Little Pine State Park

The 2,158-acre Little Pine State Park is surrounded by a beautiful, mountainous section of Tiadaghton State Forest in the PA Wilds. Little Pine Lake, hiking trails, campground, and nesting bald eagles are prime attractions.

Directions

GPS DD: Lat 41.36354 Long. -77.35740

From the south, take US 220 to the Pine Creek Exit near Jersey Shore. Take PA 44 north 11 miles to Waterville, then turn right onto SR 4001 and go four miles to the park.

From the northwest, take PA 120 south to the village of Hyner. Turn left onto Hyner Run Road, which turns into Hyner Mountain Road. Take PA 44 south to Waterville and turn left onto SR 4001 and go four miles to the park.

From the north and northeast, take US 6 to Wellsboro, then PA 287 south to English Center and SR 4001 to the park.



Reservations

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



Learn, Experience, Connect

Little Pine State Park offers a wide variety of programs from April to October. Gain a better understanding of the park's natural, cultural, and historical resources through guided outdoor recreation, hands-on activities, walks, special events, and other programs.

Curriculum-based environmental education programs are available to schools and organized groups. Call the park office to schedule a group program. A variety of professional development workshops are also offered for teachers.

Contact the park office or explore the online calendar of events, https://events.dcnr.pa.gov, for more information on programs and other learning experiences.

Winter Activities

ICE FISHING: Trout are stocked in Little Pine Lake for ice fishing. **Ice thickness is not monitored.** For your safety, make sure ice is at least 4" thick for a single angler and 7" thick for a small group. Always carry safety equipment.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING: The five-mile Lake Shore Trail follows mostly level terrain, parallels the lake and headwaters, and then returns to the starting location.

SLEDDING: Two acres of slopes between the main parking lot and lake are available for sledding when conditions allow.

Recreational Opportunities



BOATING: electric trolling motors only; slow, no-wake speed
The 45-acre Little Pine Lake has one launch area and seasonal (April 1 to November 1) mooring spaces. A boat rental concession with kayaks and canoes is open from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day.

From November 1 through April 30, boaters are required to wear life jackets on boats less than 16 feet in length or any canoe or kayak.

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: The main picnic area contains four picnic pavilions, many picnic tables, a volleyball court, and play equipment. Picnic pavilions may be reserved up to 11 months in advance for a fee. Unreserved picnic pavilions are free on a first-come, first-served basis. Pavilion 1 is ADA accessible.

The six-acre Lower Picnic Area is completely separated from the rest of the park and is about one-half mile south of the campground. The area has picnic tables, grills, charcoal disposals, non-flush toilets, a picnic pavilion, and access to Little Pine Creek for anglers.

FISHING: Little Pine Lake has 3.3 miles of shoreline and 4.2 miles of Little Pine Creek flow through the park. These warmwater and coldwater fisheries contain many species including native brook trout, smallmouth bass, pickerel, sunfish, catfish, perch, and stocked rainbow and brown trout. A special regulation, artificial lure only, fishing area is along Little Pine Creek in the northeast section of the park.

Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission regulations and laws apply.



CAMPING: The campground opens in early April and closes in mid-December and has modern campsites (electric, non-electric, pet-friendly, and walk-to). The area has an amphitheater, sanitary dump station, playgrounds, and restrooms with warm showers. ADA-accessible campsites are available for people with disabilities. Walk-to campsites are a short walk from the parking area. Pets are permitted at designated campsites for a fee. Alcoholic beverages and unlicensed motor vehicles are prohibited.



CAMPING COTTAGES: Three cottages each sleep five people. Each cottage has two sets of single bunk beds, a full-size bed, a dining table and chairs, porch, electric heat, lights, and outlets. A shower house is nearby. Cottage 20 is ADA accessible.

YURTS: These round, canvas and wood walled tents have a wooden deck and sleep five people in bunk beds. Yurts have a cooking stove, refrigerator, dining table and chairs, electric heat, lights and outlets, and have outdoor water access nearby. A shower house is nearby.

ORGANIZED GROUP TENTING: Qualified organized groups can camp in the group tenting area which has two campsites that each hold 30 people. The area has restrooms with showers.

HIKING: 11.7 miles

Button Ball Trail

0.4 mile | More difficult hiking | Out-and-back trail | Yellow blazes
Recreations permitted: hiking, cross-country skiing recommended, snowshoeing recommended

This creekside trail provides stream access for anglers or a nice short hike for those that want to enjoy a walk by Little Pine Creek without having to travel far from the campground. Trailhead access is located at the entrance to the campground loop.

Carsontown Trail

0.9 mile | Easiest hiking | Out-and-back trail | Yellow blazes
Recreations permitted: hiking

This family-friendly trail provides hikers of all skill levels the opportunity to take a leisurely hike through the woods and meander along a section of Little Pine Creek. The trailhead is in the parking lot across the road from the archery range.

Lake Shore Trail

3.9 miles | More difficult hiking | Out-and-back trail | Yellow blazes
Recreations permitted: hiking, mountain biking, cross-country skiing recommended

The trail parallels the lake under the cover of forest before entering the fields north of the reservoir. The variety habitats make this an engaging and diverse hike for birding and wildlife watching. The trail is accessed from the parking lot at the dam off of Little Pine Creek Road (SR 4001).

Mid State Trail

1.7 miles in the park, 327 miles total | Most difficult hiking | Point-to-point trail | Orange blazes
Recreations permitted: hiking, backpacking

This 327-mile backpacking trail, which goes from Bedford County to Tioga County, passes through the park. In places, the Mid State Trail and park trails run along the same path. This trail is steep and narrow in places, but well defined and marked.

Backpackers may leave a vehicle in the second car parking lot of the campground, provided they notify park personnel with their name, address, proposed route, emergency contact information, and expected return date.

Panther Run Trail

2.1 miles in the park, 2.9 miles total | Most difficult hiking | Out-and-back trail | Yellow blazes
Recreations permitted: hiking

This rugged and challenging 2.9-mile trail provides opportunities to observe natural rock ledges, wildlife, and scenic views of Little Pine Creek Valley from the state park and state forest lands. The trail can be accessed along Little Pine Creek Road via the eagle watch parking lot or a pull off approximately 1.3 miles north of the office.

Spike Buck Hollow Trail

1.1 miles in the park, 2.4 miles total | Most difficult hiking | Out-and-back trail | Yellow blazes (orange blazes along Mid State Trail)
Recreations permitted: hiking

The trail travels through a mature forest, rock outcroppings, and flagstone. A wide variety of trees and plants can be seen along the trail. Trailheads are located along Little Pine Creek and Boone Run roads.



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.

A viewfinder fit with an EnChroma color blind lens is located at the dam at Little Pine State Park. The lenses are designed to enhance the color vision of those with a red-green color vision deficiency. Any park visitor can utilize the viewfinder to experience the colorful beauty of nature and to view foliage more vividly.

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



HUNTING AND FIREARMS: About 1,700 acres are open to hunting, trapping, and the training of dogs during established seasons. Common game species are white-tailed deer, squirrels, foxes, black bear, grouse, and turkeys. The adjacent state forest land is open to hunting.

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.

SHOOTING RANGE: Individuals interested in using the shooting range facilities must purchase a range permit in person at the park office. This fee helps offset the cost of maintaining the range in a sustainable manner. The pistol and rifle shooting range has targets at 10, 15, 25, 50, and 100 yards. The rifle range has covered shooting benches and the pistol range has various uncovered firing stations. Visit the park website or contact the park office for hours of operation. Users must follow all permit conditions.

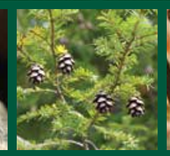
ARCHERY RANGE: The archery range includes 3 shooting distances and is open year-round. Acceptable archery equipment includes crossbow, compound, and traditional bows. Arrow field/practice tips only; broadheads prohibited. No permit is required, but all range safety and shooting etiquette apply. Contact the park office for additional information.



A Pennsylvania Recreational Guide for
Little Pine State Park









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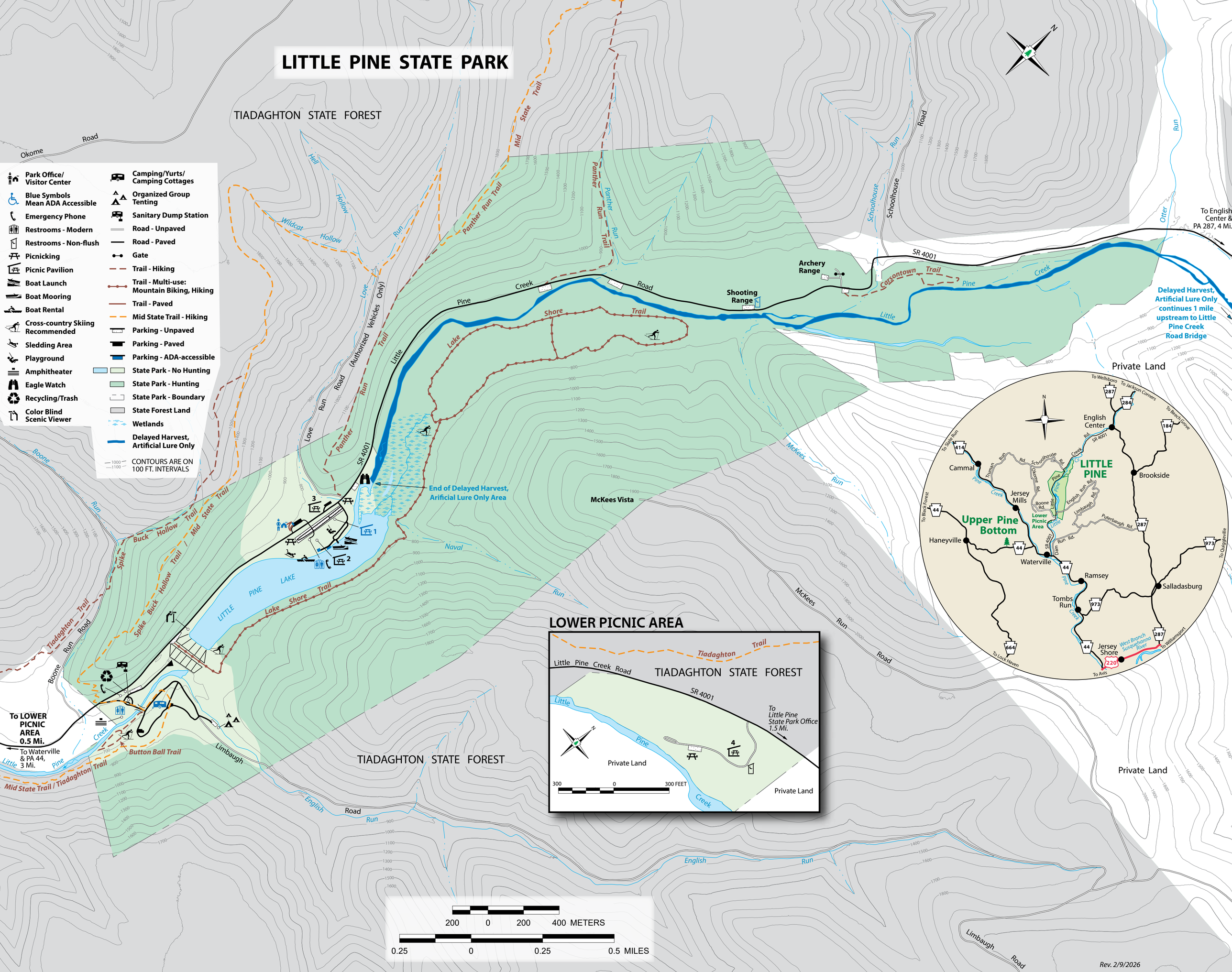
In an Emergency

Call 911 and contact a park employee to summon medical, fire, or safety professionals.

Call or text 988 to contact a crisis center counselor during a mental health or substance abuse crisis.

Directions to the nearest hospital are posted on bulletin boards and at the park office.

Nearest Hospital
Geisinger Jersey Shore Hospital
1020 Thompson Street
Jersey Shore, PA 17740
570-398-0100



LITTLE PINE STATE PARK
TIADAGHTON STATE FOREST
Park Office/ Visitor Center
Blue Symbols Mean ADA Accessible
Emergency Phone
Restrooms - Modern
Restrooms - Non-flush
Picnicking
Picnic Pavilion
Boat Launch
Boat Mooring
Boat Rental
Cross-country Skiing Recommended
Sledding Area
Playground
Amphitheater
Eagle Watch
Recycling/Trash
Color Blind Scenic Viewer
Camping/Yurts/ Camping Cottages
Organized Group Tenting
Sanitary Dump Station
Road - Unpaved
Road - Paved
Gate
Trail - Hiking
Trail - Multi-use: Mountain Biking, Hiking
Trail - Paved
Mid State Trail - Hiking
Parking - Unpaved
Parking - Paved
Parking - ADA-accessible
State Park - No Hunting
State Park - Hunting
State Park - Boundary
State Forest Land
Wetlands
Delayed Harvest, Artificial Lure Only
CONTOURS ARE ON 100 FT. INTERVALS
Okome Road
Hell Hollow
Wildcat Hollow
Panther Run Trail
Mid State Trail
Panther Run
Schoolhouse Run
Schoolhouse Road
Otter Run
To English Center & PA 287, 4 Mi.
SR 4001
Archery Range
Shooting Range
Carsontown Trail
Pine Creek
Little Pine Creek Road
Lake Shore Trail
Love Run Road (Authorized Vehicles Only)
Love Run
Little Pine Creek
Delayed Harvest, Artificial Lure Only continues 1 mile upstream to Little Pine Creek Road Bridge
Private Land
End of Delayed Harvest, Arificial Lure Only Area
McKees Vista
McKees Run
Naval Run
Boone Run
Spike Buck Hollow Trail
Mid State Trail
Tiadaghton Trail
LITTLE PINE LAKE
Lake Shore Trail
Boone Run Road
To LOWER PICNIC AREA 0.5 Mi.
To Waterville & PA 44, 3 Mi.
Little Pine Creek
Button Ball Trail
Mid State Trail / Tiadaghton Trail
Limbaugh
English Run
English Road
McKees Run Road
Limbaugh Road
LOWER PICNIC AREA
Tiadaghton Trail
Little Pine Creek Road
TIADAGHTON STATE FOREST
SR 4001
To Little Pine State Park Office 1.5 Mi.
Private Land
300 0 300 FEET
200 0 200 400 METERS
0.25 0 0.25 0.5 MILES
To Wellsboro
To Jackson Corners
To Beech Grove
To Slate Run
To Black Forest
To Quiggleville
To Lock Haven
To Avis
To Williamsport
English Center
Cammal
Brookside
LITTLE PINE
Jersey Mills
Upper Pine Bottom
Lower Picnic Area
Haneyville
Waterville
Ramsey
Salladasburg
Tombs Run
Jersey Shore
West Branch Susquehanna River
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