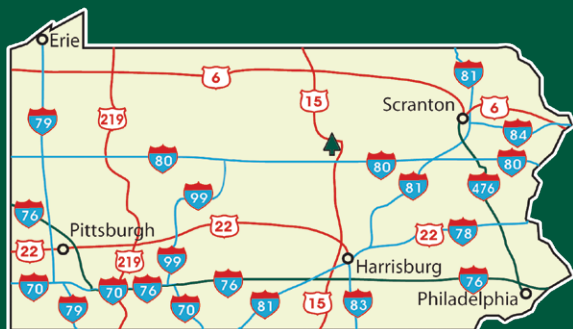
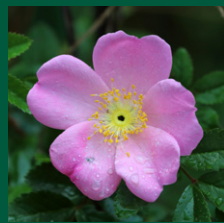


A Pennsylvania Recreational Guide for Milton State Park



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Milton State Park

Milton State Park is an 82-acre island on the West Branch Susquehanna River, between the boroughs of Milton and West Milton. The northern half of the park has day use facilities and the southern half remains in a wooded state for hiking and nature study.

Directions

Access the park via PA 642 off PA 147 on the east, and from US 15 at West Milton.

History

In 1762, Marcus Huling Jr. claimed the big island, which eventually came to be called Montgomery Island. Within a decade, he planted an apple orchard. At this time, this part of the state was claimed by Pennsylvania and Connecticut.

Eventually the land came to be controlled by the Straub Brothers, who built a dam across part of the river and erected a sawmill and gristmill in 1824. The brothers won the contract to build a bridge across the river between the three islands.

The mills eventually became unprofitable and the island was only used as farmland. Floods continually washed away parts of the bridge, which were rebuilt. By the early 1900s, farming ceased and there were now two islands, one of the smaller islands having joined the big island, making it even larger. The island was subdivided to many owners and part became athletic fields. The Milton Rotary Club worked to consolidate the deeds to one title for Milton Borough, which then transferred the title to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1966.

The floodwaters of Hurricane Agnes completely covered the island in 1972. Federal relief money helped rebuild the facilities. In 1987, PA 642 was relocated across the island, providing a new boat launch and transferring the final piece of property to state park control.

Nearby Attractions

Information on nearby attractions is available from the Susquehanna River Valley Visitors Bureau, 800-525-7320. www.visitcentralpa.org

Natural Resources

The rich soil of the floodplain supports a diversity of vegetation. The southern part of the island is undeveloped and covered in a forest of predominantly silver maple, river birch, and sycamore. The island is a rest area for migrating songbirds and waterfowl.



Access for People with Disabilities

If you need an accommodation to participate in park activities due to a disability, please contact the park you plan to visit. This publication text is available in alternative formats.



In an Emergency

Call 911 and contact a park employee. For directions to the nearest hospital, look on bulletin boards.

NEAREST HOSPITAL

Evangelical Community Hospital
One Hospital Drive
Lewisburg, PA 17837
570-522-2000

Recreational Opportunities



HIKING: 3.5 miles of trails

The trails explore the riverine habitats of the south side of the river island.

Tell us about your hike at: www.explorepatrails.com

FISHING: The Susquehanna River has warmwater and coldwater fishing. Common species are smallmouth bass, panfish, and catfish.

Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission regulations and laws apply.

PICNICKING: There are picnic tables, drinking water, charcoal grills, and restrooms. Please leave charcoal in grill. Park will remove it later.

BOATING: unlimited hp motors permitted

A boat launch is on the east side of the island. River elevations vary with the seasons and generally are not deep enough for large watercraft.

Motorboats must display a boat registration from any state. Non-powered boats must display one of the following: boat registration from any state; launch permit or mooring permit from Pennsylvania State Parks, available at most state park offices; launch use permit from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission.

RECREATION FIELDS: Soccer fields are popular attractions for local clubs and the public.

