LEHIGH GORGE STATE PARK

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Spent the Day

The 6,107 acres of park land follow the Lehigh River from White Haven to the northern end of Jim Thorpe. The Lehigh Gorge Trail follows over 20 miles of abandoned canal grade along the river, providing opportunities for hiking, bicycling, geocaching, and photography. The trail is closed to motor vehicles. Parking areas are provided in White Haven, Rockport, and Glen Onoko. Very limited parking is available at Lehigh Gorge but boat launching is prohibited.

BECOME A MILESTONE NIVA

The corridor of the Lehigh River is marked with mile markers every mile or so, with white markers indicating a river crossing. The Lehigh River is the source of drinking water for the Lehigh Valley, and the Lehigh Gorge Trail follows the river for much of its length.}

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

Information on nearby attractions is available from:
- Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau 570-623-1790, info@poconomountains.com
- Monroe County Visitors Bureau 570-426-3072, www.monroecounty.org

EXPLORING ABDUON’s LEHIGH AUTO TOUR

Lehigh Gorge State Park and nearby Hickory Run State Park are featured in a unique auto tour entitled Exploring Audubon’s Lehigh. The tour follows a loop on Route 443 from the Rockport area of the Lehigh River Valley and looks at Buttermilk Falls, just north of Rockport. The Bald Mountain tract near Rockport and other areas are authorized to carry a firearm concealed.

WILDLIFE WATCHING

Beaver

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In an Emergency

Call 911 and contact your neighbors. Directions to the nearest hospital are available on the website. The Lehigh Gorge Trail is a great place to watch wildlife. Sightings of deer, turkey, and small mammals are common. The Lehigh River is home to a variety of fish, including steelhead, trout, and smallmouth bass. The park also provides opportunities for birdwatching, with sightings of eagles, hawks, and vultures.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Access for People with Disabilities

5. This symbol indicates facilities and activities that are ADA accessible. This publication text is available in alternative formats.

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Information and Reservations

For More Information Contact Lehigh Gorge State Park

Glen Onoko Access Area

1143 Lakeview Drive

Rockport, PA 18248

570-443-0400

www.visitPAparks.com or call toll-free 888-PA-PARKS (888-727-2757), 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday.

Pocket Ranger® App by Parks by Nature

A wide variety of environmental education and interpretive programs are offered year round. Through hands-on activities and guided field programs, participants gain appreciation, understanding, and develop a sense of responsibility to reveal natural and cultural resources.

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Top 10 Activities to do at Lehigh Gorge Trail

1. Take a group of friends for a bicycle ride for a hike along the river or the Lehigh Gorge Trail.
2. Challenge yourself with a whitewater rafting trip.
3. Experience the wonders of the Upper Gorge Section of the Lehigh Gorge by swimming inside Ledges 22 or Mud Run.
4. Enjoy the view from Grandpa’s Point at Ledges House.
5. Search for the 15-mile trail from Pocono Harbor to White Haven.
6. Visit a pristine field by the beautiful sounds and sights of Pennsylvania's forests.
7. Explore the Audubon’s Lehighe System Trail.
8. Photograph beautiful sheathbark oaks along the Lehigh Gorge Trail in July.
9. Find your next secret fishing hole in the mile. Park in one of our numerous tributaries.
10. Visit a neighbor – Hickory Run State Park!
A major attraction of the park is whitewater boating. This section of the Lehigh River is Class III to IV+ and is popular for rafting, kayaking, and canoeing. All boaters must wear life jackets. The Lehigh River access is at designated sites. River flow is controlled by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at the Francis E. Walter Dam and can be monitored by calling the Hickory Run State Park office. See website: http://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis or by calling the Bureau of State Parks. For more information, contact the Bureau of State Parks.

** Required Vests **

The PFD is designed for extended water travel and should be worn whenever you are within a 250 ft. radius of the water. Some types of PFDs are intended for use in the ocean. For more information, contact the Bureau of State Parks.

** Whitewater Regulating and Safety Guidelines **

- Inflatable devices (rafts, canoes, and kayaks) must be designed for whitewater use and be constructed of durable materials with strong fabric backing. Crafts made from vinyl or PVC are prohibited.
- At river flows less than 250 cubic feet per second (cfs), whitewater regulations do not apply.
- At river flows between 250 - 1,000 cfs, inflatable rafts must be at least eight feet long, have three separate air chambers and have an outside tube diameter of at least 15 inches.
- At river flows above 1,000 cfs, inflatable rafts must be at least 13.5 feet long, contain three separate air chambers, and have an outside tube diameter of at least 17 inches.

** Licensed Commercial Outfitters **

The following is a list of licensed, commercial outfitters currently operating on the Lehigh River.

- Jim Thorpe River Adventures
  - 1 Adams Street
  - Jim Thorpe, PA 18229
  - 570-424-2715
  - www.jtraft.com

- Pocono Whitewater
  - 135 State Route 903
  - Jim Thorpe, PA 18229
  - 570-424-3165
  - www.poconowhittewater.com

- Whitewater Challenges, Inc.
  - 200 Kingfisher Road
  - Snake Hill, PA 18240
  - 570-424-6354
  - www.pennslowsadventure.com

- Whitewater Rafting Adventures, Inc.
  - 1 Tannersville Street
  - Nesquehoning, PA 18240
  - 570-424-2015
  - www.wrackrafting.com

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