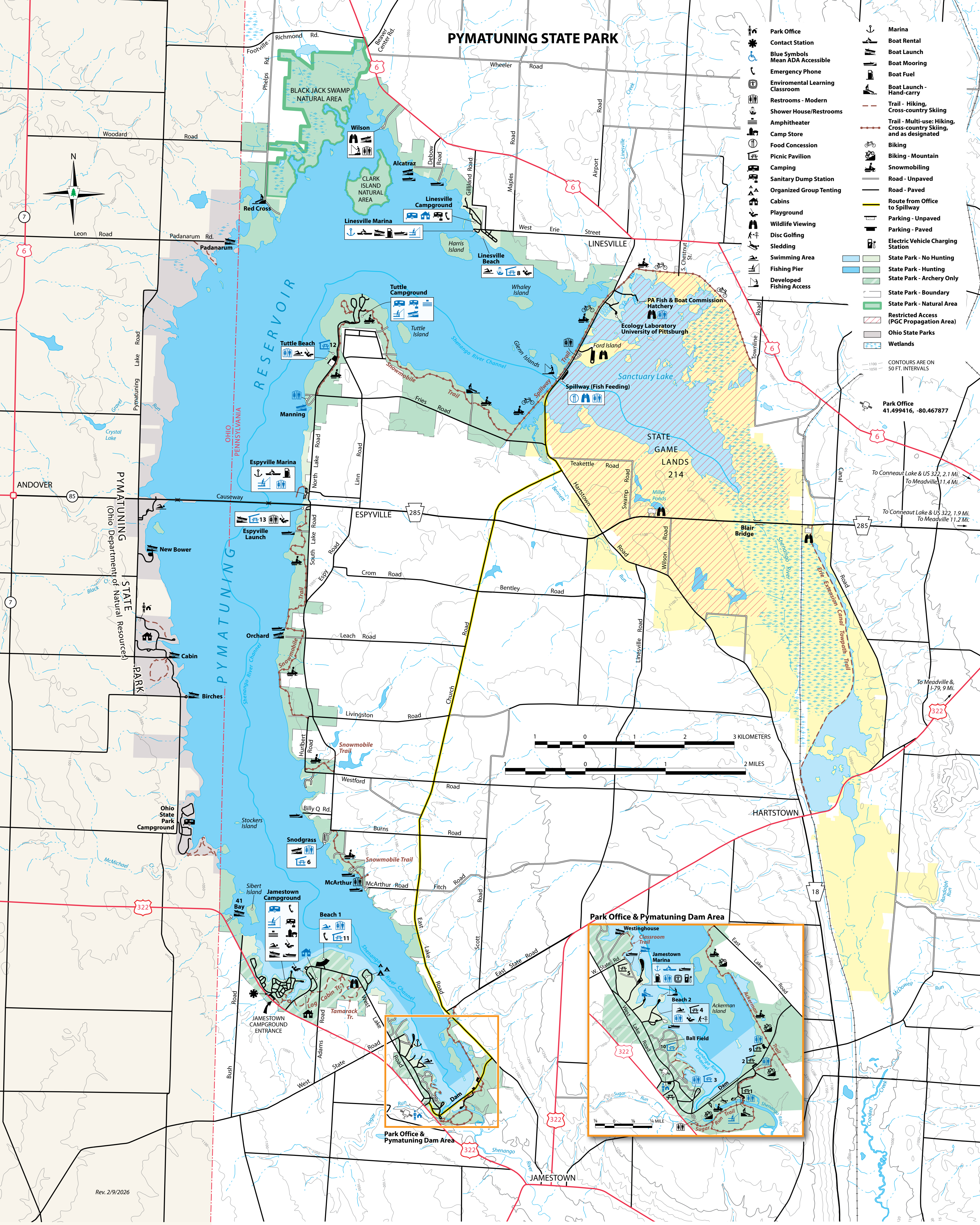




Hiking: 17.7 miles



Ackerman Trail
1.9 miles | Easiest hiking | Out-and-back trail | No blazes
Recreations permitted: hiking, mountain biking, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing recommended, snowshoeing recommended
Trailhead amenities: modern restrooms, picnic tables
In the southernmost part of the park, this former railroad corridor travels along the lakeshore. A nesting platform provides views of osprey. On clear water days, visitors can spot fish and turtles in the bays. A shaded section of trail through a pine forest is a great location for looking for animal prints in the snow and mud.

Classroom Trail
0.25 mile | Easiest hiking | Out-and-back trail | White blazes
Recreations permitted: hiking, cross-country skiing recommended, snowshoeing recommended
Near the Jamestown Marina, this short trail follows the shoreline along a boat mooring area to the historic Westinghouse Bay which was used by Westinghouse Corporation in WWII for testing torpedoes.

Log Cabin Trail
1.3 miles | Easiest hiking | Out-and-back trail | Yellow blazes
Recreations permitted: hiking, snowshoeing recommended
Trailhead amenities: modern restrooms, picnic tables
Log Cabin Trail allows visitors to walk through a shady woodland between the Jamestown Campground and cabin area and the Tamarack Trail Loop. Wildflowers bloom along the trail in the spring.

Snowmobile Trail
8.2 miles | Easiest hiking | Out-and-back trail | Orange blazes
Recreations permitted: hiking, mountain biking, snowmobiling, snowshoeing recommended
Trailhead amenities: modern restrooms, picnic tables
Along the eastern lake shore, this trail consists of four trail segments that connect to roads and other snowmobile trails in the area. Hiking is permitted, but maintenance is limited outside of winter months. The trail segments pass through a variety of environments including lakefront, thick pine stands, campgrounds, and beaches.

Spillway Trail
4.9 miles | Easiest hiking | Out-and-back trail | No blazes
Recreations permitted: hiking, biking, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing recommended, snowshoeing recommended
Trailhead amenities: restrooms (Fries Rd. and Spillway), picnic tables
In the northeastern section of the park, the linear Spillway Trail can be accessed at either Fries Road, Spillway Parking Lot, and S. Chestnut Street Parking Lot. This former railroad bed is now a paved, multi-use trail. In summer months, find yellow warblers darting along the path. Spring brings in migrating waterfowl including tundra swans and many species of ducks and grebes. The sunset views along the trail are some of the best in the park.

Sugar Run Trail
1.0 mile | Easiest hiking | Loop trail | Blue blazes
Recreations permitted: hiking, mountain biking, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing recommended, snowshoeing recommended
Trailhead amenities: modern restrooms, picnic tables
In the southernmost part of the park below the dam, this multi-use trail runs along beautiful, tree-lined Sugar Run and the Shenango River. Stop and listen for songbirds, relax by the small rapids, and check out the large sandstone rocks lining the stream bottom and banks.

Tamarack Trail
1.2 miles | Easiest hiking | Loop trail | Red blazes
Recreations permitted: hiking, snowshoeing recommended
Trailhead amenities: modern restrooms, picnic tables
Located along West Lake Road just past the Century Club, Tamarack Trail is named for the deciduous conifer trees that grow in the area. The trail winds along the edge of a bay and passes through a mixed deciduous forest of black cherry, maple, and tamarack trees. Hikers may catch a glimpse of great blue herons, red-tailed hawks, and warblers.

Natural Areas

Pennsylvania State Park Natural Areas have unique scenic, geologic, or ecological value and are set aside for scientific observation and to protect outstanding examples of natural interest and beauty. Pymatuning has two natural areas in the northern part of the lake: Black Jack Swamp and Clark Island. Although there are no trails or facilities, visitors are welcome to explore the undeveloped natural areas.
Black Jack Swamp Natural Area encompasses 725 acres comprised of a mature forest of narrow, shrub-lined channels, hardwoods, eastern white pines, and secluded coves. Vast wetlands protected the area from settlement, leaving it mostly untouched. The natural area provides diverse habitats for a variety of plants and animals.
At 161 acres, Clark Island Natural Area is the largest of Pymatuning State Park's islands. With the construction of Pymatuning Reservoir in 1934, this hilltop was surrounded by water, isolating it from the adjacent land. As a result, the island is an outstanding example of an undisturbed plant community that features a mature forest of hardwoods and eastern white pines. Picturesque coves and a sheltered inland pond add to the beauty and serenity of the area.



Black Jack Swamp