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"With the coming of spring,

I am calm again," Gustav Mahler

We are pleased to announce the return of **WORLDS END DAY** ... mark your calendars for the afternoon of **Saturday July 19** for activities and fun for the entire family—see page 3! And for more summer activities, see page 6 for the dates and times for this year's **ARCHERY PROGRAM**, and see page 7 for this year's **WORLDS END ULTRAMARATHON**.

But before summer arrives, we celebrate the coming of spring with our annual tour of local **WATERFALLS**. With the melting snow and spring rains and the bright green of the emerging foliage, this is the best time of year to view the beautiful cascades and falls that flow at their best across the Endless Mountain—see starting on page 10. And for information about **fishing** many of those same streams, see page 7.

We have an important reminder about a road and cabin closures this autumn—see page 8.

Keep up-to-date on summer activities at the park by monitoring our website and social media—see information to the left.

COMING SATURDAY JULY 19: WORLDS END DAY 2025!

Featuring...

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Also featuring exhibits and
demonstrations from local
community organizations!



DCNR and Worlds End Launch Revamped Websites

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

DCNR conserves and sustains Pennsylvania's natural resources for present and future generations' use and enjoyment.



The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) and Worlds End State Park recently unveiled revamped websites.

DCNR: <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dcnr.html>

WORLDS END: <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dcnr/recreation/where-to-go/state-parks/find-a-park/worlds-end-state-park.html>

Using these websites, you can find information on all of Pennsylvania's state parks and forests and the activities and events available at each, make cabin and camping reservations, download park and forests maps, rules and regulations, find contact information, and review alerts.

RIGHT: DCNR's website includes a map displaying all state parks—clicking on the “trees” will take you to the website for that specific park.

Official Website of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



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Worlds End State Park

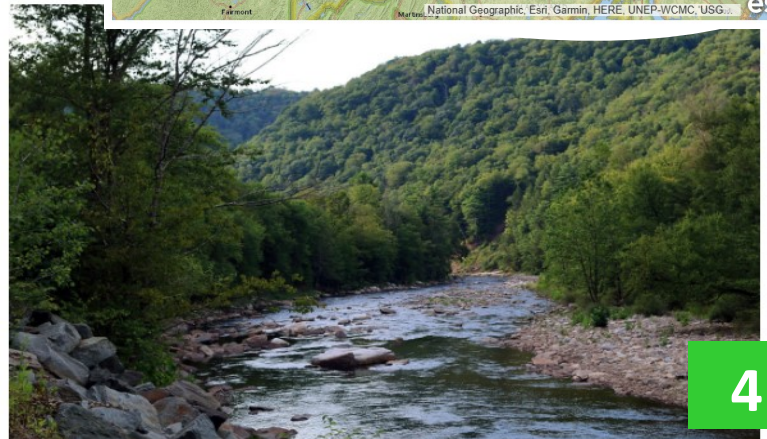
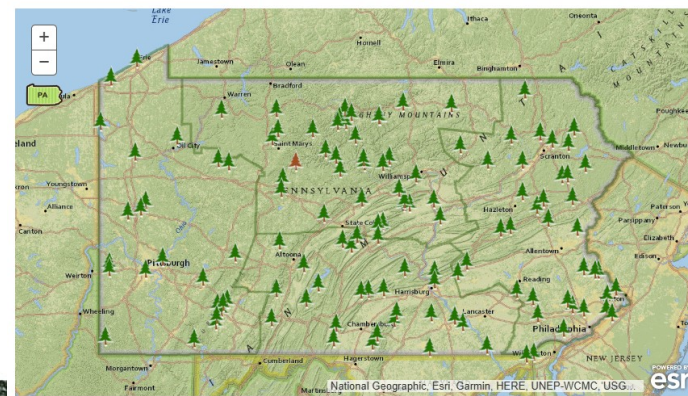
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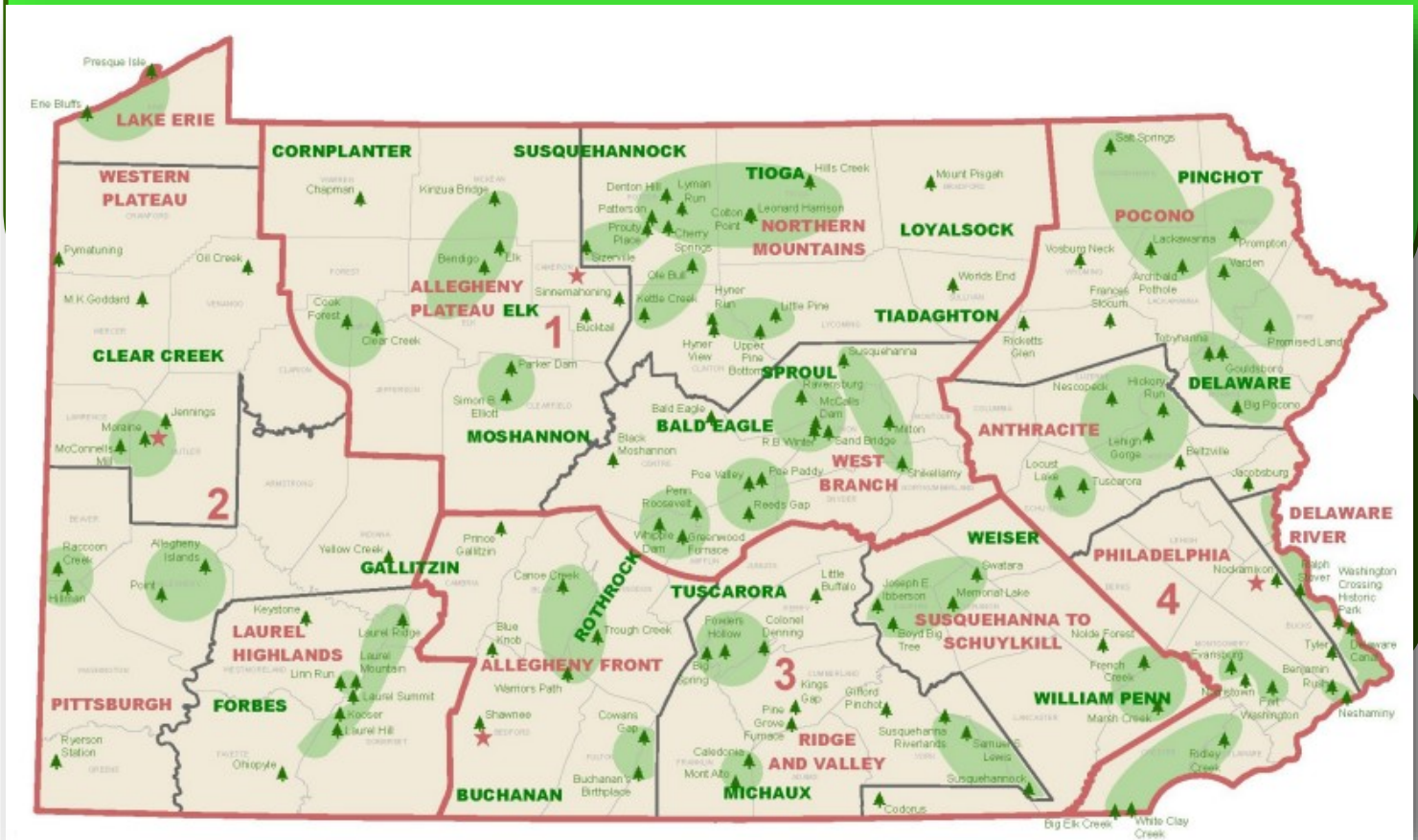
Find Park Maps and Guides

Find a State Park by Region



DCNR RE-ORGANIZES STATE PARK REGIONS—AFFECTING WORLDS END:

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) recently reorganized some of the regional groups that manage the individual state parks. As a result, Worlds End State Park has been moved from region 4 and is now part of the Northern Mountains Division of Region 1. Region 1 is headquartered in Emporium, Cameron County. For more information, see: <https://paparksandforests.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/2025-regional-map-poster.pdf>



**I ♥ love my
state parks**

“I LOVE MY STATE PARKS” Week May 11—17:

I Love My State Parks Week is an event promoted by the National Association of State Parks Foundations (NASPF). The week-long event aims to raise awareness of state parks and encourage public participation.

ARCHERY CLASSES RETURN THIS SUMMER:



Last year's popular archery course returns this summer! If you have ever wanted to explore archery – here is your opportunity. Certified Archery Instructors Jane Swift and Mike Scott will once again be offering archery instruction at the park this summer with an emphasis on safe archery practices. The park will provide the equipment you need.

Ages: 9 – 90

Location: Point Pavilion.

Who are these classes for?

Pretty much anyone can learn archery – you do not have to be especially athletic or have previous experience. We have had grandparents learning along with their grandchildren. All you really need is a bit of patience – but most students are surprised how quickly they learn and improve.

CHECK THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE VISTA FOR CLASS DATES AND TIMES.



Statewide Opening Day of Trout Season - April 5

Get your license:

<https://www.pa.gov/agencies/fishandboat/fishing/buy-fishing-license-permit.html>

The 2025 PA Fishing Summary:

<https://www.pa.gov/content/dam/copapwp-pagov/en/fishandboat/documents/fishing/regulations/summarybook.pdf>

Stocking Schedules:

<https://www.pa.gov/agencies/fishandboat/fishing/stocking.html>

2025 Pennsylvania Fishing Summary



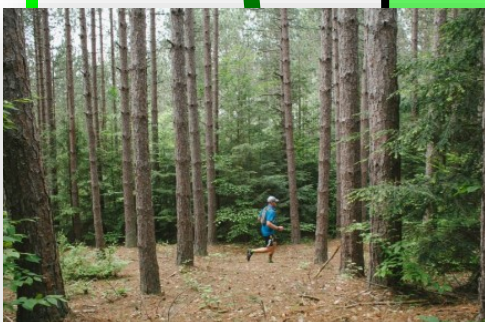
WORLDS END ULTRAMARATHON MAY 31!

One of the toughest, most scenic trail races in the country returns to Worlds End State Park and the Loyalsock State Forest on Saturday May 31. The 100k event starts at 5:00AM with the 50k event starting at 7:00AM. The course is predominantly rugged single-track that winds it's way through the Endless Mountains and takes runners to beautiful over-looks such as High Rock Vista, Canyon Vista, Upper and Lower Alpine View, Kettle Creek Vista, and High Knob Overlook - along with spectacular cascades and falls like Double Run, Dry Run, Rode Falls and Lee's Falls in the Ketchum Run Gorge. The overall elevation is gain over 12,000 feet! The Worlds End 100k is part of the Pennsylvania Triple Crown of Mountain Running that requires participants to complete the Hyner 50k, Worlds End 100k, and Eastern States 100. For more about this event: <https://worldsendultra.com/>

Volunteers are needed for Race Base Operations, Logistics/Aid Stations, Race Control, Medical, and Radio Operations. To find out more and to volunteer:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/Volunteer/PA/Forksville/worldsendultra>

In 2024, the winning time for the 100K race was 11:39:24:83 and for the 50K race was 5:30:47:38!



FIREWOOD AVAILABLE THIS SPRING:

Firewood is available for sale in the cabin area and campground this spring - \$8.00 per bundle. Look for the self-serve kiosk near the trash dumpsters on the right as you enter the cabin area and near the shower houses in the campground. Money from these sales funds the park improvement projects of the Friends of Worlds End State Park.



DON'T FORGET THE KINDLING OR FIRESTARTER STICKS!

Campers sometimes forget that it takes more than just the firewood to get a good fire going. Don't forget to bring dry small branches and twigs—you can sometimes scavenge around your campsite to find some—but sometimes the camping area is picked pretty clean. You can also buy commercial firestarter sticks or bricks at most home, outdoors, or grocery stores.



CABINS AND BRIDGE CLOSURE THIS AUTUMN:

The bridge spanning Loyalsock Creek on Cabin Bridge Road, which provides access to the cabin colony at the park, will be undergoing a full superstructure



replacement throughout October and November of 2025. As a result, reservations for the cabin colony and group tenting sites at the Park will be unavailable during October and November of 2025. The closure of Cabin Bridge Road will also result in the rerouting of the Loyalsock Trail. Affected hikers should contact the park for more information. The park campground, located along Route 154, will not be impacted and will be open for its normal operating season dates. For more information, contact Worlds Ends State Park at 570-924-3287 or by email at worldsendsp@pa.gov.

Hiking Trail Etiquette

Pennsylvania's parks and forests contain thousands of miles of trails, some of which are foot-traffic only and others shared use. We all have a role in conserving these pathways to wellness. Proper trail etiquette helps instill respect for other trail users while promoting stewardship of the land.

On a shared use trail, remember the general rule of yielding:

Hikers going uphill have the right-of-way. If you are moving downhill, simply step aside.

Hikers yield to horses and other pack stock—slowly and calmly step to the side. If you are approaching from behind, quietly make your presence and intentions known.

Bicyclists yield to hikers and horses—come to a full stop and step aside, being mindful of where you are stepping to avoid stepping on plants.



General etiquette:

Plan ahead and have an alternative destination in mind. If a trail head or parking area is at capacity, seek another destination.

When in a group, hike single file.

When approaching another hiker/biker/equestrian from behind, make yourself known with a simple 'hello' or 'passing on your left' comment.

Stay on the trail to avoid damage to plants and animal habitat and reduce trail erosion.

Do not disturb wildlife—watch from a distance.

Pack out any trash.

Know how to relieve yourself without having an impact.

Keep pets leashed and clean up after them.

Be mindful of trail conditions—if a trail is too wet or muddy, choose another trail.

Speak in quiet tones and limit the use of electronic devices to not only promote a sense of calm, but to reduce disturbance to wildlife and wildlife communication.

Be aware of your surroundings.

Respect others.

Waterfalls

Of the Endless Mountains...

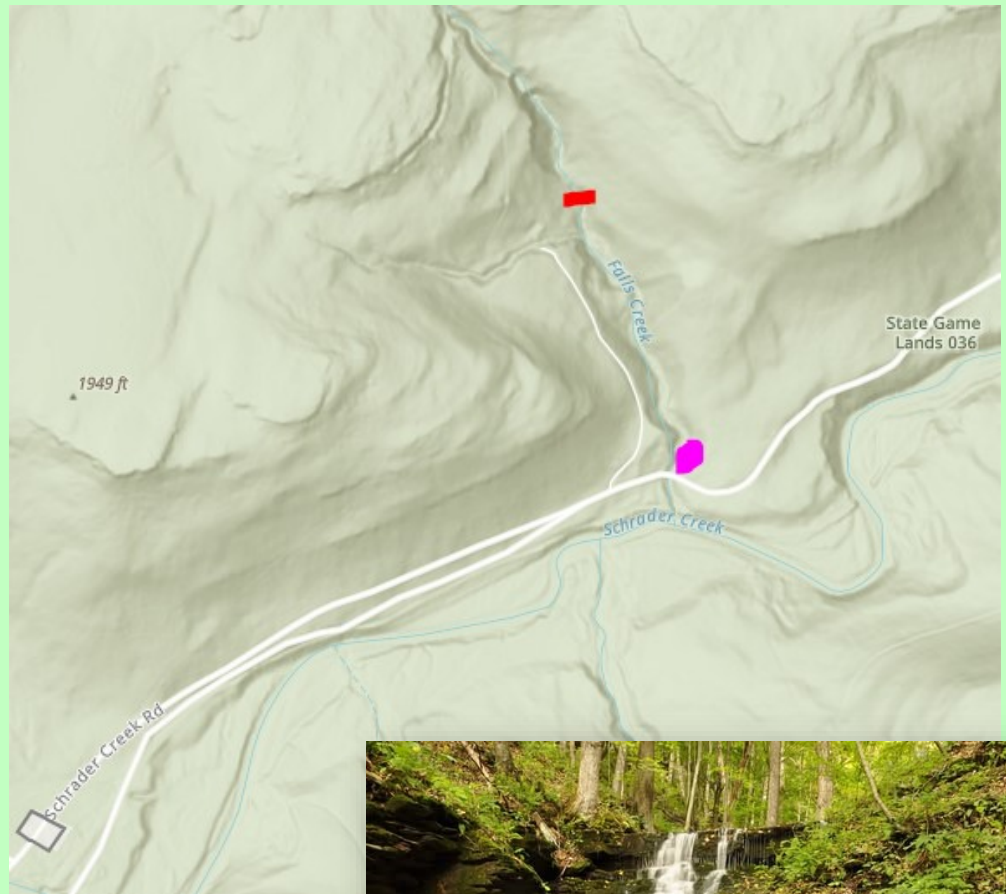


ABOVE (and on the cover): The tallest of the falls on Falls Creek, and one of the tallest in all of Pennsylvania, is Bradford Falls, at around 70 feet tall. Putting a person in your waterfall photos helps provide a sense of scale.



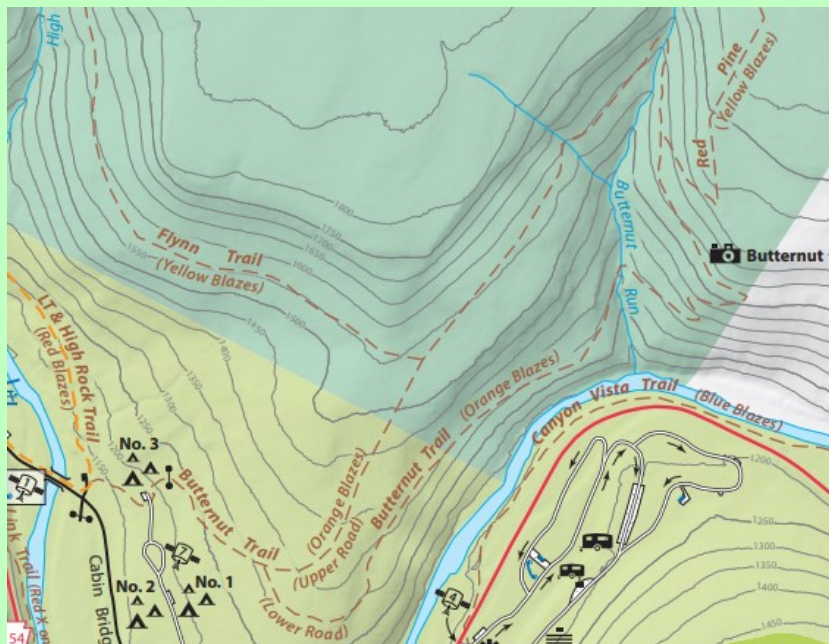
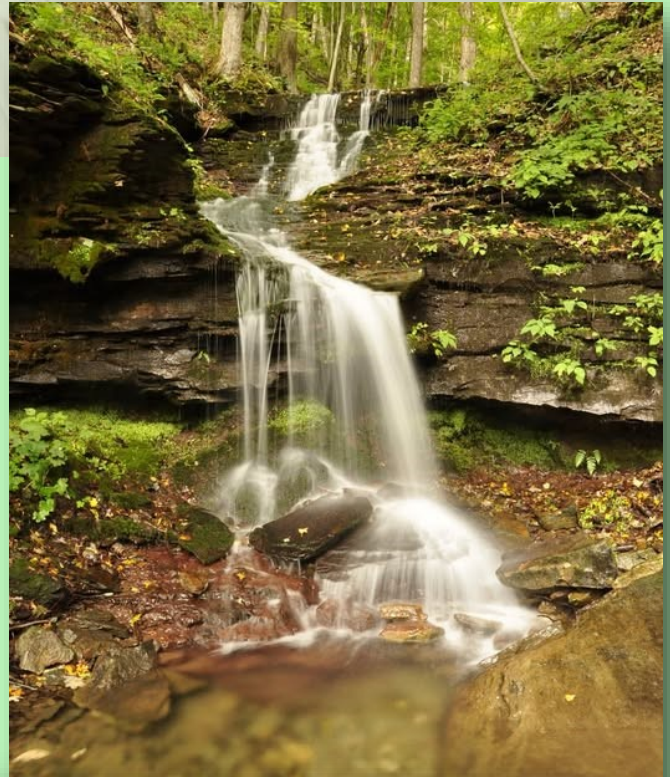
*The Falls of
Falls Creek*

Falls Creek, with its many falls and cascades, is in State Game Lands 36 in southern Bradford County. It can be reached via Schrader Creek Road, and there is a small parking area and trail log along this road where it crosses Falls Creek (purple dot). From the parking area, cross the stream using the bridge, and a few yards down the road you will see an old, gated road that climbs the mountain (white line on map). The red dot is the approximate location of Bradford Falls.



Butternut Falls

The Butternut Trail at Worlds End State Park takes the hiker to a number of falls and cascades, and a scenic vista. The trailhead and parking is on the left as you cross the Cabin Bridge Road bridge.

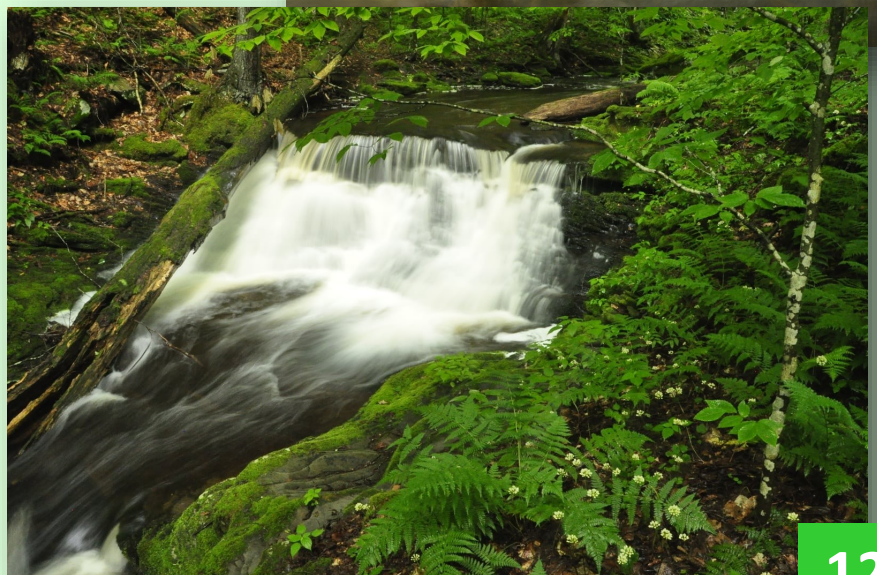


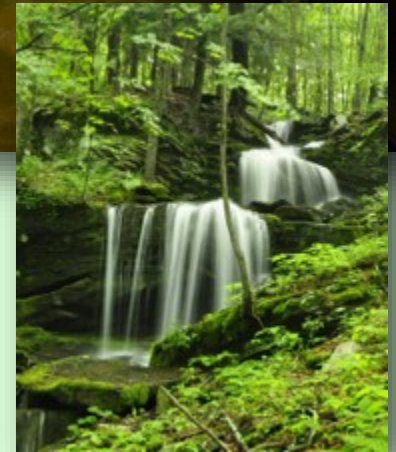


The Falls along Rock Run

When people think of waterfalls along Rock Run, they likely think of the more famous Rock Run in Lycoming County near Ralston. But the Loyalsock State Forest has a number of Rock Runs, and the one that descends the mountain to the north of Sones Pond, while lesser known, also features falls and cascades.

This Rock Run is a low-flow stream, so these falls are best viewed during the spring-time snow melt or after a soaking rain. These falls are accessed using Rock Run Road and Cavanaugh Road, but you cannot see the falls from these roads—you have to do some hiking. There is no blazed trail leading you to these falls—you have to bushwhack and occasionally cross the stream.





Several unnamed tributaries of Rock Run also feature falls and cascades:

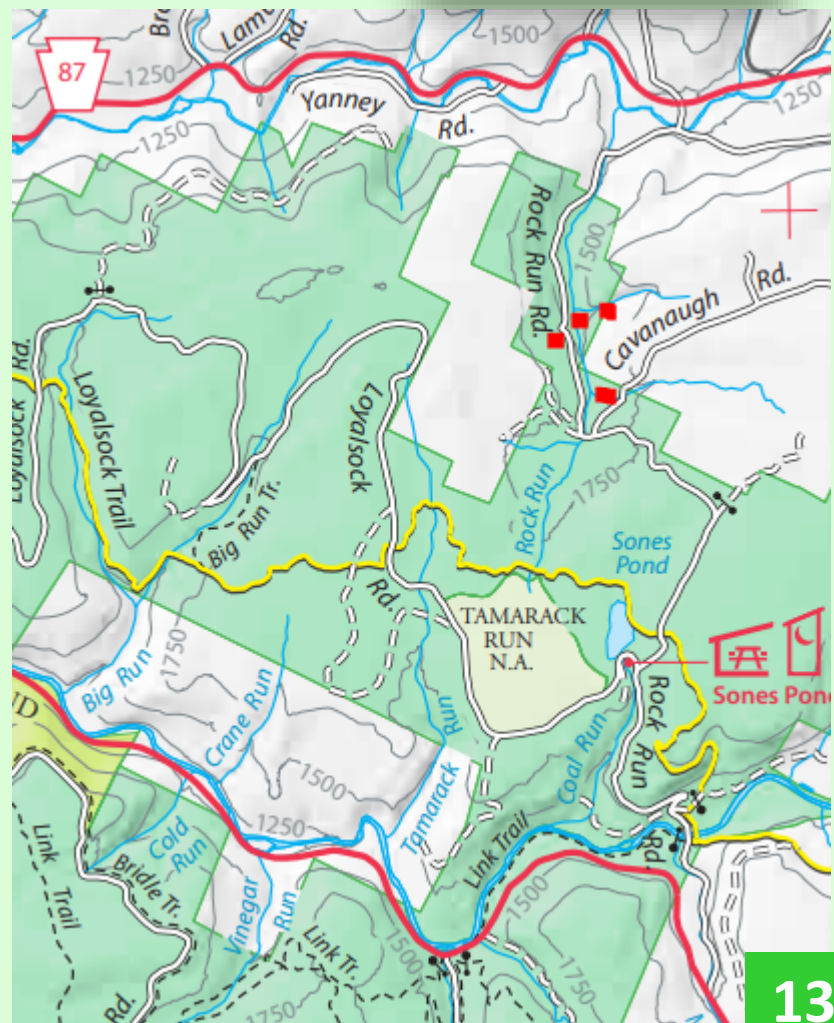
TOP LEFT: Sometimes referred to as Cavanaugh Falls, this double-drop falls is just below Cavanaugh Road where the road crosses this small stream.

TOP MIDDLE: Sometimes referred to as Balcony Falls, this drop is on a tributary that flows into the stream from the east.

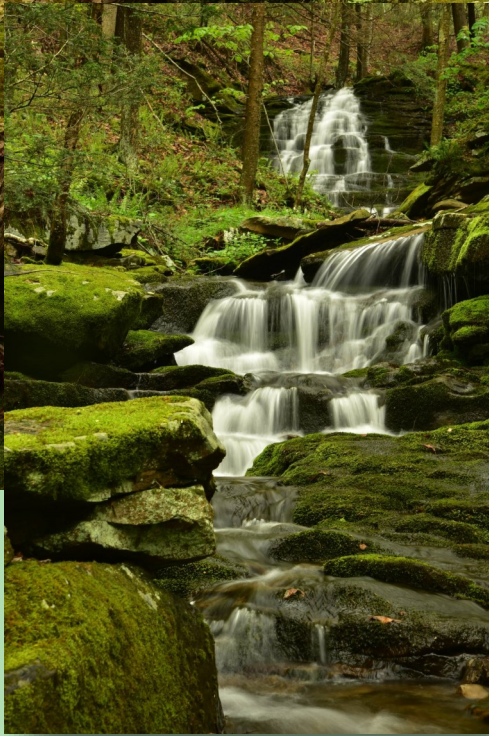
TOP RIGHT: A slide on the same tributary—you can see Balcony Falls in the distant background.

MIDDLE RIGHT: falls on a seasonal stream that flows under Rock Run Road from the west on an elbow-turn of the road.

The map on the right shows the approximate location of the falls featured on this and the previous page (see the red dots).



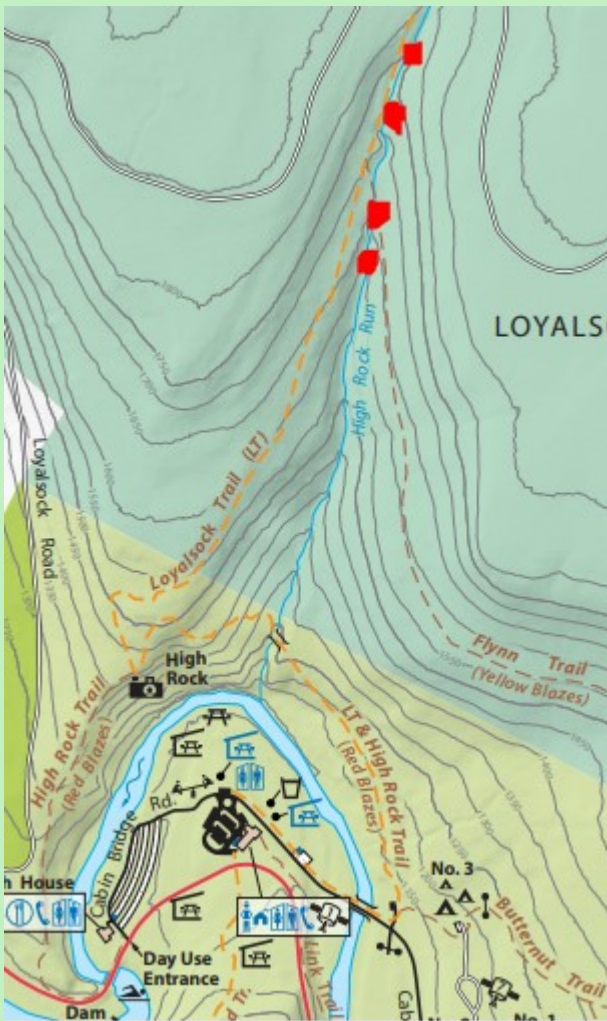
The Falls of Scar Run



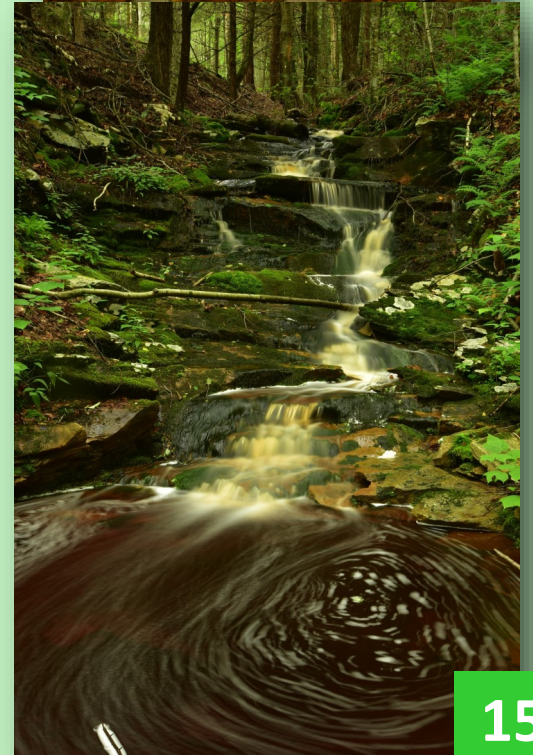
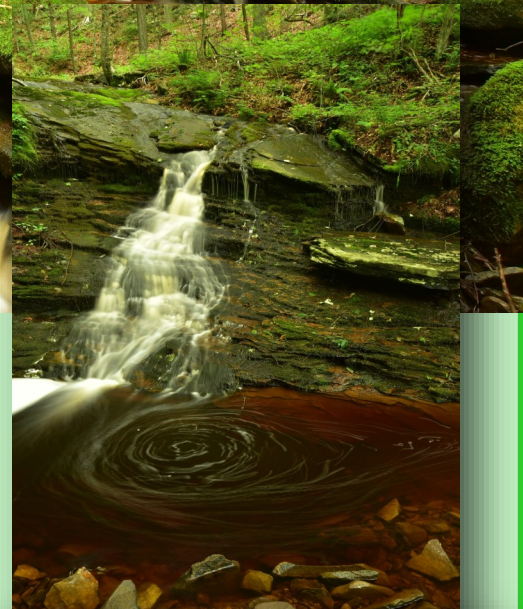
Scar Run is a tributary that flows into Loyalsock Creek south of Forksville. There is no trail—to see the stream and its falls you have to bushwhack. This can be a difficult bushwhack with numerous stream crossings—but there are the remains of an old road that you can sometimes use to make the hike easier. This old road once went to the coal mines on top of the mountain, and if you look, you can still find lumps of coal along this road—spilled long ago from the carts hauling coal down stream. Most of the falls are located along the yellow highlighted part of the stream on the map to the right.



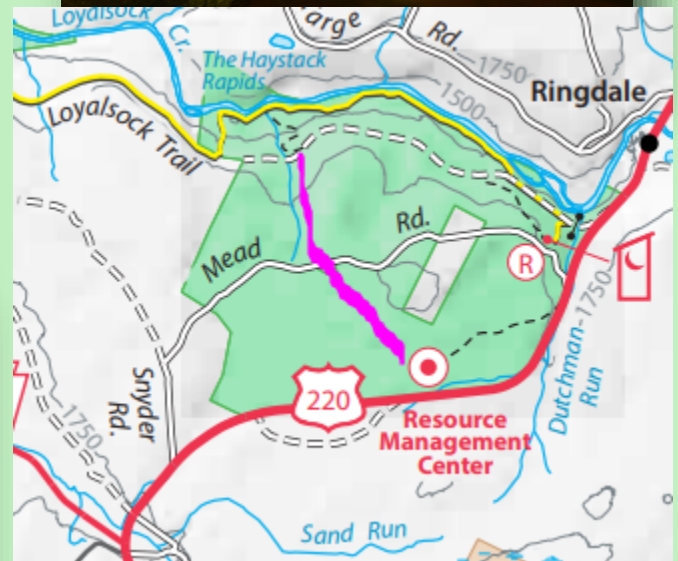
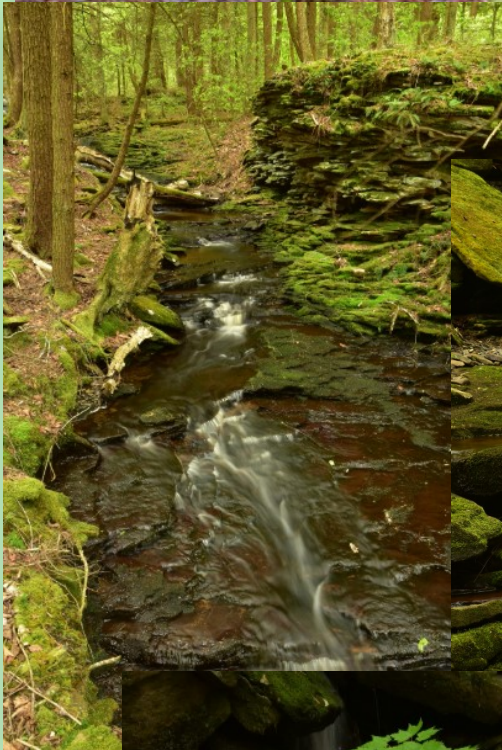
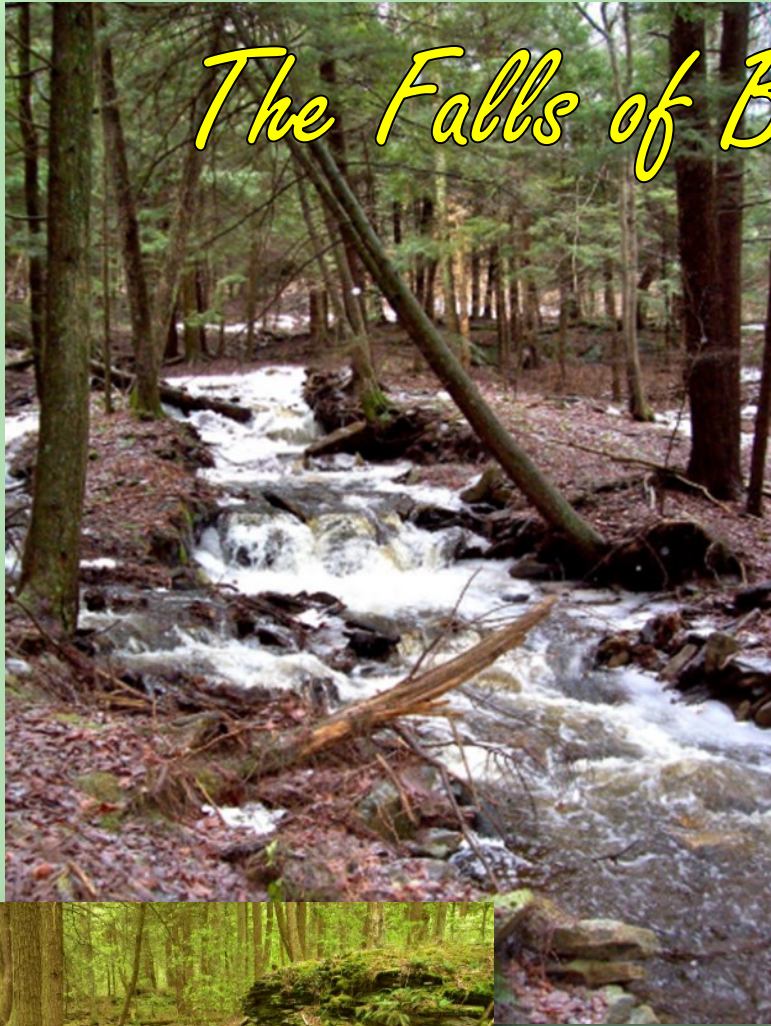
The Falls of Upper High Rock Run



High Rock Run in Worlds End State Park features falls and cascades on the upper part of the stream—approximately where the Flynn Trail and the Loyalsock Trail meet—see the red dots on the map to the left. High Rock Run is a low-flow stream, best seen during spring-time snow melt or heavy rain. The red tint in the stream comes from tannin, from the hemlock lined bog that is the source of High Rock Run.



The Falls of Brook Kedron



Brook Kedron features a number of small falls and cascades that can be reached via the Brook Kedron Trail. The Loyalsock State Forest Resource Management Center along route 220 north of Laporte can serve as a trailhead and parking area (see purple line on map above). Brook Kedron is a low-flow stream, best viewed during springtime snow melt or after a heavy rain.



Lower Dutchman Falls

Dutchman Falls can be reached via a short trail down the hill from the parking lot at the Loyalsock Trail trailhead along route 220 north of Laporte—see purple dot on map.



East Branch Double Run Falls

Cascades along the **East Branch of Double Run** can be reached using the Link Trail at Worlds End. Use the parking area along route 154 as a trail-head. See purple dot on map for location of the fall pictured.



Falls and cascades along the upper reaches of **Kettle Creek** can be reached using the Loyalsock Trail in the Kettle Creek Gorge Natural Area. *Map on right—the yellow line is the Loyalsock Trail; the approximate location of the cascades and falls are in purple.*



Kettle Creek Falls



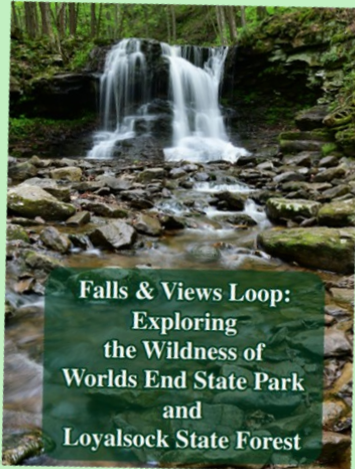
Waterfall Resources

Find maps and guidance to the waterfalls mentioned in this edition of the THE VISTA—along with 90 other waterfalls and 40 views—in our most comprehensive hiking guide that features Worlds End and the surrounding Loyalsock State Forest **Falls & Views Loop: Exploring the Wildness of Worlds**

End State Park and Loyalsock State Forest. This is a 70-page guide with 3 maps detailing over 77 miles of trails. Also available is the smaller **Trails in and Around Worlds End State Park** that features shorter hikes centered on the park and the forest immediately surrounding the park.

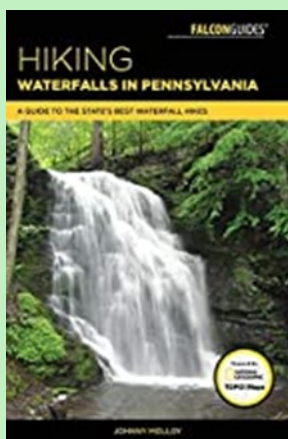
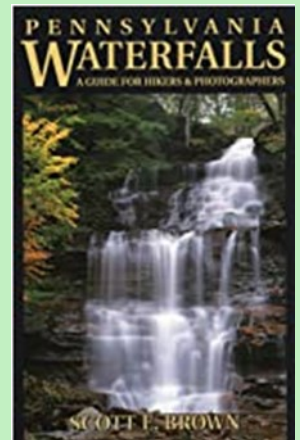
These maps and guides are available from:

- [The Worlds End State Park Office](#)
- [The Sullivan Review](#)
(<https://thesullivanreview.com/maps/>)
- [Otto's Bookstore in Williamsport](#)
- [Keystone Trails Association](#)



Pennsylvania Waterfalls – A Guide For Hikers & Photographers by Scott E. Brown

The emphasis of this guide is photographing waterfalls – with plenty of helpful advice and tips on doing just that. This book features 52 waterfalls, focusing on the most photogenic falls across the state – with 13 Sullivan County falls included. The guide includes descriptions of each falls, location, time needed to hike to and a rating of the difficulty of reaching the falls, and an overall rating of the fall on a scale one to five.

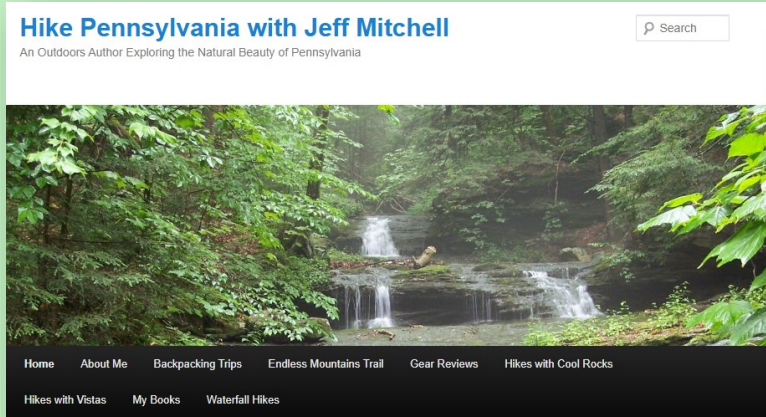
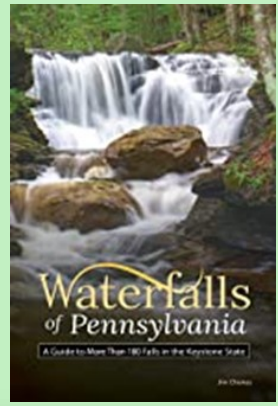


Hiking Waterfalls in Pennsylvania – A Falcon Guide by Johnny Molloy

Hiking is the emphasis of this guide – listing 54 separate hikes that include at least one, and often, several waterfalls. The guide also includes a helpful table that identifies the hikes that are best for children, backpacking, nature-lovers, etc. Maps of each hike are included along with the distance, difficulty, time to hike and trail surface material.

Waterfalls of Pennsylvania – A Guide to More Than 180 Falls in the Keystone State by Jim Cheney

This is the newest of the guides mentioned here – being published in 2020. It also includes the most waterfalls - over 180 across the state. Along with descriptions, location, directions and rating of difficulty, website addresses are provided for many of the falls where one can obtain additional information.



<https://endlessmountains.wordpress.com/>



<https://uncoveringpa.com/>

Exploring Waterfalls...

- ♦ The terrain around waterfalls is often steep and wet. Sturdy, water-resistant footwear is essential – and hiking/trekking poles can help on the steep hillsides.
- ♦ The challenging mountainous terrain, especially the steep grades around waterfalls, requires a certain level of fitness and ability. Know and respect your limits – and use common sense. Going off-trail (bushwhacking) is not for everyone – if you do not feel comfortable doing it – don't do it.
- ♦ Know where you are and where you are going. Use guide books, maps and/or personal GPS. Do not rely on cell phone service – this is often not available in the park and the surrounding forest – especially in the deep ravines you find most waterfalls in.
- ♦ Let someone know where you are and when you expect to return.
- ♦ Make sure you time your outings so that you are out of the forest before sunset.
- ♦ Overnight camping is generally prohibited near waterfalls in the Loyalsock State Forest and Worlds End State Park.
- ♦ For tips on photographing waterfalls – see the Spring 2021 edition of THE VISTA available on our website - <https://www.friendsofworldsendsp.org/the-vista>.

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All we need is your email address so that we can email you the THE VISTA four times a year!

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<https://www.friendsofworldsendsp.org/mailling-list>

Of course we always welcome contributions! To contribute, see our website:

<https://www.friendsofworldsendsp.org/donate>

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