Frances Slocum State Park

Frances Slocum State Park consists of 1,035 acres in northeastern Pennsylvania’s Luzerne County. The horseshoe-shaped, 165-acre lake is popular for boating and fishing, and is a home to many species of fish, wildlife. The many hiking and mountain biking trails in the large day use area attract visitors to picnic and explore the forests.

Directions
The park is five miles from Dallas and ten miles from Wilkes-Barre. From Exit 170B of I-81, take PA 309 north 7.2 miles. Turn right (east) on Carverton Road and drive for 4.2 miles. Turn left (north) on West 8th Street and drive 1.3 miles. Turn left (west) on Mt. Olive Road and drive one mile to the park entrance on the left.

Reservations
Make online reservations at www.visitPAparks.com or call toll-free 888-PA-PARKS (888-727-7275), 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday to Saturday, for state park information and reservations.

Recreational Opportunities

CAMPING: modern sites, some with electricity
A 100-site campground is available from the second Friday in April to the third Sunday in October. There are 85 tent and trailer sites, some ADA accessible and some have electric hookups. The 15 walk-in tent sites offer additional privacy. Each campsite includes a picnic table and fire ring. Flush toilets, showers, drinking water, auxiliary dump station, and boat launch are available. Pets are permitted on designated sites.

SWIMMING: The swimming pool is open daily from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day, unless posted otherwise. A seasonal snack bar is available. The swimming pool is ADA accessible.

BOATING: electric motors only
The 165-acre Frances Slocum Lake has two boat launches, two motor areas, and courtesy docks. A boat concession rents rowboats, paddleboats, kayaks, and canoes. Motorboats must display a boat registration from any state. Non-powered boats must display one of the following: boat registration from any state; launch permit or mooring permit from Pennsylvania State Parks that are available at most state park offices; launch permit from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission.

FISHING: The 165-acre Frances Slocum Lake is a warmwater fishery. Common species are crapppie, bluegill, perch, catfish, muskellunge, pickerel, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, walleye, and stocked trout. Ice fishing is permitted. An ADA accessible fishing pier is between Picnic Pavilion Three and the main boat launch.

PICNICKING: Some picnic areas are available year round. Picnic facilities include drinking water fountains, modern restrooms, trash and recycling receptacles, charcoal grills, and disposal of all amenities. All areas are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Three ADA accessible picnic pavilions may be reserved up to 11 months in advance for a fee. Unreserved picnic pavilions are free on a first-come, first-served basis.

HUNTING AND FIREARMS: Of the 700 acres open to hunting, 350 acres are open to archery hunting and 350 acres in the west side of the park are open to hunting, trapping, and the training of dogs during established seasons. Common game species are deer, waterfowl, turkey, rabbit, and squirrel.

Hunting woodchucks, also known as groundhogs, is prohibited. Dog training is only permitted from the day following Labor Day through March 31 in designated hunting areas. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Pennsylvania Game Commission reserves the right to regulate hunting and regulations apply. Contact the park office for ADA accessible hunting information.

Use extreme caution with firearms at all times. Other visitors use the park during hunting seasons. Firearms and archery equipment used for hunting may be uncased and ready for use only in authorized hunting areas during hunting seasons. In areas not open to hunting or during non-hunting seasons, firearms and archery equipment shall be kept in the owner’s car, trailer, or leased campsite. Exceptions include: law enforcement officers and individuals with a valid Pennsylvania License to Carry Firearms are authorized to carry a firearm concealed on their person while they are within a state park.

MOUNTAIN BIKING: 5 miles of trails
The mountain biking trails are in the west side of the park and range in difficulty from easiest to more difficult. Bikers should respect other riders and hikers when using designated trails. All mountain biking trails are designated with red blazes.

ICE FISHING: Ice fishing is permitted on the entire lake.

SLEDDING AND TOBOGGANING: A good slope is west of the swimming pool.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING: When conditions permit, the campground road and day-use areas are popular for skiing.

Environmental Education and Interpretation

Natural, cultural, historical, and recreational programs are conducted by a park environmental educator from March through November. From Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day, many programs are offered at the campground amphitheater.

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The Patrick J. Solano Environmental Education Center in the day use area features information on American Indians and ecological topics.

Park History
Frances Slocum Lake was created to control flooding. Picnicking areas and the dam were constructed and opened in the spring of 1968. In 1972, Tropical Storm Agnes devastated large areas of the adjacent Wyoming Valley. Frances Slocum State Park was closed to the public and 280 families moved into temporary houses in the park until their homes were restored. After the last family moved out, the park reopened to the public in June, 1974.

Nearby Attractions
Two nearby state parks, Lackawanna and Ricketts Glen, offer camping and other attractions. Information on nearby attractions is available from the Luzerne County Convention and Visitors Bureau, 888-905-2872. www.tournepa.com

Access for People with Disabilities
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In an Emergency
Call 911 and contact a park employee. Directions to the nearest hospital are posted on bulletin boards and at the park office.

NEAREST HOSPITAL
Wilkes-Barre General Hospital
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North Ritzville and Auburn streets
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18764
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