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Sullivan County**
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SULLIVAN COUNTY!

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Dry Run Falls in Loyalsock State Forest by Maryanne Miller

Home to two state parks, a state forest, hundreds of miles of trails, four state game lands, and much more, Sullivan County, Pennsylvania, is a destination for outdoor recreation. Located about forty-five minutes northeast of Williamsport, this quiet, rural area is the perfect place to get away from it all. As you discover the sweeping vistas, rushing waterfalls, and peaceful woodlands, you'll quickly understand why the county is known as the "Gem of the Endless Mountains."

Plan your next Sullivan County adventure! This guide is full of ideas for outdoor fun, from hiking and biking to fishing and hunting and everything in between. See you in the great outdoors!

Dushore Fishing Derby



High Knob Overlook
by Dennis J. Kowalewski



Lake Jean at Ricketts Glen
by Dennis J. Kowalewski



Worlds End State Park
by Donna Sherwood



State Parks

RICKETTS GLEN STATE PARK

695 State Route 487, Benton

Phone: (570) 477-5675

Website: pa.gov/agencies/dcnr/recreation/where-to-go/state-parks/find-a-park/ricketts-glen-state-park.html

Email: rickettsglensp@pa.gov



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to Ricketts Glen State Park
from PA DCNR

Named in honor of Civil War veteran Colonel Robert Bruce Ricketts, Ricketts Glen State Park spans over 13,000 acres of scenic beauty. The park is famous for its 22 named waterfalls that cascade from the rocky cliffs. For the best views, take the challenging Falls Trail System through the Glens Natural Area, a National Natural Landmark. The entire system is 7.2 miles total, but you can make a 3.2-mile loop with the Highland Trail and still see the majority of the waterfalls. Remember, the trail is steep and slippery, and sturdy shoes are a must.

The waterfalls are just a glimpse of all that this vast park has to offer. Hikers can explore 28 miles of trails ranging from family-friendly nature walks to secluded wilderness treks on the park's eastern half. For excellent views, stop at the Valley View Vista along the Old Bulldozer Road Trail. The Laurel View Trail is

another popular spot, especially when the mountain laurel blooms in June.

Lake Jean is a peaceful mountaintop lake that provides access for fishing and boating (electric motors only). Boat rentals are available seasonally. In the summer, the sand beach and swimming area are the perfect places to cool off.

With so much to see, you'll want to spend the night. Ricketts Glen's campground boasts cottages, tent and trailer sites, and year-round cabin rentals.

Activities: Boating, Camping, Cross-Country Skiing, Fishing, Hiking, Horseback Riding, Hunting, Ice Climbing, Ice Fishing, Picnicking, Snowmobiling, Snowshoeing, Swimming, Wildlife Watching



State Parks

WORLDS END STATE PARK

82 Cabin Bridge Rd., Forksville

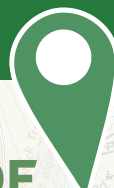
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Worlds End State Park encompasses a stunning valley along the Loyalsock Creek. Framed by rugged mountains, this park is known for its outstanding views. The most popular is the Loyalsock Canyon Vista, which you can reach by hiking the Canyon Vista Trail (a difficult four-mile loop) or by driving up Mineral Spring and Cold Run Roads (open seasonally). You'll quickly see why this area is called the Endless Mountains!

The park includes 780 acres of pristine woodlands surrounded by the Loyalsock State Forest. The park features over 20 miles of hiking trails. Many trails are rocky and steep, like the challenging (but rewarding) High Rock Trail. The Double Run Nature Trail provides a family-friendly option with streamside views.

Loyalsock Creek runs through the heart of the park and provides a popular spot for trout fishing. A swimming area is open from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. The day use area offers plenty of picnic areas along the creek.

The campground includes modern tent and trailer sites, as well as year-round cabins. The cabins—along with other park facilities like the swimming area, dam, pavilions, trails, and roads—were built by Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in the 1930s.

Activities: Camping, Cross-Country Skiing, Fishing, Hiking, Hunting, Picnicking, Snowmobiling, Snowshoeing, Swimming, Whitewater Boating, Wildlife Watching



Left Photo: Loyalsock Creek *Top Right Photo:* Loyalsock Canyon Vista
Bottom Right Photo: Loyalsock Canyon Vista

State Forest

LOYALSOCK STATE FOREST

6735 Route 220, Dushore

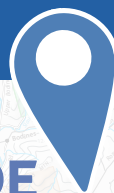
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Loyalsock State Forest is named for the Loyalsock Creek, a freestone stream that flows through the forest's 114,000+ acres. With sweeping vistas and countless waterfalls, this area is a scenic wonderland. It encompasses over 200 miles of trails, including the 59-mile Loyalsock Trail and the 27-mile Old Logger's Path. Even a day hike will reward hikers with excellent views. The Haystacks and Dutchman Falls, located off of US-220 between Dushore and Laporte, is a popular hike featuring rapids and sandstone rock formations along the Loyalsock Creek.

High Knob Overlook is a famous vista that is accessible by car. By day, you can see 90,000 acres of the state forest and views up to 20 miles into the distance. By night, this area is a spectacular spot for stargazing.

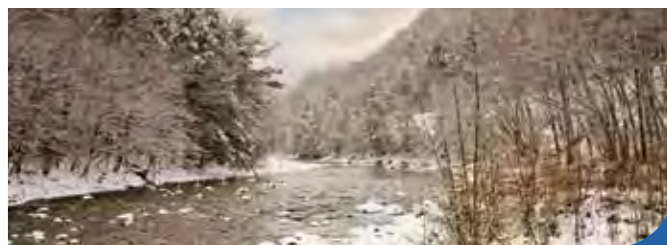


For cyclists, the Loyalsock State Forest's endless gravel roads make for perfect riding. The forest is also home to the Drift Mine Mountain Bike Trail, a singletrack trail system located off of Coal Mine Road near Forksville.

The Loyalsock Creek and its tributaries are excellent for fishing. Bear Wallow Pond and Sones Pond also provide peaceful places to fish and launch unpowered boats.

This remote area is a draw for hunters. Deer, turkey, grouse, squirrels, and black bear are abundant within the forest.

Activities: Biking, Boating, Camping, Cross-Country Skiing, Fishing, Hiking, Horseback Riding, Hunting, Ice Fishing, Picnicking, Snowmobiling



State Game Lands

The Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) manages Sullivan County's expansive state game lands. The primary purpose is the management of habitat for wildlife and provide opportunities for lawful hunting and trapping. Secondary recreational uses are permitted in accordance with PGC's regulations.

State Game Lands 12, 13, and 66 provide designated routes for horseback riding and biking during certain times of the year.

State Game Lands 12 and 13 have designated snowmobile routes that are open from the third Sunday in January through April 1 with sufficient snow. Snowmobiles must be registered and display a valid registration decal.



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STATE GAME LAND 12

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STATE GAME LAND 13

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SGL 12	Shunk	24,480 acres	41°37'18"N	76°42'47"W
SGL 13	Sonestown	49,528 acres	41°22'0"N	76°22'30"W
SGL 66	Lopez	8,107 acres	41°28'33"N	76°16'54"W
SGL 134*	Barbours	8,375 acres	41°25'0"N	76°46'24"W
*(Sullivan & Lycoming Counties)				

Conservancies

Our local conservancies are nonprofit organizations that protect our region's natural resources. Two conservancies in Sullivan County— the Eagles Mere Conservancy and the Mokoma Conservancy— offer visitors access to public preserves, nature trails, and educational programs.

EAGLES MERE CONSERVANCY



Conservancy Cabin, Eagles Mere

Website: eaglesmereconservancy.org

The Eagles Mere Conservancy preserves 450 acres of woodlands and three miles of public trails. Their headquarters is located at the Conservancy Cabin near the Outlet Pond on Route 42, where they host educational programs and children's activities in the summer. The cabin is also the starting point for many of their trails, ranging from easy nature walks to longer hikes through the forest. Several trails connect to Eagles Mere's historic paths, which were first created over 100 years ago, and trails in the surrounding Loyalsock State Forest.



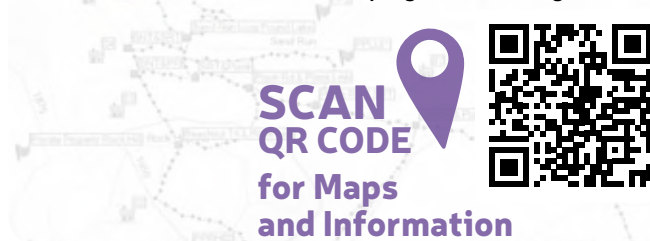
MOKOMA CONSERVANCY



Lake Road, Laporte

Website: mokomaconservancy.org

The Mokoma Conservancy is dedicated to preserving the natural resources surrounding Lake Mokoma near Laporte. The conservancy owns and maintains two preserves that are open to the public year-round from dawn to dusk. The 243-acre Conklin Run Wilderness Area provides several easy and moderate hiking trails, as well as a crucial habitat for threatened golden-winged warblers. The 143-acre Ellick Run Wilderness Area is located just south of Conklin Run and features a loop trail and two link trails. During the summer, the conservancy hosts educational and recreational programs for all ages.



Community Parks

Local and county parks offer the perfect places for families to play and relax outdoors. Many of our small towns provide playgrounds, picnic areas, and sports facilities for the community to enjoy.



Cosgrove Memorial Community Park

Cherry Street, Laporte

Playground, basketball court, and winter ice rink by the Laporte Enhancement Committee.



Dushore Park

N. German St. (Rt. 220), Dushore

dushorepa.gov

Baseball field, soccer fields, tennis court, basketball courts, and playground.



Forksville Borough Community Park

Main Street, Forksville

Basketball court, soccer fields, playground, and pavilion.



Sonestown Park

Michelle Rd., Sonestown

Baseball fields and playground.



Gravel Cycling

The quiet dirt roads of Sullivan County offer some of the most scenic gravel biking in the area. A portion of the Endless Mountains Gravel Bikepacking Loop, a 430-mile route through the region, passes outdoor destinations like Hunters Lake, Eagles Mere, the Loyalsock Canyon Vista, Sones Pond, Ricketts Glen, and more. Shorter routes are perfect for a day ride. Visit EndlessGravelPA.com for detailed maps and ride ideas.

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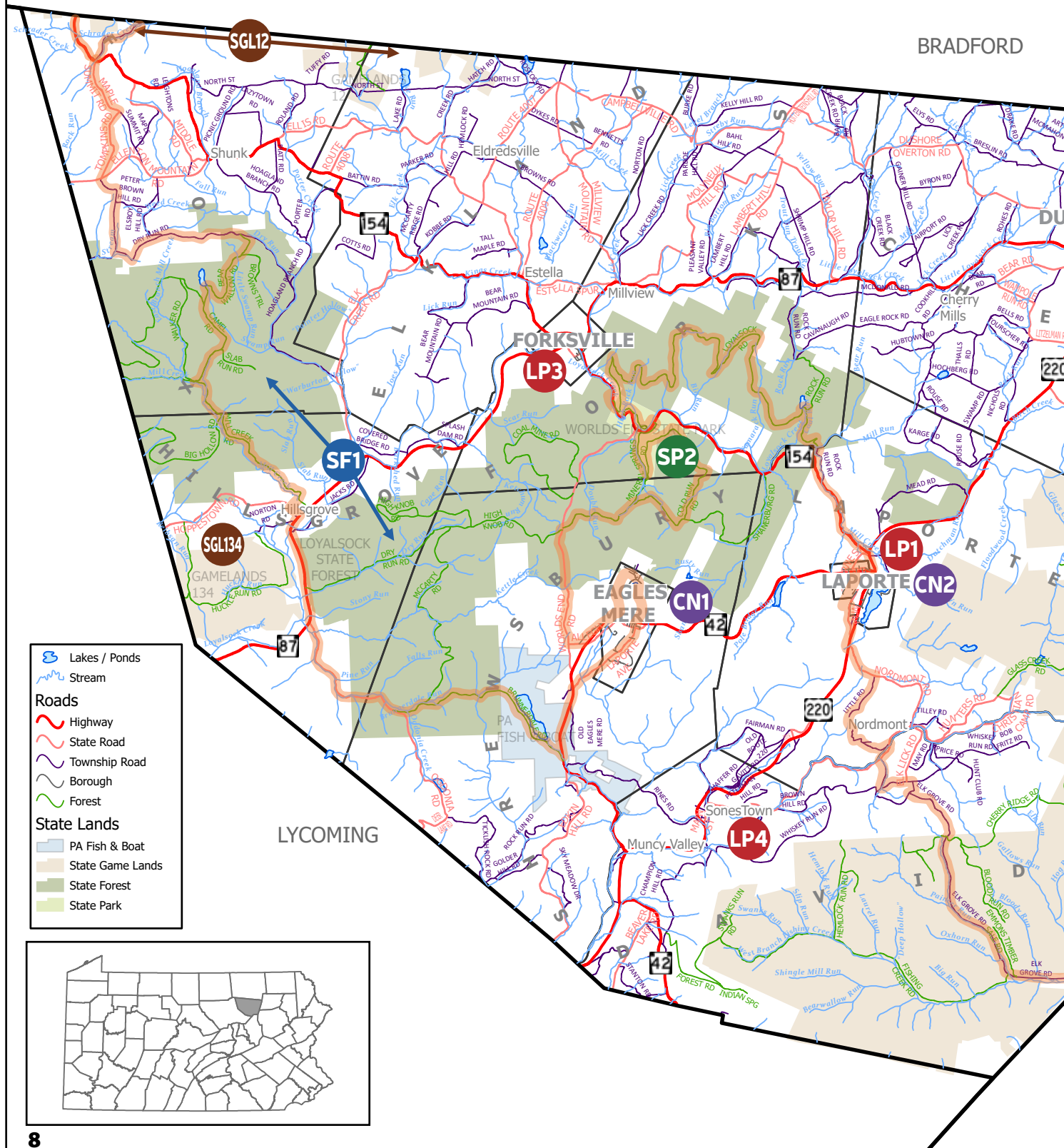


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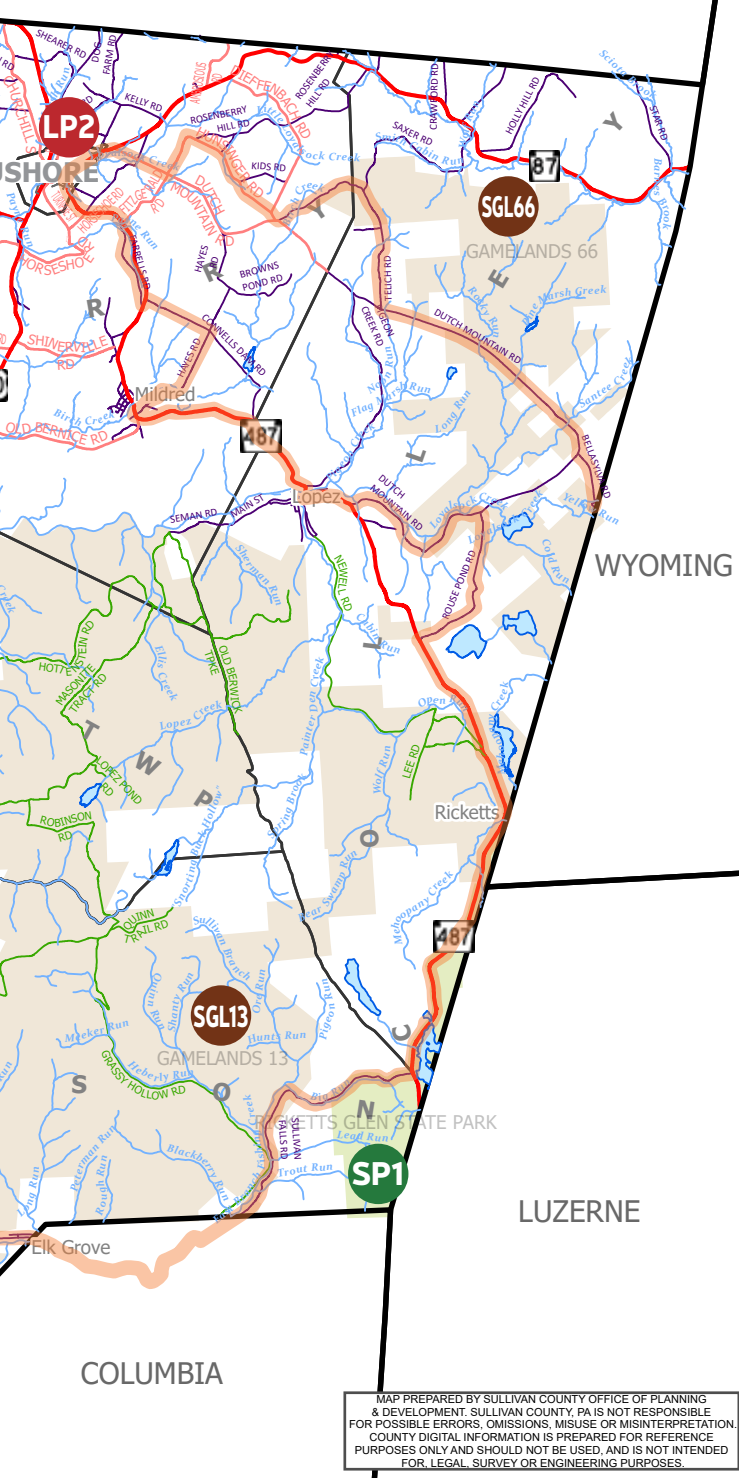


Top Photo: Cosgrove Memorial Community Park

Bottom Photos: Endless Gravel trails by Sebastian Samek (L) and David Landis (R)



Sullivan County



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Gravel Bikepacking Loop

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Bikepacking Loop Map



Waterways

Sullivan County's creeks, ponds, and lakes combine natural wonder with outdoor fun. Whether you're casting a line, paddling your kayak, or simply picnicking on the shore, you'll find a peaceful escape on the water.

CREEKS

Loyalsock Creek

The Loyalsock Creek was named 2018's Pennsylvania River of the Year. Meandering along 64 miles of scenic wilderness, it is easily accessible from the Loyalsock State Forest and Worlds End State Park. The cold-water habitat makes it an excellent trout fishery and a popular spot for fly fishing. Experienced whitewater boaters often enjoy the rapids, especially during the spring thaw from March through May. A public swimming area is open from Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day at Worlds End State Park.

Muncy Creek

Muncy Creek begins in southeastern Laporte Township and flows south, forming the Muncy Valley. It is stocked annually with trout and is designated as an Exceptional Value and a Migratory Fishery. Its many tributaries are also excellent fishing spots, with several designated as high-quality coldwater fisheries.

LAKES & PONDS

Bear Wallow Pond

This 22-acre pond is located in the Loyalsock State Forest just south of Shunk. In the warmer months, it is a great spot to catch pickerel, yellow perch, bluegill, and largemouth bass. In the winter, it is ideal for ice fishing. It is also a quiet, remote pond to launch canoes and kayaks.

Eagles Mere Lake

Eagles Mere Lake is a private lake that is not open to the public; however, some lodging partners and vacation rentals provide lake/beach access with your stay.

Hunters Lake

Hunters Lake is located off of Route 42, about halfway between Eagles Mere and Muncy Valley. This 117-acre lake is owned by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and managed by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. It is designated as stocked trout waters open to year-round fishing. A boat launch ramp is available; only electric motors and unpowered boats are permitted.



Lake Jean

This 245-acre lake is one of the highlights of Ricketts Glen State Park. In the summer months, the sand beach, swimming area, and concession stand are perfect for a "beach day." The lake boasts two boat launches for unpowered boats and electric motors only, and boat rentals are available in the summer. Lake Jean is home to warmwater panfish and game fish, and it is also popular for ice fishing in the winter.

Lake Mokoma

Lake Mokoma is a private lake; however, some vacation rentals provide lake/beach access with your stay through the Lake Mokoma Association.

Shumans Lake

This 66-acre lake is located in State Game Lands 66 near Lopez.

Sones Pond

Located in the Loyalsock State Forest near Laporte, Sones Pond is open to fishing and kayaking/canoeing. It is ideal for catching panfish.

Splashdam Pond

This 55-acre pond is located in State Game Lands 13 in Colley Township, just north of Ricketts Glen State Park.

Sullivan County's rocky, mountainous terrain and endless streams are perfect for spotting waterfalls. This area is home to dozens of falls, both seasonal and year-round. Countless waterfalls are hidden deep in the forest, reachable only by bushwhacking. However, the list below is an introduction to popular waterfalls that you can access from trails and roads.

WATERFALLS

Ricketts Glen State Park

The challenging Falls Trail System offers a views of 21 waterfalls ranging from 11 to 94 feet tall. The Evergreen Trail is an easier alternative with views of Adams Falls.

Worlds End State Park

The park is home to several waterfalls, including the seasonal High Rock Falls on the High Rock Trail. The Double Run Nature Trail, which starts in the park and continues into the Loyalsock State Forest, provides creekside views leading to Cottonwood Falls.

Loyalsock State Forest

Angel Falls & Gipson Falls

Newly rerouted for 2025, Angel Falls is the tallest waterfall in the state forest at 70 feet tall. Gipson Falls is smaller, yet still breathtaking. Park at the trailhead on Brunnerdale Road (located off of Route 42 south of Eagles Mere) and walk about one mile north on the Loyalsock Trail. Look for blue markers that indicate spur trails to falls.

Cold Run Falls

Cold Run Falls is the tallest of several smaller cascades along the Cold Run Trail. Start in Worlds End State Park, take Canyon Vista Trail, and follow blazes for Cold Run Trail.

Dry Run Falls

This roadside waterfall and picnic area is located on Dry Run Road about four miles from Hillsgrove.

Dutchman Falls & The Haystacks

This popular day hike starts at the Loyalsock Trail trailhead near Laporte. Stop to visit Dutchman Falls, then continue to view the Haystacks, which are unusual sandstone boulders that form rapids in the creek.

Mineral Spring Falls

Mineral Spring Falls is a roadside waterfall near the intersection of Mineral Spring Road and the Loyalsock Trail.

Shanersburg Run & Rusty Run Falls

Drive about one mile up Shanersburg Road (located off Route 154 east of Worlds End State Park) and park at the bridle trail parking area. Follow the trail to the right to see falls along Shanersburg Run. Rusty Run Falls is visible from a short offshoot trail.

State Game Lands 13

Big Run Falls & Sullivan Falls

Take Sullivan Falls Road, located just north of the main entrance to Ricketts Glen State Park on Route 487. A small pulloff marks the lookout point for Big Run Falls. Parking for Sullivan Falls is a quarter-mile further along the road. Park at the marked lot and follow the path less than 400 feet.



Trails

Eagles Mere Conservancy

eaglesmereconservancy.org

Three miles of public trails, which connect to the historic Eagles Mere paths and state forest trails.

Loyalsock State Forest

pa.gov/agencies/dcnr/recreation/where-to-go/state-forests/find-a-forest/loyalsock.html

Nearly 200 miles of trails. Includes two designated State Forest Hiking Trails, the Loyalsock Trail and the Old Logger's Path.

Mokoma Conservancy

mokomaconservancy.org

Short hiking trails located at Conklin Run and Ellick Run Wilderness Areas.

Ricketts Glen State Park

pa.gov/agencies/dcnr/recreation/where-to-go/state-parks/find-a-park/ricketts-glen-state-park.html

Twenty-six miles of hiking trails, including the famous Falls Trail System.

Summit Loop

loyalsockfoundation.org

Route 42, Laporte

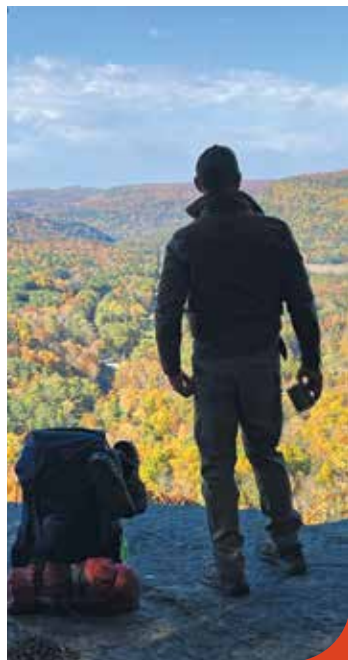
Gentle one-mile hiking trail at the future home of The Summit: Center for Wellness.

Worlds End State Park

pa.gov/agencies/dcnr/recreation/where-to-go/state-parks/find-a-park/worlds-end-state-park.html

Twenty miles of hiking trails featuring several vistas.

Guides and Outfitters



Deep Green Journey

This nonprofit organization offers forest therapy walks, guided backpacking trips, and retreat opportunities in the Loyalsock State Forest and beyond.

Dushore Hardware

The store's camping section includes tents, hammocks, grilling items, trekking poles, bug repellent, cast-iron cookware, RV supplies, and other outdoor gear.

Mountain Biking

State parks and forests offer many trails that are open to mountain biking. The Loyalsock State Forest has a designated mountain biking area called the Drift Mine Mountain Bike Trail. Located off Coal Mine Road near Forksville, the singletrack trail system consists of a compact loop-on-loop network with terrain for all levels. Mountain bikers may also enjoy the more rugged parts of our gravel cycling routes, which are found on page 9.



ATVs

ATVs are not permitted in any of Sullivan County's state parks, state game lands, or state forestland at the time of publication. However, ATVs are allowed on township roads in Cherry Township and Colley Township with a permit. For information, please contact:

Cherry Township Municipal Building

11961 Route 87, Dushore
570-928-9228

Colley Township Municipal Building

5815 Route 487, Lopez
570-928-7456

Snowmobiling

Loyalsock State Forest has nearly 130 miles of joint-use state forest roads and 16 miles of groomed trails that are open to snowmobiles when conditions permit.

Ricketts Glen State Park allows snowmobiling on designated trails from the day after the last day of deer season in December until April 1, conditions permitting.

State Game Lands 12 and 13 have designated snowmobile routes that are open from the third Sunday in January through April 1 with sufficient snow.

Cross Country Skiing

Park trails at **Ricketts Glen State Park** (excluding the Falls Trail) and **Worlds End State Park** are open to cross-country skiers. In the **Loyalsock State Forest**, skiers may use all roads and trails, as well as two designated cross-country trail systems. A trailhead along **Worlds End Road** provides access to 21 miles of ski trails. The **Hawkeye** and **Sand Springs Ski Trails** offer an additional 15 miles of trails with parking on Ellenton Mountain Road in Shunk.

Horseback Riding

The **Loyalsock State Forest** has 52 miles of designated equestrian trails. The trails consist of two loops, which begin and end at the trailhead on Worlds End Road. Riding is also permitted on select roads and trails.

At **Ricketts Glen State Park**, riders can create a 12.5-mile loop along Cherry Run Trail, Mountain Springs Road, and Mountain Springs Trail.

State Game Lands 12 and 13 permit horseback riding on designated roads during certain times of the year.

Ice Hiking

The Falls Trail System at **Ricketts Glen State Park** is closed in the winter except to experienced ice hikers and climbers. Minimal required equipment includes ice crampons, ice axes, and rope. Hikers must sign in with the park office.



Resources

Camping, Lodging, & Attractions

For a list of campgrounds and lodging, visit the Endless Mountains Visitors Bureau's website at www.endlessmountains.org. The site also features local events, restaurants, shops, and points of interest in Sullivan County.

Cell Phone Service

Cell phone service and WiFi are limited in Sullivan County, especially in rural areas. Make sure to bring a paper map and download offline maps before you arrive.

Health & Safety

Bears

Black bears are common, but they are rarely aggressive. Visit bearwise.org for tips for hiking and camping in bear country.

Snakes

The area is home to two types of venomous snakes: timber rattlesnakes and copperheads. Use caution around rocky areas and brush, especially in the summer. If bitten, seek medical assistance immediately.

Ticks

Ticks are found throughout Pennsylvania and can transmit diseases. Visiting health.pa.gov/ticks to learn how to protect yourself from ticks.

Weather

Before heading out, check the weather conditions. Plan for changes in the weather when packing; nights can grow cold in the mountains, even in summer.

Planning Ahead

This guide is a great starting point for your adventure, but make sure to research your destination in advance. Always tell someone where you are going and your expected time of return. If possible, travel with a friend.

Private Property

The locations listed in this brochure are all managed and maintained by state, county, and local agencies and are open to the public. Many publicly accessible areas border private property. Please respect "No Trespassing" signs and avoid leaving marked trails and boundaries of parks and preserves. Please also be aware of Pennsylvania's Purple Paint Law. Vertical stripes of purple paint on a tree or post indicate private property; trespassing and hunting are prohibited.

Road Conditions

Sullivan County has many dirt roads, especially within state lands. These roads may be steep, narrow, or rough. Some roads are open seasonally with no winter maintenance.

Spotted Lanternfly

The spotted lanternfly is an invasive insect that threatens important agricultural crops. As of 2025, Sullivan County is in the quarantine zone. Destroy any spotted lanternflies that you find. Check your car, trailer, and other outdoor equipment before transporting them to another area. Do not move firewood.

Stewardship

Please respect our beautiful outdoor spaces. Dispose of waste properly and pack out anything that you bring with you. Do not disturb wildlife.



The following agencies provide helpful information about licensing, permits, and regulations.

Hunting

Pennsylvania Game Commission

pa.gov/agencies/pgc

Information about hunting and trapping seasons, bag limits, licenses, permits, state game lands, and regulations.



Fishing & Boating

Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission

pa.gov/agencies/fishandboat

Information about fishing licenses, trout stocking schedules, launch permits, boating licenses and registration, life jacket requirements, and other regulations.



State Parks & Forests

Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

pa.gov/agencies/dcnr

Information about recreational activities in state parks and forests. Also includes maps and camping reservations.



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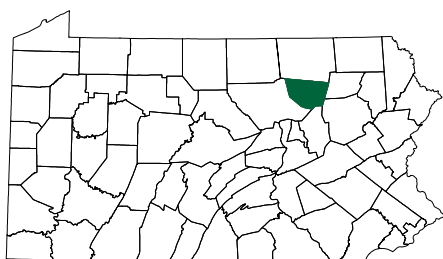
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EMHeritage.org

contact@emheritage.org

Left Photo: Falls Trails at Ricketts Glen State Park provided by Endless Mountains Heritage Region

Right Photo: Loyalsock Creek by Richard Liebert



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Falls Trail at Ricketts Glen State Park by Katie Loughran

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