



**Schuylkill County Visitors Bureau**  
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Schuylkill County boasts a variety of the very best in outdoor recreation including the Schuylkill River, three state parks, one county park, campgrounds, hiking, fishing, hunting, canoeing, golfing, biking, and much more. If you are intrigued by interesting history, lured by the beauty of the outdoors, or simply looking for a relaxing adventure just beyond the hustle and bustle of the Poconos, Philadelphia, or PA Dutch Country, then Schuylkill County is the natural choice.



Schuylkill County is nestled between the mountains of East-Central Pennsylvania in the Coal Country Corridor of the Schuylkill River National & State Heritage Area, where outdoor recreation,

unique attractions, fascinating history, and a host of exciting events abound. It is a cultural heritage destination like no other.

Sweet Arrow Lake County Park, located Pine Grove and Washington Townships, is open to the public for fishing, hiking, boating, birding, environmental education, and other programs. A reception hall and pavilion are available for rent.

Yuengling Brewery Museum and Gift Shop, home of America's oldest brewery, is right here in Pottsville, Pennsylvania. Unique tours of this National Historic Landmark, including the caves, are offered daily and on special weekends. Enjoy the free tour and even free samples at the end. Yuengling Museum and Gift shop is situated along historic Mahantongo Street, home of John O'Hara. Founded in 1829 by David G. Yuengling, they are a family owned company, now spanning over 180 years of continuous operation. Throughout five generations they have remained unique among breweries, distinguished by its culture, heritage, traditions, and portfolio of brands.

Hawk Mountain is a National Natural Landmark. The 200-degree panorama from atop Hawk Mountain's famed North Lookout is inarguably one of the most scenic views in the East. Visitors look down upon the endless stretch of forest along the

Kittatinny Ridge and out across a patchwork of farmland and fields that flank both sides of the scenic mountain.

Experience America's Anthracite Heritage in one exciting adventure at Pioneer Tunnel Coal Mine in Ashland PA. Tour a real Anthracite Coal Mine, 1800 feet into the side of the mountain, and take a ride on an old-fashioned narrow gauge steam train. Museum, park, and gift shop nearby.

Next Stop, the Tamaqua Railroad Station! Take a step into the past as you enter Tamaqua's restored 1874, Philadelphia & Reading Railroad. Saved from the brink of demolition, the Tamaqua Railroad Station now serves as a heritage center as well as a cultural and economic hub in Historic Tamaqua.

The Schuylkill River begins in the mountains of Schuylkill County. We are best known for the vast quantities of hard anthracite coal that helped fuel America's Industrial Revolution during the 19th and 20th centuries. The mines attracted thousands of immigrant workers from around the world to Schuylkill County, creating a rich and diverse cultural community. Many of the foods, crafts, languages, and artistic traditions that these groups brought with them survive in Schuylkill County today. Start your journey on the trail where it all started—with us!

## STATE PARKS

Central reservations for all state parks are available for camping, cabins, organized group tenting, and picnic pavilions through a toll-free number: 1-888-PA-PARKS. This number also provides complete information on park facilities. www.dcnr.state.pa.us

- (H4) **Locust Lake State Park** - Located in scenic Ryan Township and accessible from Exit 131A (Rt. 54- Hometown) of I-81. Park features: camping, hiking, swimming, fishing, boating, bicycle riding, playground, and interpretive programs. (570) 467-2772
- (I3) **Tuscarora State Park** - Located in Rush and Ryan townships, not far from Locust Lake and accessible from these I-81 exits: Exit 131A (Rt. 54-Hometown), and Exit 138 (Rt. 309-McAadoo). Park features: boating, camping cottages, fishing, swimming, and picnicking. (570) 467-2404
- (C8) **Swatara State Park** - Located off Exit 100 of I-81 (Rt. 443-Pine Grove). The park is 3,515 acres, 6.5 miles long, and features fossil collecting, hiking, (including 2 miles of the Appalachian Trail), biking, horseback riding, fishing, hunting, canoeing, swimming, and picnicking. (717) 865-6470

## COUNTY PARK

- (E7) **Sweet Arrow Lake County Park** - Located off Exit 100 (Rt. 443-Pine Grove) to Sweet Arrow Lake Road just east of Pine Grove. Annual Family Fun Fishing Event with yearlong tagged fish prizes with kick-off event in late April or early May. (570) 527-2505 www.sweetarrowlakepark.com

## CANOE ACCESS/WATER TRAILS



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- (I5) **Little Schuylkill River** - A portion of the Schuylkill River Water Trail. Access points at Tamaqua Dam (SR 443), owned by DEP with parking available; New Ringgold with parking available at the SR 895 bridge. Recommend put-in at highway bridge in Hecla. Take out in Port Clinton just south of Rt. 61 bridge at confluence of Little Schuylkill and Schuylkill rivers. (484) 945-0200 www.schuylkillriver.org
- (G6) **The Island-Schuylkill River** - Located in Schuylkill Haven at the end of Broadway St. Bridge off Dock St. (Rt. 443).
- (H6) **Rt. 895-Schuylkill River** - Located on Rt. 895 at the bridge just before entering Auburn.
- (F5) **Schuylkill River Water Trail** - Runs the 147-mile length of the Schuylkill River from its headwaters in Schuylkill County to its confluence with the Delaware River in Philadelphia. Access points at Terry Reiley Park with parking (Experienced paddlers only from here to Schuylkill Haven Island); Schuylkill Haven Island Park with parking (Available; Auburn Dam, parking at boat launch; Auburn SR 895 Trailhead, parking for 15 cars; Port Clinton Park, parking along Broad Street by railroad tracks. Several low-head dams and railroad bridges are in this reach. A water trail guide booklet is available from the Schuylkill River Greenway Association, 140 College Drive, Pottstown, PA 19464. (484) 945-0200 www.schuylkillriver.org
- (D8) **Swatara Creek Water Trail** - A 60-mile segment of Swatara Creek from Pine Grove, Schuylkill County, to the PA Fish & Boat Commission's Middletown Access in Middletown, Dauphin County. The Schuylkill County segment of the trail begins southwest of Pine Grove at a marked access point downstream of the Route 645 bridge. www.schuylkill.org/trails/swatara-creek.pdf
- (F5) **Terry Reiley Park** - Located on the Gordon Nagle Trail, near the intersection of West Market Street, (State Route 901, across from Sheetz). This eco-tourism initiative transformed a site, once known as a magnet for litter into a canoe ramp to encourage access to the West Branch of the Schuylkill River. Picnic facilities and parking are available.

## HIKING TRAILS AND WALKING PATHS

Contact "Porcupine Pat" McKinney at the Schuylkill Conservation District for more information. (570) 622-4224 ext. 113, or e-mail porcupinepat@yahoo.com. www.schuylkill.org/trails for trail accesses and GPS info. Inquire about Schuylkill On The Move which meets monthly at various sites throughout the county. Informed naturalists lead tours that are free and open to the public. www.schuylkillvision.com

- (I7) **Appalachian Trail** - Trail access located off Rt. 645 and Rt. 501 south of Pine Grove, from Rt. 183, between Summit Station and Shartlesville (Berks County), off Rt. 61 at Port Clinton, from Hawk Mountain Road between Dreherstown and Kempton (Berks County), and off Rt. 309 between Snyders and Schnecksville (Lehigh County). (304) 535-6331 www.appalachiantrail.org
- (I7) **Historic Tow Path Trail** - Located along the Schuylkill River in Port Clinton. A two-mile riverbank trail that meanders through a number of Schuylkill Canal Locks. This trail passes through State Game Lands, therefore, access is limited during hunting season.
- (G7) **Bear Creek Environmental Area** - Located within the Schuylkill County Fairgrounds, Rt. 895, Summit Station. Two miles of environmental interpretive trails through a variety of scenic wildlife habitats.
- (F6) **Frog Hollow Environmental Education Center** - Located near Friedensburg, just off Rt. 443. Features trails, amphitheater, picnic pavilion, trout stream, and forested setting.
- (H4) **Locust Lake State Park** - Located in Ryan Township and accessible from Exit 131A (Rt. 54-Hometown) of I-81. Features three hiking trails which are three-quarter, two, and four miles long. (570) 467-2772
- (I3) **Tuscarora State Park** - Located in Rush and Ryan townships, not far from Locust Lake State Park and accessible from I-81 and Rt. 309 just north of Tamaqua. Features six hiking trails, five under 1-mile and one 14-mile trail. (570) 467-2404
- (G5) **Pottsville Bike/Hike Trail** - Begins at the tennis courts and JFK Swimming Pool near John S. Clarke Elementary School off 16th Street. Trail is dog-friendly.
- (D8) **Swatara State Park** - Located off Exit 100 of I-81 (Rt. 443-Pine Grove). The Park features a 2-mile hiking trail. (717) 865-6470
- (G5) **Pottsville Walking Tour** - Self-guided walking tour throughout Pottsville. For more information contact the Schuylkill County Visitor's Bureau. (570) 622-7700 or 1-800-765-7282 www.schuylkill.org
- (G6) **Irish Flats Trail** - Parallels the Schuylkill River in Schuylkill Haven. Located at the end of the Broadway Street Bridge off Dock Street (Rt. 443). Flat hike affording scenic views of the river. Part of the John Bartram Trail.
- (H6) **Landingville Marsh** - A flat loop trail alongside the Schuylkill River that includes part of the John Bartram Trail and the foundation for the oldest transportation tunnel in America. Watch for birds including osprey. Located south of Landingville and its community park.
- (I4) **Schuylkill Valley Trail** - Parallels Rt. 209 for eight miles from Tamaqua to Middleport. Flat to gently rolling landscape that features scenic views of the surrounding mountains. An informational kiosk and picnic area can be found at the Newkirk Tunnel.
- (F5) **Minersville Walking Path** - A short but scenic and paved path in the Fourth Street Recreation Complex.
- (K5) **West Penn Park Trail** - The park is found off Rt. 309 on Zions Stone Church Road in West Penn Township. The short path crosses a small covered bridge into the forest and ends in a fun playground. A good family walk!
- (D4) **Conrad Weiser State Forest/Taylorville Region** - Hikers will enjoy a state forest road that ascends to a summit. Located just off Taylorville/Bull roads. Stop by DCNR-Bureau of Forestry office in Aristes for a map. (570) 875-6450
- (I7) **John Bartram Trail** - (aka Schuylkill River Trail) Access at Kernsville Dam, Hamburg. Bicycling and Hiking. www.schuylkillriver.org
- (C6) **Tri-Valley Environmental Education Center** - Located behind Tri-Valley High School in Hegins. The forested site features a trail that winds its way along and across Pine Creek.

## SNOWMOBILE TRAILS

**Weiser State Forest** - Land is managed by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources-Bureau of Forestry, Aristes. Located in Dauphin, Schuylkill, Carbon, and Berks counties. Call or stop by their office in Aristes for a map. (570) 875-6450 www.dcnr.pa.gov

## ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTERS

Contact "Porcupine Pat" McKinney of the Schuylkill Conservation District for more information. Call (570) 391-3326 or e-mail: porcupinepat@yahoo.com unless otherwise indicated.

- (F6) **Frog Hollow Environmental Education Center** - Located near Friedensburg, just off Rt. 443. Features: trails, picnic pavilion, trout stream, and amphitheater all in a scenic forested setting. Owned and maintained by the South Schuylkill Garden Club.
- (G7) **Dr. James S. Shadle Nature Center** - Located in the Schuylkill County Fairgrounds, Summit Station. This center is part of the Bear Creek Environmental Area that features trails, wildlife blind, ponds, trout stream, wetlands board walk, forest, and fields. porcupinepat@yahoo.com
- (I3) **Tuscarora State Park** - Located in Rush and Ryan townships, not far from Locust Lake State Park and accessible from I-81 and Rts. 54, 209 and 309. New visitor center has display room in addition to interpretive programs. (570) 467-2404
- (J6) **Hawk Mountain Sanctuary** - Located 9 miles north of I-78, Exit 29B North to Rt. 895 East. (610) 756-6961 www.hawkmountain.org
- (C6) **Tri-Valley Environmental Education Center** This center is directly behind Tri-Valley High School, Rt. 25, Hegins.
- (G7) **Red Creek Wildlife Center** - Provides wildlife rehabilitation services for mammals, birds, and reptiles. The center has succeeded in releasing a good number of injured and orphaned animals. Informative programs with live permanently injured animals are provided at your site for a fee. (570) 739-7111 www.redcreekwildlifecenter.com



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The Schuylkill County Visitors Bureau originated in 1963 as the county's official promotional organization designed to market the county as a tourism destination. We are a 501(c)(6) non-profit organization whose mission is to increase the number of visitors to Schuylkill County, assist in enhancing the image of Schuylkill County, and support the development of new tourist attractions in Schuylkill County.



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Schuylkill Conservation District: Founded in 1955, the Schuylkill Conservation District is dedicated to protect, enhance, restore, and promote the responsible use of the county's natural resources for future generations by partnering, coordinating, and fostering cooperation. This is accomplished with the assistance of public agencies, private groups, and individuals. e-mail: porcupinepat@yahoo.com



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The Schuylkill County Conservancy is a member-supported, non-profit trust that was established in 1997. It works to protect and enhance the quality of life in Schuylkill County by conserving farmland, open space, rural heritage, streams, wetlands, waterways, forests, historic structures, and other natural resources. e-mail: porcupinepat@yahoo.com

## OFF ROADING

- (B6) **Rausch Creek Trailriders** - 8,500 acres of trails for year-round riding of dirt bikes, ATVs, and UTVs. Camping is available. www.rauschcreekracing.com
- (G4) **Famous Reading Outdoors** - 20,000 acres of trail systems located in Schuylkill and Northumberland Counties for ATV, Dirt Bike, UTV, mountain bike, and hunting enthusiasts. www.readingoutdoors.com

## MOUNTAIN BIKING AND BICYCLE RIDING

Contact "Porcupine Pat" of the Schuylkill Conservation District for more information on rail-trails and scenic yet safe road cycling. (570) 391-3326 or e-mail: porcupinepat@yahoo.com or Eastern Schuylkill Recreation Commission at (570) 668-2919.

- (J4) **Lehigh Valley & New England Rail Trail** - Located along Rt. 309, south of Tamaqua. Access trail from Dairy Road in West Penn Township.
- (I4) **Schuylkill Valley Heritage Trail** - Located between Middleport and Tamaqua along Rt. 209.
- (C7) **Stony Valley Rail Trail** - Intersects Gold Mine Road off Rt. 443 west of Suedberg and Pine Grove.
- (G5) **JFK Bicycle Trail** - Located by the JFK Swimming Pool, Pottsville.
- (C6) **Hegins Bike Path** - Located on Main Street, Hegins.
- (D8) **Swatara State Park** - Located off I-81 (Exit 100-Rt. 443-Pine Grove). Features 9-miles of bike trails. (717) 865-6470
- (H4) **Locust Lake State Park** - Located in Ryan Township. Accessible from I-81 Exit 131A, and Rt. 54, 61, and 209. Features one bike trail 1.3 miles long. (570) 467-2772
- (I7) **John Bartram Trail** - (aka Schuylkill River Trail) Good bicycling trail from Hamburg to Auburn. www.schuylkillriver.org

## EQUESTRIAN TRAIL HEAD

- (G6) **Weiser State Forest** - Located in Dauphin, Schuylkill, Carbon, and Berks counties. The state forest is managed by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources-Bureau of Forestry, Aristes. (570) 875-6450
- (D8) **Swatara State Park** - Located off I-81 Exit 100 (Rt. 443-Pine Grove). Travel Rt. 443 West to see the state park near Suedberg. Riding is permitted on the road berm only. (717) 865-6470

## COMMUNITY PARKS

Here is a sampling of scenic areas that have passive recreation opportunities available. For more information, contact "Porcupine Pat" at (570) 391-3326 or e-mail: porcupinepat@yahoo.com.

- (G4) **Whippoorwill Park** - Park is owned by Frackville Borough and managed by South End Field & Stream. Located one mile east of Frackville on Morea Road.
- (E7) **Canal Park** - Located along Carbon Street in the heart of Pine Grove.
- (D6) **Hegins Community Park** - Located on Park Lane off Rt. 25, Hegins.
- (G3) **Girard Park** - Located on the north side of Shenandoah (Rt. 924) behind the Miner's Memorial.
- (G2) **Ringtown Recreation Facility** - On Zion Grove Road, Union Township, just outside of Ringtown on Center Street off Main Street.
- (E4) **Higher-Up Park** - Next to Pioneer Tunnel in Ashland. Follow signs from center of Ashland borough for coal mine.
- (F5) **4th Street Recreation Facility** - At the end of 4th Street off Sunbury Street (Rt. 901) in Minersville.
- (G5) **Charles Baber Cemetery** - Found along West Market Street (Rt. 209) in Pottsville.
- (G5) **General George A. Joulwan Park** - Off East Norwegian Street, Pottsville.
- (G6) **The Island** - Found in the heart of Schuylkill Haven at the end of Broadway Street Bridge off Dock Street (Rt. 443).

## FISHING

Native Trout Streams - Includes Crooked Run, Messer's Run, Nesquehoning Creek, Owl Creek, Roving's Creek, Indian Creek, Tumbling Run, Black Creek, Indian Run, Schaffer Creek, Muddy Creek, West Branch Fishing Creek, Baird Run, and DeHaas Run.



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- (H7) **Bear Creek** - A portion of this creek is delayed harvest area and artificial lure only (DHALO). It is stocked with trout and located west of Auburn along Rt. 895.
- (I5) **Cold Run** - A native trout tributary of the Little Schuylkill River, located one mile north of New Ringgold and flows through what is known as Devil's Hole.
- (D5) **Deep Creek** - Stocked trout waters flow through the Hegins Valley. The creek starts at Route 901 and extends to the confluence with Pine Creek.
- (G2) **Little Catawissa Creek** - Stocked and native trout waters near Ringtown. Parallels Rt. 339 to Bloomsburg.
- (J3) **Little Schuylkill River** - Starting north of Tamaqua. Good trout fishing between Locust Creek and Panther Creek confluence, and Port Clinton above confluence with Schuylkill River. Delayed harvest area located near New Ringgold (DHALO).
- (L4) **Lizard Creek** - Stocked trout waters along Rt. 895 east of Snyders.
- (I3) **Locust Creek** - Stocked trout waters start at the outflow of Locust Lake and continue through Tuscarora State Park, and eventually enters the Little Schuylkill River.
- (H4) **Locust Lake State Park** - Nice lake fishing.
- (F7) **Lower Little Swatara Creek** - Stocked trout waters start east of Rock and extend to the confluence with the Swatara Creek.
- (B5) **Mahantongo Creek** - Stocked trout waters located in the extreme northwest corner of Schuylkill County, and flow west from Rt. 125 to the northwest corner.
- (K4) **Mahoning Creek** - Stocked trout waters located along Rt. 443 east of South Tamaqua and extending into Carbon County.
- (I3) **Pine Creek** - Stocked trout waters located west of Hometown and flow alongside Rt. 54.
- (I6) **Pine Creek** - Stocked trout waters located above Deer Lake.
- (D6) **Pine Creek** - Stocked trout waters that flow just south of Rt. 25 starting east of Rt. 125 and continuing out of the county through the Hegins Valley.
- (I3) **Tuscarora State Park** - Nice lake fishing.
- (H6) **Schuylkill River** - Trout fishing from Middleport to Landingville, as well as West Branch-Schuylkill Haven to Pottsville. From south of Schuylkill Haven, experience either wild trout waters or warm-water fishing.
- (D8) **Swatara Creek** - Good warm-water fishing starts below Pine Grove.
- (E7) **Sweet Arrow Lake County Park** - Located along the Upper Little Swatara Creek for warm-water fishing with public boat access. Stocked trout waters.
- (F6) **Upper Little Swatara Creek** - Starts near Friedensburg and flows west just north of Route 443. Trout waters end at Sweet Arrow Lake County Park.
- (G3) **Whippoorwill Park** - Stocked trout waters located off Morea Road one mile east of Frackville near the Industrial Park.
- (E7) **Swatara Creek** - Trout waters within Pine Grove, stocked by the Swatara Cooperative Trout Nursery. Native trout fishing below Tremont to warm-water fishing below Pine Grove.
- (H7) **Auburn Dam** - Located on the Schuylkill River near Landingville on Meadow Drive. The Auburn Dam offers excellent boating and fishing opportunities especially for bass and pan fish. The boat launch access is located just off Meadow Drive in South Manheim Township.

15. (H6) **Albright's Woods** - Located along Grove Street just outside of Orwigsburg behind Blue Mountain Elementary East School.

16. (K5) **West Penn Park** - Found along Zion Stone Church Road just off Rt. 309.

17. (J3) **Howard D. Buehr Memorial Park aka "The Bungalow"** - Located near the Odd Fellows Cemetery on the west side of Tamaqua off Rt. 209. Pool passes available, playground, concession stand, ample parking.

18. (I3) **Hometown Wildlife Sanctuary** - Located across Marian Ave. from Versum Materials. View ponds, wetlands, and scenic forested habitat.

19. (J3) **Kellner Dam** - Located in Tamaqua's northwest side near the elementary school. Features fishing and walking in a forested setting.

20. (J4) **Rabbit Run Reservoir** - Located southwest of Tamaqua off Valley Road. Fishing, hiking, and nature exploration.

21. (J3) **Owl Creek Reservoir** - Located just outside of Tamaqua, Owl Creek Reservoir is a multi-faceted park where people can fish (catch and release only), canoe/kayak, hike, ride their bikes, or just enjoy an afternoon walking with their dog(s). The commission holds several fun events during the year.

22. (C6) **Valley View Park** - Located along Gap Street in Valley View the park offers a playground and holds events throughout the year.

23. (F7) **Staw Zerbe Handicap Fishing Access** - Located next to the covered bridge on Newschwanger Road in Washington Township. This access offers anyone the chance to enjoy fishing the trout stocked waters of the Lower Little Swatara Creek.

24. (J3) **Owl Creek Reservoir** - Located two miles southeast of Tamaqua, access to the reservoir is walk-in only with the exception of designated parking areas for persons with special needs. Smallmouth and largemouth bass, chain pickerel, and pumpkinseed sunfish. Boat launch, electric motors.

25. (F4) **Little Mahanoy Creek** - Stocked trout waters from Gordon toward Frackville.

For more information on fishing in Schuylkill County, contact the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. (717) 626-0228 www.fishpa.com

## ICE FISHING

Locust Lake State Park, Tuscarora State Park, Sweet Arrow Lake County Park, and the Auburn Dam on the Bartram Trail are premier "hot spots" for ice fishing.

## HUNTING

The following state game lands (SGL) feature ample wildlife habitat.

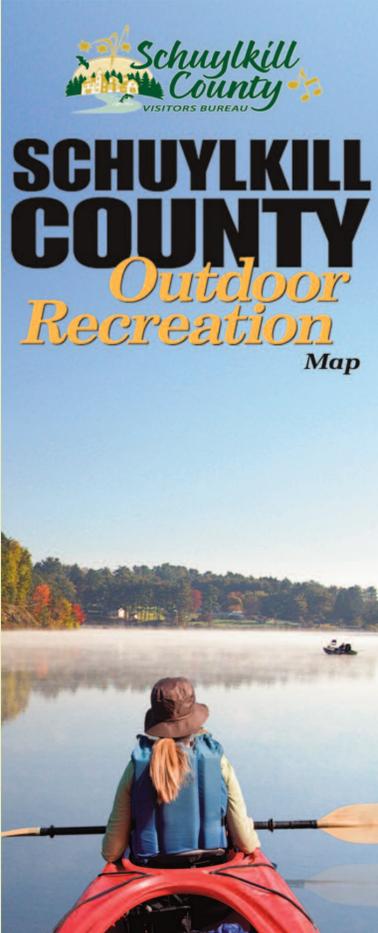
- (F8) **SGL#80** - Rock-8,507 acres: deer, grouse, turkey, squirrel
- (C4) **SGL#84** - Helfenstein-8,790 acres: deer, grouse, squirrel
- (I6) **SGL#106** - Dreherstown-9,374 acres: deer, grouse, squirrel, rabbit, turkey
- (G8) **SGL#110** - Summit Station-10,093 acres: deer, grouse, rabbit, turkey
- (C5) **SGL#132** - Hegins-1,247 acres: deer, grouse, squirrel, turkey
- (E8) **SGL#160** - Pine Grove-245 acres: pheasant, squirrel, rabbit
- (C7) **SGL#211** - Tower City-43,500 acres: deer, grouse, turkey
- (L5) **SGL#217** - Andreas-5,586 acres: deer, turkey, grouse
- (L5) **SGL#222** - New Ringgold-865 acres: deer, squirrel, rabbit
- (I3) **SGL#227** - Hometown-1,497 acres: deer, pheasant, quail, rabbit, turkey, squirrel
- (E6) **SGL#229** - Tremont-2,891 acres: grouse, rabbit, turkey, squirrel, bear, deer
- (J3) **SGL#257** - Tamaqua-3,417 acres: deer, pheasant, quail, rabbit, squirrel, bear
- (B7) **SGL#264** - Tower City-8,826 acres: deer, grouse, turkey, rabbit, squirrel, bear
- (G6) **SGL#286** - Schuylkill Haven-478 acres: rabbit, deer, duck, squirrel
- (F4) **SGL#326** - Frackville and Gordon-2,690 acres: deer, grouse, turkey, squirrel, bear
- (F3) **SGL#329** - Located to the east of Aristes and extends into Schuylkill County: deer, grouse, turkey, squirrel, bear

Thousands of acres of county-controlled lands and municipal water supply lands are open to public hunting as part of PA Game Commissioners' Forest Game Cooperative Program. See PA Game Commission web site for locations.

For detailed maps, contact the Pennsylvania Game Commission - SE Regional Office, Leesport: 610-926-3136 or www.pgc.state.pa.us

Conrad Weiser State Forest-Consists of 17,961 acres in northern Dauphin, Schuylkill, Carbon, and Berks counties. Lands are open to hunting, fishing, and general recreation. Areas can be reached by 65 miles of roads that also include 30 miles of snowmobiling trails. Also features good places to see hawks migrating. Camping is allowed without a permit for backpackers. No motorized camping is permitted. For more information: (570) 875-6450 www.dcnr.state.pa.us

Ask for permission from landowner before hunting or fishing.



# SCHUYLKILL COUNTY

## Outdoor Recreation Map

### Welcome to Schuylkill County!

Scenic ridge tops and rolling valleys, intertwined with brisk-running waters, all help to make the personality of Schuylkill County's outdoors. For sure, we have it all from trout fishing to mountain biking, horseback riding to deer hunting; our county boasts many opportunities to connect with the outdoors.

Schuylkill County has numerous volunteer outdoor recreation organizations and businesses including the Sportsmen's Advisory Board, Sportsmen's Association (sponsor of Youth Field Day, Norm Thornburg Youth Conservation Camp, and Women's Outdoor Day), County Conservancy, Watershed Associations working to clean up impaired waters, Fish and Game Organizations holding weekly clay bird, skeet, and 3-D archery shoots, and many sporting goods businesses.

You'll find our recreational resources to be both plentiful and first rate. Native and stocked trout streams and lakes abound. Visit Sweet Arrow Lake County Park to fish and boat, or relax on our boardwalk overlooking the falls! Locust Lake, Tuscarora, and Swatara state parks offer camping and many other recreational opportunities. Water trails, canoe and kayak launch areas, and fly fishing destinations are plentiful.

Public hunting opportunities are available on thousands of acres of state game and forest lands as well as excellent municipal water authority and county property. Whether you are a resident or a visitor for a short time, Schuylkill County can certainly provide a rewarding, fun, memorable, and enjoyable recreational experience.

Enjoy your outdoors!

#### CAMPGROUNDS

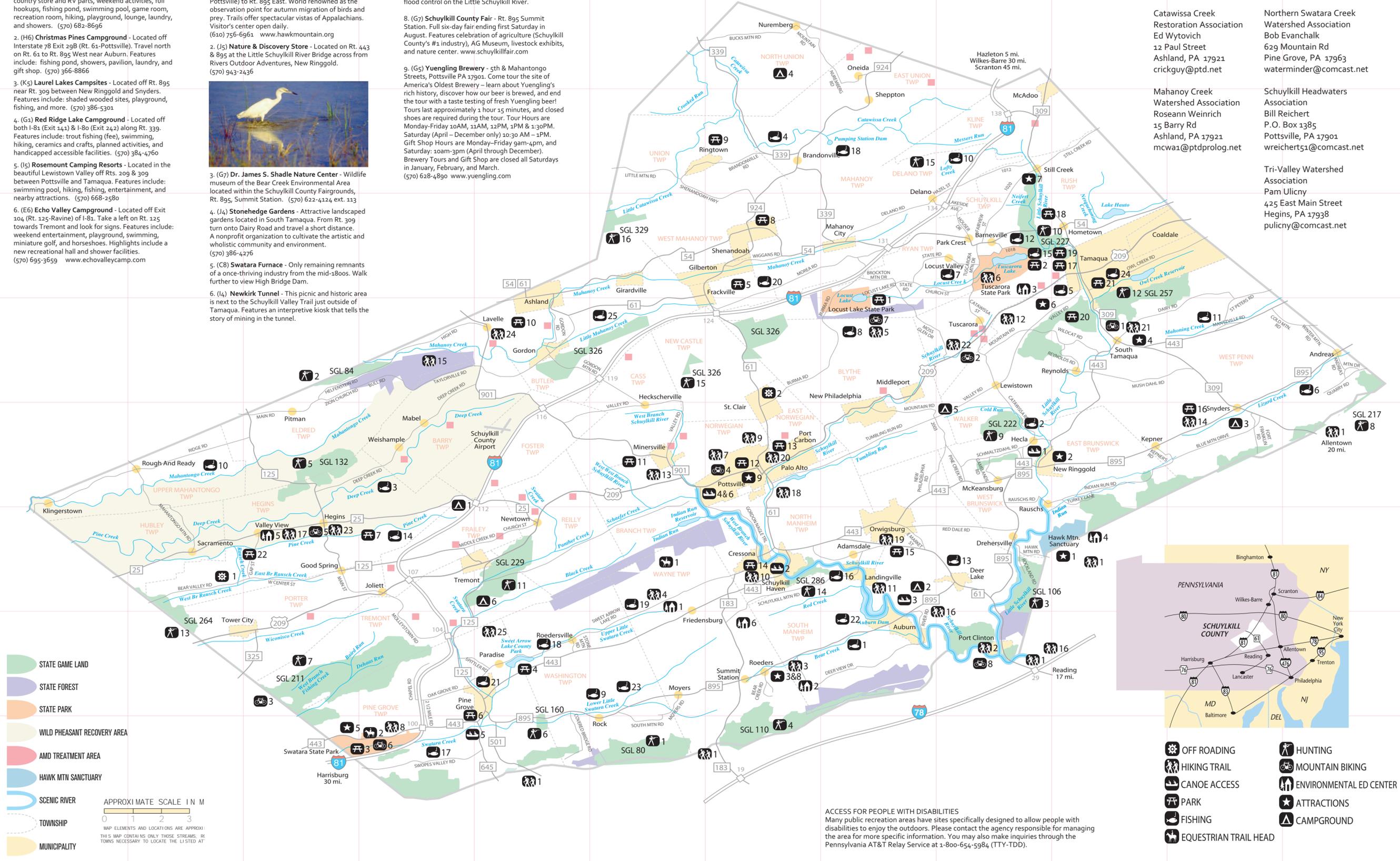
- (D5) **Camp-A-While Campground** - Located at Exit 112 (Rt. 25-Hegins) of I-81. Features include: country store and RV parts, weekend activities, full hookups, fishing pond, swimming pool, game room, recreation room, hiking, playground, lounge, laundry, and showers. (570) 682-8696
- (H6) **Christmas Pines Campground** - Located off Interstate 78 Exit 29B (Rt. 61-Pottsville). Travel north on Rt. 61 to Rt. 895 West near Auburn. Features include: fishing pond, showers, pavilion, laundry, and gift shop. (570) 366-8866
- (K5) **Laurel Lakes Campsites** - Located off Rt. 895 near Rt. 309 between New Ringgold and Sneders. Features include: shaded wooded sites, playground, fishing, and more. (570) 386-5301
- (G1) **Red Ridge Lake Campground** - Located off both I-81 (Exit 241) & I-80 (Exit 242) along Rt. 339. Features include: trout fishing (fee), swimming, hiking, ceramics and crafts, planned activities, and handicapped accessible facilities. (570) 384-4760
- (I5) **Rosemount Camping Resorts** - Located in the beautiful Lewistown Valley off Rts. 209 & 309 between Pottsville and Tamaqua. Features include: swimming pool, hiking, fishing, entertainment, and nearby attractions. (570) 668-2580
- (E6) **Echo Valley Campground** - Located off Exit 104 (Rt. 125-Ravine) of I-81. Take a left on Rt. 125 towards Tremont and look for signs. Features include: weekend entertainment, playground, swimming, miniature golf, and horseshoes. Highlights include a new recreational hall and shower facilities. (570) 695-3559 www.echovaleycamp.com

#### ATTRACTIONS

- (J6) **Hawk Mountain Sanctuary** - Located 9 miles north of I-78. Take Rt. 61 North off I-78 (Exit 29B-Pottsville) to Rt. 895 East. World renowned as the observation point for autumn migration of birds and prey. Trails offer spectacular vistas of Appalachians. Visitor's center open daily. (610) 756-6961 www.hawkmountain.org
- (J5) **Nature & Discovery Store** - Located on Rt. 443 & 895 at the Little Schuylkill River Bridge across from Rivers Outdoor Adventures, New Ringgold. (570) 943-2436
- (G7) **Dr. James S. Shadle Nature Center** - Wildlife museum of the Bear Creek Environmental Area located within the Schuylkill County Fairgrounds, Rt. 895, Summit Station. (570) 622-4124 ext. 113
- (J4) **Stonehedge Gardens** - Attractive landscaped gardens located in South Tamaqua. From Rt. 309 turn onto Dairy Road and travel a short distance. A nonprofit organization to cultivate the artistic and wholistic community and environment. (570) 386-4276
- (C8) **Swatara Furnace** - Only remaining remnants of a once-thriving industry from the mid-1800s. Walk further to view High Bridge Dam.
- (I4) **Newkirk Tunnel** - This picnic and historic area is next to the Schuylkill Valley Trail just outside of Tamaqua. Features an interpretive kiosk that tells the story of mining in the tunnel.



- (I2) **Tamaqua Dry Damp** - Located in State Game Lands #227 near Hometown. This basin serves as flood control on the Little Schuylkill River.
- (G7) **Schuylkill County Fair** - Rt. 895 Summit Station. Full six-day fair ending first Saturday in August. Features celebration of agriculture (Schuylkill County's #1 industry), AG Museum, livestock exhibits, and nature center. www.schuylkillfair.com
- (G5) **Yuengling Brewery** - 5th & Mahantongo Streets, Pottsville PA 17901. Come tour the site of America's Oldest Brewery - learn about Yuengling's rich history, discover how our beer is brewed, and end the tour with a taste testing of fresh Yuengling beer! Tours last approximately 1 hour 15 minutes, and closed shoes are required during the tour. Tour Hours are Monday-Friday 10AM, 12AM, 2PM, 3PM & 1-30PM. Saturday (April - December only) 10:30 AM - 1PM. Gift Shop Hours are Monday-Friday 9am-4pm, and Saturday: 10am-3pm (April through December). Brewery Tours and Gift Shop are closed all Saturdays in January, February, and March. (570) 628-4890 www.yuengling.com



#### SCHUYLKILL COUNTY WATERSHED ASSOCIATIONS

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**ACCESS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**  
Many public recreation areas have sites specifically designed to allow people with disabilities to enjoy the outdoors. Please contact the agency responsible for managing the area for more specific information. You may also make inquiries through the Pennsylvania AT&T Relay Service at 1-800-654-5984 (TTY-TDD).

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