

Gouldsboro State Park

Gouldsboro State Park is located in Monroe and Wayne counties in northeastern Pennsylvania. The 2,800-acre park includes the 250-acre Gouldsboro Lake.

Directions

GPS DD: Lat. 41.22934 Long. -75.46340

The park entrance is one-half mile south of the village of Gouldsboro on PA 507. PA 507 intersects with I-380 at exit 13 two miles south of the park entrance, and with I-84, 13 miles north of the park entrance.



Jay Gould

The name Gouldsboro comes from the village north of the park that was named for Jay Gould (1836-1892). A native of New York, Gould acquired a large fortune by 1892, which included ownership of 10 percent of all railroad track in the country. One railroad he owned was the Erie-Lackawanna. This rail line parallels the eastern boundary of the park and is now a part of the Steamtown National Historic Site railroad excursion route between Scranton and Pocono Summit.

In an Emergency

Call 911. Directions to the nearest hospital are posted on bulletin boards.

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Reservations

Make online reservations at www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks or call toll-free 888-PA-PARKS (888-727-2757), 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday to Saturday.

Nearby Attractions

Information on nearby attractions is available from the Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau. 570-844-2001. www.poconomountains.com

Nearby attractions include **Lake Wallenpaupack**, one of the largest man-made lakes in Pennsylvania; **State Game Lands 127 and 312**; **Big Pocono State Park** at the top of **Camelback Mountain**, which features a view of three states and a ski area; and the **Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area**.

History

The landscape of the area is broad, flat, and swampy mixed with low hills covered with a northern hardwood forest. Common tree species are beech, birch, and maple. This landscape affected the settlement and industries of the area.



Ken Barber

ICE INDUSTRY: From about 1900 to 1936, Tobyhanna and Gouldsboro lakes were the site of active ice industries. The ice was cut from the lakes during the winter and stored in large barn-like structures. During the rest of the year, the

Recreational Opportunities at Both Parks

SWIMMING: The sand beach at each park is open from late-May to mid-September, 8:00 AM to sunset. Swim at your own risk. Please follow posted rules.



 **FISHING:** Common fish species in Tobyhanna and Gouldsboro lakes are bass, pickerel, yellow perch, catfish, and sunfish. Tobyhanna Lake also has stocked brook and brown trouts. Gouldsboro Lake has walleyes and crappies. An ADA accessible fishing pier is available at each park.

ICE SAFETY: Ice thickness is not monitored. For your safety, make sure ice is at least 4” thick for a single user and 7” thick for a small group. Always carry safety equipment.

ICE FISHING: Both lakes are popular ice fishing spots.

ICE SKATING: Ice skating is available when natural conditions permit.

 **HUNTING AND FIREARMS:** Most of Tobyhanna and Gouldsboro state parks are open to hunting, trapping, and the training of dogs during established seasons. Common game species are white-tailed deer, black bear, squirrel, and turkey. Furbearers include beavers, muskrats, minks, foxes, coyotes, and raccoons. Hunting is also permitted in nearby State Game Lands 127 and 312.

Hunting woodchucks, also known as groundhogs, is prohibited. Dog training is only permitted from the day following Labor Day through March 31 in designated hunting areas. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Pennsylvania Game Commission rules and regulations apply. Contact the park office for ADA accessible hunting information.

Use extreme caution with firearms at all times. Other visitors use the park during hunting seasons. Firearms and archery equipment used for hunting may be uncased and ready for use only in authorized hunting areas during hunting

Hiking: 20 miles

The rugged terrain of Tobyhanna and Gouldsboro state parks makes for challenging but rewarding hiking. All trails are blazed. Double blazes indicate a change of direction or a trail junction.

Follow these rules for a safe hike:

- An adult should accompany children.
- Be sure to wear appropriate footwear.
- Motor vehicles are prohibited on trails, except snowmobiles are permitted on Lakeside Trail at Tobyhanna State Park.

TRAILS AT GOULDSBORO STATE PARK

Frank Gantz Trail

1.3 miles in the park; 3.2 miles total | Most difficult hiking | Point-to-point trail | Red blazes

Recreations permitted: hiking

Trailhead amenities: non-flush restrooms

The 3.2-mile Frank Gantz Trail connects Tobyhanna and Gouldsboro state parks. The trail travels through the Black Bear and Bender Swamps Natural Area.

ice was added to railroad boxcars hauling fresh produce and meats destined for east coast cities. Boxcar loads of ice were also shipped to cities for use in family iceboxes. During the summer when ice usage peaked, up to 150 boxcar loads per day shipped out of the Tobyhanna, Gouldsboro, and Klondike (near Gouldsboro) plants. Some ice was even shipped to Florida for use in hospitals.

LAND ACQUISITION: In 1912, the federal government acquired the land that became the Tobyhanna Military Reservation. During World War I, 1914-1918, the Army used the reservation as a tank and ambulance corps training center and the National Guard used it as an artillery-training center. From 1918 to 1931, the reservation was used for artillery training.

In the early 1930s, the reservation housed Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) enrollees. From 1937 to 1941, the reservation served as an artillery training center for West Point cadets. During World War II, the reservation housed German prisoners-of-war. From 1946 to 1948, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers used the reservation. In 1948, the War Assets Administration took control of the property and in

seasons. In areas not open to hunting or during non-hunting seasons, firearms and archery equipment shall be kept in the owner’s vehicle or enclosed trailer. Exceptions include: law enforcement officers and individuals with a valid *Pennsylvania License to Carry Firearms* are authorized to carry a firearm concealed on their person while they are within a state park.

BOATING: electric motors only; slow, no-wake speed
The 170-acre Tobyhanna Lake has 78 overnight mooring spaces, and the 250-acre Gouldsboro Lake has 50 overnight mooring spaces. These seasonal spaces require a mooring permit, which is available at Tobyhanna State Park’s office.

Both lakes have boat rentals. Rowboats, kayaks, paddle boats, canoes, and electric motorboats are available daily from Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day, except in inclement weather.

Motorboats must display a boat registration from any state. Non-powered boats must display one of the following: boat registration from any state; launch permit or mooring permit from Pennsylvania State Parks, available at most state park offices; launch use permit from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission.

 **PICNICKING:** Picnic areas with picnic tables and charcoal grills are available at both Tobyhanna and Gouldsboro state parks. Picnicking is permitted throughout the year from sunrise to sunset.

At Tobyhanna State Park a small playfield is near Lot 4 and a playground can be found near the swimming beach. An ADA accessible picnic pavilion with electricity is in Lot 1 and may be reserved up to 11 months in advance for a fee. If unreserved, the picnic pavilion is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Gouldsboro State Park has an ADA accessible picnic pavilion with electricity in Lot 3 that may be reserved up to 11 months in advance. If unreserved, the picnic pavilion is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

MOUNTAIN BIKING: In Gouldsboro State Park, mountain biking on Old 611 and Old Entrance Road Trail begins in the day use area. In Tobyhanna State Park, Lakeside Trail circles the lake and borders the Black Bear and Bender Swamps Natural Area. E-bikes are permitted but must follow all e-bike guidelines. www.dcnr.pa.gov/Pages/EBikePolicy

Tobyhanna State Park

Tobyhanna State Park is in scenic Monroe and Wayne counties in northeastern Pennsylvania. The 5,440-acre park includes the 170-acre Tobyhanna Lake.



Directions

GPS DD: Lat. 41.20736 Long. -75.39643

The park entrance is 2.1 miles north of the community of Tobyhanna on PA 423. PA 423 intersects with I-380, 2.5 miles south of the park entrance. The park can also be reached from I-84 via PA 507, PA 191, and PA 423, a total distance of 11.4 miles.

Recreational Opportunities

SNOWMOBILING: Tobyhanna State Park provides a one-way, 5.1-mile snowmobile trail that runs counterclockwise on Lakeside Trail. The trail begins at Lot 1, which has heated restrooms, parking, and unloading space.

Conditions permitting, snowmobiles may be operated only on the designated, one-way trail from the day after the last day of deer regular firearm season in December until April 1. Operators and passengers must follow the PA Snowmobile Law. Please remember to respect the environment and the rights of others. Snowmobiles are prohibited in Gouldsboro State Park.

ORGANIZED GROUP TENTING: Five rustic sites are available in Tobyhanna State Park. Sites 1, 2, 3, and 4 accommodate up to 20 people. Site 5 accommodates up to 40 people. All sites can be combined to accommodate up to 120 people. The area is adjacent to Parking Lot 4 and is open year round. It has non-flush restrooms and a hand operated water pump.

Prospect Rock Trail

2.9 miles | More difficult hiking | Connector trail | Blue blazes

Recreations permitted: hiking

Prospect Rock Trail connects Old Entrance Trail and Old 611 Trail. The trail has numerous opportunities to observe wildlife as well a challenging elevation change.

TRAILS AT TOBYHANNA STATE PARK

Frank Gantz Trail

1.9 miles in the park, 3.2 miles total | Most difficult hiking | Point-to-point trail | Red blazes

Recreations permitted: hiking

Trailhead amenities: non-flush restroom

The 3.2-mile trail connects Tobyhanna State Park and Gouldsboro State Park. The trail travels through the Black Bear and Bender Swamps Natural Area.

Wildlife Watching

Tobyhanna and Gouldsboro state parks are in the Pocono Plateau, a rugged highland with rocky soil, nutrient-poor bogs, dark evergreen forests, and a diversity of animals and plants.

About 20,000 years ago, a giant sheet of ice at least one mile thick covered the area. Evidence of the glacier is the very rocky soil that is called glacial till and the abundance of bogs.

Much of the park is characterized by sphagnum moss bogs, evergreen trees, and thin, moist, rocky soil. Blackburnian warblers, red-breasted nuthatches, and northern waterthrushes are common to this habitat. In the spring, spotted and Jefferson salamanders and wood frogs migrate to the bogs to breed. Interesting plants like the carnivorous pitcher plant, cotton grass, and many sedges inhabit the bogs. Yellow bladderwort is a carnivorous plant that lives in some of the bogs and in Tobyhanna Lake. Sacks on the underwater portion of the plant trap tiny aquatic animals.

Due to logging, large portions of the forest have regrown with a mix of deciduous trees like American beech, many species of oak, and red maple. American redstarts, red-eyed vireos, and Louisiana waterthrushes are birds common to these forests.

CAMPING: A 140-site campground is open from mid-April through mid-October. For an additional fee, 26 sites offer 30-amp and 50-amp electric service. Pets are permitted at specific sites for a fee. Modern restrooms, showers, and water spigots are provided in a central location. A playground is provided for children. Trailers and motor homes may use a sanitary dump station located between the park office and the campground entrance.

Due to the high elevation of nearly 2,000 feet above sea level, campers should be prepared for cool nighttime temperatures, even during the summer months.

Caution: Please Read

Visitors using more remote and undeveloped areas of Tobyhanna State Park should be aware that they could encounter old, unexploded artillery shells. Three types of shells have been found in the park. The largest projectile is 18 to 24 inches in length and about 6 inches in diameter. The medium projectile is 2.5 inches in diameter and from 10 to 14 inches in length. The smallest projectile is 3 inches long and 1.25 inches in diameter. Shells are found in severely rusted condition without any recognizable markings or imprints. Their overall appearance is that of a pointed cylinder of rusted steel. Visitors encountering such items should not touch, attempt to move, or otherwise disturb the items, and should call the park office to report the location to ensure proper disposal.

State Park Natural Area

The Black Bear and Bender Swamps Natural Area is made up of acidic shrub swamps totaling 1,600 acres. Openings through the trees contain sphagnum moss and rare plants and animals. Black Bear and Bender Swamps will be maintained in a natural condition by allowing physical and biological processes to operate, usually without direct human intervention.

In an Emergency

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Lakeside Trail

5.1 miles | Easiest hiking | Loop trail | Blue blazes

Recreations permitted: hiking, biking, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing recommended

Trailhead amenities: modern restrooms, potable water, picnic tables, benches

Lakeside Trail travels completely around Tobyhanna Lake and provides wonderful opportunities for wildlife watching and fishing. It also passes though the campground and beach areas.

Range Trail

2.75 miles | More difficult hiking | Out-and-back trail | Yellow blazes

Recreations permitted: hiking

Range Trail runs from Lakeside Trail to a small parking area along State Route 196. The trail travels through Bender Swamp and a boulder field.

In early May, before any trees have leaves, the serviceberry trees flower. In mid-June, the plentiful mountain laurels bloom, followed in late-June to early-July by the rhododendrons. In mid-July, the highbush blueberries bear fruit, providing a feast for bears and birds.

Black bears are common in the park. This omnivore eats plants, grasses, berries, and occasionally meat. Unfortunately, bears find human food to be nearly irresistible. Keep food in the trunk of a car or in a camper. Please observe wildlife from a safe distance.

Black bears normally avoid people, but bears dependent on eating human food can become aggressive when people get between them and food. If this situation occurs, make loud noises like yelling, honking a car horn, or banging a pot. Notify a park employee if you have difficulties with a bear. Never approach a bear and be especially wary of mother bears and cubs.

Feeding wildlife is prohibited. Feeding raccoons, squirrels, or chipmunks may expose you to the threat of rabies. Feeding Canada geese at the swimming areas results in large quantities of fecal droppings, which is offensive to park visitors.

Tobyhanna and Gouldsboro State Parks



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TobyhannaSP@pa.gov

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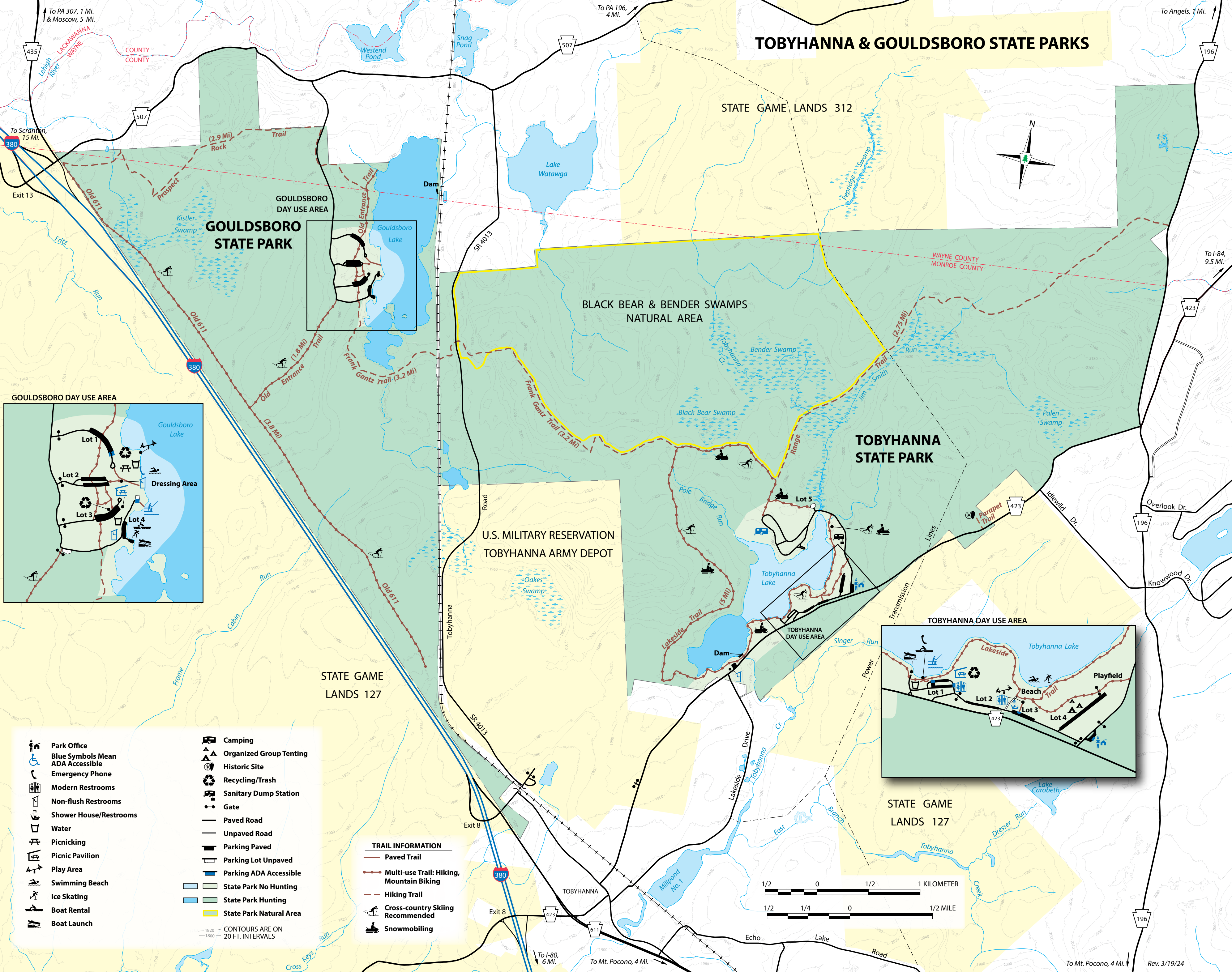
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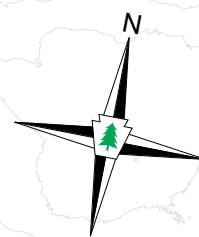
• Be prepared and bring the proper equipment. Natural areas may possess hazards. Your personal safety and that of your family are your responsibility.

• Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

• Because uncontrolled pets may chase wildlife or frighten visitors, pets must be physically controlled, attended at all times, and on a leash, caged, or crated. Electronic fences and leashes are prohibited. Pets are prohibited in swimming areas.



TOBYHANNA & GOULDSBORO STATE PARKS

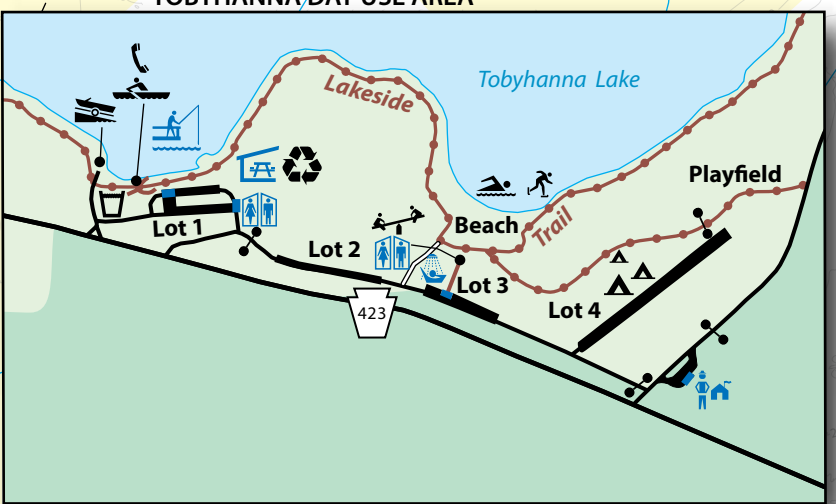


GOULDSBORO STATE PARK

TOBYHANNA STATE PARK

BLACK BEAR & BENDER SWAMPS NATURAL AREA

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| Blue Symbols Mean ADA Accessible | Organized Group Tenting |
| Emergency Phone | Historic Site |
| Modern Restrooms | Recycling/Trash |
| Non-flush Restrooms | Sanitary Dump Station |
| Shower House/Restrooms | Gate |
| Water | Paved Road |
| Picnicking | Unpaved Road |
| Picnic Pavilion | Parking Paved |
| Play Area | Parking Lot Unpaved |
| Swimming Beach | Parking ADA Accessible |
| Ice Skating | State Park No Hunting |
| Boat Rental | State Park Hunting |
| Boat Launch | State Park Natural Area |

- TRAIL INFORMATION**
- Paved Trail
 - Multi-use Trail: Hiking, Mountain Biking
 - Hiking Trail
 - Cross-country Skiing Recommended
 - Snowmobiling

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