A Pennsylvania Recreational Guide for

Sizerville State Park









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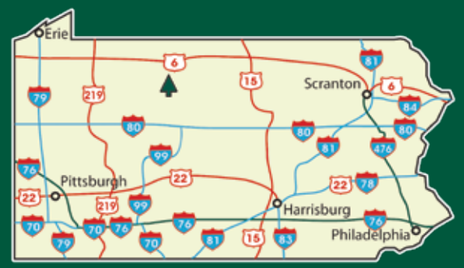

Sizerville State Park
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Sizerville State Park

A popular spot for picnicking and fishing, the 386-acre Sizerville State Park is nearly surrounded by Elk State Forest and is within the PA Wilds. The topography of the park is a plateau cut by narrow stream valleys. Sizerville has many recreational and natural opportunities and is a good base for exploring nearby public lands.

Directions

GPS DD: Lat. 41.59582 Long. -78.18358

Sizerville State Park is six miles north of Emporium on PA 155 in Cameron and Potter counties.

Reservations

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Recreational Opportunities

CAMPING: warm showers and flush toilets
The 23-site campground opens in April and closes in mid-December. Facilities include flush toilets, showers, sanitary dump station, and ADA accessible facilities. Eighteen campsites have electric hookups. Five walk-to tent sites offer a secluded streamside setting. The campground features a playground and amphitheater. The maximum stay in this camping area is fourteen days during the summer season and 21 days during the off season. Campers must vacate the park for 48 hours before setting up again.

Pets are permitted on designated sites for a fee.

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PICNICKING: Shaded by white pine, eastern hemlock, and hardwood trees, the picnic area spans the two branches of Cowley Run and features, six picnic pavilions, non-flush restrooms, horseshoe pits, a playground, over 100 picnic tables, and ADA accessible picnic tables and parking.



SWIMMING: The 105-foot-long pool, with an adjacent wading pool, is open 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day, unless otherwise posted. The maximum depth is five feet. There is a lift in the pool for people with disabilities.

FISHING: The east and west branches of Cowley Run contain brook and brown trout. Cowley Run is a high quality stream offering mountain freestone fishing at its best. It is not unusual to catch native brook trout in these waters. Nearby, the Portage and Driftwood branches of Sinnemahoning Creek provide anglers with an opportunity to fish for smallmouth bass and trout. All streams receive spring stockings. Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission regulations and laws apply.

HIKING: 5.5 miles

Bottomlands Trail: 0.35 mile, yellow blazes, easiest hiking
Following the East Branch Cowley Run, this flat trail connects Hemlock Road and the Sizerville Snowmobile Trail, which can be used to make a loop back to Hemlock Road.

Campground Trail: 0.8 mile, red blazes, easiest hiking
Following the West Branch Cowley Run, this multi-use trail connects Hemlock Road and Fee Hollow Road, and the campground amphitheater.

Nady Hollow Trail: 1.5-mile-loop, yellow blazes, more difficult hiking
With trailheads on Helmock Road and Campground Trail, Nady Hollow Trail ascends 700 feet into Elk State Forest. Nady Hollow Connector Trail connects the trailheads to make a 1.5-mile loop. Proper footwear is recommended for any hiking and is essential for Nady Hollow Trail.

North Slope Trail: 1.2 miles, yellow blazes or orange diamonds, easiest hiking
Primarily a snowmobile trail, a branch from the Environmental Education Building makes a nice loop through forests.

Sizerville Snowmobile Trail: 0.7 mile, orange diamonds, easiest hiking
This multi-use trail follows the East Branch Cowley Road.

Trails in Elk State Forest
Several Elk State Forest Trails begin near the park. Hikers on Elk State Forest trails should have a state forest map. Hikers should leave their hiking itinerary with park staff before a long hike.

Sizerville Nature Trail, across from the campground in Elk State Forest, is a three-mile-loop with a small elevation change, a scenic vista, and educational stopping points. Maps are available in the park office.

Sizerville State Park is a trailhead for the **Bucktail Path**, which is part of an extensive trail system throughout the northern tier region of central Pennsylvania.

HUNTING AND FIREARMS: About 200 acres are open to hunting, trapping, and the training of dogs during established seasons. Common game species are white-tailed deer, wild turkey, ruffed grouse, black bear, and squirrels. Hunting is also permitted on the adjacent Elk State Forest.

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.

Enjoy the Winter

The average yearly snowfall is 60-70 inches. The park provides parking and non-flush restrooms.

SNOWMOBILING: Two miles of park trails and roads provide access to over 60 miles of groomed snowmobile trails in adjacent Elk State Forest.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING: Skiing is recommended on the multi-use trails of the park, which provide access to many miles of trails in adjacent Elk State Forest.

Wildlife Watching

In the spring and summer, small woodland flowers and flowering trees blossom in profusion, adding their loveliness to the park and surrounding area. Deep forest birds like warblers, vireos, and thrushes nest in the forests.

During the fall, the flaming foliage of the mixed hardwood forest provides a colorful backdrop for the white-tailed deer, turkeys, and black bears preparing for winter.

Learn, Experience, Connect

April through October, Sizerville State Park offers a wide variety of programs on subjects like wildlife and habitats. The Environmental Education Building provides exhibits and information on what to do and see while in the area. The native plantings surrounding the building include a butterfly garden that attracts many species. Environmental education programs are available to schools and organized groups. Call the park office to schedule a group program.

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.

Annual Autumn Festival

Held the first Saturday of October, weather permitting, this festival is a celebration of old-time skills, various crafts, and good food. There are make-it and take-it crafts, and examples of handicrafts like quilting, bee keeping, woodcarving, and candle making. Contact the park office for more information.

History

Sizerville State Park opened for public use in 1924 with the first facilities built in 1927. The name "Sizerville" comes from a logging boomtown of the same name that flourished around the turn of the century. Sizerville itself was named for the Sizer family who were, according to local legend, the first European settlers in the area.

Beautiful white pines and eastern hemlocks grace the forests of the park. The pines were planted in the 1930s as a conservation effort by the young men of Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp S-85-PA. Several thousand acres in and around the park were planted to replace the massive tracts of old growth timber logged at the turn of the 19th century.

The East Branch of Cowley Run has historical significance in game management in Pennsylvania. In 1917, a pair of beavers was presented to the Pennsylvania Game Commission by the State of Wisconsin because beavers had disappeared from Pennsylvania. This first pair was released on East Branch Cowley Run, and beavers are still found in the area.

Nearby Attractions

Information on nearby attractions is available from the Pennsylvania Great Outdoors Visitors Bureau. 814-849-5197. www.visitpago.com

Sinnemahoning State Park features the 142-acre George B. Stevenson Reservoir, park office and wildlife center, camping, picnicking, and wildlife watching. 814-647-8401

Elk and Susquehannock state forests are open to hunting, fishing, hiking, and general recreation.
- Elk State Forest: 814-486-3353.
- Susquehannock State Forest: 814-274-3600.

Explore Pennsylvania Wilds

Pennsylvania Wilds is two million acres of public lands for hiking, biking, fishing, boating, hunting, and exploration in northcentral Pennsylvania.

Highlights of the area are: elk watching, scenic PA 6, Pine Creek Gorge (PA Grand Canyon), the darkest skies in the east at Cherry Springs State Park, and hundreds of miles of backpacking trails, bike paths, and trout fishing streams.

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 try to 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. Campers should use local firewood. Do not take wood home and do not leave firewood. Burn it.

Access for People with Disabilities

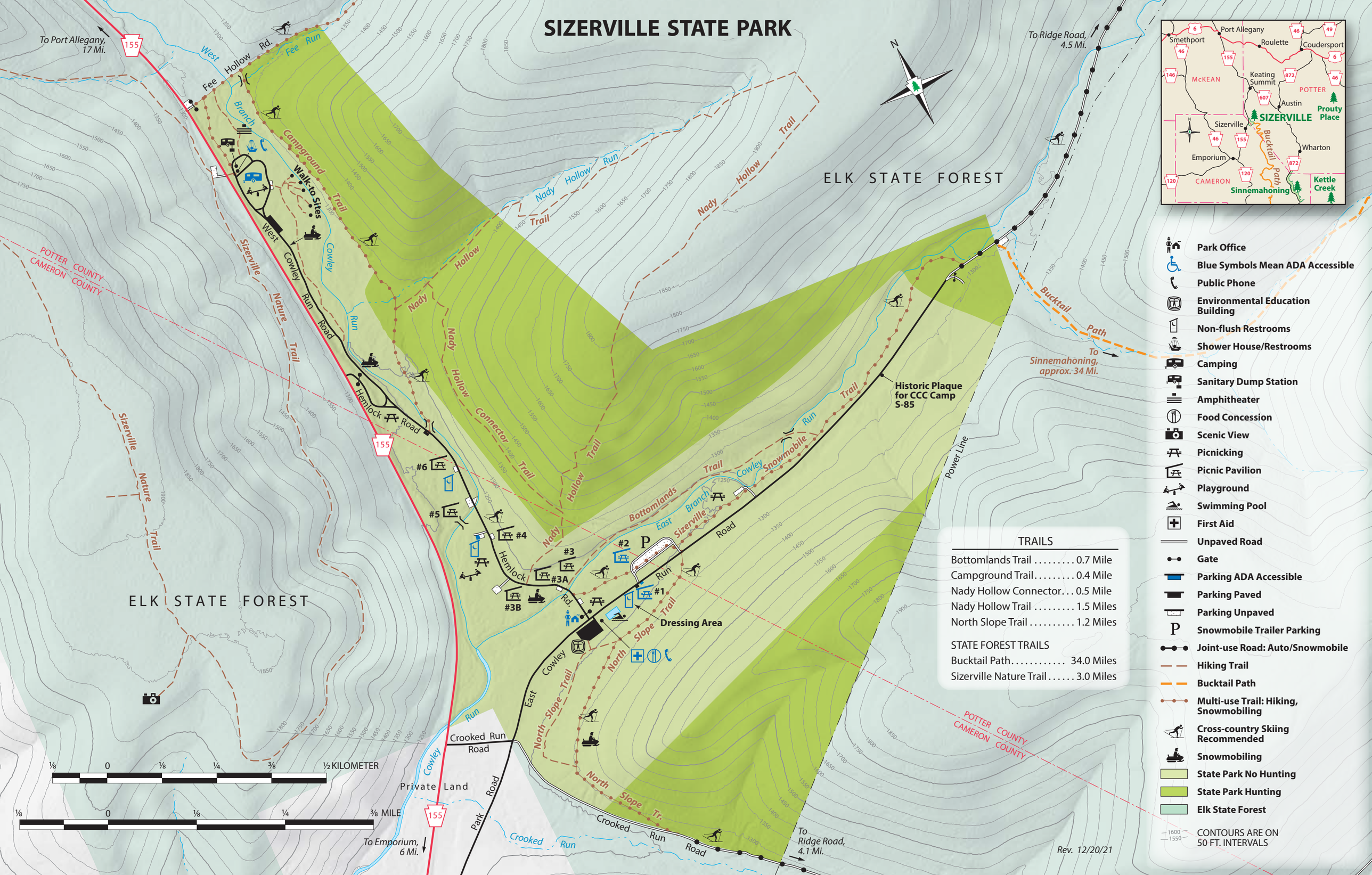
This symbol indicates facilities and activities that are Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible for people with disabilities. This publication text is available in alternative formats.

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 and at the park office.

NEAREST HOSPITAL
UPMC Cole
1001 East Second Street
Coudersport, PA 16915-9762
814-274-9300


SIZERVILLE STATE PARK
ELK STATE FOREST
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To Port Allegany, 17 Mi.
To Ridge Road, 4.5 Mi.
To Sinnemahoning, approx. 34 Mi.
To Emporium, 6 Mi.
To Ridge Road, 4.1 Mi.
Fee Hollow Rd.
West Branch Fee Run
Campground Trail
Walk-to Sites
West Cowley Run Road
Cowley Run
Sizerville Nature Trail
Hemlock Road
Hemlock Rd.
Nady Hollow Run
Nady Hollow Trail
Nady Hollow Connector Trail
Bottomlands Trail
East Branch Cowley Run
Snowmobile Trail
Sizerville Road
North Slope Trail
North Slope Tr.
Crooked Run Road
Crooked Run
Park Road
Bucktail Path
Power Line
Historic Plaque for CCC Camp S-85
Dressing Area
#1
#2
#3
#3A
#3B
#4
#5
#6
P
155
POTTER COUNTY
CAMERON COUNTY
Private Land
Smethport
Port Allegany
Roulette
Coudersport
McKEAN
Keating Summit
POTTER
Austin
Prouty Place
SIZERVILLE
Sizerville
Wharton
Emporium
CAMERON
Sinnemahoning
Kettle Creek
Bucktail Path
TRAILS
Bottomlands Trail . . . . . 0.7 Mile
Campground Trail . . . . . 0.4 Mile
Nady Hollow Connector . . . 0.5 Mile
Nady Hollow Trail . . . . . 1.5 Miles
North Slope Trail . . . . . 1.2 Miles
STATE FOREST TRAILS
Bucktail Path . . . . . 34.0 Miles
Sizerville Nature Trail . . . . . 3.0 Miles
Park Office
Blue Symbols Mean ADA Accessible
Public Phone
Environmental Education Building
Non-flush Restrooms
Shower House/Restrooms
Camping
Sanitary Dump Station
Amphitheater
Food Concession
Scenic View
Picnicking
Picnic Pavilion
Playground
Swimming Pool
First Aid
Unpaved Road
Gate
Parking ADA Accessible
Parking Paved
Parking Unpaved
Snowmobile Trailer Parking
Joint-use Road: Auto/Snowmobile
Hiking Trail
Bucktail Path
Multi-use Trail: Hiking, Snowmobiling
Cross-country Skiing Recommended
Snowmobiling
State Park No Hunting
State Park Hunting
Elk State Forest
CONTOURS ARE ON 50 FT. INTERVALS
1/8 0 1/8 1/4 3/8 1/2 KILOMETER
1/8 0 1/8 1/4 3/8 MILE
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