

Laurel Caverns State Park

A Pennsylvania Recreational Guide



Pennsylvania
Department of Conservation
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More Information

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Directions

GPS DD: Lat. 39.7996 Long. -79.7113
GPS Address: 1065 Skyline Drive, Farmington, PA 15437

From Uniontown (US 40 eastbound): Turn right onto Skyline Drive and continue for five miles. Turn right onto Caverns Park Road for 0.5 mile. Turn right into the parking area.

From Farmington (US 40 eastbound): Turn hard left onto Skyline Drive and continue for five miles. Turn right onto Caverns Park Road for 0.5 mile. Turn right into the parking area.

ADA-accessible parking is available in the lower parking lot closest to the visitor center.

Recreational Opportunities

PICNICKING: Several picnic tables are scattered across the hill above the visitor center, providing a nice spot to enjoy the sunshine while grabbing a bite to eat. Restrooms are located nearby in the visitor center.

 **SCENIC VIEW:** From the visitor center parking area, enjoy sweeping views over the western slope of Chestnut Ridge to the borough of Fairchance and the city of Uniontown. On a clear day, you can see the US Steel Tower in Pittsburgh.

Learn with State Parks

Laurel Caverns offers five cavern tour options through the Laurel Caverns Conservancy from mid-April through the last weekend of October. Tickets are purchased onsite. Participants under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a supervising adult. <https://laurelcaverns.com>
Organized groups with more than 15 individuals should call the conservancy for group rates.
724-438-3003

Geology

The Laurel Caverns area was once a shallow sea. Layers of sand were laid down upon one another over time. Each layer included calcium-rich shells of sea life, like crustaceans. Crushing weight fused the layers into Loyalhanna limestone, a sedimentary rock that is roughly 50 percent sand held together by the calcium carbonate formed from shells. You might even spot a fossil of one of these bygone creatures during a tour.

When colossal tectonic forces thrust the stone up and buckled the limestone layers, it formed the Appalachian Mountains. Wind and weather stripped away the surface, exposing the limestone. In a slow-motion masterpiece, mildly acidic rainwater seeped into ancient fractures, dissolving the calcium carbonate and sweeping away some of the sand. This process continues to carve and widen passages today.



Access for People with Disabilities

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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.



In an Emergency

Call 911 and contact a park employee to summon medical, fire, or safety professionals.

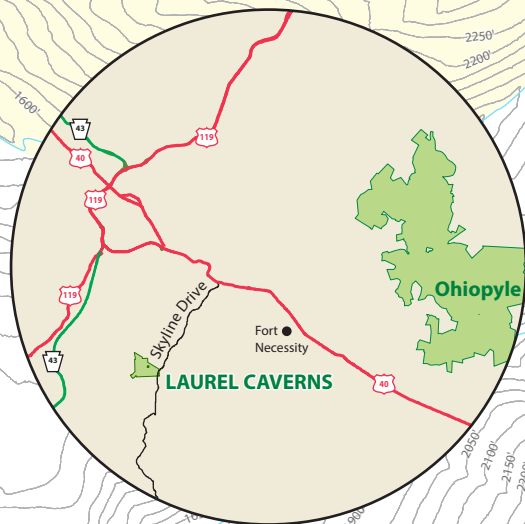
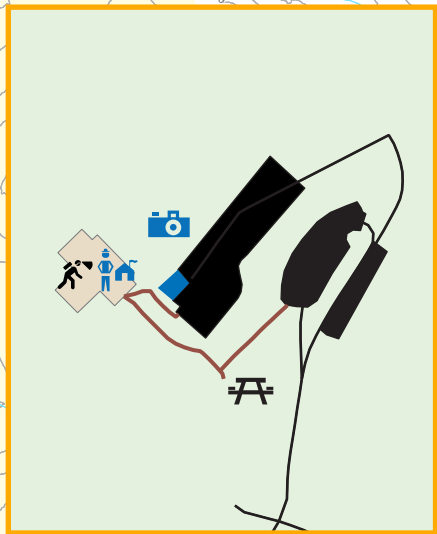
Call or text 988 to contact a crisis center counselor during a mental health or substance abuse crisis.

Directions to the nearest hospital are posted on bulletin boards and at the park office.

Nearest Hospital

Uniontown Hospital
500 West Berkeley Street
Uniontown, PA 15401
724-430-5000

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- Park Office
- Blue Symbols Mean ADA Accessible
- Cave Tours
- Picnicking
- Scenic View
- Whitetail Trail
- Trail - Paved
- Road - Paved
- Parking - ADA-accessible
- Parking - Paved
- Parking - Unpaved
- State Park - No Hunting
- State Park - Boundary
- State Forest Land
- State Game Lands
- CONTOURS ARE ON 50' INTERVAL



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