



# 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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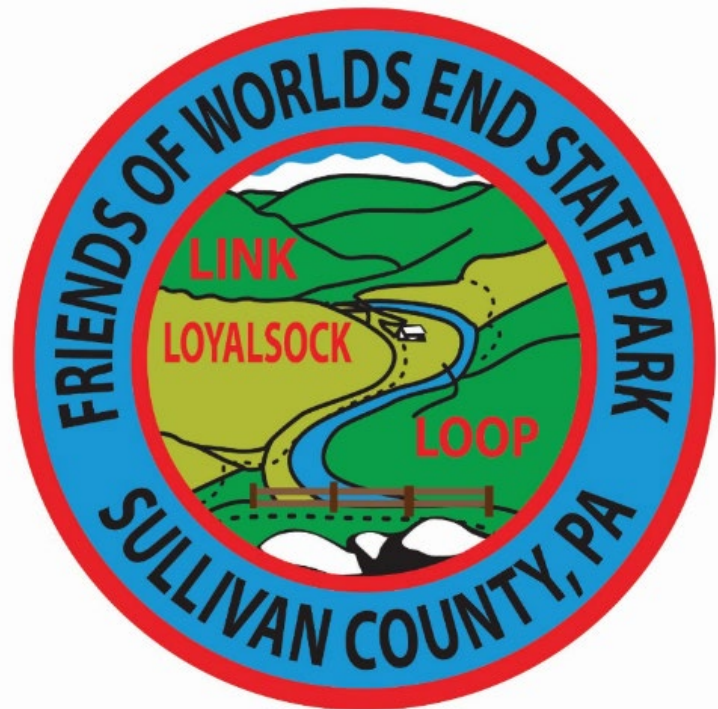
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## SUMMER 2019 at WORLDS END!

Summer is here – and with it the special things that make this season at Worlds End so memorable - the crackle of a campfire, the scent of hamburgers on the grill, the cool splash of water on a hot afternoon, and the thousands of shades of green everywhere as you stroll along a hiking trail.

Inside this summer edition of the The Vista, we want to share with you what we are planning for this summer to add to the fun at your favorite park and how you can assist us with these events if you are interested in getting more involved.

As part of our celebration of summer at Worlds End, we are pleased to unveil our new *Friends of Worlds End State Park* trail patch – shown above. This patch, designed by Ruth Rode, will be available on sale this summer.



## Mark your calendar for **SATURDAY, JULY 27.**

Worlds End Day 2019 will feature workshops, displays, music, and children's activities with many local organizations and community groups participating. All activities are free and will be in the park day-use area around the Cliff Pavilion, LT Pavilion and Playground Pavilion. Please join us in this day-long celebration of your favorite park! The tentative schedule includes the following (please check our social media for updated information):

### **NOON at the Cliff Pavilion**

#### **EAGLES!**

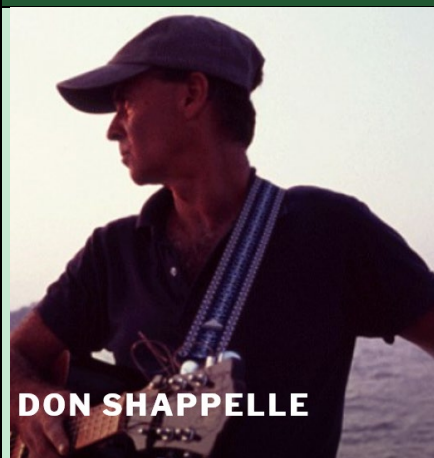
#### **Presented by the Carbon County Environmental Education Center**



Worlds End Day 2019 starts in a big way at noon with an exciting presentation from the Carbon County Environmental Education Center. Come see a Bald Eagle and a Golden Eagle and learn all about these fascinating raptors!



Brought to you by the generous support of the Kiwanis Club of Sullivan County.



**DON SHAPPELLE**

## The Music of Don Shappelle:

Don Shappelle is a singer/songwriter from Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Don's music is influenced by his years of traveling. The influences of blues, folk and rock traditions mixed with a bit of jazz and ragtime make up the styling of Don's songs.

Please join us in mid-afternoon around the Cliff Pavilion for this free concert.

[www.donshappellemusic.com](http://www.donshappellemusic.com)

These organizations will have information booths, presentations and workshops throughout the day...



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Middle  
Susquehanna  
Riverkeeper  
Association



Pennsylvania Amphibian  
and Reptile Survey

## Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) – Worlds End State Park



Join Worlds End Environmental Educator Jane Swift throughout the day for educational children and family activities.



## Pennsylvania Game Commission



Worlds End Day 2019 will conclude with a popular and informative game CSI program. The PGC is charged with protecting the Commonwealth's 480 species of birds and mammals. Join Pennsylvania Game Wardens as they demonstrate the tools of the trade. Help them navigate a game and wildlife violation in progress and participate in solving the mystery, bringing those responsible to justice.



The PGC will also have an information booth throughout the day. Stop by to learn more about black bears and other Pennsylvania game animals!

Please look for updates on our social media for more details as planning for this event continues. We also invite any individual or organization interested in participating in this event to contact us using our contact information on page one.

## FIRE and ICE!

Firewood is now available for sale in the cabin area and the campground. In the cabin area, look for the self-serve kiosk located near the trash/recycling area. In the campground, look for the self-serve kiosk near the loop A (lower loop) bathrooms. Price is \$8.00 per bundle.

Also this summer – bags of ice will be for sale in the campground – also located near the loop A bathroom. Price is \$5.00 for a large bag and \$3.00 for a small bag. Money raised from these sales goes to fund the park-improvement projects planned by the Friends of Worlds End State Park.



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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# SUMMER 2019 WORLDS END CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please check our social media throughout the summer for updated information and for additional events. Additional events will also be posted on the park's website throughout the summer at:  
<https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/WorldsEndStatePark/Pages/default.aspx>

## MAY 2019

SATURDAY <b>25</b>	<b>Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) presents: Leave it to BEAVERS!</b> 10:00 am: Find out all about nature's "engineer in a fur coat" during this special presentation with the PGC and (hopefully) a live beaver!	
SATURDAY <b>25</b>	<b>PA Hiking Week : Trail Sampler Hike.</b> 1:30 pm. Celebrate PA Hiking Week and Get Outdoors! Sample four of the trails in the park on this naturalist-led hike: the Link, Loyalsock, Double Run, and Worlds End trails. You'll hike along the scenic 2018 River of the Year, past spring wildflowers and cascading water, to an 'end-of-the-world' view. The trails are rocky, uneven, and steep in sections. Wear sturdy shoes and bring some water. The hike begins and ends at the Visitor Center. Length: approx. 2.5 miles.	
MONDAY <b>27</b>		

## JUNE 2019

SATURDAY <b>1</b>	<b>Worlds End Ultramarathon 50/100K:</b> <a href="https://worldsendultra.com/">https://worldsendultra.com/</a> This is an all-day event (beginning before sunrise and ending after sunset). Park day-use area.
WEDNESDAY <b>26</b>	<b>Archery Course:</b> 10:00 am – 11:30 am. Location: Point Pavilion. All ages and skill levels. Certified archery instructors: Jane Swift and Mike Scott. The park will provide the equipment you need. No registration is required – but we ask that participants please arrive by the start time of 10:00.

<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>29</b>	<b>International Mud Day 2019:</b> 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Location: Picnic area near the beach. Children and adults all over the world are celebrating the glorious benefits of mud, so come join the fun! You'll be able to frolic in our Mud Pit, make mud pies in our Mud Pie Kitchen, paint with mud, search for fossils, and more! And, don't worry about the mess - a quick dip in the Loyalsock Creek will wash it away! This event is free and open to the public.
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## JULY 2019

<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>4</b>	<b>INDEPENDENCE DAY!!!</b>
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<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>10</b>	<b>Archery Course:</b> 10:00 am – 11:30 am. Location: Point Pavilion. All ages and skill levels. Certified archery instructors: Jane Swift and Mike Scott. The park will provide the equipment you need. No registration is required – but we ask that participants please arrive by the start time of 10:00.
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<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>24</b>	<b>Archery Course:</b> 10:00 am – 11:30 am. Location: Point Pavilion. All ages and skill levels. Certified archery instructors: Jane Swift and Mike Scott. The park will provide the equipment you need. No registration is required – but we ask that participants please arrive by the start time of 10:00.
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<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>27</b>	<b>WORLSEND DAY 2019</b>  See pages 2-3 for details. All-day event at the park day-use area starting at noon with EAGLES presented by the Carbon County Environmental Education Center. The day will conclude in the early evening with a PGC CSI program.
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## AUGUST 2019

<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>14</b>	<b>Archery Course:</b> 10:00 am – 11:30 am. Location: Point Pavilion. All ages and skill levels. Certified archery instructors: Jane Swift and Mike Scott. The park will provide the equipment you need. No registration is required – but we ask that participants please arrive by the start time of 10:00.
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<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>28</b>	<b>Archery Course:</b> 10:00 am – 11:30 am. Location: Point Pavilion. All ages and skill levels. Certified archery instructors: Jane Swift and Mike Scott. The park will provide the equipment you need. No registration is required – but we ask that participants please arrive by the start time of 10:00.
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# TRAIL NOTES

## Hiking the New East Branch Trail.

By David and Ashley Kowalewski

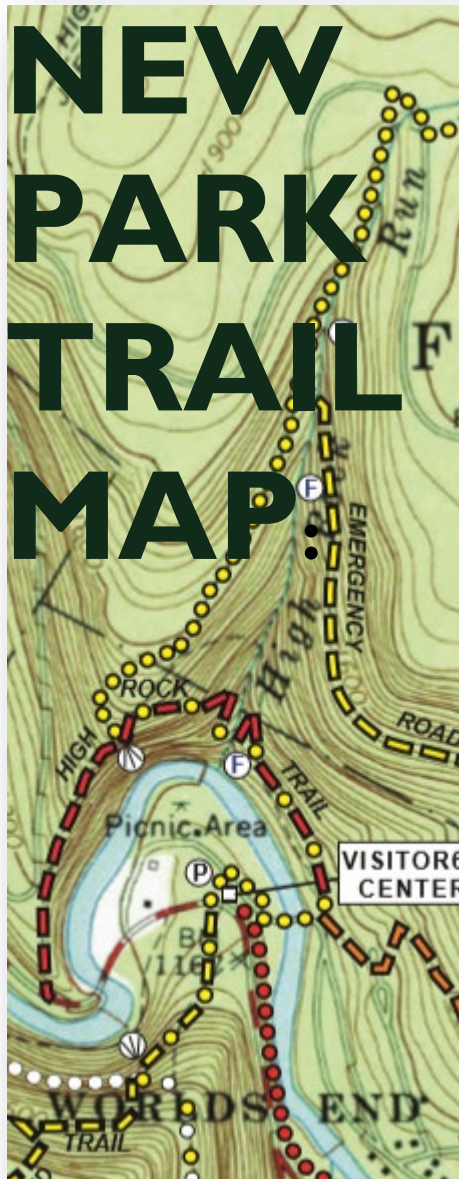
The East Branch Trail opens up several unique day and backpacking loops. Blazed in yellow plastic rectangles, it is maintained by the *Friends of Worlds End State Park*. This 1.12 mile linear trail connects the Double Run Nature Trail to the Loyalsock Trail. Cascades, waterfalls, boulders, cliffs, and moss-covered rocks are just some of the highlights awaiting the hiker. It is not shown on the current map of Worlds End State Park, but a free map is available at the Visitor Center. The East Branch Trail will be shown on the upcoming *Trails In & Around Worlds End State Park* (see accompanying article). If you get the chance to hike this trail, please let us know what you think.



### TORNADO CLEAN-UP UPDATE:

Worlds End State Park took a lot of wind damage from a storm early morning of Monday April 15, 2019. All Facilities and trails are open due to the hard work of park and forestry staff and volunteers, including the Alpine Club of Williamsport and others.





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

Local trailblazing legends Ruth Rode and Dave Kowalewski have completed their work creating a new map of popular hiking trails in the park and in the surrounding Loyalsock State Forest. The *Friends of Worlds End State Park* is pleased to make this new map available this summer. The map includes both short day-hikes and longer backpacking loops - and old favorites and new paths like the East Branch Trail and the Cold Run Trail!

While the official state park map of Worlds End includes the trails in the park – many park trails lead to trails in the surrounding forest “off the map.” Now, for the first time, a map is available that includes both the park trails and the trails in the nearby forest. This makes planning and hiking longer day hikes and backpacking treks easier. The map displays destinations and highlights along the path such as waterfalls, scenic vistas, trail registers, along with other points of interest. 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.

Printed in full-color on durable water-resistant paper, look for this new map for sale in the park office this summer. Proceeds go towards projects of the Friends of Worlds End State Park.

*The map includes detailed descriptions and point – to – point navigation directions:*

### 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-



# IT'S OFFICIAL : THE HELLBENDER IS THE STATE AMPHIBIAN!



## **Governor's Press Release: Pennsylvania Declares Eastern Hellbender as Official State Amphibian - April 23, 2019**

Harrisburg - Governor Tom Wolf today was joined by state officials and clean water advocates for the signing of Senate Bill 9, designating the Eastern hellbender as Pennsylvania's state amphibian. Sponsored by Senator Gene Yaw, the bill was championed through the legislative process by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's Student Leadership Council to generate greater awareness of the importance of clean waterways in the commonwealth.

"Today's ceremony is about more than a declaration of an official state amphibian. It's about reaffirming our commitment to protecting our waters in Pennsylvania," said Governor Tom Wolf. "Clean water is critical for the hellbender and we need to continue to do our part to improve water quality in the commonwealth so that the state first amphibian can thrive."

For more than two years, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's student leaders spearheaded efforts to recognize the Eastern hellbender and create greater awareness of the largest salamander in North America's role in demonstrating the critical need to reduce pollution in Pennsylvania's rivers and streams.

"I want to thank the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and also acknowledge the hard work of the Foundation's Student Leadership Program," said Governor Wolf "The voices of students can clearly make a difference here in Harrisburg."

"As the governor indicated, this bill is more than just about naming a new symbol for our state," Sen. Gene Yaw said. "It's about fostering youth involvement in the legislative process, and championing an issue through that process. It's about advocating for clean water in Pennsylvania and promoting conservation programs that improve water quality for all of our species. The uniqueness of the hellbender and its contribution to aquatic biological diversity are adequate justifications for this remarkable designation. I applaud Governor Wolf for recognizing the importance of the hellbender to our state, and also for affirming for our young citizens that they can make a difference if they get involved in the governmental process."

The Eastern hellbender is a nocturnal salamander that can grow more than two feet long. They can be found in cold, clear, swift-running rivers and streams of the Susquehanna watershed. They prefer rocky streambeds with crevices, which they use for protection and for nesting sites. But the loss of forested buffers along these waterways is resulting in warmer waters and silted streambeds, degrading their habitat and decimating their numbers in streams where they were plentiful as recently as 1990.

“As much as this effort has been about the hellbender and clean water, it’s also a story about the creativity and passion of these leaders,” said Harry Campbell, Executive Director, Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

“It is my hope that other student leaders across the commonwealth may be inspired by our work. That they too will take action on behalf of the hellbender and clean water in the commonwealth. Making change is possible, no matter your age. All you need is dedication, support, and of course, a worthy cause,” said Emma Stone, President, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Pennsylvania Student Leadership Council.

“Today is a victory not only for hellbenders and clean water, but also for the power of student voices. It has been a remarkable experience to witness the growth and dedication of our student leaders as they tirelessly pursued this designation over the last few years. The Chesapeake Bay Foundation would like to thank Governor Wolf, Senator Yaw, and all the legislators who supported both the hellbender and our student leaders,” said Emily Thorpe, Pennsylvania Student Leadership Coordinator, Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

“I am proud to have introduced a companion bill to Sen. Yaw’s and am happy that this legislation has made its way to the governor’s desk,” said Rep. Sheryl DeLozier. “Earlier this year students from Mechanicsburg Area Senior High School came to me to talk about officially making the Eastern Hellbender our state’s amphibian. I was impressed not only by these young people and their leadership, but also how the hellbender serves as an indicator of water quality. The hellbender is quite sensitive to poor water quality and pollution, so its presence in the state’s waterways helps us gauge how clean that water is.”

The most recent state symbol naming of a living creature was in 1974 when Governor Milton Shapp signed legislation naming the firefly Pennsylvania’s state insect.

