

State College PA Fishing Guide

**Your Guide
to Fishing Fun
in Centre County!**





Welcome to Central Pennsylvania, a truly magnificent area that I am proud to call home!

We have some of the best fishing waters in the United States –Our rivers and streams are the kinds of places anglers embrace. It's the lure of great fishing in an awe-inspiring setting that brings more fishing enthusiasts back to Central PA each year. Just ask the participants of the US National Fly Fishing Championship or the FIPS Mouche World Youth Fly Fishing Championship, both held their tournaments here!

If you enjoy fishing then you will love casting into the hundreds of miles of streams and acres of lakes the area has to offer. Many of our lodging properties cater to anglers and there are several guide services available in the area as well. After a day on the water there are hundreds of dining choices at your fingertips as well as top notch entertainment.

If you have any questions simply contact us at 814-231-1400, 1-800-358-5466 or email at info@visitpennstate.org.

Betsey Howell
Executive Director

Successful Trout Fishing in Centre County & State College Pennsylvania

If you like to fish for trout and you're in State College, Pennsylvania – well, then the "Happy Valley" couldn't get much happier. You're only a short drive from some of the best trout fishing in Central Pennsylvania, and one lesson away from enjoying it as fully as possible. Read on, take notes, and do pay attention – though they like to bite, the trout here may flunk the uneducated angler.

Whether you're from Pennsylvania or just visiting, the first order of business is introductions. Our waters are home to three types of trout – Rainbow, Brown and Brook (commonly called Brookies). Near State College you'll find wild and stocked populations of rainbow, brown and brook.

There are some notable differences between brook and brown trout: the latter get much larger (the state record for brown is 19 lb. 10 oz, and only 7 lb. for brook), tend to feed at night, can tolerate higher temperatures than brook trout, and are considered trickier to catch. Brookies, on the other hand, are the Pennsylvania state fish and the only trout native to our streams. However, due to impacts on their environment, you'll find abundant numbers of hatchery-raised Brook trout biting your line.

The other trout you'll encounter when fishing Centre County streams, creeks and lakes are the famed rainbow trout. A few creeks support wild populations of rainbow, but many rainbows are hatchery-raised and stocked. They prefer cold, fast-moving water, and put on a showy fight when hooked. The state record is 15 lb. 6.25 oz. If you happen to reel in one that appears "golden", don't be surprised – it's the result of artificial selective breeding and is stocked along with traditional rainbow trout.



These three types of trout – brown, brook and rainbow – are what you'll be fishing for near State College. The next big question is simply where should you go? Your choice of fishing spots is vast, so let's narrow it down to some well-loved and easily accessible locations.

If you're fly fishing, Spring Creek is a mere fifteen minutes away and a top-notch place for catching wild brown trout. Benner Springs and Fisherman's Paradise on Spring Creek are popular stretches, the latter actually restricted to fly fishing only. The great thing about Spring Creek is that it's brimming with healthy, wild populations of brown trout and is conveniently close to State College with easy access to fishing spots. With all creeks in the region, pay attention to where you're fishing and make sure it's open to the public – please respect all private property.



Less than an hour's drive south-west from State College is the Little Juniata River, which offers excellent fishing in an environment more rustic than Spring Creek. The fly hatches here are varied and bountiful, making it a great place for fly fishing – though it can take some experimenting to see what the fish are craving moment-to-moment. Expect to catch wild brown trout as well as stocked rainbows and brookies.



Two other great locations are Fishing Creek and Penns Creek, both of which are less than 45 minutes east of State College and famous for the Green Drake hatch in May and June, when millions of mayflies provide a feast for the waters' trout. Anglers come from all around to cast their own flies and take advantage of the feeding frenzy. Be careful if you're wading in either creek – the water can flow quickly and the bottom can be difficult to maneuver, so be sure to take care when fishing alone or during periods of inclement weather. These are wild trout fisheries, and anglers are encouraged – if not required – to practice catch-and-release.



If you are more into spin fishing or spin casting, there are some excellent choices to consider. Take, for instance, Bald Eagle Creek, which is less than 30 minutes from State College. It's upper reaches are stocked with brown and rainbow trout and is easily accessible from nearby roads. This creek is at its best early to mid-season when it's not too hot. If you follow it eastwards you'll arrive at Bald Eagle State Park and the Foster Joseph Sayers Reservoir, where you'll find large-mouth and smallmouth bass – but not much trout. On the plus side, the reservoir hosts an ADA-accessible pier and is also open to ice fishing during the winter.

Another excellent area to fish is Poe Lake and Big Poe Creek, both of which are stocked with brown and brook trout multiple times throughout the year and make for great fishing year-round – including winter. Poe Lake is deep and cool, and ideal for catching trout. During the warmer months, visitors may rent boats or bring their own, and hang up their rods and reels at one of the park's campsites. It's only a 30-40 minute drive from State College, and a great choice for anglers wishing to spin fish (i.e. not fly fish), boaters, and families. Whipple Dam State Park is another good choice, being a mere twelve miles south of State College and stocked with brook and brown trout throughout the year. In addition, it offers picnicking facilities, a boat rental and other amenities.

There are literally dozens of top-notch fishing opportunities near State College, but these are some great starting points for visitors and native Pennsylvanians alike. They can be fished throughout the year, though people should avoid wading or fishing in the wild trout streams between November and January, as this is when the fish spawn. During the heat of summer, avoid fishing mid-day and opt instead for the morning or early evening. Whether you're fly fishing the Green Drake hatch in the spring or ice fishing Poe Lake during the winter, these waters near State College provide fun and rewarding fishing experiences year-round. As one bait shop owner puts it, the best time to fish State College is when you're here!

When you're gearing up for a day of fishing, be sure to include the right equipment for your trip. If you're not fly fishing, you'll want an open- or closed-faced spinning reel, four-pounds-test monofilament line, and a good rod. A longer rod allows you to fish farther out into the water; however, a short rod enables you to more-easily maneuver through densely-vegetated areas. It's a trade-off. As for lures, the possibilities are endless.

Try using a small spinner resembling a minnow, or a plastic worm. Natural bait, such as meal or wax worms, night crawlers, red worms, and salmon eggs are all good choices. And, if you have some of your lunch left over, try hooking a bit of corn or cheese.

If you're fly fishing, take some advice from local fly fishing champion George Daniels, "A 9 foot, 5 weight rod is the standard for most of our waters, but many are finding lighter weight outfits (e.g. 9 to 10 foot, 4 weight) a more enjoyable fishing tool. He also recommends a good pair of fishing glasses as many stream conditions allow anglers to sight fish, which is one of the more exciting fly fishing experiences." Mr. Daniels also recommends a number of flies, including #12-20 Pheasant Tail nymphs, #12-20 Hare's ear, Blue wing olives #18-22, Sulphurs dries and nymphs #14-18, Caddis dries and nymphs #14-20 in tan, black, olive, and brown, Trico #22-26, Walt's worm #12-18, San Juan Worm #12, Beetles, Ants, Hoppers (during the terrestrial season), Sculpin Patterns including Wooly Buggers and other Sculpin patterns in olive and black. All anglers should consider stopping by a fly shop in the area to find out exactly what's hatching when and where, and to pick the best possible flies for your trip.

If you want to make the most of your time fly fishing near State College, consider hiring a professional guide to help you navigate the local conditions and fly hatches. They can improve your technique and, even if you're a seasoned angler yourself, teach you how to be most productive out on the water. Make sure your guide is licensed and first aid/CPR trained, and has been fishing these waters long enough to have acquired of them an intimate knowledge and mastery.



They cater to folks with a wide range of skill levels and will work closely to ensure that your trip is both educational and memorable. Also, be sure to check out any classes that are offered locally, ranging from fly tying to fishing photography, since this is a great way to learn new skills that will prove useful here and wherever else you might cast your line.



Whether you hire a guide or go it alone, don't forget to abide by all Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission regulations. You'll need to buy a fishing license, available online at www.theoutdoorshop.state.pa.us, and, if you're fishing for trout, a trout-salmon stamp (permit) which can also be purchased online. Certain waters are catch-and-release only, so be sure to check the Commission's website at www.fish.state.pa.us. If you're fishing in wild streams, such as the ones listed above for fly fishing, it's a good idea to practice catch-and-release regardless of whether it's required by law.



Interview with George Daniel, Fly Fishing Champion

Bio: George Daniel - TCO State College

George began fly fishing at age 6 while growing up in Potter County, PA. Many of the small free-stone streams flowing through “God’s Country” became George’s outdoor laboratory and where he developed his passion for fly fishing. Early in his teens, George and his family relocated into the Centre region where fly fishing legends George Harvey, Joe Humphreys, and Charles Meck resided. The rich angling history in the Centre region along with its resident legends was a fruitful area for a young lad wanting to expand his fly fishing knowledge. At age 16, George eventually crossed paths with his fly fishing idol, Joe Humphreys at a local shop. Joe made George a promise that he would find time in his busy schedule to fish with him one afternoon. Twenty pestering phone calls later from George, Joe agreed upon a time when he would take George fishing. From that first time on the water, Joe took George under his wing as an apprentice and spent countless hours with George, on and off the water, providing angling knowledge that

has allowed George to successfully enter the fly fishing industry.

Currently, George works for TCO Fly Shop, the largest fly shop east of the Mississippi. The State College Location is where he spends most of his time acting as the assistant manager and director of education.

Also, George competes for the Fly Fishing Team USA. Some of his accomplishments include being a two time national fly fishing champion and ranked as high as fifth in the World. George is currently working on his first book “Dynamic Nymphing” with Headwaters Press, available January 2011. George currently resides in Lock Haven with his wife, Amidea and their one year old daughter, Evangeline along with their two golden retrievers that answer to the names Baetis and Madison.



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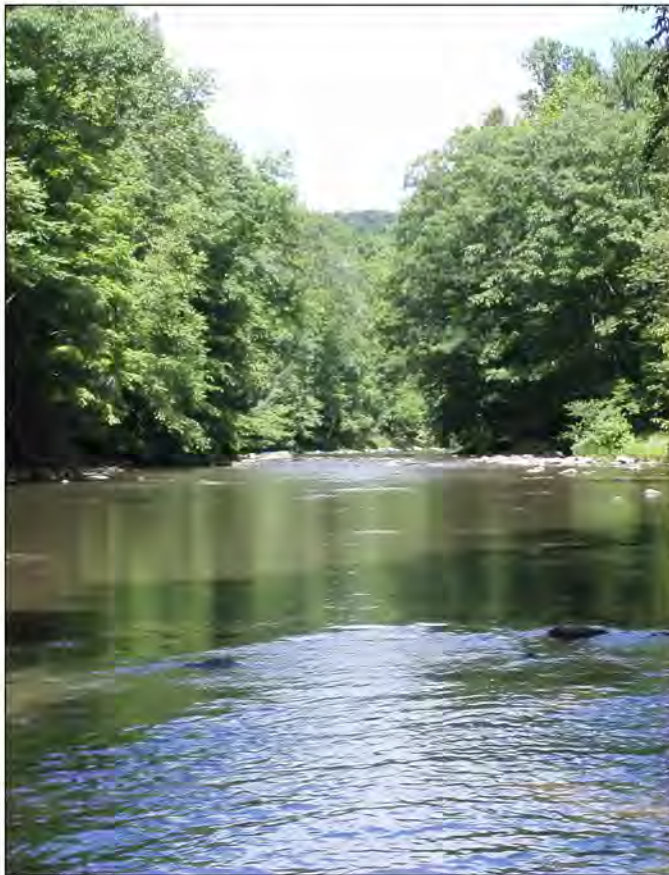
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What makes Central Pennsylvania such a great place for fly fishing?

The limestone and spring creeks in our area offer some of the best trout angling opportunities east of the Mississippi and are all within a 30 minute drive of State College. Anglers from all over the world travel to Centre County every year to fish some of the famed hatches that our streams are known for. For example, the green drake hatch that occurs on Fishing and Penns Creek is a chance for anglers to witness one of nature's greatest mayfly phenomena as millions of these giant mayflies take flight to the water, often creating some of the most exciting top-water action during the season.

Where are the best places to fish near State College? What makes them the best?

We tend to focus on Spring Creek, Penns Creek, Fishing Creek, and the Little Juniata. These are limestone-spring creek influenced streams which means they are nutrient-rich and provide the elements necessary to sustain literally a great "bug factory" for the fish. The wild trout caught in these areas are very healthy and this can be attributed to the excellent water quality of the streams that they reside in.



Spring Creek possesses one of the greatest volumes of wild trout in the state, flowing mostly through residential areas providing very easy access only a few minutes away from State College. On the other hand, Fishing Creek, Penns Creek, and the Little Juniata offer more of the wilderness feel; access is a bit more limited but these areas provide excellent wild trout opportunities and great "matching the hatch" experiences.

What are the best seasons to fish? Why?

The answer is a little like a double edged sword. For example, one of the most popular times starts in April when the Blue Wing Olive hatch begins to occur and continues through the second week of June when the Green Drakes taper off. While weather and stream conditions during this season often provide the best chance to catch fish...the angling traffic is also at its peak and the most popular sections are often crammed with anglers. However, good fishing spots can still be found if one is patient and is willing to do a little bit of walking.

With that said, trout fishing is great all year long as these spring creek-limestone influenced streams keep cool in the summer months and stay warmer than freestone streams in the winter months. Also, the fall is a beautiful time for fishing the streams while gazing at the flaming foliage.

Are some species of trout harder to catch while fly fishing?

Brown trout are the most abundant species and are known for their moody feeding habits. The streams in our area do receive a decent amount of pressure and that will often equate to a more educated fish. However, due to the amount of fish in the area, beginners can be assured that they will have an excellent opportunity to catch a trout – if not several – in a day's worth of fishing.



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What equipment is recommended to be a well-rounded angler in your area? What are the must-have setups?

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Can you recommend any books on the area? Local authors...

Pocketguide to PA Hatches by Charles Meck and Paul Weamer is a must have for anyone who wants to understand the local hatches and the tactics necessary to be effective while fishing. PA Trout Streams by Charles Meck and Daniel Shields Spring Creek and Penns Creek River Journal are excellent resources.

What can people expect while on a guided trip in the area?

First, please make sure to do some homework on any guided trip you intend to book by making sure they are licensed and First Aid and CPR trained. For example, with a trip from TCO Fly Shop one can expect 8 hours of not only being guided, but also educated on the local streams – information that has taken years to develop.

A good guide operation is flexible. For example, we take the lead as to what stream and time to fish if an individual is new to the area or fly fishing and want some general direction to get started. However, for the more experienced angler, a good guide operation will listen to the wishes of their clients. Many of our clients know they want to fish the Green Drake Hatch on Penns Creek during Memorial Day Weekend and want to fish from 2:00 to 9:00 P.M. As a result, our guides will often plan the trip around the wishes of our clients, no matter what time that means our guides will be getting home.

Would you recommend any fly fishing classes?

Most fly shop will offer a variety of classes starting with a complete beginners course all the way to a specific skill (e.g. nymphing being one of the most popular). This is a great way to refine those techniques before the season starts.

What are the most popular flies that are must-have to be in any angler's fly box?

Flies are dependent on season but here's a general list:

- #12-20 Pheasant Tail nymphs
- #12-20 Hare's ear
- Blue wing olives #18-22
- Sulphurs dries and nymphs #14-18
- Caddis dries and nymphs #14-20 in tan, black, olive, and brown
- Trico #22-26
- Walt's worm #12-18
- San Juan Worm #12
- Beetles, Ants, Hoppers (during the terrestrial season)
- Sculpin Patterns including Woolly Buggers & other Sculpin patterns in Olive and Black.

What are the prettiest places to fish in the State College area?

They're all awesome and all offer a different feel! The gorge area between Benner Springs and the Paradise is one of my favorites and also offers some of the best fishing in the state. Again, the Little Juniata, Penns Creek, and Fishing Creek also offer a wilderness feel and also great fishing.

What are some mistakes visitors often make and should try to avoid?

Call the shop for the latest/up to date information. Sometimes weather systems can change stream conditions within an hour, long before the staff has an opportunity to correct the changes on stream update site. Also, the local shop has the insight as to what "particular" areas are fishing better than others and this can save traveling anglers many frustrating hours of slow fishing. A reputable shop will be honest when discussing stream conditions and tell you when it is not advised to come up and fish.



Visit www.tcoflyfishing.com for information on Central Pennsylvania fly fishing.

Where to fish around State College, PA

12 great fishing spots to visit in 2010



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Bald Eagle Creek

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Bald Eagle Creek is a freestone stream. It is limestone influenced from its confluence with Spring Creek to the inflow of Sayers Lake.

Access:

Bald Eagle Creek lies east along PA Route 150 between Milesburg and Howard Nursery and west of Milesburg to Port Matilda lies along old PA Route 220. Access to the stream is at bridge crossing on perpendicular roads, parallel secondary roads, and walk-in on private lanes with the proper permission.

The Lower section of the creek can be accessed at two public areas:

Just Northeast of Sayers Dam at Eagleville Road south of the town of Blanchard on Route 150.

At Milesburg off of Moose Run Road. There is a 10+ space parking area at the Milesburg Community Park.

Bald Eagle Creek – upper, Port Matilda to Milesburg

Stocked trout
Smallmouth Bass
Rock Bass

Bald Eagle Creek – middle, Milesburg to the inflow of Sayers Lake

Stocked rainbow trout
Wild brown trout

Bald Eagle Creek – lower, Sayers Lake outflow, mouth Sunfish

Crappies
Yellow perch
Smallmouth bass

Marsh Creek

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Marsh Creek is a 6.6 mile trout stream in Centre County. The creek flows west to east north of a low ridge paralleling Rt. 150 near Howard.

Access:

From I-80 north on Rt. 150 to Howard, left on Howard Divide Road to March Creek Road. Trout stocked areas run from Little Marsh Creek downstream to T-471 about ½ mile north of the intersection of Marsh Creek Road with Rt. 150 at Blanchard.

Fish Species

Wild Brook Trout
Wild Brown Trout

Little Fishing Creek

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Little Fishing Creek, a 12-mile trout fishery, flows through a heavily forested valley to Mingo-ville where it enters a limestone valley and eventually sinks. The stream re-emerges near Hublersburg and flows through a large intensively farmed valley before joining Fishing Creek near Lamar.

Access

From Centre Hall, take Route 192 East for approximately 4 miles. Take a left on Blue Ball Road. Continue north on Blue Ball Road for 3.5 miles. Take a left on Greens Valley Road. Go 1.5 miles to where the road intersects with Little Fishing Creek.

Fish Species

Wild Brook Trout
Slimy Sculpin
Blacknose Dace
Wild Brown Trout.



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Penn Roosevelt Lake

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A 3.5-acre lake at the confluence of Sassafras Run and Standing Stone Creek. The lake resides within Penn Roosevelt State Park. This 41-acre park is in an isolated area of the Seven Mountains region known as the Stone Creek Kettle. While this Centre County Park is small in size, it is surrounded by an 80,000-acre block of Rothrock State Forest. Penn-Roosevelt is a good base for those seeking low-density recreation on this vast expanse of public land.

Access:

Penn-Roosevelt Lake Access

From U.S. Route 322, take Crowfield Road, a half-mile east of Potters Mills. Drive to Boal Gap Road and bear left. Follow Boal Gap Road about 3/8-mile.

Hours of operation: 24/7

Un-powered boats only

Shore fishing

Parking - large lot (10 vehicles or more)

Primary boating - canoes and other hand-carried boats

Fish Species

Native Brook Trout

Stocked Spring Trout

Poe Lake

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Seemingly endless forests surround the 25-acre Poe Lake in cozy Poe Valley State Park. The 620-acre state park is surrounded by the 198,000-acre Bald Eagle State Forest. There are two launching areas and fifteen seasonal (April 1 to November 15) mooring spaces on the 25-acre lake. The lake is regulated to electric motors only. Campers can moor their boats by the dam during their stay. Rental boats are normally available during the summer. Lake angling is popular especially at the beginning of the trout season in mid-April. Many enjoy the winter ice fishing season.

Access:

From Potter's Mills, drive one mile east on U.S. Route 322. Turn left to Poe Valley State Park and proceed about 10 miles.

Hours of operation: 24/7

Electric motors only

Shore fishing

Parking - large lot (10 vehicles or more)

Beach-type or unpaved ramp

Primary boating - shallow-draft, lightweight fishing boats, canoes and inflatables

Fish Species

Brown and Rainbow Trout

Catfish

Pickereel

Sunfish

Perch

Black Moshannon Creek

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Black Moshannon Creek flows 6.5 miles near the town of Philipsburg in Black Moshannon State Park. Perched on the top of the Allegheny Plateau, Black Moshannon Creek features portions that are highly accessible and portions that are walk-in. Special regulations apply to 1.3 miles upstream of Huckleberry Bridge. Upper and lower reaches have roads closely paralleling stream.

Access:

PA Route 504, nine miles east of Philipsburg, 15 miles west of Unionville, north of Black Moshannon State Park on forest road from the park beach area.

The lower area of Black Moshannon Creek is accessible from Huckleberry Road than north on Myers Run Road.

Fish Species

Wild Brook & Brown Trout

Stocked Trout (Moderate Number)



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The 250-acre Black Moshannon Lake in Black Moshannon State Park is fed by clear springs and small streams which flow through the bogs that stretch in most directions from its shores. As the clear water flows through sphagnum moss and other wetland plants, it becomes colored by naturally occurring tannins. The lake provides habitat for warm water fishing. Trout anglers can also enjoy their sport in several nearby streams including Six Mile and Black Bear runs.

Launch Areas / Access:

Ninety mooring spaces and three boat launch areas are provided. Boat rentals are available in the summer season. They offer rowboats, paddleboats, kayaks, and canoes. Only electric powered boats are permitted.

Directions:

Located in Centre County on PA Route 504, nine miles east of Philipsburg

Mooring Area #1

Off PA Route 504 in Black Moshannon State Park. At the intersection of PA Route 504 and Beaver Road (Julian Pike).

Hours of operation: 24/7

Electric motors only

Shore fishing

Parking - large lot (10 vehicles or more)

Surfaced ramp

Loading dock

Primary boating - shallow-draft, lightweight fishing boats, canoes and inflatables

Mooring Area #2

Off PA Route 504 in Black Moshannon State Park. From PA Route 504, turn south onto West Shore Drive in the state park.

Hours of operation: 24/7

Electric motors only

Shore fishing

Parking - large lot (10 vehicles or more)

Loading dock

Primary boating - canoes and other hand-carried boats

Mooring Area #3

Off PA Route 504 in Black Moshannon State Park. From PA Route 504, turn south onto West Shore Drive in the state park.

Hours of operation: 24/7

Electric motors only

Shore fishing

Parking - large lot (10 vehicles or more)

Loading dock

Primary boating - canoes and other hand-carried boats

Mooring Area #4

Off PA Route 504 in Black Moshannon State Park. From PA Route 504, turn onto south onto Beaver Road for about 3/4-mile.

Hours of operation: 24/7

Electric motors only

Shore fishing

Parking - large lot (10 vehicles or more)

Beach-type or unpaved ramp

Loading dock

Primary boating - shallow-draft, lightweight fishing boats, canoes and inflatables

Fish Species

Bass

Pike

Catfish

Pan Fish

Perch



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F.J. Sayers Lake

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The 1,730-acre lake is the focal point for water-based recreation in Bald Eagle State Park. Foster Joseph Sayers Reservoir draws most of its water from Bald Eagle Creek. The lake is productive and provides for a good warm water fishery.

Directions

Bald Eagle State Park, Centre County, is along PA Route 150 between Milesburg and Lock Haven.

From the west, take I-80 to Exit 158 and take PA Route 150 north for about 10 miles.

From the east, take I-80 to Exit 178 and take U.S. Route 220 north, then take PA Route 150 south for about 13 miles.

Access:

Upper Green's Run

Located off PA Route 150, nine miles north of Exit 23 of I-80, in Bald Eagle State Park. From PA Route 150, turn east into the Upper Green's Run Day-Use Area.

Lower Green's Run

Located off PA Route 150, nine miles north of Exit 23 of I-80, in Bald Eagle State Park. From PA Route 150, turn east into Lower Green's Run Day-Use Area.

Bald Eagle Launch (also known locally as the Howard Launch)

Located off PA Route 150, nine miles north of Exit 23 of I-80, in Bald Eagle State Park. From PA Route 26 in Howard, turn north onto Mill Street.

Winter/Summer

Located off PA Route 150, nine miles north of Exit 23 of I-80, in Bald Eagle State Park. From PA Route 150, turn east into the main day-use area and proceed straight.

Hunter Run West

Located off PA Route 150, nine miles north of Exit 23 of I-80, in Bald Eagle State Park. From PA Route 150, turn east into the main day-use area and take the first left.

Hunter Run East

Located off PA Route 150, nine miles north of Exit 23 of I-80, in Bald Eagle State Park. From PA Route 150, turn east into the main day-use area. Turn left on the second road and then left again at the "T" intersection.

Marina Launch

Located off PA Route 150, nine miles north of Exit 23 of I-80, in Bald Eagle State Park. From PA Route 150, turn east into the main day-use area. Take the first right and stay on the right.

Access Details:

Hours of operation: 24/7

Unlimited horsepower

Shore fishing

Parking - large lot (10 vehicles or more)

Surfaced ramp

Loading dock

Primary boating - unlimited-size boats

Fish Species

Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass

Catfish

Tiger Muskellunge

Crappie

Yellow Perch

Panfish

Access Details:

Hours of operation: 8 a.m. - sunset

Unlimited horsepower

Shore fishing

Parking - large lot (10 vehicles or more)

Surfaced ramp

Primary boating - unlimited-size boats



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Access Details:

Hours: 24/7 (for marina patrons)

Unlimited horsepower

Shore fishing

Parking - large lot (10 vehicles or more)

Surfaced ramp

Loading dock

Primary boating - unlimited-size boats

Fuel available

Penns Creek is Pennsylvania's largest, and longest limestone stream. Bubbling from a cave located about 15 miles east of State College, the stream stays modest in size until it reaches Spring Mills where it is joined by Sinking Creek. At this point, Penns Creek becomes larger in size, and an excellent trout stream for wild and stocked brown trout, as well as stocked rainbows.

The focus of most trout anglers is the portion of the stream from Coburn, where Elk Creek provides a significant dose of cold water, to Cherry Run near Weikert. The entirety of this eleven mile stretch is under special regulation, with trophy trout rules applying in the upper seven miles and catch-and-release in the lower 3.9 miles.

Regrettably, there is a downside to Penn's Creek. Because of the extensive agriculture along its upper reaches, Penn's Creek muddies quickly and can take a long time to clear. Due to its size and bottom characteristics, Penn's Creek can be difficult to wade when flow levels are good. Felts and a wading staff are highly recommended. The trout on this stream are notoriously finicky and fickle [also true of Spring Creek fishes], probably because of the wealth of food available to them.

Access:

Coburn

Upstream of Coburn along Penns Creek Road.
Hours of operation: 24/7
Un-powered boats only
Shore fishing
Parking - no formal lot
Beach-type or unpaved ramp
Primary boating - canoes and other hand-carried boats

Ingleby

About four miles on Ingleby Road from SR 2018, accessible from Woodward.
Hours of operation: 24/7
Un-powered boats only
Shore fishing
Parking - small lot (fewer than 10 spaces)
Primary boating - canoes and other hand-carried boats

Poe Paddy

From Potters Mills, drive one mile east on U.S. Route 322. Turn left toward Poe Valley State Park. Pass Poe Lake after about 10 miles. Travel about two miles farther.
Hours of operation: 24/7
Un-powered boats only
Shore fishing
Parking - small lot (fewer than 10 spaces)
Primary boating - canoes and other hand-carried boats

Fish Species

Wild & Stocked Trout
Smallmouth Bass



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Six Mile Run

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Perched on the top of the Allegheny Plateau, Six Mile Run features highly accessible trout fishing along Six Mile Run Road. Roads closely parallel the stream.

Access:

PA Route 504, six miles east of Philipsburg, 3 miles west of Black Moshannon State Park north on Six Mile Run Road.

Fish Species

Wild & Stocked Trout

Spring Creek

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Rising in the mountains about five miles east of State College and flowing in a northerly direction to its terminus in Milesburg, Spring Creek is arguably one of the finest wild trout stream in Pennsylvania. Surveys conducted by the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission have consistently shown Spring Creek to be one of the most densely populated wild brown trout stream in the Keystone State.

Access :

The venues most favored by anglers are the Benner Springs stretch (accessible off PA Route 150 near the I-99 interchange at Dale Summit/Shiloh Road), Fisherman's Paradise, the first specially regulated trout stream in the US, and Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission water below the Paradise (both accessible off PA Route 150 near Bellefonte).

Secondary roads parallel Spring Creek over much of its length, providing easy access. The wading - except at Fisherman's Paradise where wading is forbidden - is relatively easy due to the gravel and cobble streambed. No-kill regulations apply along the full length of Spring Creek.

Fish Species

Wild Brown Trout

Big Poe Creek

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Located at the confluence of Big Poe Creek and Penns Creek, you can reach this area by going four miles east of Poe Valley State Park on the gravel Big Poe Road. Poe Paddy State Park is located at the confluence of Big Poe Creek and Penns Creek, a trout angler's paradise featuring the nationally recognized green drake mayfly hatch in June. There are intense sulphur, caddis, and green drake fly hatches in May and early June, which make for intense, world class fly fishing.

Access:

From Potters Mills, go east on US 322 for 1.5 miles to near the top of the Seven Mountains Scenic Area, then follow marked state forest roads for ten miles to Poe Valley. Then four miles east on Big Poe Road.

From Millheim, go west on PA 45 for 1.5 miles, then follow signs south for 12 miles to the park. Then four miles east on Big Poe Road.

Fish Species

Wild Brook Trout
Brown Trout



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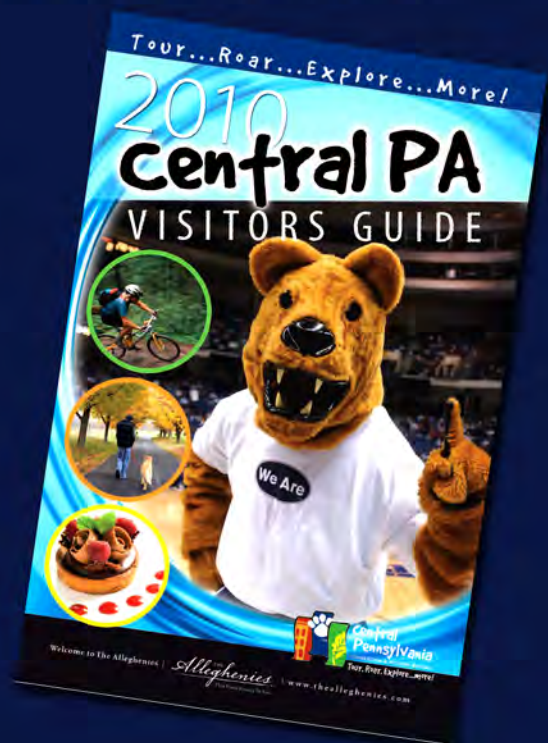
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