



The Vista

The Newsletter of the Friends of Worlds End State Park

To conserve, support and protect the park's resources by promoting education, recreation, and stewardship.

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2019 ANNUAL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 20.

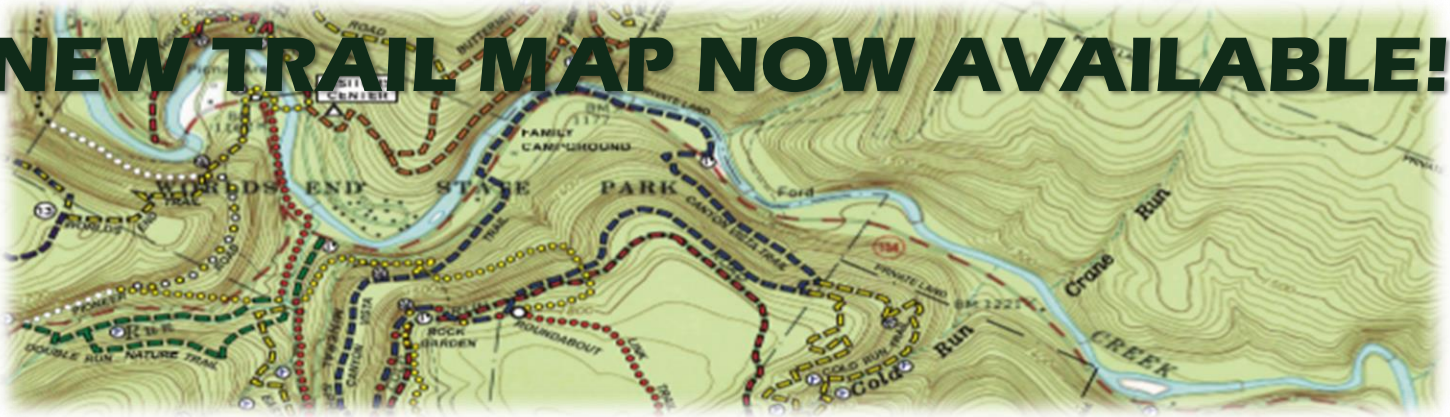
Mark your calendars for the Friends of Worlds End State Park Annual Meeting on Wednesday, November 20 starting at 4:30 pm at the park office at 82 Cabin Bridge Road. We will review the past year and discuss plans for 2020. If you cannot make it to the meeting, but have something you want to say or share, please contact us using the contact information to the left on this page. Also, as we prepare our annual report, we ask all volunteers to report their service hours on the DCNR website at:

<https://www.volunteers.dcnr.state.pa.us/Login.aspx>

INSIDE THIS AUTUMN EDITION OF THE VISTA:

- New Trail Map and Trail Patch now on sale.
- Update on firewood sales and other news.
- A look back at the Summer 2019 in pictures.
- Visiting Loyalsock Canyon Vista in the Autumn.
- Pennsylvania Parks and Forest Foundation update.

NEW TRAIL MAP NOW AVAILABLE!



NEW MAP FEATURES TRAILS IN WORLDS END AND THE SURROUNDING LOYALSOCK STATE FOREST.

The new map *TRAILS IN & AROUND WORLDS END STATE PARK – CHALLENGING DAY & BACKPACKING LOOPS* – created by Ruth Rode and Dave Kowalewski – is now on sale. The map includes popular hiking trails in the park and in the surrounding Loyalsock State Forest with old favorites like the Loyalsock Trail and the Canyon Vista Trail and new paths like the East Branch Trail and the Cold Run Trail! The map displays destinations and highlights along the path such as waterfalls, scenic vistas, trail registers, along with other points of interest. The trails are marked on the map in the same color as the trail marking blazes you will find along the trail in the forest. The back of the map includes detailed turn-by-turn directions of the trails, and various loops you can hike by combining several of the trails. The map is printed in full-color on durable water-resistant paper.

The map is available at the Park Office for \$10.00 and also available at local merchants including the Sullivan Review in Dushore and McCarty Mercantile in Hills Grove. It is also available from the Keystone Trails Association (KTA) – see their website : <https://www.kta-hike.org/store.html> Proceeds go towards projects of the Friends of Worlds End State Park.

TRAILS IN & AROUND WORLDS END STATE PARK CHALLENGING DAY & BACKPACKING LOOPS

CHALLENGING DAY LOOPS FROM VISITORS CENTER

Butternut Tr./Emergency Rd./Loyalsock Tr. Loop 4.11 mi.

Loyalsock Creek/Falls/Butternut Run/Butternut Vista/High Rock Falls/High Rock Vista

0.00 Follow Loyalsock Trail (Red LT) from Visitors Center to trailhead for High Rock/Butternut Trails.

0.21 Ascend Butternut Trail (orange) to Organized Group Tenting Area, turn left and follow road to junction with Lower Road.

0.54 Turn right onto Lower Road. Trail passes isolated boulder on right, becomes a skid trail on rocky sidehill with views of Loyalsock Creek, crosses intermittent Butternut Run/falls and switchbacks to Upper Road. 1.30 Turn left, follow Upper Road to Vista.

1.38 Butternut Vista, view of Loyalsock Creek near Family Campground.

1.53 Red Pine Tr. (yellow) on right ascends skid trail to Loyalsock Road.

1.61 Cross main fork of Butternut Run. Look upstream for falls.

Link Tr./Canyon Vista Tr./Loyalsock Tr./East Branch Tr./
Double Run Nature Tr./Pioneer Road Loop 7.49 mi.

Loyalsock Creek/Falls/Warren's Window/Loyalsock Canyon Vista/Rock Garden/Neeneha Falls Gorge/Mineral Spring/Cottonwood Falls/Pioneer Road/
Worlds End Vista

0.00 Link Tr. (Red X) behind Visitors Center. Continue along Loyalsock Cr., cross Rt. 154, leave Link Tr., turn left, cross highway bridge and ascend Double Run Nature Trail (green) to meet Loyalsock (Red LT)/Link Trails.

0.63 Follow Link Trail up E. Br. Double Run with falls to Mineral Spring Rd. 1.07 Railroad grade with switchback (pigtail to right was used by train to clear switch). Turn left, follow grade across Mineral Spring Rd. to next switchback/pigtail. Continue up along ledges to meet Canyon Vista Trail.

1.35 Link Trail meets Canyon Vista Trail (blue). Leave Link Tr. and follow Canyon Vista Tr. left to pass Warren's Window and intersect Loyalsock Tr.

1.97 Turn right, ascend Loyalsock Trail to intersect upper portion of Canyon Vista Tr., cross Cold Run Road and on to Roundabout.

2.60 Roundabout, where three trails meet. Follow these trails through rock laby-



NEW TRAIL PATCH NOW ON SALE!

As part of our celebration of Worlds End Day, we unveiled our new *Friends of Worlds End State Park* trail patch. This patch, designed by Ruth Rode, is now available at the Park Office for \$5.00. Money raised from the sales of these patches goes to fund the park-improvement projects planned by the Friends of Worlds End State Park.

FIREWOOD NOW AVAILABLE THIS WINTER IN THE CABIN AREA.

Firewood will now be available for sale in the cabin area all winter long to help keep your cabin toasty warm. Look for the self-serve kiosk located near the trash/recycling area. Price is \$8.00 per bundle. We thank our loyal customers for making our firewood sales a great success. Money raised from these sales goes to fund the park-improvement projects planned by the Friends of Worlds End State Park.



WORLDS END FALL CLASSIC TRAIL RACE!

The 2019 Worlds End Fall Classic half-marathon trail race is on Saturday, September 28, starting at 10:00 am in the day-use area of the park. For more information on this exciting event – including how to volunteer to assist – check out the website for the event:

<https://worldsendfallclassic.com/>

SAVE THE DATE: WORLDS END DAY 2020 – SATURDAY JULY 25!

We thank all the participants and everyone who attended Worlds End Day on July 27 – who all contributed to making the day a great success. (See pages 6 and 7 for pictures from the day.) Based upon the positive response we received, the Board has decided to schedule a similar event for Saturday July 25, 2020. Please contact us if you have any suggestions for us as to what you would like to see at next year's event. We once again thank our generous sponsors for making Worlds End Day 2019 possible:



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Summer 2019 at Worlds End!!



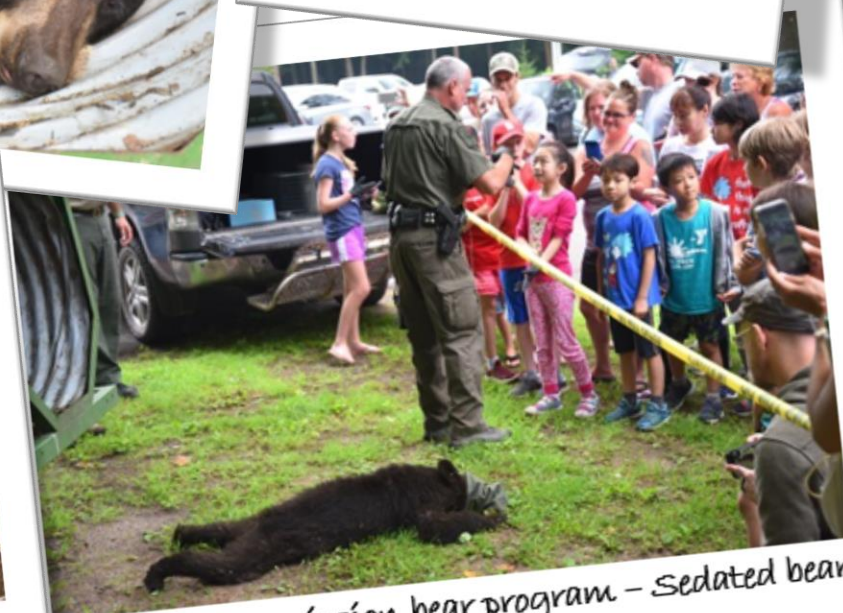
Runners set off in the pre-dawn hours for the worlds End ultramarathon – June 1.



Pa Game Commission bear program. July 5.



New Bridge on the High Rock Trail – built by Park staff.



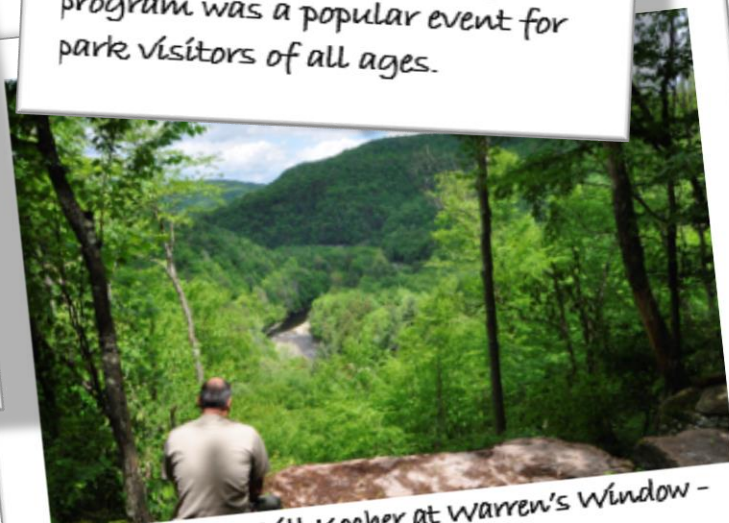
Pa Game Commission bear program – Sedated bear to be relocated to a new, safer home. July 5.



Waterfall along Worlds End Road



The park's biweekly archery program was a popular event for park visitors of all ages.



Park Manager Bill Kocher at Warren's Window - Canyon Vista Trail



Yoga along the Loyalsock!



International Mud Day on June 29.





Franklin Klock of the Carbon County Environmental Center with a Golden Eagle on Worlds End Day July 27.



Franklin Klock of the Carbon County Environmental Center with a Golden Eagle on Worlds End Day July 27.



...and with a Bald Eagle.



Don Shappell at Worlds End Day on July 27.



a Game Commission CSI program at Worlds End Day on July 27.



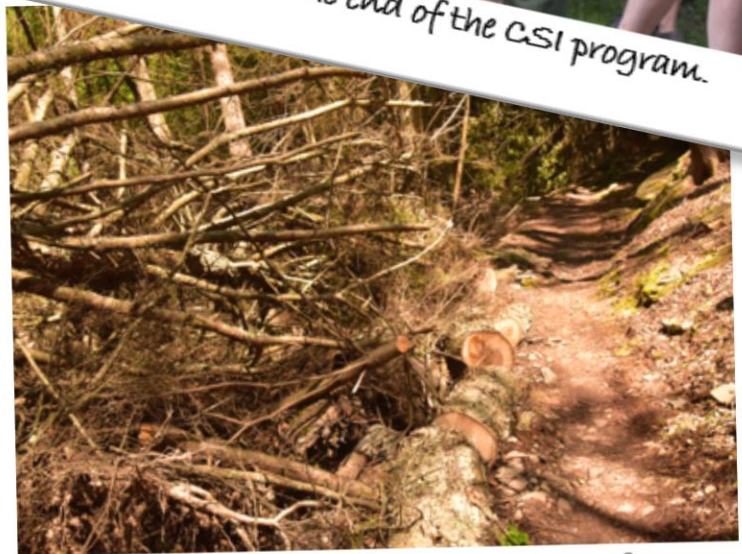
A Game Commission CSI program at Worlds End Day on July 27.



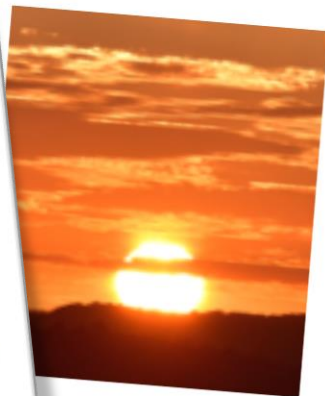
The perpetrator caught at the end of the CSI program.



Falls along Double Run



Hikers sometime encounter damage from the April tornado.



Tornado damage at the intersection of Worlds End Trail and the Loyalsock Trail.

AUTUMN AT THE LOYALSOCK CANYON VISTA!



Photo Credits:
Left – Joe Simons
Above – Dan Mumford

WHEN TO VISIT AND PHOTOGRAPH LOYALSOCK CANYON VISTA IN THE AUTUMN:

One of Pennsylvania's iconic autumn scenes – that has graced countless calendars, tourist guides and coffee table books – can be found here at Worlds End at the Loyalsock Canyon Vista. But when is the best time to visit and photograph this famous scene? Guessing when foliage will peak any given year is tricky. In a “normal” year, based on my experience photographing the park for over 20 years, is that foliage at the park peaks around the first or second week of October – around October 8 – 11. However, a colder than usual year can move this peak up to early October – while a warmer year can push this peak back to the third week.

Also, keep in mind that autumn weekends can be busy and crowded at the vista – making photography difficult. You have a better chance of fewer crowds by visiting on a weekday instead – especially in the morning. But also keep in mind that autumn mornings can be foggy. The vista can at times be obscured until the fog burns off. But the fog lifting can also provide additional dramatic photographic opportunities. We invite visitors to share their pictures with us by emailing us – see our contact information on page one.



The Loyalsock Canyon Vista at Worlds End is accessible by car. Unfortunately, the heavy rains of 2018 damaged the most direct road from the park - Mineral Spring Road. This road is now closed until repairs are completed. However, you can still drive to the vista. From the park, go up Worlds End Road (sometimes called Double Run Road) and at the top of the mountain, take a left onto Shanerburg Road to Cold Run Road – and follow the signs to the Loyalsock Canyon Vista. See the route highlighted in purple on the map to the left. – Dan Mumford



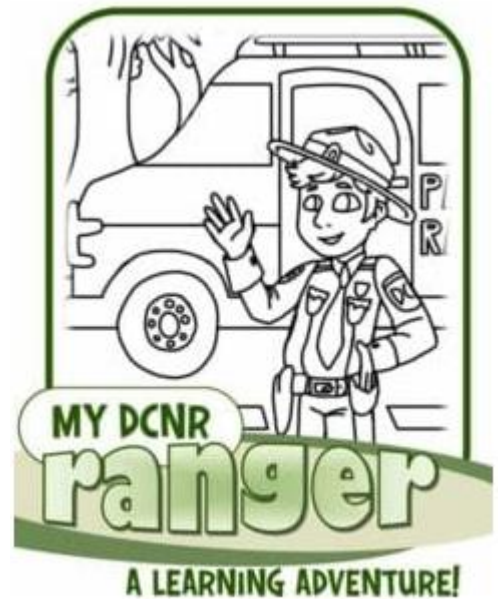
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<https://paparksandforests.org/>

The Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation (PPFF), the only non-profit whose mission is Pennsylvania's state parks and forests released a learning adventure booklet, highlighting the important role played by rangers in Pennsylvania's state parks and forests. PPFF created the activity book to educate about and engage children in the role of DCNR park and forest rangers. The coloring and activity book includes outdoor activity ideas, maps, word games, and educational material. Children are encouraged to pick one of the rangers in the booklet to color and name, then take them on an adventure and write or draw about it. Those completing the activity book will receive a prize and a certificate. Participants are also encouraged to share images of their ranger adventure.

The "My DCNR Ranger" booklet is free and available for download on PPFF's website:

<https://paparksandforests.org/get-involved/my-dcnr-ranger/>



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Building the voice for Pennsylvania's state parks and forests.

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PPFF's mission is to inspire stewardship of Pennsylvania's state parks and forests through public engagement in volunteerism, education, and recreation.

To support the Friends of Worlds End State Park, check out the SUPPORT section of the Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation website and designate your gift to the FRIENDS OF WORLDS END STATE PARK!

<https://ppff.z2systems.com/np/clients/ppff/donation.jsp?campaign=348&>

<https://paparksandforests.org/support/ways-to-give/>

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