

BLACK MOSHANNON STATE PARK

CENTRE COUNTY

- TRAIL INFORMATION**
- Hiking Trail
 - Multi-use Trail: Hiking, Biking, Snowmobiling
 - Allegheeny Front Trail: Backpacking
 - Trail Mile Marker
 - Joint-use Road: Auto/Snowmobile
 - Cross-country Skiing Recommended
 - Horseback Riding
 - Snowmobiling
- Facilities:**
- Park Office
 - Blue Symbols Mean ADA Accessible
 - Public Phone
 - Modern Restrooms
 - Environmental Learning Center
 - Amphitheater
 - Food Concession and Camp Store
 - Picnicking
 - Picnic Pavilion
 - Scenic View
 - Showers/Restrooms
 - Camping
 - Organized Group Tenting
 - Modern Cabin
 - Rustic Cabin
 - Deluxe Cottage
 - Sanitary Dump Station
 - Swimming Beach
 - Playground
 - Fishing Pier
 - Boat Launch & Mooring
 - Boat Rental
 - Ice Skating
 - Sledding
 - Unpaved Road
 - Paved Road
 - Gate
 - Parking Paved
 - Parking Unpaved
 - Electric Vehicle Charging Station

- Hunting & Land Use:**
- State Park No Hunting
 - State Park Hunting
 - State Park Hunting Late Muzzleloader/Archery Only
 - Natural Area Boundary
 - Delayed Harvest Artificial Lures Only
 - Wetlands
- Contours:** 1800 - 1750 ON 50 FT. INTERVALS

- GPS Coordinates**
Decimal Degree Lat. Long.
- Park Office
40.91220, -78.05688
 - Campground
40.91878, -78.06863
 - Cabin Area
40.91321, -78.06620
 - Beach
40.91622, -78.05909
 - Bog Trail
40.90140, -78.05775



HIKING TRAILS: 24 miles



The trails pass through the varied habitats of the park. Seneca, Indian, Bog, and Hay Road trails are connected, making them suitable for loop hikes.

Tell us about your hike at: www.ExplorePAtrails.com

Allegheny Front Trail (AFT): 41.5 miles (3 miles in the park), most difficult hiking
This trail encircles the park, traversing 40 miles of the Allegheny Plateau, some rocky and rugged, on the way to five mountain trout streams and eleven vistas in Moshannon State Forest. AFT is ideal for backpacking or a day hike on any segment.

Blueberry Trail: 1-mile loop, easiest hiking
Get a taste of the Black Moshannon Bog Natural Area on this short loop. Parking is available at the Mid-State Airport. The trail is abundant with many berries which also attracts a variety of wildlife, including many bird species.

Bog Trail: 0.3 mile, 0.5 mile full loop, easiest hiking

Take the boardwalk to explore a wetland dominated by sphagnum moss and leatherleaf and accented by sedges, rushes, carnivorous plants, and lilies. Observe waterfowl and other wildlife along the trail. Wayside panels tell the surprising story of bogs and other park wetlands. Access for people with disabilities is at Boating Area 3. To make the trail a loop, walk Westside Road back to the trailhead.
GPS DD: Lat. 40.9014 Long. -78.05775

Hay Road Trail: 1.1 miles, easiest hiking
Once used by farmers who harvested marsh grasses, this grassy old road eases through a mature mixed-oak forest with a black cherry understory.

Indian Trail: 1 mile, more difficult hiking
This trail leads travelers through changing scenery of open oak woods, pines, clearings, and an unusual grove of hawthorns.

Lake Loop Trail: 0.7 mile, easiest hiking
This flat loop connects two bridges for an easy walk along the lake's northern shoreline. The trail offers a visit to the beach and the dam. Pets are prohibited on the beach. Please walk pets to the back of the beach house.

Moss-Hanne Trail: 7.7 miles, more difficult hiking
On its way through the Black Moshannon Bog Natural Area, this trail travels through pine plantations, hemlock bottomlands, wetland edges, hardwood forests, grassy openings, blueberry patches, and beaver ponds. Waterproof footwear is recommended since some sections are often wet. Two boardwalk sections allow exploration of a big marsh and an alder swamp. The best blueberries are found near this trail from mid-June to mid-August.

Seneca Trail: 0.8 mile, easiest hiking
This trail weaves through a typical second growth forest of oak and cherry, which shades stumps of pine that were logged out over a century ago.

Shingle Mill Trail: 3.67 miles (2 miles within the park), more difficult hiking
This path ventures from the parking area near the dam and follows beautiful Black Moshannon Creek. The trail continues north of the Huckleberry Road bridge and connects to Allegheny Front Trail.

Ski Slope Trail: 3.1 miles, most difficult hiking
Begin at the beach parking lot for a trek up the mountain. Enjoy the views from the highest point in the park, including an old ski slope. At the PA 504 crossing, try to decipher the old Philadelphia-Erie Turnpike mile marker.

Sleepy Hollow Trail: 1.2-mile loop, more difficult hiking
Explore a hemlock-birch forest and woodlands of cherry and oak. This trail is recommended for spring wildflowers. Look for evidence of a 1984 selective timber cut which removed trees killed by years of gypsy moth defoliation. Young trees provide good food and cover for turkeys, deer, and songbirds. The trail starts near Pavilion 1.

Snowmobile Trail: 1.1 miles, easiest hiking
This trail connects to gravel roads and trails open to snowmobiles, horses, and mountain bikes on surrounding state forest land. This grassy old road provides a trip through an oak forest with an open understory. The trail begins at the Beach Parking lot, which is plowed in winter.

Star Mill Trail: 2.1-mile loop, easiest hiking
With fine views of the lake and opportunities to see wildlife, this trail travels through pines, a climax forest of beech and hemlock, and an uncommon stand of balsam fir.

Tent Hill Trail: 0.2 mile, more difficult hiking
Begin near Campsite 22. This trail drops down to the lake shoreline and connects the campground with Lake Loop Trail.

INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS

Black Moshannon State Park

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

Electric Vehicle Charging Station

A 2-plug, electric-vehicle charging station is available for public use in the boat rental parking lot along Route 504. Please move to another parking space once your vehicle has been charged.

[Access for People with Disabilities](#)

This symbol indicates facilities and activities that are Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible for people with disabilities. This publication text is available in alternative formats.

If you need an accommodation to participate in park activities due to a disability, please contact the park you plan to visit.

[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

Mount Nittany Medical Center
1800 East Park Avenue
State College, PA 16803
814-231-7000

From the park office, follow Beaver Road 8 miles. Turn right onto Alt. US 220 south, then right onto PA 322 east to Exit 73 to Mount Nittany Medical Center.



Protect and Preserve our Parks

Please make your visit safe and enjoyable. Obey all posted rules and regulations and respect fellow visitors and the resources of the park.

- Be prepared and bring the proper equipment. Natural areas may possess hazards. Your personal safety and that of your family are your responsibility.

- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

- Please camp only in designated areas and try to minimize your impact on the campsite.

- Firewood Advisory: Firewood may contain non-native insects and plant diseases. Bringing firewood into the park from other areas may accidentally spread pest insects and diseases that threaten park resources and the health of our forests. Campers should use local firewood. Do not take wood home and do not leave firewood. Burn It!

Nearby Attractions

Information on nearby attractions is available from the Happy Valley Adventure Bureau, 800-358-5466. <https://www.visitpenstate.org/>