

A scenic photograph of a dirt path with a wooden railing leading through a forest towards a valley. The path is made of dirt and gravel, and the railing is made of dark wood. The forest is lush with green trees, and the valley in the background is filled with rolling hills and more trees. The sky is bright and clear.

The Vista

***Summer 2025 at
Worlds End!***



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

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"Summertime is always the best of what might be." - Charles Bowden

In this edition of THE VISTA we welcome Summer 2025 by previewing summer activities at the park— with the big event being the return of **WORLDS END DAY** on the afternoon of Saturday July 19—see starting on page 3. Please join us for this celebration of the park with an afternoon full of fun and activities for the entire family—and meet the Friends at our Welcome Table.

Another returning summer activity is the park's **Discover Archery Program** starting June 17—see page 8. For other activities and programs at the park, see our summertime calendar of events starting on page 14.

The Friends also extend our congratulations to the PA Parks and Forest Foundation Forest of the Year—the Loyalsock State Forest. It is great to see forestry's hard-working and talented staffs efforts in maintaining this paradise recognized! Also receiving an award was Friends of Worlds End Marc and Mel Lewis and Lewis Lumber Products—see more starting on page 5.

Have a great summer and hope to see you at Worlds End!



COMING SATURDAY JULY 19: WORLDS END DAY 2025!

Featuring...

CLYDE PEELING'S
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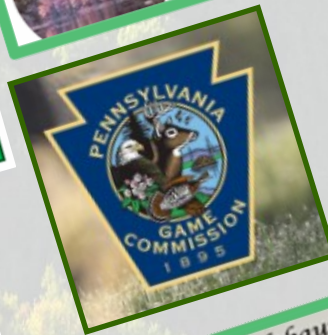
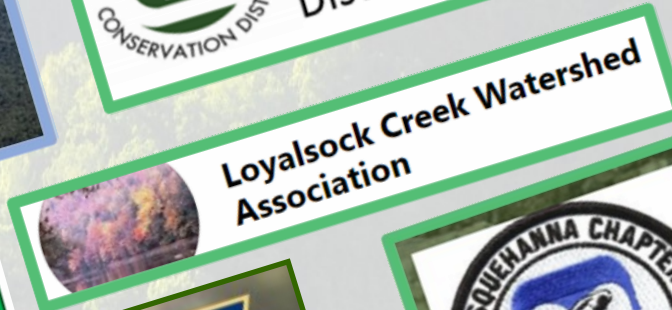
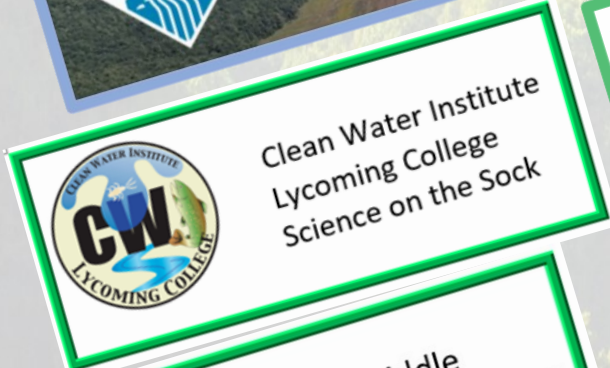
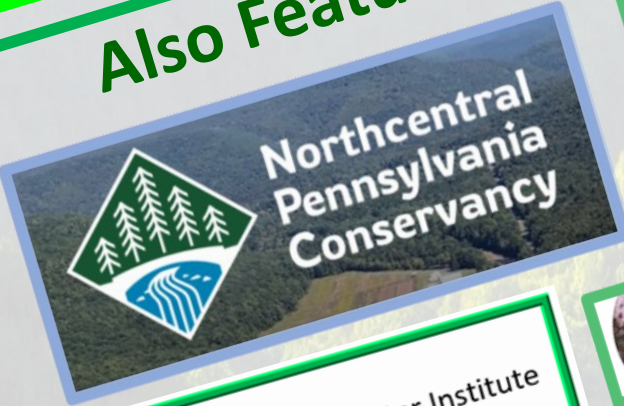
2 DIFFERENT SHOWS:

1:00—Reptiles: The Beautiful and the Deadly
2:30- The Tropical Rainforest: Nature's
Hothouse

SATURDAY JULY 19 starting at 11:00

WORLDSEND DAY 2025!

Also Featuring These Community Organizations!



Our Thanks to Our Sponsors for Making the Day Possible!





PA Parks and Forests Foundation Annual Awards:

Forest of the Year: Loyalsock State Forest

At the annual Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation (PPFF) awards banquet on May 13 at Little Buffalo State Park, The Loyalsock Forest District was named State Forest of the Year! District Forester Rich Glinski and Service Forester Sean Freidhof (pictured on the left with PPFF President Marci Mowery) accepted the award on behalf of the Forest. The Loyalsock was chosen from the twenty forest districts in the Commonwealth for its recreational opportunities, sound management of forest resources, and the staff's resiliency in contending with numerous catastrophic weather events over the past 15 years.

Below left: DCNR Secretary Cindy Dunn.

Below right: Justine Andronici and Michael Hermann of Sponsor Purple Lizard Maps; PPFF President Marci Mowery, from the Forest, Rich Glinski, Sean Freidhof, Seth Cassell, Jason Albright.



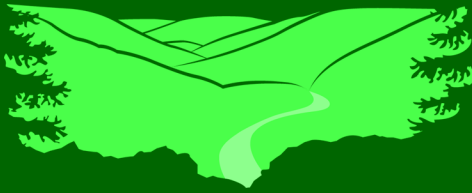


PA Parks and Forests Foundation Annual Awards:

Cliff Jones Keystone Legacy Award: Lewis Lumber Co./Dwight Lewis Lumber

Also at the awards banquet, the Cliff Jones Keystone Legacy Award went to the Lewis Lumber Company/Dwight Lewis Lumber. Accepting the award were Friends of Worlds End Marc and Mel Lewis (pictured on the right). A part of Sullivan County since 1942, Lewis Lumber was honored for their dedication to forest stewardship and sustainable timber harvesting, and their commitment to protecting Pennsylvania's natural resources. The company's practices are guided by trained foresters to protect watersheds, ensure regeneration, and maintain biodiversity. Lewis Lumber uses 100% of its wood residues; using them as animal bedding for local farms and for use at Worlds End State Park's campground (if you have ever pitched a tent at the campground, it is mulch from Lewis Lumber that you set your tent up on). The company minimizes its environmental footprint by recycling, cutting energy usage with efficient lighting and heating systems, and upgrading its fleet for lower emissions.





Upgrades to the Park's Office and Visitor Center:



Over the winter, the park's talented maintenance staff made numerous enhancements to the park's office and visitor's center (picture on the left). A new park merchandise kiosk was created to more prominently display the shirts, mugs, bandannas, hats, etc. that the park sells. The "CAMP 95 TRADING POST" sign is a reference to the 1930's Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp that built the park.

Also added to the visitor's center was new cabinetry to store and display park artifacts, including much of the park's cherished taxidermy collection (see pictured below). The cabinets were crafted from cherry wood, coming from a cherry tree that had fallen in the park.

The next time you visit the park, make sure to check out these beautiful new additions to the visitor's center—and pick up a souvenir!



ARCHERY CLASSES 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 9:30 am Location: Point Pavilion.

June: Tuesday 17th

July: Tuesday 1st, 15th, and 29th.

Aug: Tuesday 12th

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.

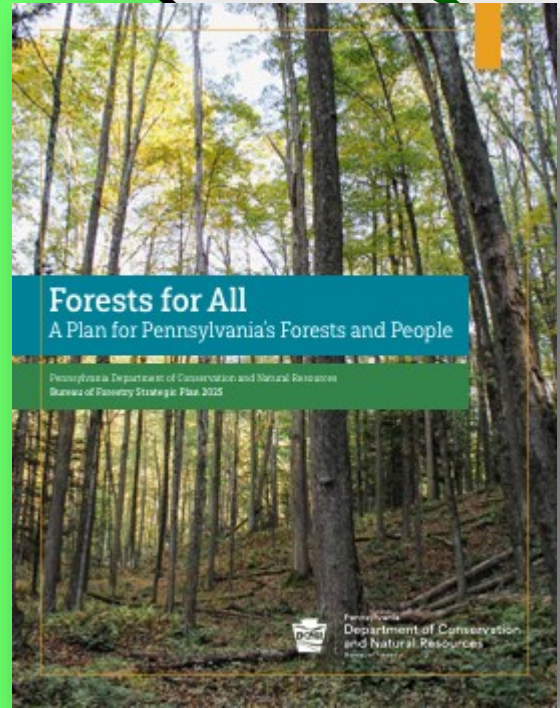


Forests for All: DCNR Unveils New Plan to Connect People to Pennsylvania's Forests and More Outdoor Recreation Opportunities:

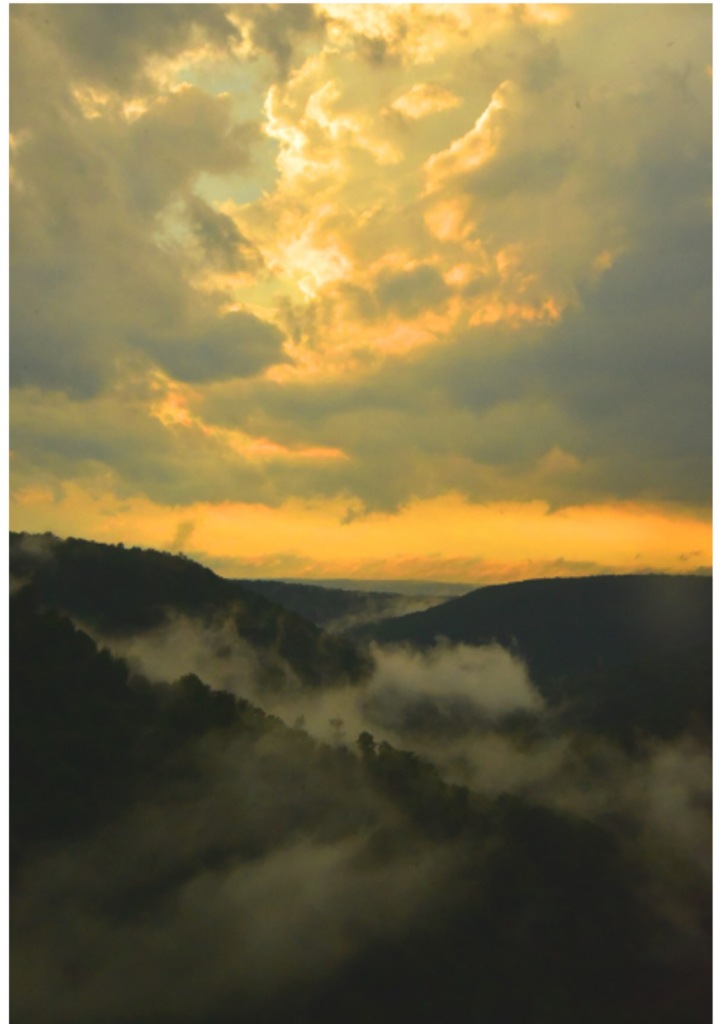
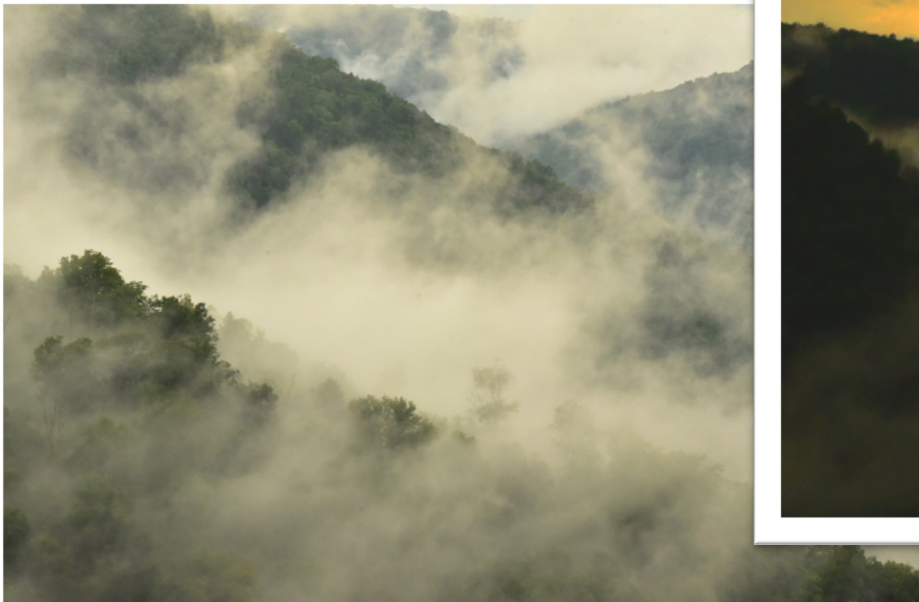
The plan focuses on three key areas:

1. Strengthening the Bureau of Forestry's Resource Management Foundations – Ensuring forests remain healthy and productive for generations to come.
2. Growing Public and Community Engagement – Expanding efforts to connect Pennsylvanians with forests and the many benefits they provide.
3. Investing in People and Teams – Supporting staff, partnerships, and resources to enhance conservation efforts through workforce development.

<https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dcnr/newsroom/forests-for-all--department-of-conservation-and-natural-resource.html>



*Loyalsock Canyon
Vista after a summer-
time thunderstorm.*



FIREWOOD AVAILABLE THIS SUMMER:

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.





Get ready for your summer hiking adventures — taking you to over 90 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.

The guide includes two 26 X 19 detailed maps on water-and-tear resistant paper.

This map and guide is 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/>)



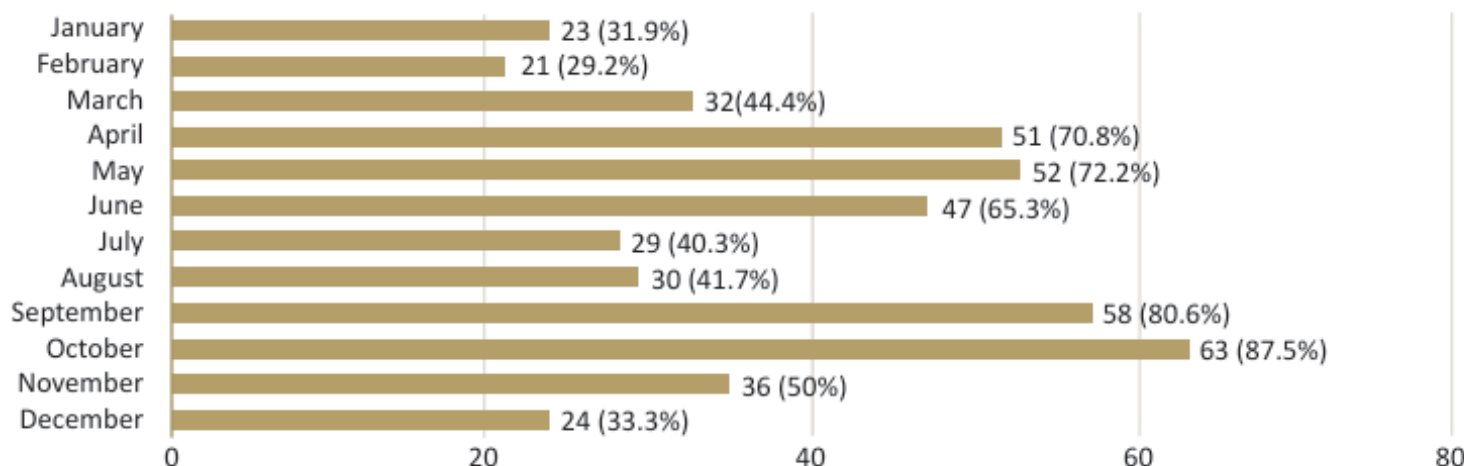
Also available is the *Trails in and Around Worlds End State Park* that features shorter hikes centered on the park and the forest immediately surrounding the park. This guide is available at the same locations and vendors listed on the previous page.

Springtime water flows bring canoeists and kayakers to the Loyalsock at Worlds End!



WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MONTH FOR HIKING?

Recent survey results released by the Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation indicates that autumn is the favorite time of year for hiking.



TRAIL NOTES:

Hikers of the **Loyalsock Trail** should be aware of a recent rerouting of the trail near **Angels Falls**—the tallest waterfall in the Endless Mountains (pictured on right). This past April, the Alpine Club of Williamsport rerouted the trail to take hikers more directly along Falls Run and the waterfalls along this stream. The new route has been blazed with traditional LT blazes (pictured below on the left). The “old trail” is still in place and can be used to create a “loop” to take you back down the mountain after you have hiked to the top of Angels Falls. This old route will soon be blazed as a link trail.



The Loyalsock Trail is displayed in yellow on the map on the right. The rerouted trail takes you closer to and up Falls Run—see the pink dots on the map.



Forestry staff has recently installed signs where the LINK TRAIL crosses forestry roads—seen here on the left is where the LINK TRAIL crosses COLD RUN ROAD at mile 3.72.

Summer 2025 @ Worlds End!

Mark your calendars for the following summer programs and events at Worlds End ! And monitor bulletin boards across the park and the park's social media for additional programs throughout the season.

JUNE 21 : Elk in Pennsylvania

Ben Porkolab, Keystone Elk Country Alliance education coordinator, will give a presentation on the success story of PA's elk herd, from extirpation of the native herd in the 1860's to the restoration efforts and the current status of this majestic animal.

Campground Amphitheater
7:00 pm



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STARTING JUNE 17: DISCOVER ARCHERY CLASSES BEGIN!

See page 8 for details and class dates throughout the summer.
9:30 am at the Point Pavilion



JUNE 24:

INTERNATIONAL MUD DAY 2025!

Enjoy some family fun and get muddy! Frolic in our mud pit, whip up treats in the mud pie kitchen, paint with mud, and search for real fossils!

Beach Area: 1:00 – 3:00 pm



JULY 5: RAPTOR POWER!

See and learn about live birds of prey with the Cornell Raptor Center educators.

Campground Amphitheater: 11:00 am



JULY 5: Native American Use of Natural Resources:

Rich Gulyas, DCNR Environmental Educator will display his extensive collection of indigenous artifacts and discuss and demonstrate their usage.

Visitors Center: 2:00 pm

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JULY 12:

The Geology of Worlds End

Learn how the Loyalsock Creek played a big part in the fascinating geologic history of the park with geologist Sim Suter.

Visitors Center: 10:00 am



JULY 19:

Worlds End Day 2025!

Starting at noon in the park's day—use area. See pages 3 and 4 for details.



Monitor the park's social media and bulletin boards for activities and programs in late July and August—and Labor Day weekend!

THE SEVEN DEADLY SWIMS

While a refreshing swim on a hot day adds to summer fun, time in the water can also end in tragedy. Be safe in the water by avoiding the deadly swims outlined below.



1 Swimming outside a designated swimming area

2 Jumping into unknown or fast moving waters

3 Challenging someone to swim across a cove, lake or pond to an object such as a buoy.

4 Holding your breath too long while swimming or swimming in cold water.

5 Swimming without a life jacket and/ or in an area/depth beyond your ability

HELP!



6 Swimming under the influence of drugs or alcohol

I'm so scared!

7 Swimming to rescue a person, boat, beach ball, or some other object.

ALSO AVOID...

Swimming alone or allowing children to swim unsupervised.

Mommy, Where are you?

Adapted from the US Army Corps of Engineers

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for **FREE!**

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

To get on our email list, see our website:

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