

Elk State Park
A Pennsylvania Recreational Guide

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Information and Reservations

Elk State Park
c/o Kinzua Bridge State Park
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Kane, PA 16735
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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The 3,192-acre Elk State Park is in the rugged mountains of northern Pennsylvania. The 1,160-acre East Branch Clarion River Lake is large enough for unlimited horsepower boating and is great for waterskiing. The lake and nearby streams are stocked with warmwater and coldwater fish.

Directions

GPS DD: Lat. 41.60621 Long. -78.55995

Elk State Park is about eight miles east of Wilcox on Rasselas Road and about nine miles south of Clermont on Wilcox Clermont Road.

Recreational Opportunities

BOATING: Unlimited horsepower motors permitted
The East Branch Clarion River Lake has one boat launch on Instanter Road. The Instanter boat launch and dock are for unloading and loading only. This U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Pittsburgh District lake also provides a boat launch by the dam.

Per Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission regulations, the following boaters are required to wear a life jacket:

- On Pittsburgh District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers lakes (only), everyone in boats less than 16 feet in length and in all canoes, kayaks, and paddleboards.
- All water skiers and anyone towed behind vessels, personal watercraft operators and passengers, and sailboarders (windsurfers). Inflatable life jackets are not acceptable for these activities.
- Children 12 years of age and younger on commonwealth waters when underway on any boat 20 feet or less in length and on all canoes and kayaks.
- Boaters must wear a life jacket on boats less than 16 feet in length or any canoe or kayak from November 1 through April 30.

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.

FISHING: The lake is a coldwater fishery and is stocked by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission with tiger muskellunge, walleye, smallmouth bass, and brook, rainbow, brown, and lake trout. Fivemile Run, Seven Mile Run, Straight Creek, Middle Fork Creek, and Crooked Creek are all stocked streams. Many smaller streams abound in native brook trout. Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission regulations and laws apply.

HUNTING AND FIREARMS: About 3,150 acres are open to hunting, trapping, and the training of dogs during established seasons. Common game species are black bears, deer, and turkeys. Hunting is also permitted on the adjacent Elk State Forest and State Game Lands 25.

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 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.

Access for People with Disabilities

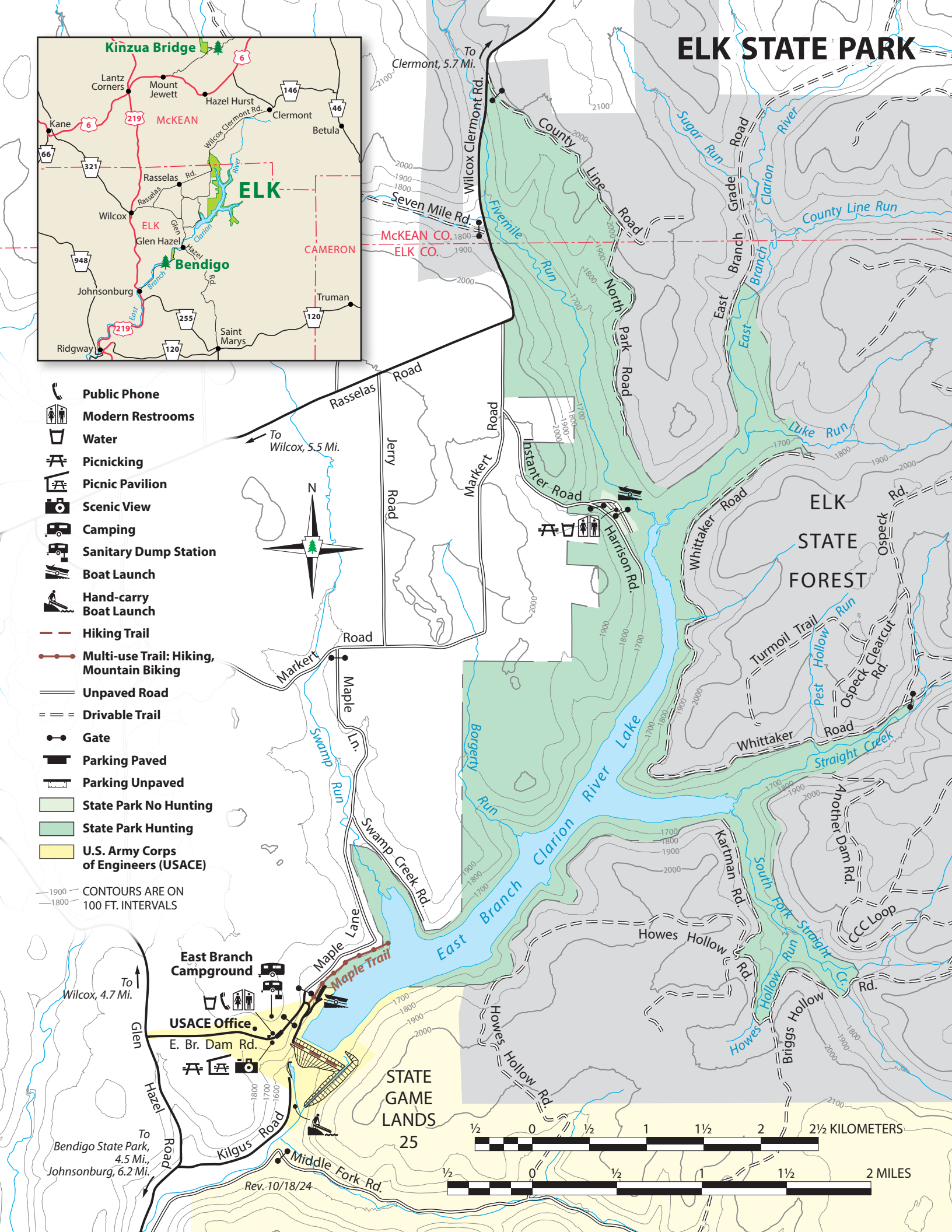
This symbol indicates facilities and activities that are Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible for people with disabilities. This publication text is available in alternative formats.

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

NEAREST HOSPITAL
Penn Highlands Elk
763 Johnsonburg Road
St. Mary's, PA 15857
814-788-8000


ELK STATE PARK
Kinzua Bridge
Lantz Corners
Mount Jewett
Hazel Hurst
Clermont
Betula
Kane
McKEAN
Wilcox Clermont Rd.
Rasselas Rd.
ELK
Wilcox
ELK
Glen Hazel
Bendigo
CAMERON
Johnsonburg
Truman
Saint Marys
Ridgway
Public Phone
Modern Restrooms
Water
Picnicking
Picnic Pavilion
Scenic View
Camping
Sanitary Dump Station
Boat Launch
Hand-carry Boat Launch
Hiking Trail
Multi-use Trail: Hiking, Mountain Biking
Unpaved Road
Drivable Trail
Gate
Parking Paved
Parking Unpaved
State Park No Hunting
State Park Hunting
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
CONTOURS ARE ON 100 FT. INTERVALS
To Clermont, 5.7 Mi.
Wilcox Clermont Rd.
County Line Road
Seven Mile Rd.
McKEAN CO.
ELK CO.
Fivemile Run
North Park Road
Sugar Run Road
Clarion River
East Branch
County Line Run
Luke Run
Rasselas Road
To Wilcox, 5.5 Mi.
Jerry Road
Markert Road
Instanter Road
Harrison Rd.
Whittaker Road
Ospeck Rd.
ELK STATE FOREST
Turmoil Trail
Pest Hollow Run
Ospeck Clearcut Rd.
Whittaker Road
Straight Creek
Another Dam Rd.
Markert Road
Maple Ln.
Swamp Run
Swamp Creek Rd.
Borgerty Run
Lake
Clarion River
East Branch
Kartman Rd.
South Fork Straight Hollow Run
CCC Loop
Howes Hollow Rd.
Briggs Hollow Rd.
East Branch Campground
Maple Trail
To Wilcox, 4.7 Mi.
USACE Office
E. Br. Dam Rd.
Glen Hazel Road
STATE GAME LANDS 25
To Bendigo State Park, 4.5 Mi., Johnsonburg, 6.2 Mi.
Kilgus Road
Middle Fork Rd.
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