



SWEET ARROW LAKE COUNTY PARK TRAIL MAP

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History of Park

On June 20, 2001 the Schuylkill County Board of Commissioners acquired the Sweet Arrow Lake property from Pine Grove Borough. It became Schuylkill County's first County Park. This 183.47-acre site is comprised of roughly 60 acres of water and 123.47 acres of land. Much of the land is wetlands, which is rich in diverse plant and animal life.

The Sweet Arrow Lake County Park property is located in Washington and Pine Grove Townships, Schuylkill County. Major access routes include Sweet Arrow Lake Road along the northern border of the lake and State Route 443, which provides access to the southern portion of the site via Clubhouse Road.

The park is open year round from dawn to dusk for the public to enjoy the natural beauty, hiking, fishing and boating that people have enjoyed for generations.

Rental facilities include the Clubhouse (120 person capacity) and the Large Rhodes Pavilion (100 person capacity). There is a playground, special needs fishing access, a canoe launch and several picnic tables in the Clubhouse area. The gazebo and the Leadership pavilion are available for free use at the Waterfall Parking lot. The Ducks Unlimited gazebo is also free to use.

Fishing is allowed on any shore. Both shores have special needs access points. Boats (electric motor only) can be launched from the Fish and Boat parking lot on Sweet Arrow Lake Road. Small boats and canoes can be moored for a modest fee at the Fish and Boat lot.

Restrooms are located in every parking lot and picnic area. Potable water and modern restrooms are located at the Clubhouse.

Native Tree Trail -- There are about 45 native trees identified by descriptive marker scattered throughout the Park and along the trails.

Geocaches -- There are about 10 geocaches located in the Park and along trails.

Waterfall Trail

Trailheads are located at the Waterfall parking lot and the Clubhouse parking lot. It is approximately 0.4 miles in length (one way). From the Waterfall lot, the trail is wheelchair accessible to the waterfalls. At the falls, it joins the Craig R. Morgan Walking Trail and the boardwalk along the spillway to the Clubhouse. It is considered easy but rubber soled footwear should be worn on the boardwalk.

Berger Dam Trail

Trailhead is at the waterfalls. The trail is approximately 0.4 miles long (one way) and terminates at the remains of the historic Berger Dam. This dam was built to power a mill and for harvesting ice. The trail is easy to moderate but not wheelchair accessible. It follows Upper Little Swatara Creek through woods and meadows. The blaze color is blue.

Lakefront Trail

Trailhead is at the amphitheater in front of the Clubhouse and follows the lakefront for 1.8 miles (one way). The first half mile is hard surfaced. It is marked by white posts and blazing. It may appear that you are traversing private property but if you keep within 30 feet of the water, you will be on Park property. Some docks, sheds and swings, etc. owned by residents have been "grandfathered" for the residents' use. Some may be marked private property. Just follow the trail and you will have an enjoyable walk. The trail terminates at Swatara Overlook Picnic Area. You may consider accessing the trail from there. Don't miss the wildlife blind in the wetlands. The most easterly section is seasonally wet and not wheelchair accessible.

Scenic Circle Trail

This is a 0.3 mile easy but not wheelchair accessible loop best begun near the Butterfly gardens. From there, pass through Youth Endeavor Grove, crossing Clubhouse Road, through the woods and eventually circling back on the boardwalk to the Amphitheater then to the waterfront to the playground. Take note of the flexible recycled conveyor belt diversions on the service road. Red blaze.

Wood Duck Trail

This is a 0.4 mile long trail (one way) and is moderate to slightly difficult. It is not wheelchair accessible. The trailhead is at Waterfall Bridge at the Waterfall parking lot. Follow the dam breast to Waterfall Road. You will follow on the inside of the guiderails for a short distance. The trail is blazed yellow and has several alternates. It terminates behind the Ducks Unlimited Gazebo at the Fish and Boat Parking lot.

Big Pine Trail

Trailhead is at Creekside Picnic Area. This trail is .4 miles in length (oneway) and is flat. It is not wheelchair accessible. It has several alternatives and is co-used for Disc Golf. It will be obvious how the trail got its name. Blaze is orange. The **DISC GOLF COURSE** begins here

Big Dam Trail

This trail loops 2 miles along Upper little Swatara Creek and back to the Swatara Overlook Picnic Area via Wolfes Road. It is named for the high dam in the same location as the present Sweet Arrow Lake dam. Built about 1850, it was much larger and probably flooded the area up to Kutz Road. It broke in 1862. The former Big Dam Schoolhouse is located about .1 miles from the trail.

Attractions

Map Legend

- A – Clubhouse (rental and programs)
- B –Large (Rhoades) Pavilion (rental) and restrooms
- C –Leadership Pavilion (free or reserve for fee)
- D - Creekside Picnic Area
- E –Boardwalk
- F –Boat Launch
- G –Canoe Launch and Special Needs Fishing Area
- H –Owl's Nest Interruptive Area
- I –Oscar's Grove Picnic Area
- J –Playground
- K –Boat Mooring
- L –Butterfly Gardens
- M –Rain Garden
- N –Swatara Overlook Picnic Area
- O –Chicagami Beach Fishing Area
- P –Sunset Gazebo
- Q –Ducks Unlimited Gazebo
- R –Wildlife Blind
- S - Lakeview Pavilion

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For volunteer opportunities, contact the Park Superintendent at 570-527-2505

Legend

-  Parking
-  Picnic Area
-  Restrooms
-  Scenic Circle Trail
-  Waterfall Trail
-  Berger Dam Trail
-  Big Pine Trail
-  Morgan Walking Trail
-  Wood Duck Trail
-  Lakefront Trail
-  Big Dam Trail
-  Park Boundary

