The cemetery at Hickory Run State Park dates back to the mid-1800s. Lumbermen settled here to take advantage of the vast forests in the area. Mills were constructed within the present-day park along Mud Run, Hickory Run, Hawk Run, and Sand Spring Run. The timber was used to build the Lehigh Canal along the nearby Lehigh River, and later the railroad adjacent to the river and the canal. The bark of White Pine and Eastern Hemlock was sent several miles north to Lehigh Tannery, which in the 1860’s was the site of the second largest tannery in the United States.

A flood in 1849, and others later on, as well as a great fire in 1875 caused the population of this small town to dwindle. Most of the people buried in this cemetery lived during this era.

Cemetery Scavenger Hunt

Being sure to respect the peace of those who rest here, find the answers to the following questions:

Who is buried at the gravesite with the inscription that reads:
“This lovely bud so young and fair
Called home by early doom,
Just sent to show how sweet the flower
In Paradise may bloom.”

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Whose name is on the most recent grave?

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What year was he buried?

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Who are the children of Jacob and Elizabeth West?

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How did they die?

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Inside the cache you will find the story of Lizzie Gould. Is she buried here?

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Thanks for visiting!

Thank you for visiting Hickory Run State Park! While you’re here at the park, please consider checking out some of the other attractions:

- Over 40-miles of trails
- Hawk Falls, a beautiful natural waterfall
- Swimming beach at Sand Spring Lake open from Memorial Day to Labor Day
- Campground with nearly 400 sites
- Scenic vistas from Fireline Trail
- Disc golf and orienteering courses located in the Sand Spring Day Use Area
- Free interpretive programs on weekends from Memorial Day to Labor Day
- Several streams, ponds, and a lake for fishing

Welcome. Now get out!

Don’t let your adventure end here. Check out the various kinds of fun the other Pennsylvania state parks and forests have to offer, and GET OUT!

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If you need an accommodation to participate in park activities due to a disability, please contact the park you plan to visit. With at least three days notice, interpreters for people who are deaf or hard of hearing are available for educational programs.

Hickory Run
Cemetery Geocache

The cemetery at Hickory Run State Park dates back to the 1800’s. Step back in time and visit some of the town’s late residents in their final resting place on a bluff above the creek.

This is an official geocache at www.geocaching.com (GC2HR6D)

Type: traditional  Size: micro  Difficulty: ★★★  Terrain: ★★★