A Pennsylvania Recreational Guide for

Fowlers Hollow State Park

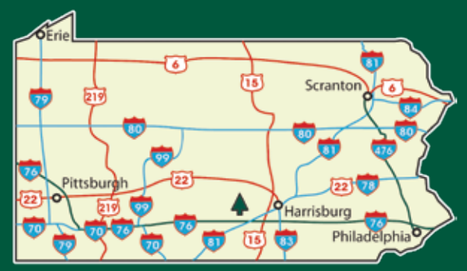








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The 104-acre Fowlers Hollow State Park is in a narrow valley created by Fowler Hollow Run. The park is on the edge of Tuscarora State Forest at the intersection of several multi-use trails. The campground of the park is a good base for adventures in 96,000 acres of public land.

Directions

GPS DD: Lat. 40.27543 Long. -77.57641

From PA 274 in Blain, turn south at the east end of town onto Manassa Road. Drive one-quarter of a mile. Turn right after the bridge onto Fowler Hollow Road and follow for 5.7 miles to the park.

The park can also be reached from PA 274 west of New Germantown on Upper Buck Ridge Road.

Reservations

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Recreational Opportunities

PICNICKING: Picnic tables and a limited number of grills are available in a wooded setting. A picnic pavilion may be reserved up to 11 months in advance for a fee. If unreserved, the picnic pavilion is free on a first-come, first-served basis.



CAMPING: Twelve campsites with electric hookups and six walk-to tent sites are available from late March to mid-December. All campsites have a picnic table and fire ring. There are flush toilets, water spigot, and sanitary dump station, but no showers. Pets are permitted.

MOUNTAIN BIKING AND HORSEBACK RIDING: Fowlers Hollow is a trailhead for Alfarata and Beaston trails, which are extensive trails in Tuscarora State Forest. Mountain biking is also permitted on park roads.

SNOWMOBILING: Fowlers Hollow has parking and a restroom. The park is a trailhead to the 46-mile trail network in Tuscarora State Forest. Snowmobiles may be operated on designated trails and roads from the day following the last day of deer season in December until April 1, weather permitting.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING: Skiing is permitted in all areas of the park. There are two miles of designated trails southwest of the campground in Tuscarora State Forest.

HUNTING: Hunting is permitted on adjacent state forest lands. Terrain is moderately hilly to mountainous and favors turkeys and deer.

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.



HIKING: Fowlers Hollow State Park is a trailhead for a variety of hiking trails within, and connecting to, the extensive trail system in Tuscarora State Forest. The Tuscarora Trail is nearby. Be sure to acquire a Tuscarora State Forest Public Use Map before hiking on forest lands.

Tell us about your hike at: www.ExplorePAtrails.com

FISHING: Fowler Hollow Run traverses the park and provides trout fishing. The stream receives a mid-May stocking of brook trout. Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission regulations and laws apply.

History

In 1901, the Perry Lumber Company began logging operations in the area by building a narrow gauge logging railroad along the unused Path Valley Railroad grade from New Germantown to what is now Big Spring State Park. The railroad then expanded south into Bowman Hollow and around the end of Rising Mountain into what is now Fowlers Hollow State Park. The company engine was named the Alfarata after the American Indian maid princess in the popular song "the Blue Juniata."

The company did not have a large, stationary sawmill, but used five portable sawmills, one of which was used in Fowlers Hollow. The loggers cut lumber and shipped hemlock bark to the Newport Extract Plant.

By 1905, the lumber was exhausted and the Perry Lumber Company sold all of its equipment. In 1907, the company sold 2,573 acres to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

In the early 1930s, unemployed local men, through the Works Progress Administration, constructed many of the facilities in Fowlers Hollow State Park.



Crosscut saw

Nearby Attractions

Information on nearby attractions is available from the Hershey Harrisburg Regional Visitors Bureau. www.VisitHersheyHarrisburg.org

The quaint **Colonel Denning State Park** offers camping, swimming, fishing, hiking, picnicking, hunting, cross-country skiing, and ice skating. The park is in the scenic Doubling Gap along PA 233. 717-776-5272

The 45-acre **Big Spring State Park** is 5.5 miles southwest of New Germantown, along PA 274. Tucked in the side of Conococheague Mountain, Big Spring is a picnic and hiking area. A short loop trail leads to a partially completed railroad tunnel with historic information at the trailhead. The picnic area also provides access to the Iron Horse Trail for day and overnight hiking. 717-776-5272

The 96,000-acre **Tuscarora State Forest** is open to hunting, fishing, mountain biking, horseback riding, snowmobiling, and general recreation. Nearby is Hemlocks Natural Area, a 120-acre plot of old growth timber covered by massive trees 100 feet tall and four to six feet in diameter. 717-536-3191



Rhododendron

Protect and Preserve Our Parks

Please make your visit safe and enjoyable. Obey all posted rules and regulations and respect fellow visitors and the resources of the park.

- 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.
- Please camp only in designated areas and minimize your impact on the campsite.
- Firewood Advisory: Firewood may contain non-native insects and plant diseases. Bringing firewood into the park from other areas may accidentally spread pest insects and diseases that threaten park resources and the health of our forests. Use local firewood. Do not take wood home and do not leave firewood. Burn It!
- Prevent forest fires by having a fire in proper facilities and properly disposing of hot coals. Do not leave a fire unattended.

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 HOSPITALS

UPMC Carlisle
361 Alexander Spring Drive
Carlisle, PA17015
717-249-1212

UPMC Pinnacle West Shore
1995 Technology Parkway
Mechanicsburg, PA17050
717-791-2600



FOWLERS HOLLOW STATE PARK

PERRY COUNTY

TUSCARORA STATE FOREST

PRIVATE LAND

Rising Mountain Tr.

Hemlock Road

Perry Lumber Company Road

Alfarata Trail

Upper Buck Ridge Rd.

Power Line

Union Hollow Road

Fowler Hollow Run

Fowler Hollow Rd.

Horse & Snowmobile Parking

Parking for Walk-to Sites

Campground Host

Beaston Trail

Fowlers Hollow Trail

Fowler Hollow Run

Hart Ridge Trail

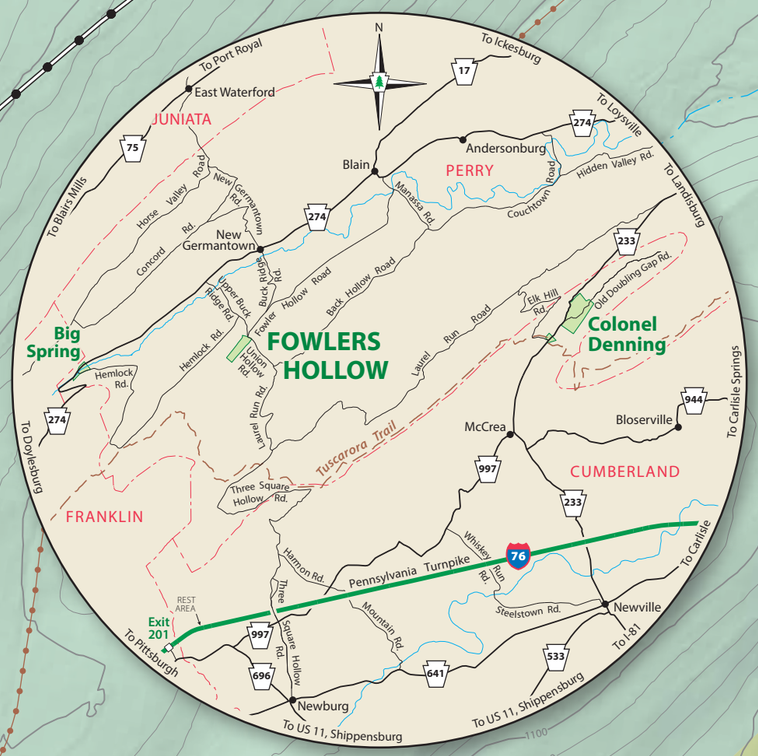
To Blain & PA 274, 6.2 Mi.

To Laurel Run Road & Back Hollow Road, 0.8 Mi.

To Tuscarora Trail, approx. 2.0 Mi.

To Beaston Trail approx. 0.63 mile

Couch Rd.



50 0 50 100 150 200 METERS

200 0 200 400 600 800 FEET

- Blue Symbols Mean ADA Accessible
- Camping
- Sanitary Dump Station
- Campground Electric Site
- Campground Non-electric Site (Walk-to Site)
- Organized Group Tenting
- Public Phone
- Water
- Modern Restrooms
- Picnicking
- Picnic Pavilion
- Recycling/Trash
- Hiking Trail
- Multi-use Trail: Hiking, Mountain Biking, Horseback Riding
- Trail Shelter
- Cross-county Skiing Recommended
- Snowmobiling
- Hitching Rail
- Joint-use Road: Auto, Hiking, Horseback Riding, Snowmobiling
- Unpaved Road
- One-way Road
- Gate
- Parking Unpaved
- State Park No Hunting

CONTOURS ARE ON 20 FT. INTERVALS

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