Recreational Opportunities

Furnace Joseph Sayers Reserve

The Furnace Joseph Sayers Reserve is a 30-mile hike that provides a variety of recreational opportunities year-round, including hiking, birdwatching, and nature study. The reserve is located in the Allegheny Mountain range of Pennsylvania and offers a wide range of activities for visitors to enjoy, including birdwatching, hiking, and nature study.

Walks, hands-on activities, and campfire programs year-round. Through guided walks, learn to identify local wildlife, history, and environmental features. The reserve also offers a nature center, where visitors can learn about the local flora and fauna. The nature center features interactive exhibits, educational programs, and guided tours. It is open to the public year-round. For more information on guided walks and other events, please visit the Furnace Joseph Sayers Reserve website.

Directions

Bald Eagle State Park, Centre County, is along PA 155 between Hollidaysburg and Lock Haven.

140-acre trail runs from Exit 150 to PA 156 north for about 4 miles. French Creek, take exit 170 to US 220 north, to PA 156 south for about 1 mile. From Bald Eagle, take Exit 50 to Port Madison, then US 220-AUS, continue east 1 mile north to park.

The Park

Located within the natural beauty of Bald Eagle State Park, the Furnace Joseph Sayers Reserve combines the Jedediah Mountain Trail, which runs through the park, and the Train Station Trail, which runs along the riverfront. The park is open year-round, and there are several designated picnic areas. For more information on guided walks and other events, please visit the Furnace Joseph Sayers Reserve website.

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Camping

Furnace Joseph Sayers Reserve offers 133 camping sites, some with full hookups. Sites are available year-round, and reservations are recommended during peak season. The park is open from mid-April to mid-October, and reservations can be made online or by calling the park's reservations office. The park offers a variety of camping options, including tent camping, RV camping, and cabin rentals. For more information on reservations and other camping options, please visit the Furnace Joseph Sayers Reserve website.

Picnicking

Picnicking is a popular activity at Furnace Joseph Sayers Reserve. The park has several designated picnic areas, which are open year-round. Picnic tables are available for rent, and there is a small fee. For more information on picnic areas and other facilities, please visit the Furnace Joseph Sayers Reserve website.

Winter Recreation

Winter recreation is a popular activity at Furnace Joseph Sayers Reserve. The park offers cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and snowmobiling. For more information on winter recreation and other activities, please visit the Furnace Joseph Sayers Reserve website.

Environmental Education and Interpretation

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The Furnace Joseph Sayers Reserve offers a variety of educational programming and interpretive programs year-round. Through guided walks, hands-on activities, and campfire programs, visitors gain an appreciation for nature and the natural environment. The park offers a variety of educational programs, including interpretive walks, nature hikes, and guided tours. For more information on educational programs and other events, please visit the Furnace Joseph Sayers Reserve website.

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HIKING: 14.25 miles of trails

HABITS OF BALD EAGLE STATE PARK

Introduction

Bald Eagle State Park’s geographical location and natural habitats attract a varied variety of species. The Allegheny Front to the west of the park serves as an important barrier for migrating birds along with better and more complex bird habitats. Hiking on Bald Eagle’s steep trails for 14.25 miles of trail and find dozens of birds and animals in the park.

The park is in the Ridge and Valley Province of Pennsylvania, which is characterized by wide valley basins cut by streams and mountains that separate the basins. This geology leads to many different habitats in the park, which creates places for both birds and wildlife to find food and places to eat.

Skyline Drive

An amazing aspect of the Skyline Drive area is that you can park your car for a few steps and feel like you are on the wildlife of a great number of birds.

Skyline Drive is a narrow, winding road that cuts through the mountains and valleys of central Pennsylvania. The drive is 8 miles long and winds its way through the scenic Allegheny Front. The drive offers a variety of bird species and wildlife, including black bears, white-tailed deer, and golden eagles.

The valley, streams, mountains, and state park are home to a diversity of wildlife, including large mammals such as black bears and white-tailed deer. These animals can often be seen foraging for food or simply enjoying the scenery.

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ELEKTRAL TRAIL TRACKER KIOSKS

While at the park, take time to visit the eBird Trail Tracker kiosk in the Nature Inn. Through the cooperative eBird programs with Cornell University’s Laboratory of Ornithology, visitors can view their home or see the birds that are being reported at Bald Eagle State Park. Visitors can even view live bird observations from specific locations across North America.

For more information on the eBird Trail Tracker program, go to www.ebird.org.

CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS

The Conservation Volunteering Program encourages schools, groups, and community members to help the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources carry out their mission of stewardship in natural parks and state forests. For more information about volunteer opportunities at Bald Eagle State Park, please call 724-267-9442.

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Lake and Shoreline

Water attracts wildlife. Foster Joseph Snyder Reserve and the lands near it are inhabited by both aquatic and semi-aquatic birds. Among the lake’s residents are waterfowl such as American black ducks, wood ducks, and teal. These birds prefer to hunt in the shallow waters of the lake and the surrounding wetlands.

Some species are often seen wading through the water in search of their prey. They are commonly seen in shallow waters near the shoreline, where they can easily spot their prey. Other species, such as green herons and black-crowned night herons, prefer to perch on the shore or rocks near the water and dive into the water to catch small fish or insects.

In addition to waterfowl, Bald Eagle State Park is also home to a variety of other bird species. These include bald eagles, ospreys, and peregrine falcons. These birds are known for their impressive hunting abilities and are often seen soaring high above the park.

During the nesting season, bald eagles can be seen throughout the park, with some nests located near the lake or in the surrounding wetlands. Other birds, such as ospreys, may be seen hunting over the lake or in nearby wetlands.

Access to boating on the lake for people with disabilities. For more information on boating, please call 724-267-9442.

Bald Eagle Mountain

On Bald Eagle Mountain, the trail begins heading high into the clouds, offering stunning views of the surrounding mountains and valleys. The trail continues to rise, providing visitors with breathtaking vistas of the park and the surrounding landscape.

The trail is well-marked and easy to follow, making it suitable for all skill levels. It is a popular destination for birders, photographers, and nature enthusiasts alike.

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