**RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

**Spend the Day**

- **FISHING**: A license is required for people age 16 and over. Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission regulations apply.
- **BOATING**: Electric motors only
  - French Creek has developed a permanent boat launch facility at South Creek. Inflatable watercraft devices used on the lake are for rent. Inflatable watercraft devices used on the lake are for rent.
- **CAMPING**: Reservations are required. Over 60 sites have electric and water, and electric hookups. Camping is allowed at most state park offices; launch permit from Pennsylvania State Parks that are adjacent.
- **HIKING**: See reverse side. French Creek has developed a permanent trail network for nature trail enthusiasts. French Creek State Park offers a variety of hiking opportunities. Ornamental box is an oasis for people and wildlife. Releasing ornamental box into the wild may cause problems. Ornamental box is a non-native species not designated in the National Wildlife Federation. Ornamental box is a non-native species not designated in the National Wildlife Federation.
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  - French Creek State Park is a favorite stop for novices interested in alternative forms of food and cover. The park is an important habitat for many land-dwelling birds including bobolink, meadowlark, and bay-breasted warbler. Wildlife and plants are unique to French Creek State Park. Hiking trails explore the primeval forest and are rated difficult. Hiking trails explore the primeval forest and are rated difficult. French Creek State Park is a favorite stop for novices interested in alternative forms of food and cover. The park is an important habitat for many land-dwelling birds including bobolink, meadowlark, and bay-breasted warbler. Wildlife and plants are unique to French Creek State Park.

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**Access for People with Disabilities**

- **HISTORY**
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HIKING

More than 35 miles of well-marked trails cover a large portion of the park's 7,916 acres. Hikers at French Creek State Park have a wide variety of opportunities for quiet reflection, nature study, and physical challenge. Trailhead parking is located in many convenient areas.

PLEASE STAY ON THE BLAZED TRAILS.

• Double blazes indicate a change of direction in the trail.

Camping is only permitted at French Creek's established camping areas. No open fires are permitted in the park. Pets are not allowed in the park.

Mountain bikes are permitted on roads and approved trails only. All mountain bikes are subject to the following rules.

BOONE TRAIL: 6 miles, blue blazes, more difficult hiking

This loop trail connects all major attractions of French Creek, making it an excellent route to see the park. Start your hike from the Hopewell Furnace picnic area or Hopewell Furnace Visitor Center (using connector trails). Several portions are steep and rocky, so wear sturdy shoes.

Boone Trail is closed to mountain bikes around Hopewell Lake.

BUZZARDS TRAIL: 3 miles, yellow blazes with red stripe, more difficult hiking

Branching off of Raccoon and Mill Creek trails, this trail passes through the Baptism Creek drainage area in the eastern portion of the park.

HORSE-SHOE TRAIL: 13 miles (8 miles in the park), yellow blazes, more difficult hiking

For hikers and horseback riders, this trail touches highlights of the park including Hopewell Lake and Scotts Run Lake. Horse-Shoe Trail runs 130 miles from Valley Forge to the Appalachian Trail near Harrisburg. This is the only equestrian trail in the park.

KALMIA TRAIL: 1 mile, purple blazes, more difficult hiking

This mountainside trail provides a pleasant experience through mature forests with scattered mountain laurel. Kalmia is the Latin word for laurel. Mountain biking is prohibited.

LENAPE TRAIL: 5.5 miles, green blazes, more difficult hiking

Begin this hike from the campground contact station, Scotts Run Lake, Hopewell Furnace Visitor Center, or PA 345/Shed Road. Use the connector trail (green blazes with a yellow stripe) to stay on Lenape Trail or venture off onto one of the many blazed trails that intersect this enjoyable trail.

MILL CREEK TRAIL: 6 miles, white blazes with a red stripe, most difficult hiking

Once leaving the trailhead at Shed Road and PA 345, you will not cross another road on this backcountry-type loop trail. Several portions are extremely difficult, so wear proper clothing and footwear. Consider using Raccoon and Lenape trails to add some variety for your return trip.

RACCOON TRAIL: 1.7 miles, red blazes, more difficult hiking

This trail serves as the most direct route into and out of the eastern portion of French Creek State Park. It starts 0.25 mile east of Hopewell Furnace's main gate and ends at Mill Creek.

SIX PENNY TRAIL: 3 miles, orange blazes, more difficult hiking

This trail offers visitors a glimpse of the historic Six Penny Recreation Area where dam ruins and the park's original picnic grounds can be seen. Use the connector trail (orange blazes with a green stripe) from the intersection of Boone and Lenape trails west of campground to get to this loop trail. Most of this trail is closed to mountain bikes.

TURTLE TRAIL: 3.6 miles, white blazes, more difficult hiking

Circling through the western portion of French Creek, this trail offers a variety of easy hiking mixed with several challenging sections. Park in the lot along Firetower Road and follow the white blazes in either direction.