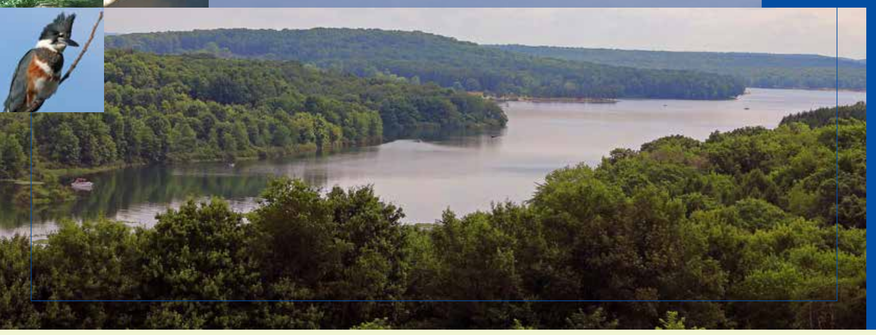


A Pennsylvania Recreational Guide for

Prince Gallitzin

Prince Gallitzin State Park



Pennsylvania
Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

Pennsylvania State Parks Mission

The primary purpose of Pennsylvania state parks is to provide opportunities for enjoying healthful outdoor recreation and serve as outdoor classrooms for environmental education. In meeting these purposes, the conservation of the natural, scenic, aesthetic, and historical values of parks should be given first consideration. Stewardship responsibilities should be carried out in a way that protects the natural outdoor experience for the enjoyment of current and future generations.

PAStateParks

2025



Top 10 Activities

1. Paddle a kayak or canoe through the remote areas of Wyerough, Killbuck, and Mud Lick coves.
2. Catch a glimpse of a bald eagle while birding.
3. Cross-country ski on Hughes Trail.
4. Enjoy a beautiful sunset with a walk along Gibbons Road at dusk.
5. Spend a colorful autumn weekend in one of the modern cabins.
6. Camp with friends or family in the largest single campground in the Pennsylvania State Park system.
7. Participate in one of the many educational programs.
8. Enjoy a family picnic and go swimming at Muskrat Beach.
9. Spend a day boating and fishing on Glendale Lake.
10. Take in the scenic view from the Headache Hill water tower or stop at the Mud Lick Gazebo for a picturesque view of Mud Lick Cove.



Prince Gallitzin State Park



At Prince Gallitzin State Park, the forested hills of the Allegheny Plateau cradle sprawling Glendale Lake; a favorite of anglers and boaters. Rolling hills offer many scenic views of the 1,635-acre lake with its 26 miles of shoreline. Campers flock to the large campground and enjoy many outdoor activities throughout the park. The varied habitats make the 7,522-acre park a haven for many types of wildlife, and a rest stop during spring and fall migrations.

Reservations

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

Directions

Addresses to main areas of the park are below.

Park Office: 966 Marina Road, Patton, PA 16668

Muskrat Beach: 624 Buck Road, Patton, PA 16668

Crooked Run Campground: 233 Campground Road, Patton, PA 16668

Prince Gallitzin Marina: 197 Gibbons Road, Patton, PA 16668

Beaver Valley Marina: 1663 Beaver Valley Road, Flinton, PA 16640

Pickerel Pond: 759 Beaver Valley Road, Patton, PA 16668

Wildlife Watching

The diverse habitats of Prince Gallitzin State Park provide great opportunities for viewing wildlife.

Scope the shoreline to see herons and rails wading or bald eagles and osprey perching above. Slate Lick Branch, and Wyerough, Mudlick, and Killbuck coves are popular areas for migrating waterfowl, beavers, and mink.

Frogs sing from the campground cove as fireflies, cicadas, and katydids call from the beach.

Warblers join thrushes in the forested areas above skunks and porcupines, while sparrows and flycatchers share the fields with butterflies and foxes.



Do your part to keep wildlife wild! Enjoy wildlife from a safe distance and do not feed or approach wild animals.

Learn, Experience, Connect



Prince Gallitzin State Park offers a wide variety of programs year-round. Educational programs help individuals connect to the natural and cultural resources in the park and throughout the state. Whether investigating natural phenomena, learning recreational skills, engaging in an amphitheater program, or touring the lake by pontoon, program participants become aware of the important diversity threaded together around them.

Curriculum-based environmental education field learning experiences are available for K-12 school groups, youth organizations, and homeschool associations. 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.

History

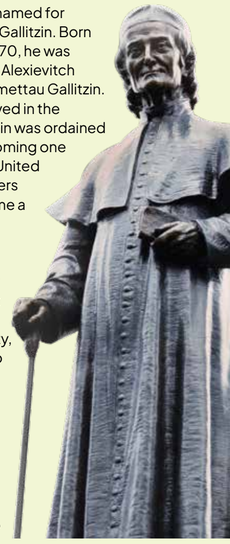
In the 1930s, much of the area that is now Prince Gallitzin State Park was forested and laced with trout streams and beaver dams interspersed with farms and small communities. In 1935, during the Great Depression, the National Park Service proposed and approved a Recreation Demonstration Area for this location, but the plan was never implemented.

In 1955, the Patton Chamber of Commerce and the Patton Sportsmen proposed a 30-acre dam in the Killbuck area. Approving of the idea, Dr. Maurice K. Goddard, Secretary of the Department of Forests and Waters, met with the Patton Chamber of Commerce and the original concept rapidly expanded. Secretary Goddard proclaimed, "No other areas that I have seen in the Commonwealth has this unique combination of characteristics."

In 1957, Governor George M. Leader announced plans for "Pennsylvania's largest and most complete state park" to include a 1,760-acre lake. Construction began in 1958, and Glendale Lake opened for boating in 1961. On May 29, 1965, Governor Scranton dedicated Prince Gallitzin State Park. Two years later, 26,500 people attended the National Campers and Hikers Association Convention held at Headache Hill, bringing national attention to the area.

In 1970, Crooked Run Campground and Beaver Valley Marina opened. The addition of multi-use trails, cabins, and facility upgrades continue to make Prince Gallitzin one of the finest recreational facilities in Pennsylvania.

Prince Gallitzin



Prince Gallitzin State Park is named for Father Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin. Born in Holland (Netherlands) in 1770, he was the only son of Prince Dimitri Alexievitch Gallitzin and Amalia Von Schmettau Gallitzin.

In 1792, young Gallitzin arrived in the United States. In 1795, Gallitzin was ordained by the Catholic church, becoming one of the earliest people in the United States to receive the full orders of the priesthood and became a naturalized citizen of the United States.

First called to the area to administer last rights, Father Gallitzin played an important role in the settling of central and northern Cambria County, founding the town of Loretto and acting as the people's doctor, lawyer, banker, and schoolteacher.

Gallitzin died in Loretto in 1840. For all his great deeds and hard work helping the people of the region, Father Gallitzin is renown as the "Apostle of the Alleghenies."

Friends Of Prince Gallitzin State Park



The Friends of Prince Gallitzin State Park provide volunteers with additional ways to contribute to the conservation and preservation of the park and its resources.

Their mission is to preserve and enhance the natural and built resources of the park, while promoting education and recreation for all visitors now and in the future.

If interested in volunteering or donating, contact the Friends of Prince Gallitzin State Park.
www.friendsofprincegallitzinstatepark.com

Recreational Opportunities

Spend the Day



BOATING: Maximum 20 hp/15 kWh motors permitted
Glendale Lake has nine public boat launch areas conveniently located throughout the park, along with three shoreline mooring facilities for sailboats, pontoon boats, and runabouts. Marina slips and public boat washing stations are available at Beaver Valley and at Prince Gallitzin marinas. A watercraft concession and marina provide various services, including watercraft rentals, gift shop, and the sale of fuel.

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: Glendale Lake is a warmwater fishery with species of bass, pike, and muskellunge as the most common game fish. There is also a robust population of panfish. Prince Gallitzin Marina and Pickerel Pond have ADA-accessible fishing piers. Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission regulations and laws apply.

SWIMMING: Muskrat Beach is open from mid-May to mid-September, sunrise to sunset. Swim at your own risk. Please read and follow posted rules for swimming. Disc golf, volleyball courts, a large picnic area, and modern shower houses with dressing rooms surround the swimming area.

GPS DD: Lat. 40.66631 Long. -78.54251

PICNICKING: Picnic tables are available throughout the park. A large picnic area is adjacent to the swimming area in Muskrat Beach day use area. Five 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.

MOUNTAIN BIKING: 22 miles
Throughout the park, the multi-use trail network is open for mountain biking and hiking. Bikers should follow the rules of the road and common courtesies.

HORSEBACK RIDING: 22 miles
Most equestrian trails can be accessed from the Beaver Valley Marina upper parking lot.



HUNTING AND FIREARMS: About 5,600 acres are open to hunting, trapping, and the training of dogs during established seasons. Common game species are deer, turkey, and small game.

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.

Stay the Night



CAMPING: modern facilities, some full-hookups
A 398-site tent and trailer campground opens in mid-April and closes in late October. The campground offers a camp store with coin-operated laundry, swimming beach, boat mooring area, boat rental, playgrounds, paved sites, showers, flush toilets, and sanitary dump stations.

COTTAGES: Available from mid-April to late October, three camping cottages and two deluxe camping cottages in the campground overlook the lake. Each cottage sleeps five people in bunk beds and has lights, outlets, and electric heat. The deluxe camping cottages also have a mini-refrigerator, range, and microwave oven. A shower house and potable water are nearby in Pine Loop. Cottages A and E are ADA accessible.

CABINS: Ten modern cabins are available for rent year-round. Cabins are furnished with a living area, kitchen/dining area, bathroom with shower, and two or three bedrooms. Two-bedroom and three-bedroom cabins sleep 6 and 8 people respectively. Cabins 1 and 7 are ADA accessible. Cabins 1, 9, and 10 are pet friendly.

ORGANIZED GROUP TENTING: A rustic tenting area may be reserved by organized groups from April through September. There are picnic tables, restrooms, and drinking water. A shower house is within easy walking distance.



Enjoy the Winter



ICE SAFETY: Ice thickness is not monitored. For your safety, make sure ice is at least 4" thick for a single user and 7" thick for a small group. For iceboating, make sure ice is at least 6" thick. Always carry safety equipment.

ICE FISHING: Glendale Lake is popular for ice fishing when conditions permit.

ICE SKATING: There is an inland ice-skating rink at Prince Gallitzin Marina parking area. It is open as weather conditions permit.

SLEDDING: The Headache Hill area and the Prince Gallitzin Marina have popular slopes for sledding.

SNOWMOBILING: Registered snowmobiles may use the 22-mile multi-use trail network. Snowmobiles may be operated on designated trails and roads from the day following the statewide rifle deer season in December until April 1, weather permitting. Most snowmobile trails can be accessed from the Beaver Valley Marina upper parking lot.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING: All trails are open to cross-country skiing. Seven miles of marked trails are recommended. Most of the trails on the Haddie Buck Peninsula are groomed.



Information and Reservations

Prince Gallitzin State Park
966 Marina Road
Patton, PA 16668
814-674-1000 (Main Office)
814-674-1007 (Seasonal Campground Office)
PrinceGallitzinSP@pa.gov

An Equal Opportunity Employer
www.pa.gov/state-parks

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

@PrinceGallitzinSP

Electric Vehicle Charging Station

A 2-plug, first-come, first-served, electric vehicle charging station is available for public use in the Prince Gallitzin Marina. There is a 4-hour maximum time limit. Overnight charging is prohibited. Please move to another parking space once your vehicle has been charged or the maximum time-limit has been reached.

Nearby Attractions

Information on nearby attractions is available from Visit Johnstown. 800-237-8590. www.VisitJohnstownPA.com

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 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
Conemaugh Miners Medical Center
290 Haida Avenue
Hastings, PA 16646
814-247-3100



Hiking: 33 miles

All trail mileages are one way. Please double the mileage for out-and-back trails. When hiking, wear sturdy footwear and be aware of hunting seasons. All trails are open to hiking. Where noted, additional recreations are permitted.

Trails Near Muskrat Beach and Modern Cabins

Seasonally, Muskrat Beach has modern restrooms, picnic tables, and potable water. Prince Gallitzin Marina has modern restrooms, picnic tables, and potable water year-round.

Hughes Trail: 0.9 mile
More difficult hiking | Out-and-back trail | Blue blazes
Recreations permitted: hiking, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing recommended
This trail connects Troxell Point Trail and Muskrat Beach Area 3 through beautiful hardwood forests with views of Glendale Lake.

Lakeshore Trail: 0.75 mile
Easiest hiking | Connector trail | Yellow blazes
Starting at Muskrat Beach Area 1, this trail connects the modern cabin colony and Muskrat Beach Area. The trail entrance from the cabin colony is near Cabin 8. This trail forms a 3-mile loop when hiked with Plessinger Trail, the gravel Muskrat Access Road, and the paved Prince Gallitzin Marina walkway.

Muskrat Beach Trail: 0.5 mile
Easiest hiking | Connector trail | Blue blazes
Recreations permitted: hiking, mountain biking, snowmobiling, horseback riding
This short trail connects Plessinger and Troxell Point trails.



Plessinger Trail: 1.2 miles
More difficult hiking | Out-and-back trail | Blue blazes
Recreations permitted: hiking, mountain biking, snowmobiling, horseback riding
Beginning at the Prince Gallitzin Marina entrance road, this trail passes through Muskrat Beach Day Use Area 1. Hiking this trail combined with Lakeshore Trail, Muskrat Access Road, and the Prince Gallitzin Marina walkway is a 3-mile loop.

Prince Gallitzin Marina Walkway: 0.5 mile
Easiest hiking | Out-and-back trail | No blazes
Recreations permitted: hiking, biking
This paved, ADA-accessible walkway follows the shoreline around Prince Gallitzin Marina between the paved fishing area and Cabin 1.

Troxell Point Trail: 3.0 miles
More difficult hiking | Out-and-back trail | Blue blazes
Recreations permitted: hiking, cross-country skiing recommended. Southern section also open to mountain biking, snowmobiles, horseback riding
This long trail begins at the parking lot along Marina Road near the bridge over Slate Lick Branch and finishes at the end of the peninsula on a deck with a picnic table overlooking Glendale Lake and dam.

Turkey Ridge Trail: 1.2 miles
More difficult hiking | Loop trail | Blue blazes
Recreations permitted: hiking, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing recommended
This relatively flat, family-friendly trail winds through a variety of habitats offering wildlife viewing opportunities.

Trails Near Crooked Run Campground

Benches are available at Point Trailhead Parking Lot and Headache Hill water tower. Unless noted in trail description, trails in this area can be accessed from Point Trailhead off Beaver Valley Road.

Campground Trail: 2.2 miles
Easiest hiking | Loop trail | Blue blazes
Recreations permitted: hiking, mountain biking, snowmobile, horseback riding
This trail follows the shoreline around the campground with benches for viewing wildlife. This trail is popular for mountain biking and geocaching.

Deer Trail: 0.7 mile
Easiest hiking | Loop trail | Teal blazes
Recreations permitted: hiking, snowshoeing recommended
Follow this trail into State Game Lands 108 to discover food plots for wildlife. This trail intersects with Forest Trail and is a short family-friendly loop.

Footprint Trail: 1.0 mile
More difficult hiking | Loop trail | Yellow blazes
Along this trail, relax at the bench overlooking Wyerough Cove and look for osprey and bald eagles.

Forest Trail: 0.4 mile
Easiest hiking | Loop trail | Green blazes
This short loop is one of the easiest trails in the park. Look for chipmunks and red squirrels while strolling under a canopy of beech, maple, and hemlock trees.

Orchard Trail: 0.65 mile
Easiest hiking | Out-and-back trail | No blazes
This gravel road can be accessed from the gate on Long Road or Headache Hill parking area. It connects to Point Trail after looping through a grove of apple trees.

Poems Trail: 0.6 mile
Easiest hiking | Loop trail | White blazes
Read and learn about nature through poetry posted along on this easy walking trail.

Point Trail: 3.4 miles
More difficult hiking | Loop trail | Yellow blazes
This relatively rugged trail begins at the Point Trailhead. The western portion is an out-and-back trail that follows Crooked Run. The eastern portion loops around the peninsula and hugs the Campground Cove shoreline providing beautiful lake views.

Trails Along Beaver Valley Road

Beaver Valley Marina has modern restrooms, potable water, and picnic tables year-round. Seasonally, Pickerel Pond has modern restrooms, potable water, and picnic tables.

Bollinger Trail: 4.1 miles
More difficult hiking | Out-and-back trail | Red blazes
Recreations permitted: hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, snowmobiling
This trail stretches from Pickerel Pond to Glendale Dam, passing Beaver Valley Marina, the soccer fields in Flinton, and intersecting many trails.

Gates Trail: 2.2 miles
More difficult hiking | Loop trail | Red blazes
Recreations permitted: hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, snowmobiling
This trail loops around the hill between Swartz Road and Glendale High School.

Herman Fields Trail: 0.7 mile
Easiest hiking | Connector trail | Blue blazes
Recreations permitted: hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, snowmobiling
Starting along Beaver Valley Road near the marina, this trail climbs the hill to join Rhody Trail and intersects with Westrick Trail.

McDermott Trail: 0.8 mile
Easiest hiking | Out-and-back trail | Yellow blazes
This trail leads from a small parking area along Beaver Valley Road to the peninsula separating Killbuck and Mud Lick coves. A bench at the end of the trail has a good view of the lake and opportunities for viewing wildlife, especially waterfowl.

Pickerel Pond Walkway: 0.3 mile
Easiest hiking | Loop trail | No blazes
This walkway leads from the Pickerel Pond parking lot, down to the fishing pier with a paved 0.18-mile ADA accessible path. After the pier, the grassy trail loops up to the covered bridge and back to Pickerel Pond parking area.

Reed Trail: 0.6 mile
More difficult hiking | Connector trail | Red blazes
Recreations permitted: hiking, mountain biking, snowmobiling, horseback riding
This short trail connects Westrick Trail to Rhody Trail.

Rhody Trail: 1.1 miles
More difficult hiking | Out-and-back trail | Red blazes
Recreations permitted: hiking, mountain biking, snowmobiling, horseback riding
Starting along Swartz Road, this trail travels through Dixon Hollow and ends with a view of Wyerough Cove. Make a loop using Herman Fields, Gates, and Reed trails.

Westrick Trail: 0.7 mile
More difficult hiking | Connector trail | Red blazes
Recreations permitted: hiking, mountain biking, snowmobiling, horseback riding
From near Pavilion 1, this trail crosses Beaver Valley Road, and steadily climbs to Shomo Fields before intersecting with Reed and Herman Fields trails.

Trails Near Bater Patch Trailhead

This trailhead has benches. All trails in this area allow hiking, mountain biking, equestrian, and snowmobiling.

Hagaratty Trail: 1.5 miles
More difficult hiking | Connector trail | Red blazes
From Old Glendale Road Trail, this trail climbs up Snake Ridge before intersecting with Krise Road and descending to the Bater Patch Trailhead. This trail forms a 4-mile loop with Old Glendale Road Trail and Krise Road.

Foster Run Trail: 1.7 miles
More difficult hiking | Out-and-back trail | Red blazes
Running from Bater Patch Trailhead south along a ridge and then down to the lake's edge, Foster Run Trail traverses a remote area of the park consisting of thick brushy woods over rolling hills.

Noel Run Trail: 0.6 mile
More difficult hiking | Connector trail | Red blazes
This short, multi-use trail connects Foster Run Trail to Shomo Run Trail. The surrounding area consists of rolling terrain through woods with heavy underbrush.

Old Glendale Road Trail: 0.6 mile
Easiest hiking | Out-and-back trail | Red blazes
Accessed from Bater Patch Trailhead or from the Beaverdam Boat Launch parking lot, this trail crosses the dam and follows the shoreline along the Slate Lick Branch with opportunities to see wildlife. Along the way it connects to Hagaratty Trail and Krise Road to for a 4-mile loop.

Shomo Run Trail: 2.0 miles
More difficult hiking | Out-and-back trail | Red blazes
This shaded trail can be accessed from the PA Game Commission parking area on Marina Road. Much of the trail follows Shomo Run. At the end of the trail, a small loop leads through the forest toward Slate Lick Branch.

