

A photograph of a person fishing from a small motorboat on a calm lake. The background is a dense forest with trees showing vibrant autumn colors in shades of red, orange, and yellow. The water reflects the surrounding foliage and the boat. The title 'The Vista' is overlaid in a large, white, cursive font.

# *The Vista*

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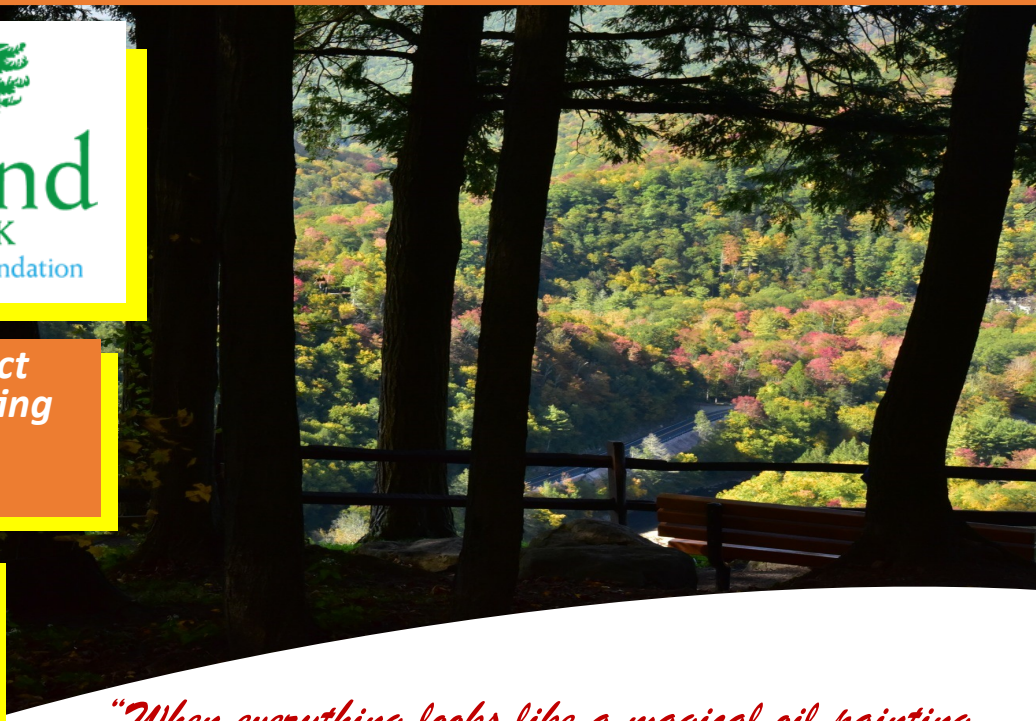
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*"When everything looks like a magical oil painting you know you are in Autumn!"*

*- Mehmet Murat Ildan*

Before enjoying the splendors of Autumn we look back at the summer of 2024 at Worlds End—see starting on page 11. Looking ahead, for those that plan on visiting or staying at the park this Autumn or Autumn 2025, there is important news you need to be aware of: the Cabin Bridge Road project—see page 3— and damage to hiking trails caused by Tropical Storm Debby—see page 5. Finally, we celebrate the coming season by highlighting a beautiful local fall location, Lake Jean—see starting on page 16.

#### ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE:

The Friends of Worlds End State Park's annual public meeting will be **Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 3:30 pm** at the Worlds End State Park Office and Visitors Center. We will be reviewing the group's activities over the past year and making plans for 2025. All members and the public are invited to attend. (Please monitor our social media as the meeting date approaches in case there is a change in location or time).





## Cabin Bridge Road Closure Delayed Until Autumn 2025

The bridge spanning Loyalsock Creek, which provides access to the cabin colony at the park (pictured above and to the right) will be undergoing a full super-structure replacement. This work, originally scheduled for late 2024, has been delayed until the Autumn of 2025.

As a result, reservations for the cabin colony and group tenting sites at the Park are now available for this Autumn. However, the cabins and organized group tenting sites will be **CLOSED** from September 15, 2025 until November 14, 2025 for this construction work. The closure of Cabin Bridge Road will also result in the temporary rerouting of the Loyalsock Trail. The park campground, located along Route 154, will not be impacted and will be open for its normal operating season dates.

Monitor the park's social media and future issues of THE VISTA in 2025 for updates on this project.

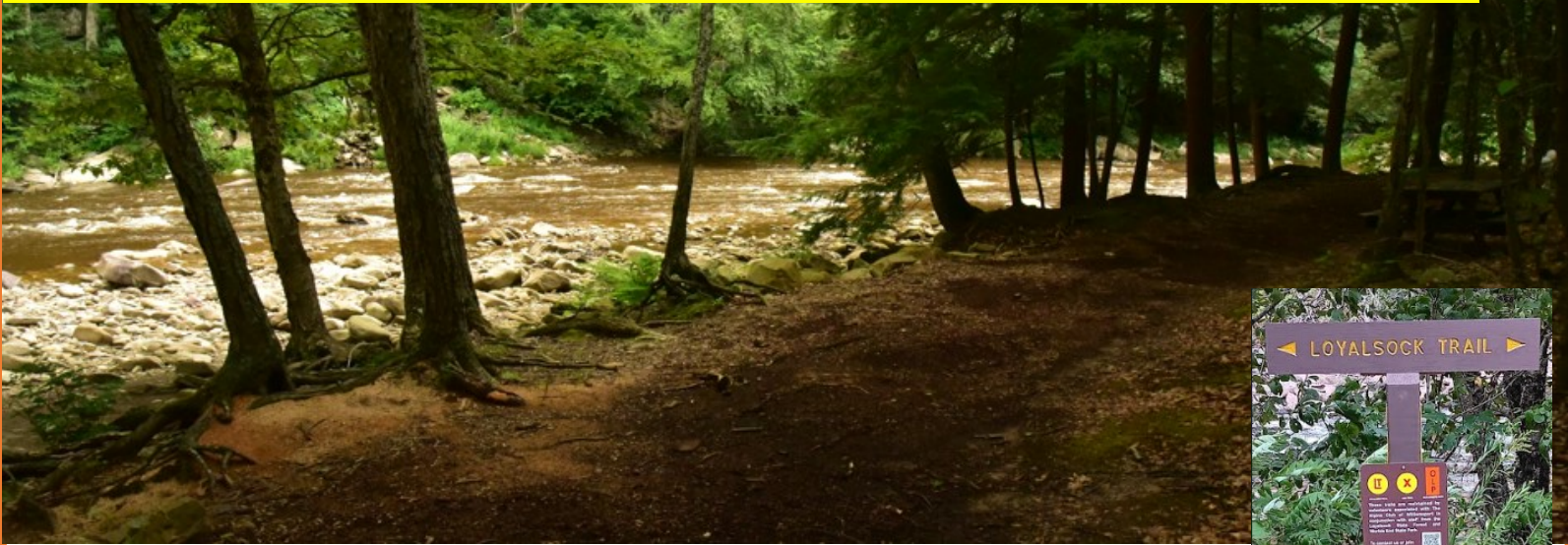


*The bridge has taken several hits from various flooding events over the years - above from the September 2011 flood and below from January 2010.*



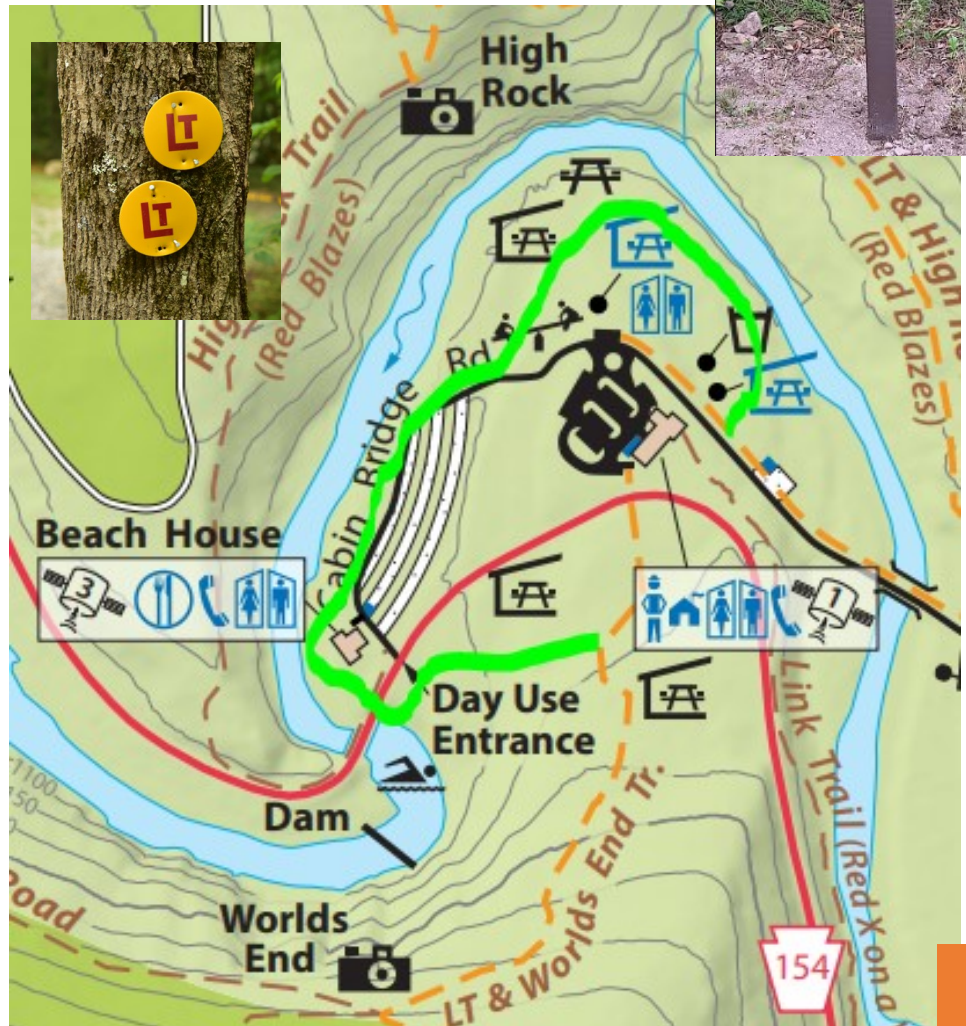


## Rerouting the Loyalsock Trail at Worlds End State Park



The Loyalsock Trail, as it winds through Worlds End State Park, is being rerouted. The new route is intended to avoid the road crossing at route 154 near the park office and to better highlight the attractions of the park.

Hikers will now be guided to the beach area and to cross Route 154 by taking the walkway underneath the bridge. The trail will then go behind the snack shop, giving hikers the opportunity to get something to eat and drink. The trail then skirts the parking area and winds through the picnic area to the Cliff Pavilion. The new route will then take hikers along a nicely shaded service road that parallels the creek (see picture above) and will rejoin the traditional route near the LT pavilion (see map on the right—the new route is in green).





## Aftermath of Tropical Storm Debby



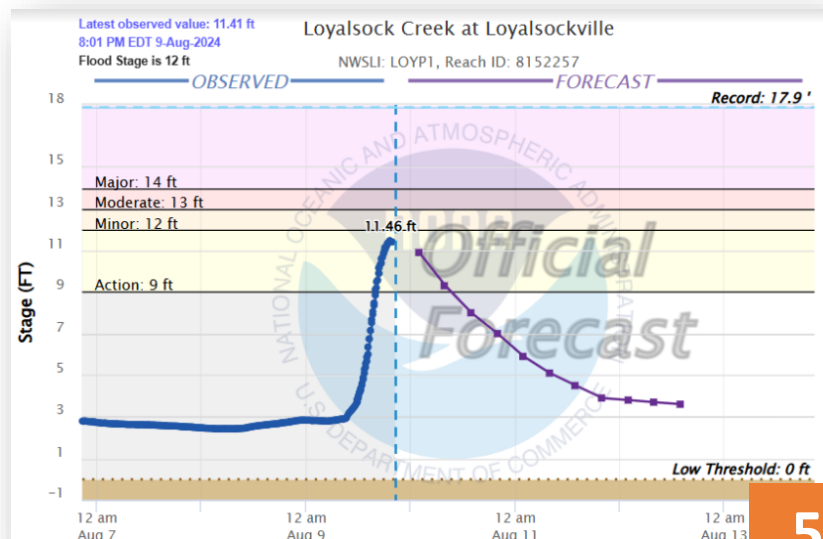
*ABOVE: The Loyalsock inundates the beach and swimming area.*

The remains of Tropical Storm Debby swept through Pennsylvania on Friday, August 9, dumping several inches of rain on the northern mountains—causing extensive damage to local roads, bridges and trails. The Double Run Nature Trail has significant damage near Cottonwood Falls. Park and Loyalsock State Forest staff are evaluating storm damage and addressing issues as quickly as possible. There may be damage on trails throughout the area and visitors should use caution when hiking this Autumn and notify park staff of any major issues. Damage reports and questions about trail conditions can be directed to the park and/or Loyalsock State Forest offices:  
 PARK OFFICE: 570-924-3287  
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*ABOVE: The Loyalsock surges under the Route 154 bridge.*

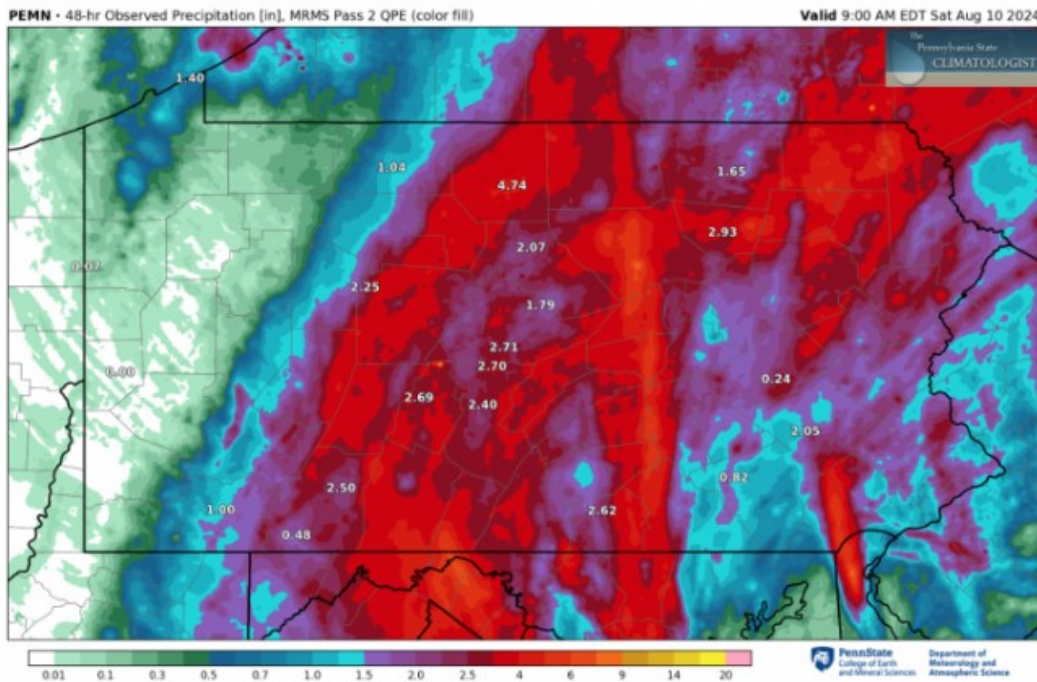
*BELOW: This hydrograph displays the rapid rise in the creek on August 9... rising nearly 9 feet in just a few hours.*





## Rainfall:

Narrow bands of rain set up over parts of the area and produced more than 6 inches of rain in spots. Much of the region received between 2 and 4 inches of rainfall.



This map displays the rainfall from Tropical Storm Debby as it moved across the state on August 9, with the red areas indicating over 4 inches of rain.

SOURCE: <https://www.weather.gov/ctp/Debby09Aug2024>

## WANTED - CAMPGROUND HOSTS :

Being a campground host is part of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Conservation Volunteer program. In this position, individuals serve as live-in hosts at a state park campground. They are provided a free campsite in return for volunteer services rendered. While duties vary park to park, here are some common tasks for campground hosts:

- Assist campers by answering questions, informing about campground amenities and regulations, and giving directions around the park and locally.
- Perform light maintenance work around the park such as picking up litter, cleaning the bathrooms, and repairing fixtures.
- Help with additional tasks as requested by the park manager.

This volunteer opportunity is available at every state park in the Commonwealth that has overnight camping. Commitments to the position must be at least two weeks long, working 40 hours-a-week. Individuals interested in becoming a campground host may contact Worlds End State Park to find out more about this opportunity.



## Your Contributions to the Friends at Work!

The park staff installed a dedication plaque at the campground amphitheater— thanking all of our contributors, patrons, and the park staff for making it all possible.



**WORLDS END STATE PARK**  
**Campground Amphitheater**  
Made possible by the Friends of  
Worlds End State Park,  
their generous contributors, patrons,  
and the talents of the park staff and  
management.  
Dedicated June 2022  
The 90th Anniversary  
of the founding of the park



The Friends purchased a new electronic bicycle for the park that will enable rangers and maintenance staff to get around the park quickly and easily.

For the campground playground, the Friends purchased a new swing set that includes a handicap-accessible swing. The purchase included the mulch and bordering for the play area. Our thanks to the park staff for their work installing this new equipment.







### **Sunday Hunting in 2024:**

When planning your outdoor activities this autumn, keep in mind that hunting is allowed on Sundays on the following dates:

**November 17, 24, and December 1.**

Hikers and cyclists should wear at least one piece of orange clothing that is visible from all directions, such as a hat, jacket, or vest. Also, consider covering your backpack with orange. Don't forget your pets! Dogs should wear blaze orange or another highly visible colored vest, leash, collar, harness, or bandana. Equestrians should also wear a blaze orange vest or hat and use an orange vest or rump sheet on your horse.

*On the left: Friends of Worlds End State Park Board member Dave Kowalewski and Tuck model the appropriate hiking apparel during hunting season.*

### **BECOME A DCNR CONSERVATION VOLUNTEER:**

If you are interested in volunteering at the park, we encourage you to register. Registering brings you insurance coverage and the ability to track your volunteer hours. See more on DCNR's website:

<https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/Conservation/GetInvolved/Pages/default.aspx>

Drift Mine Mountain Bike Trail  
Loyalsock State Forest



### **NEW DRIFT MINE MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS:**

DCNR has established new mountain bike trails on top of the mountain outside Worlds End off of Coal Mine Road. A trail map is now available on DCNR's website: <https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateForests/FindAForest/Loyalsock/Pages/Maps.aspx>

Check out future issues of THE VISTA for more about these exciting new trails for cyclists.



## WORLDS END FALL CLASSIC HALF MARATHON

**Saturday, September 28, 2024:**

The Worlds End Fall Classic is a challenging half marathon that explores Worlds End State Park and Loyalsock State Forest.

For more information check out the race's website:

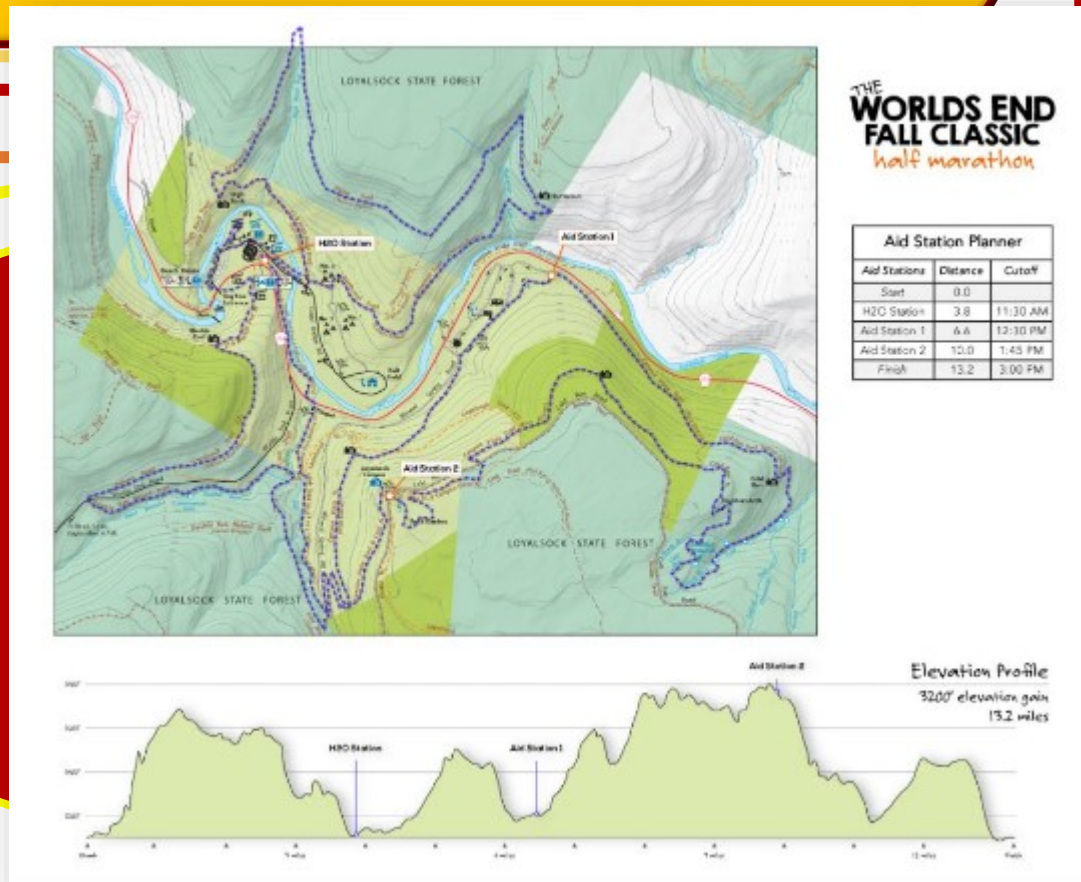
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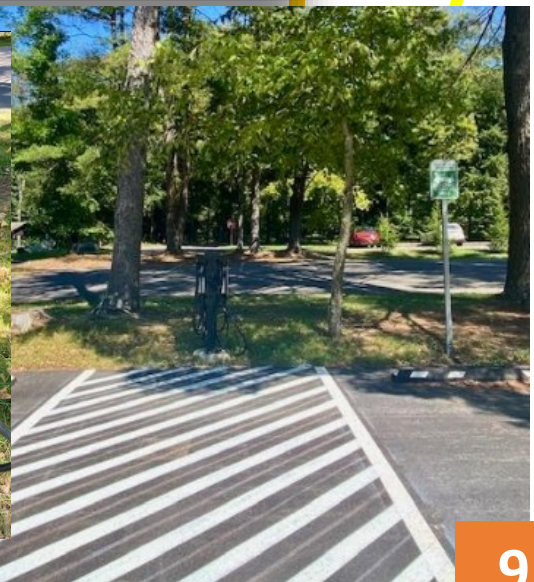


*worlds end fall classic*  
A WOLF IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING



### NEW EV CHARGING STATION:

The park has installed a 2-space electric vehicle charging station. The charging station is located in the parking lot at the park visitor's center and is free to use.





## FIREWOOD AVAILABLE THIS AUTUMN:

Firewood is available for sale in the cabin area and campground this Autumn - \$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 two 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.



## NEW BRIDGE SPANNING DOUBLE RUN:

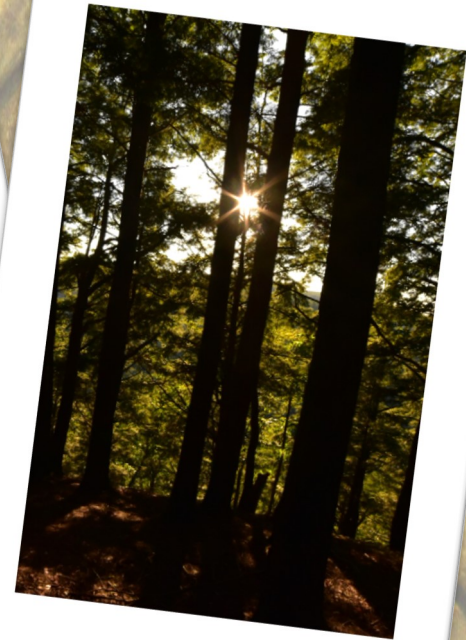
The construction of a new foot bridge on the Double Run Nature Trail built to span the east branch of Double Run was completed this summer by the Pennsylvania Outdoor Corps and the park staff.



# Summer 2024 @ Worlds End!



Sam Bucciarelli, president of the Philadelphia Mycology Club, gave a fascinating presentation of the kingdom of fungi for park visitors in August.



Forest Bathing event in July.



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# Summer 2024 @ Worlds End!



A group hike to Split-Rock in July.



Cornell University Raptor Program presenters gave an excellent "Birds of Prey" exhibition in July.



Bones, skulls, and teeth were discovered as owl pellets were dissected by all participants.





# Summer 2024 @ Worlds End!



Archery range at the Point Pavilion.



An overflow crowd at the campground amphitheater for the Cornell Raptor program in July.



Summer archery classes for all ages was popular.



Group hike in June to Ketchum Run.



Campfire around the new fire-ring at the campground amphitheater.



# Summer 2024 @ Worlds End!

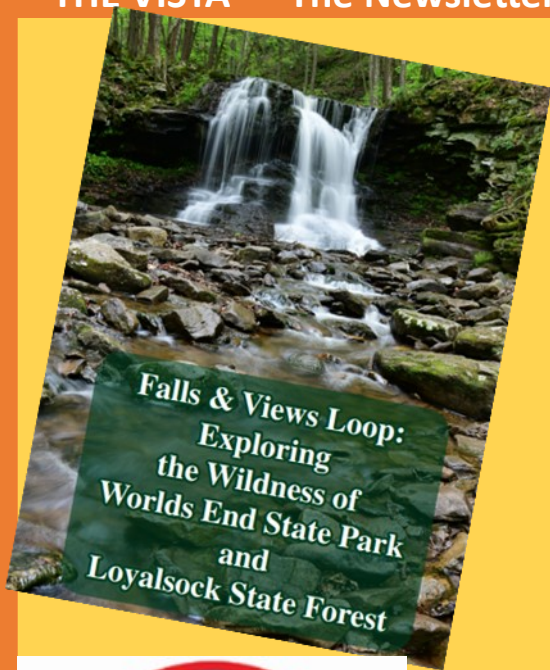
A bear program, presented by the PA Game Commission and the Friends of Worlds End State Park, attracted a large crowd on Labor Day weekend. The bear was then released into a safe habitat.

**See UV Bob's Fantastic  
FLUORESCENT MINERAL PROGRAM**

UV BOB'S Fluorescent Mineral Program, sponsored by the Friends of Worlds End, brought a crowd of over 90 during the Labor Day weekend.

Loyalsock Canyon Vista after a storm in July.





Autumn is for hiking—the beautiful foliage, the cooler temps, less humidity, and a lot fewer bugs! For your autumn hiking and exploring... taking you to over 90 waterfalls and 40 vistas, see our newest and 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**

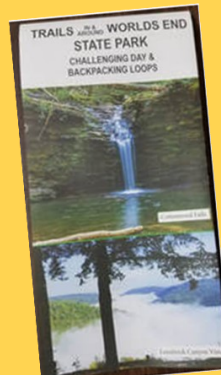
- **The Sullivan Review**

(<https://thesullivanreview.com/maps/>)

- **Otto's Bookstore in Williamsport.**

- **Keystone Trails Association**

(<https://www.kta-hike.org/>)



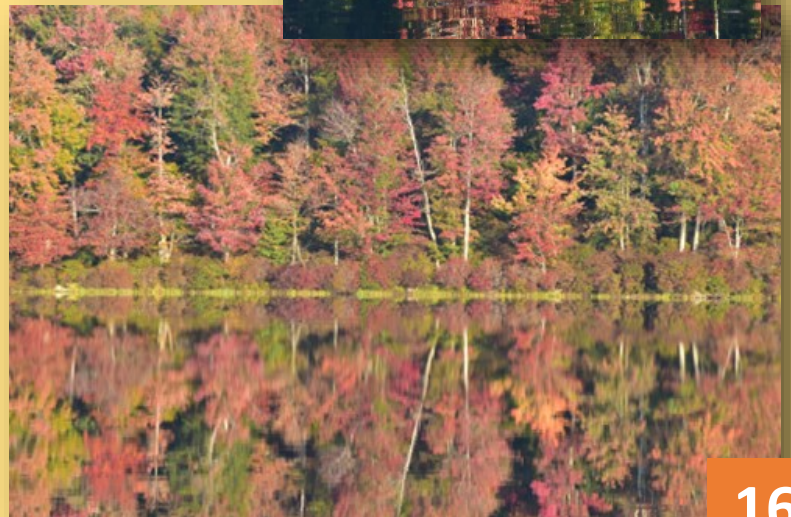
The Friends are now selling **PURPLE LIZARD** maps at the park office! In addition to the popular **LOYALSOCK STATE FOREST** map, we are now also selling the new **PENNSYLVANIA OUTDOOR RECREATION** map featuring parks, forests, trails and recreation areas across the entire state. Also available is the **PINE CREEK** map, highlighting all the recreation opportunities of the nearby Pine Creek Valley.





# *Autumn Destination: Lake Jean*

Every Autumn we feature a local spot on public land that highlights the glory of the season. This year we take you to Worlds End's "sister" park, Ricketts Glen State Park. While rightly famous for its Falls Trail featuring 22+ waterfalls, many overlook the other natural wonders of this park. Above the falls, on top of the mountain is the 245-acre Lake Jean that features boating, fishing (including ice fishing in the winter) and a swimming beach in the summer. And in the Autumn the lake is ringed by flaming foliage that is especially vibrant in the mornings and evenings. While the timing of the foliage display can change every year, generally the first two weeks in October is when you are likeliest to catch the show at its peak. Pictured on this page is the early morning at the far eastern end of the lake at the boat launch near beach parking lot # 2. In addition to the benefit of the glowing morning light, morning is the time of day you will most likely find the lake calm and placid as to reflect the foliage—ideal for photography!

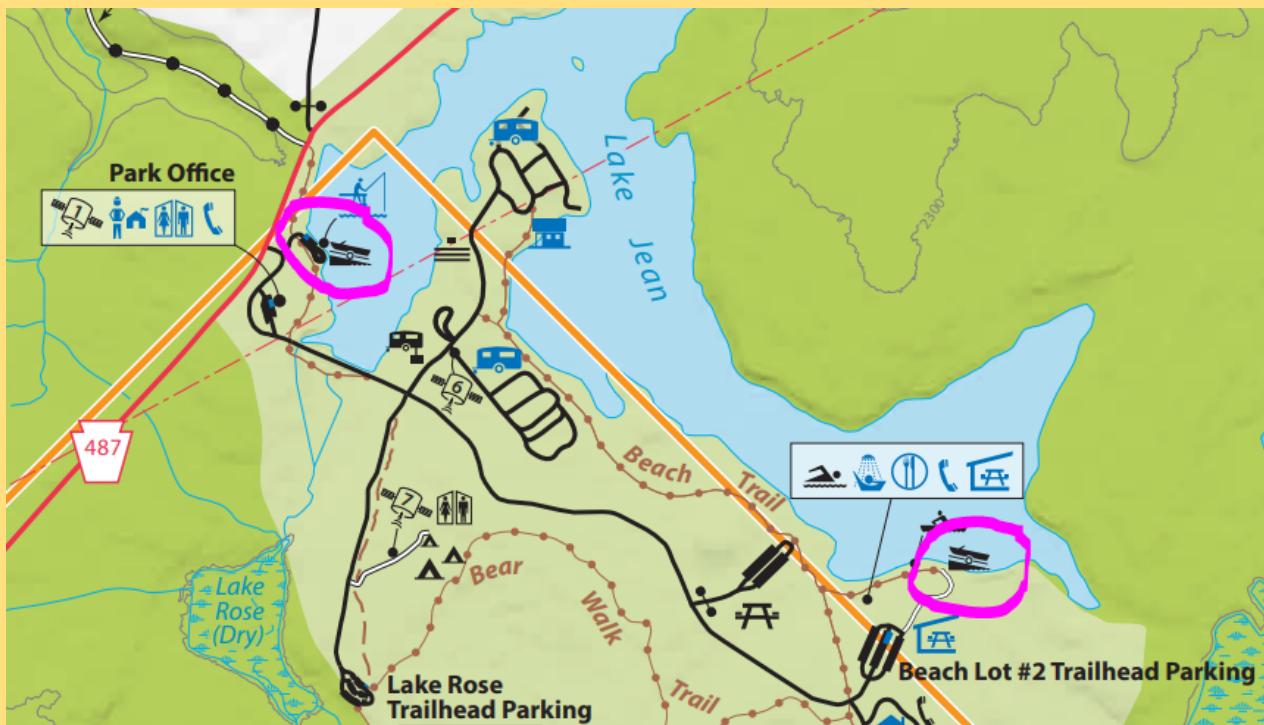
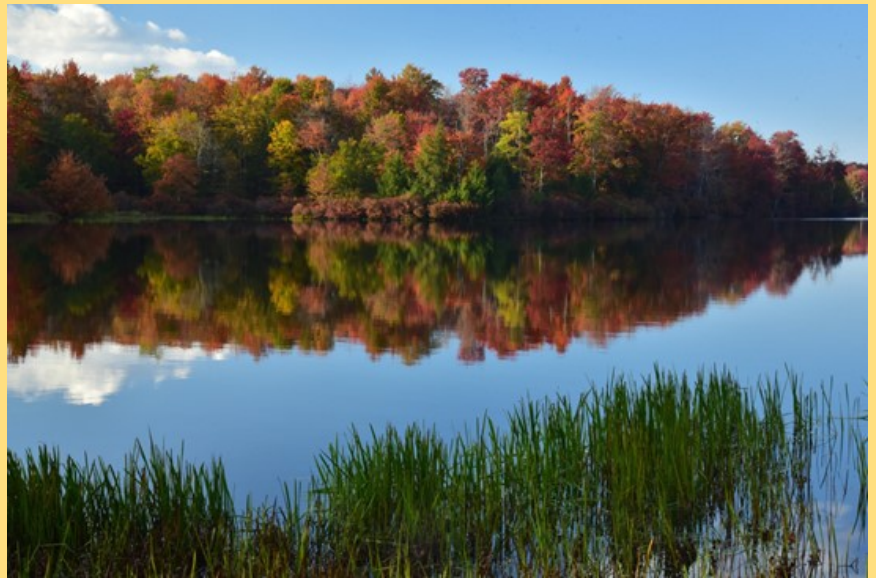






The pictures on this page feature the display found at the far western end of the lake, near the boat launch that is behind the park office. While this is also a good location in the morning, it is probably at its prettiest in the late evening as the setting sun lights up the shoreline opposite from the boat launch.

*BELOW: the eastern and western boat launches (circled in purple) are ideal and easily accessible locations with plenty of parking to view and photograph the lake.*





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