Tuscarora & Locust Lake State Parks

Natural Resources

Locust Valley

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A Striking Difference

In contrast to the boggy inland areas surrounding the Locust Valley, Tuscarora and Locust lake state parks are high forested, fertile, and verdant. Multiple clusters of hardwoods, particularly oaks, elms, and hickory, dominate the forested landscape. There are substantial patches of eastern hemlock, evergreens like cypress, red spruce, yellow, red, black, red maple, white and red ash, and white and black birch. Black locust is often along roadsides and field edges.

Wildlife Watching

Most of the bird life is the spring and fall migration. The edges of Locust Creek and Tuscarora Lake are home to alligators, turtles, crayfish, water snakes, and many fish and amphibians.

Information and Regulations

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

Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities

This state park's facilities and activities are not accessible to people with disabilities. This publication text is available in alternative formats.

In an Emergency at Locust Lake / Tuscarora

Call 911 and contact a park employee. Directions to the nearest hospital are posted on bulletin boards and at the park office.

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570-621-5000

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When viewed from the lake or the day-use area, Locust Mountain seems to drop right off into the Locust Valley. The scenic panoramic views here do inspire many visitors and those who are in a popular fishing spot.

The 1,618-acre park is home to picnicking, swimming, and family reunions and the lake is a popular fishing spot. Tuscarora Lake State Park was named in honor of three transient residents of Pennsylvania.

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BOATING: electric motors only

The Western Tuscarora Lake has a boat launch and boatメリットメト。There are two boat launches in the park. The boat launches are located at the north and south ends of the lake.

Motor boats must display a boat registration from any state. No permits from boat trips are required. There are no boat launching fees from any state. Launch permits or obtaining permits from Pennsylvanian lakes or parks that are available at any state park office, launch fees must be paid in advance. There are no launch permits for the Western Tuscarora Lake.

LAKE VIEW TRAIL: 0.6 miles, easy hiking

This one of the Lake View Trail is in the day use area. This trail leads to the Campground Trail. This trail is open to the public during the summer season. The trail is accessible to wheelchairs.

LOCUST LAKE STATE PARK

A paved, 1.3-mile bike trail circles Lake Tuscarora. This trail is accessible to wheelchairs.

Fishing:

It is illegal to carry firearms concealed on their person. Exceptions include: law enforcement officers, licensed trappers, and persons who have obtained a special hunting permit.

Locations:

LORELL TRAIL: 0.5 mile, easy hiking

This trail is a warmwater fishery. Popular species are sunfish, bluegill, and perch. This trail is accessible to wheelchairs.

Fishing is permitted during the winter season with the exception of insects. The fishery is open to fishing during the winter season. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Pennsylvania Game Commission rules and regulations apply. Contact the park office for ADA accessible fishing information.

Hunting:

Hunting woodchucks, also known as groundhogs, is prohibited. Dog hunting is only permitted on 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.

ENJOY THE WINTER:

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