A Pennsylvania Recreational Guide for

Susquehannock State Park









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Three properties along the scenic Lower Susquehanna River comprise the Susquehannock State Park Complex. The 224-acre Susquehannock State Park is on a wooded plateau overlooking the Susquehanna River in southern Lancaster County. Besides the outstanding view, the park offers a variety of recreational opportunities for year-round fun. Pinnacle Overlook features an expansive upriver view of Reed and Harman islands and the rolling hills of York County across the river. Urey Overlook sits above Weise Island with the charming village of Pequea visible opposite the overlook.

Directions

GPS DD: Lat. 39.80607 Long. -76.28341

SUSQUEHANNOCK STATE PARK, LANCASTER COUNTY: From Lancaster and PA 372, turn left on Susquehannock Drive then right onto Park Road.

From York and PA 372, turn right on River Road, right on Furniss Road, hard right on Susquehannock Road, and right onto Park Road.

PINNACLE OVERLOOK, LANCASTER COUNTY: From Lancaster and PA 324, turn left onto River Road. After about 5 miles, turn right onto Pinnacle Road.

From York and PA 372, turn left on River Road and then left onto Pinnacle Road.

UREY OVERLOOK, YORK COUNTY: Urey Overlook is along PA 425 between PA 74 and PA 2018/Lucky Road.

Reservations

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Recreational Opportunities

♿ **SCENIC VIEWS:** Panoramic views of the Susquehanna River can be seen from the overlooks of the park. When enjoying the views, visitors should remain a safe distance back from drop-off areas and children should be closely supervised.



At Susquehannock, Hawk Point Overlook (354 ft.) offers visitors a view of the Conowingo Reservoir, the southernmost and largest of several hydroelectric impoundments on the lower Susquehanna. Straddling the Pennsylvania and Maryland border, the reservoir generates hydroelectric power and provides cooling water for the Peach Bottom nuclear reactors while also serving as a popular boating and fishing destination. Bald eagles are often seen soaring over the river and Hawk Point as they regularly nest on the islands and shorelines. Hawk Point is ADA accessible.

Wissler Overlook (264 ft.) features an excellent view of the Susquehanna's naturally rocky riverbed. The overlook also provides a view of the impressive 21-span Norman Wood Bridge and Holtwood Dam in the background. Watch for osprey from the overlook.



Just upstream of Susquehannock, **Pinnacle Overlook (515 ft.)** offers visitors an easily accessed, expansive upriver view and several lovely trails. The long-distance Conestoga Trail passes through this area and connects to Kellys Run Preserve.



Upriver on the west side of the Susquehanna is **Urey [your-ee] Overlook (288 ft.)**, which sits above Weise Island. The village of Pequea can be seen opposite the overlook. Urey Overlook is on the 193-mile Mason-Dixon Trail.

HORSEBACK RIDING: 2 miles
The trails of Susquehannock State Park provide a beautiful setting for horseback riding, although it is prohibited at Hawk Point and Wissler overlooks and on Rhododendron Trail. Along the equestrian trails are hitching posts.

ORGANIZED GROUP TENTING: The four organized group campsites can accommodate various group sizes. Qualified adult and youth groups may reserve space in the organized group tenting area for overnight use.

♿ **PICNICKING:** Many picnic tables and charcoal grills are spread throughout both sunny and shaded areas of Susquehannock State Park. Parking, water fountains, modern restrooms, a playground, volleyball court, horseshoe pits, and two softball fields with backstops and benches are available. Two, large, ADA-accessible pavilions with grills, water, and electric outlets and lights can accommodate larger groups and special events. It may be reserved up to 11 months in advance for a fee. Unreserved picnic pavilions are free on a first-come, first-served basis.

HIKING: Scenic hiking trails offer a variety of interesting habitats and evidence of past use of the area. Native hollies, rhododendrons, spring and summer wildflowers, and a variety of other plant life await discovery.

Learn, Experience, Connect

Susquehannock State Park offers a wide variety of programs year round. 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 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

THE CONESTOGA-SUSQUEHANNOCKS
It is unknown when humans first settled in the Lower Susquehanna River Valley. Archaeological evidence shows the Susquehannocks arrived around 1550, practicing agriculture, oystering, and creating signature pottery and trade beads. The name that graces the river, the park, and commonly refers to the people is derived from the Algonquian word *Sasqueahanough*, given by Captain John Smith's Algonquian interpreter to describe the people of the area in 1608. However, some of today's descendants call themselves the Conestoga-Susquehannock.

OLD STONE FARMHOUSE
From the time of the Susquehannocks to today, farming remains an important way of life for this area's residents. The Old Stone Farmhouse near the park office typifies mid-1800 farmhouses. Constructed of field stone and retaining its slate roof, this home would have once been covered in stucco. The basement's earthen cold cellar stored preserved foods and was fed by water from gutters on the roof. While the exterior of the structure has been stabilized, the interior is not safe for public visitation. Entry to the interior is prohibited.



Nearby Attractions

Information on nearby attractions on the east side of the river is available from Discover Lancaster. www.discoverlancaster.com

Information on nearby attractions on the west side of the river is available from the York County Convention and Visitors Bureau. www.yorkpa.org

Samuel S. Lewis State Park near Wrightsville, York County, offers picnicking, hiking, disc golf, and sweeping views of the Susquehanna River. 717-252-1134

In Hellam Township, York County, **Susquehanna Riverlands State Park** has forests, fields, and rocky outcrops above the river. Planning for the development of this new park is underway. 717-252-1134



Bald eagle

Wildlife Watching

Overlooks are great places to see birds from an unusual angle; from above! Bald eagles, osprey, and the more common turkey and black vultures regularly patrol the sky near the overlooks. Spring and fall are peak seasons for bird migrations and the overlooks provide great views of migrating hawks, gulls, eagles, ducks, geese, swans, songbirds, and shorebirds.

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 TO PINNACLE OVERLOOK AND SUSQUEHANNOCK STATE PARK
Lancaster General Hospital
555 North Duke Street
Lancaster, PA 17602
717-544-5511

NEAREST HOSPITAL TO UREY OVERLOOK
WellSpan York Hospital
1001 South George Street
York, PA 17403
717-851-2345

UREY OVERLOOK

PINNACLE OVERLOOK

SUSQUEHANNOCK STATE PARK

Weise Island

SUSQUEHANNA RIVER (Lake Clarke)

SUSQUEHANNA RIVER (Lake Aldred)

SUSQUEHANNA RIVER (Conowingo Reservoir)

MUDDY RUN RECREATION PARK

KELLYS RUN NATURE PRESERVE

OTTER CREEK NATURE PRESERVE

Urey Overlook

Pinnacle Overlook

Mason-Dixon Trail

Pinnacle Trail

Yellow Trail

Red Trail

Blue Trail

Conestoga Trail

Red Trail

To York, 20 Miles

Furnace Road

Furnace Road

Five Points Trail

Rhododendron Tr.

Old Growth Beech Tree

Neel Homestead Foundation

Holly Trail

Spring Trail

Pine Tree Trail

Holly Trail

Rhododendron Trail

Old Stone Farmhouse

Park Road

Chimney Trail

Ball Field

Pipeline Trail

Ball Field Pavilion

Ball Field

Fire Trail

Overlook Trail

Landis Trail

Wissler Overlook

Fire Trail

Nature Trail

Overlook Trail

Hawk Point Pavilion

Hawk Point

Hennery Island

Sicily Island

Beach Island



0.1 0.05 0 0.1 Miles

0.2 0.1 0 0.2 Miles

0.2 0.1 0 0.2 Kilometers

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GPS Coordinates

Decimal Degree Lat. Long.

1. Urey Overlook Parking 39.88760, -76.38729
2. Pinnacle Overlook 39.84545, -76.34405
3. Susquehannock State Park 39.80607, -76.28341

- Park Office
- Blue Symbols Mean ADA Accessible
- Public Phone
- Modern Restrooms
- Non-flush Restrooms
- Water
- Picnicking
- Picnic Pavilion
- Organized Group Tenting
- Hiking Trail
- Multi-use Trail: Hiking, Horseback Riding
- Playground
- Wayside Exhibit
- Scenic View
- Hitching Rail
- Viewing Scope
- Unpaved Road
- Paved Road
- Gate
- Parking ADA Accessible
- Parking Unpaved
- Parking Horse Trailer
- State Park No Hunting
- Other Natural or Recreation Area
- 950 / 1000 CONTOURS ARE ON 50 FT. INTERVALS

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