety of other activities, including hiking, birding, and scenic drives. The park also offers a variety of guided and unguided tours to help visitors explore the area.

History of Ricketts Glen State Park:

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Hiking trails vary from rocky to level to steep slopes. (Over 28 miles of trails are a prime attraction of the park.)

Cautions: Hikers using the Falls Trail System should be in good physical condition, wear sturdy boots, and use caution due to slippery/wet surfaces exposed through the year.

• Let someone know where you are hiking and when you expect to return.
• The Falls Trail System is closed to the winter except for properly equipped climbers and hikers.
• The time of year affects which trails are suitable for hiking. Trails generally a suitable for hiking between Apr-Oct. Allowable weather conditions are necessary.
• Appropriate clothing and equipment (i.e. sneakers, rain/snow gear, water/food, maps, compass, and a whistle) are recommended for all outdoor activities.
• Some sections of the trails are exposed to the elements. Take precautions to avoid exposure to heat or cold.

TRAILS: 28 miles

Little Cherry Run Trail: 1 mile, more difficult hiking

The main trail runs through Mountain Springs and Cherry Run trails along the banks of the Burke's Creek, offering excellent views of the surrounding area. The trail is very scenic and offers views of the lake and surrounding mountains.

Beaver Dam Trail: 0.1 mile, interpretive hiking

This trail provides access to the Beaver Dam Picnic Area, which is located near the entrance of the park. The trail is short and easy, making it suitable for all ages and abilities.

Highland Trail: 1.2 miles, more difficult hiking

Access to the trailhead can be challenging, so plan accordingly.

Harrison Wright Falls Trail: 0.5 mile, steep hiking

This trail is a popular destination for hikers who enjoy traversing steep trails. The trail is moderately steep and requires good physical condition to complete.

Falls Trail: 0.8 mile, short hiking

Climbers can access the falls by following the trail to the top of the falls. The trail is short and easy, making it suitable for all ages and abilities.

Bear Walk Trail: 0.3 mile, very difficult hiking

The trail is very steep and requires good physical condition to complete.

The Falls Loop Trail: 1.2 miles, easy hiking

The trail is very scenic and offers excellent views of the surrounding area. The trail is easy to navigate and suitable for all ages and abilities.

ATV Trail: 0.2 mile, short hiking

The trail is short and easy, making it suitable for all ages and abilities.

The Quill Trail: 0.3 mile, very difficult hiking

The trail is very steep and requires good physical condition to complete.

The Falls Trail: 2.8 miles, moderate hiking

The trail is very scenic and offers excellent views of the surrounding area. The trail is easy to navigate and suitable for all ages and abilities.

Hathing Trail: 0.5 mile, interpretive hiking

This trail provides access to the Hathing Picnic Area, which is located near the entrance of the park. The trail is short and easy, making it suitable for all ages and abilities.

Ricketts Glen State Park: A 28-mile network of trails is available for hikers and equestrians. The trails are well-maintained and offer excellent views of the surrounding area.

For more information, visit www.explorefallstrails.com or call toll-free 877-744-1777, 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Saturday.

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For more information, visit www.endlessmountains.org or call the park office at 570-732-2520, Monday through Saturday.

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