

HIKING: 14 miles



The beautiful and winding hiking trails of Canoe Creek State Park allow hikers to explore forests, fields, wetlands, historic sites, and the lakeshore. Hiking trails range from easy to difficult and provide ample opportunity for wildlife watching. On a clear day, visitors can even catch a glimpse of Blue Knob State Park, over 20 miles away. Information on trails, wildlife, and geocaching can be obtained at the education center or the park office.

Hikers should be prepared for trail conditions and changing weather conditions. Since Canoe Creek State Park is a multi-use park, hikers should wear fluorescent orange when hiking during hunting seasons.

**Beaver Pond Trail**  
**0.9 mile | Easiest hiking | Out-and-back trail | Orange blazes**  
**Recreations permitted:** hiking  
**Trailhead amenities:** modern restrooms, benches

This easy trail takes visitors around the ponds located on the east side of the lake, through thickets and fields, and along gentle slopes. It is a great trail for birding and lake views.

**Deer Trail**  
**0.5 mile | Most difficult hiking | Connector trail | White blazes**  
**Recreations permitted:** hiking, equestrian

Challenging hikers with a steep climb from Canoe Creek almost to the ridge of Moore's Hill, this steep trail connects Moore's Hill Trail to Mattern Trail. The trail travels through dense hardwoods with opportunities to see birds and other wildlife.

**Fisherman's Path**  
**1.4 miles | More difficult hiking | Out-and-back trail | Green blazes**  
**Recreations permitted:** hiking

Visitors enjoy lake views as this trail meanders along the east shore day use area, through woods, and along Brumbaugh Dam. Anglers can enjoy the many lakeside fishing opportunities.

**Hartman Trail**  
**1.8 miles | More difficult hiking | Loop Trail | Green blazes**  
**Recreations permitted:** hiking

Hartman Trail challenges hikers to climb the slope of Moore's Hill to the ridge where the trail becomes a narrow rocky path through scenic woodlands, overlooking Scotch Valley, and then back down over the

old Blair Limestone Company quarry and limekilns before intersecting Mattern Trail along Mary Ann's Creek.

**Limestone Trail**  
**1.2 miles | Easiest hiking | Out-and-back trail | Red blazes**  
**Recreations permitted:** hiking  
**Trailhead amenities:** modern restrooms, picnic tables

This scenic trail is a visitor favorite. It follows the old railroad grade to the Blair Limestone Company kilns and along the beautiful corridor of Mary Ann's Creek. Several bridges provide opportunities for creek crossings. This is a great trail for woodland birds and wildflowers.

**Lakeside Trail**  
**0.9 mile | Easiest hiking | Connector trail | Orange blazes**  
**Recreations permitted:** hiking

A visitor favorite, Lakeside Trail provides a scenic, winding, ADA accessible boardwalk along the lakefront, with benches and an observation blind for wildlife viewing. The trail continues along Marsh Road into the hardwood forest along the lake shore. This trail connects Marsh Road to Mattern Trail or Moore's Hill Trail.

**Lower Trail**  
**0.1 mile in the park, 17.1 miles total | Easiest hiking | Point-to-point trail | No blazes**  
**Recreations permitted:** hiking, biking, cross-country skiing recommended

Stretching from the eastern side of the park to Alexandria, this rail trail follows the Franktown Branch of the Juniata River and provides year-round recreational opportunities.

**Mattern Trail**  
**2.3 miles | More difficult hiking | Loop trail | Pink blazes**  
**Recreations permitted:** hiking, backpacking, equestrian

The loop trail traverses both field and forest, taking visitors almost to the ridge of Moore's Hill for scenic views and through diverse habitats on this multi-use trail.

**Moore's Hill Trail**  
**2.8 miles | Most difficult hiking | Loop trail | Blue blazes**  
**Recreations permitted:** hiking

Visitors enjoy a more challenging hike as the trail follows along the circumference of Moore's Hill and provides steep switchbacks before descending through scenic forest trails to meet Canoe Creek and the fields of lower Moore's Hill.

**Smith Hillside Trail**  
**1.3 miles | Most difficult hiking | Loop trail | Orange blazes**  
**Recreations permitted:** hiking

This narrow trail ascends the slope on Smith Hillside, meandering along the top of the ravine before descending through the woods and winding along Mary Ann's Creek.

**Sugarloaf Trail**  
**1.1 miles | More difficult hiking | Loop trail | Yellow blazes**  
**Recreations permitted:** hiking  
**Trailhead amenities:** benches

Winding around Sugarloaf Hill, the trail provides scenic lake views, as well as a gentle to steep hike through the woods.

CANOE CREEK STATE PARK

