Ricketts Glen State Park harbors the Glen's Natural Area, a National Natural Landmark. The falls, a series of 22 named waterfalls, Old Growth timber and majestic geological formations combine to create a unique experience. The park is one of the most scenic areas in Pennsylvania. This large park is comprised of 2,309 acres in Luzerne, Sullivan, and Columbia counties.

The park is 10 miles north of Bloomsburg on PA 897. The section of PA 897 from the town of Red Rock to the Lake Jean area of the park is very steep. Heavy truck and auto traffic should avoid this hill and enter the park by taking PA 877 from Dunmore and Raysville.

HISTORY OF RICKETTS GLEN STATE PARK

At the outbreak of the American Civil War in 1861, Robert B. Ricketts enlisted as a private in the U.S. Army. Fighting for the Grand Army of the Potomac, Ricketts led a company in the Battle of Gettysburg. Ricketts retired还没说完的文本
TRAILS: 28 miles

Hiking trails vary from flat, easy to steep hills. Over 28 miles of trails are a prime attraction of the park.

CAUTION: Hikers using the Fall Trail System should be in good physical condition, wear sturdy boots and bring plenty of water and snacks.

The following guidelines will help ensure a safe day hiking.

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• Double blazes indicate a change in the trail direction.

The Fall Trail System is closed in the winter except for property equipped with chains and skis.

Black Bear: 4.8 miles, moderate hiking
Camping in both camping areas across the Lake and resorts in the outer area of the trail.

Hiking Trails: 7.2 miles, moderate hiking
The fall loop of the trail is 7.2 miles. To use most of the trail, a 6.5-mile loop can be taken by joining the Highland Trail and the Cherry Run trail ends of the trail.

Cherry Run: 6.6 miles, moderate hiking
Access to Cherry Run Trail is near the Lake. The trail goes through groups of cherry trees and rises above the thick rippling brook that passes through the area over 100 years ago. Hiking from Bear’s Lot Trailhead, hikers can connect to Mountain Springs Trail by walking 3.5 miles on Mountain Springs Road to make a 10.5-mile loop.

Highland Trail: 3.2 miles, more difficult hiking
The trail can access the top of the Fall Trail System and enters through Milltown Cemetery, a nature preserve between large rocks of Pennsylvania. The trail explores the most beautiful area of the fall foliage and makes a great trip for hikers.

Little Cherry Run Trail: 1 mile, more difficult hiking
This loop accesses Mountain Springs and Cherry Run trails located along a small parcel of remote terrain, making a great loop for day hiking.

Mountain Springs Trail: 4 miles, more difficult hiking
Hiking along the Fall Trail, this trail makes an excellent loop for hikers and is a good place to take the Fall Trail System due to switchbacks and steep trail sections.

Old Beaver Dam Road Trail: 4 miles, more difficult hiking
Natural Faucet Nature Trail, near the main trailhead, is a good hike for beginners. The trail follows along 21 beautiful waterfalls. The trail is a good hike for beginners.

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