promised land state park

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protect and preserve our parks

promised land state park is on the pocono plains, 10-15 miles from the towns of pocono pines, canaan valley, and jim thorpe. it is reached by taking i-80 west from Scranton. it is 15 minutes west of route 940, an alternate route of i-80 on its way to hanna city and the pocono mountains. it is also at the south end of lake wallenpaupack.

the area is rich in history and is a great place to visit for history buffs. the park is located on the site of a 17th-century american indian village which was settled by the lenape nation. in 1641, the nebucks and the lenape nation signed a treaty with the dutch, allowing them to purchase land in the area for a price of $600. the village was later abandoned in the 17th century due to disease and conflicts with other tribes.

the park was named after the french fur trader jean buisson who was the first to establish a trading post in the area. promised land state park was established by the state of pennsylvania in 1923.

ENVIROMENTAL EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION

the land that became promised land state park was once home to the lenape people, who were the first residents of the area. the park is home to many species of birds and animals, including bear, deer, and turkey.

the park is surrounded by the pocono mountains, which are a popular destination for hiking and camping. the park is also home to a variety of waterfalls, including the 35-foot tall falls on the lake wallenpaupack.

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BROOKSIDE BIRDING: promised land state park is the site of a nesting colony of state-endangered rock wrens. the park is also home to a variety of other birds, including swallows, robins, andCardinal.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET:

Mountaintop views reveal beautiful sunrises and sunsets, with the pocono mountains as a backdrop.

LEARNING EXPERIENCES:

The park offers a variety of educational programs and activities throughout the year, including bird watching, nature walks, and nature classes.

ROD & REEL CASTING:

Promised land state park is home to many streams, including the lake wallenpaupack and the lake wallenpaupack tributaries. fishing is a popular activity in the park, and the park offers a variety of fishing opportunities, including fly fishing, spinning, and trolling.

ICE FISHING:

In winter, the lake wallenpaupack and lake wallenpaupack tributaries offer excellent ice fishing opportunities, with the best fishing in the lake wallenpaupack area.

BOAT RENTALS:

The park offers boat rentals for those interested in exploring the lake wallenpaupack and its tributaries.

ACCESS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES:

Promised land state park offers a variety of accessible facilities and services, including accessible restrooms, picnic pavilions, and a шляпы для детей from the CCC era. The park also has an accessible trail system and a wheelchair-accessible trail.

FOR YOUR SAFETY:

NATURE'S BEAUTY:

Promised land state park offers a variety of nature trails and hiking opportunities, including the lake wallenpaupack and lake wallenpaupack trails.

HERITAGE:

Promised land state park celebrates the history of the CCC era, with exhibits and programs dedicated to the CCC era at the park office. The park also offers a variety of CCC-related activities, including CCC-themed hikes and CCC-era trail walks.

ENVIRONMENTAL INTERPRETATION:

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HUNTING:

Promised land state park offers a variety of hunting opportunities, including deer, turkey, and waterfowl hunting. the park is also home to a variety of other animals, including bear, coyotes, and raccoons.

WINTER SPORTS:

Promised land state park offers a variety of winter sports, including skiing, snowmobiling, and snowshoeing. the lake wallenpaupack and lake wallenpaupack offer excellent skiing and snowmobiling opportunities.

NETWORK:

Promised land state park is home to a variety of network opportunities, including CCC-era campsites and CCC-era trail systems.

TRAILHEAD:

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RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

Promised land state park offers a variety of recreational opportunities, including hiking, camping, and boating. the lake wallenpaupack and lake wallenpaupack offer excellent swimming, boating, and fishing opportunities.
Promised Land State Park is located in the Pocono Mountains, a rugged highland with rocky soil, nutrient-poor bogs, dark evergreen forests, and a diversity of wildlife and plants. About 20,000 years ago, a giant sheet of ice about 1 mile thick covered Promised Land. The park’s rocky soil is comprised of glacial till, providing direct evidence of the glacier. Much of the park is characterized by sphagnum moss bogs, evergreen trees, and thin, rocky soil. Blackburnian warblers, red-breasted nuthatches, and timber rattlesnakes are common to this habitat. In the spring, spotted and Jefferson salamanders and wood frogs flock to the bogs and seasonal pools to breed.

Due to logging of the forests in the early 1900s, large portions of the forest have re-grown with a mix of deciduous trees such as beech, oak, and maple. American redstarts, red-eyed vireos, and Blackburnian warblers are common migratory songbirds that visit these forests. The National Audubon Society has designated Promised Land State Park as an Important Bird Area.

In early May, serviceberry trees bloom with a beautiful display of white. In mid- to late-May, the plentiful mountain laurel blooms, followed in mid-June by the rhododendron. In mid- to late-July, the lowbush and highbush blueberries bear fruit, providing a feast for bears, birds, and people.

Black bear are common in the park. This omnivore eats plants, grasses, berries, and occasionally meat. Unfortunately, bears find human food to be nearly irresistible. Please observe wildlife from a safe distance and do not feed wildlife.

A wildlife observation station is located near the Bear Wallow Boat Launch. Approach the area quietly for the best chance to see waterfowl and other animals. Plants and animals are protected at the park. Take only pictures and leave only footprints when you leave Promised Land. It is illegal to remove natural items such as flowers, feathers, and pine cones from Pennsylvania State Park and State Forest land. Feeding Canada geese and other waterfowl results in large quantities of fecal droppings, which is offensive to park visitors and a potential health hazard. It is also against Pennsylvania State Park regulations.

Bald Eagle
A pair of bald eagles began visiting the park in 1995. However, it wasn’t until 1999 when they built their first nest along Lower Lake in a large white pine tree. The first pair of eggs were laid and hatched in 2000. The nest continued to be successful until October 2008, when the combined weight of the nest and a heavy snowfall caused both the tree and the nest to fall to the ground. Luckily, the eagles were not in the park at the time. In early spring of 2009, the pair built a new nest in a maple tree directly across from the Wildlife Observation Station, but no young were hatched. Since 2010, the eagles have hatched at least one eaglet per year. Before May, the nest can be seen with the naked eye, although binoculars or a spotting scope offer a better view. There are few sights more thrilling than a bald eagle at its nest or in action along a shoreline. Responsibilities come with this enjoyment. You must ensure your presence and behavior do not have a detrimental effect on the eagles or their future use of the area. Early morning and evening are the best times to view the eagles. Prevention of flushing can inadvertently cause injury or death of an eaglet that cannot yet fly or defend itself. In cold weather, eagles are in a very vulnerable position to predators. Flushing eagles from a roost or feeding ground causes unnecessary stress and may expose the eagles to additional predators. Please keep your distance from eagle nests and roosts. Respect their space. Enjoy their presence at a distance with good optics. Federal and state laws prohibit human activity, including camping, fishing, hunting, hiking, etc. within 330 feet of a nest. The park oversees the birds’ breeding, in Lower Lake or on land. During the nesting season, volunteers monitor the area. Volunteers are always needed. Contact the park office for more information.

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