

# **Schuylkill County Community Recreation Directory**

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The following is an in depth look at all of the communities in Schuylkill County and what each offers for recreational purposes as of April 8, 2014 but keep in mind things are constantly changing from year to year.. The purpose of this online directory is to promote community recreation throughout the county. The directory not only benefits each community, but also Schuylkill County Parks and Recreation. By developing this directory, I am hoping to attract more people to the area and show them that there is a lot of recreational opportunities' that they did not even know existed. Included is a spreadsheet that gives a general overview of what kinds of recreation is available in each community and a brief summary of each community including contact info, rental fees, locations, and parks and playground names.

<b>Community</b>	<b>Basketball</b>	<b>Tennis</b>	<b>Ballfields</b>	<b>Walking trails</b>	<b>Pavilion</b>	<b>Restrooms</b>	<b>Playground</b>	<b>Pool</b>	<b>Fishing</b>	<b>Picnic Area</b>	<b>Bike Riding</b>	<b>Soccer</b>
Auburn	X		X	X	X	X	X			X		
Cressona	X		X				X			X		
Deer Lake	X			X	X	X	X			X		
Gilberton	X						X			X		
Girardville	X		X		X	X	X					
Gordon	X		X		X		X		X	X		
Landingville	X		X		X	X	X			X		
Mahonoy City	X						X			X	X	
McAdoo		X	X				X					
Mechanicsville	X						X			X		
Middleport	X				X		X					
Minersville	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	
Mount Carbon	X						X			X		
Orwigsburg	X				X	X	X			X		
Palo Alto	X				X	X	X			X		
Pine Grove	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Port Carbon	X					X	X			X		
Port Clinton				X								
St. Clair	X		X	X	X	X	X			X		
Schuylkill Haven	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	
Shenandoah	X	X	X		X		X			X		
Tamaqua	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	
Tower City		X	X		X	X	X	X		X		
Tremont	X		X		X	X	X	X		X		
Barry Township	X		X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X
Branch Township	X		X				X					
Butler Township	X						X			X		
Cass Township	X				X		X			X		
Delano Township	X	X					X			X		
East Brunswick Township												
East Union Township	X						X					
Eldred Township			X									
Foster Township	X		X		X	X	X			X		
Hegins Township	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X		
Hublely Township	X		X		X	X	X					
Mahonoy Township			X		X		X		X	X		
North Manheim Township												
Norwegian Township	X		X		X	X	X			X		X
Pine Grove Township	X		X	X	X	X	X			X		X
Porter Township	X						X	X				
Reilly Township	X						X					
Rush Township	X			X								
Schuylkill Township			X	X							X	
Walker Township	X	X	X		X	X	X					
Washington Township							X					
Wayne Township	X				X	X	X			X		X
West Brunswick Township			X		X	X	X					
West Mahonoy Township					X		X					
West Penn Township	X	X	X		X	X	X					

## **Auburn**

- The Bartram trail which flows along the Schuylkill River through Auburn and some of the surrounding communities. This trail allows visitors the opportunity to hike along some scenic spots along the river. The trail along the side of Blue Mountain, above the Schuylkill River and a rail line. The Appalachian Trail, National Scenic Trail from Maine to Georgia, crosses the trail near Port Clinton. This is a very scenic section of the Schuylkill River Trail. It ends at an old railroad bridge which is currently closed off. Although plans call for eventually expanding the trail beyond that point, at the present time trail users must turn around at the bridge. The trail end points are Industrial Dr. (Hamburg) to Market St. at the river (Auburn) to Gaydos Ln. to Tunnel Rd. (Landingville). For more information please visit [Schuylkillrivertrail.com](http://Schuylkillrivertrail.com).

## **Barry Township**

- Little league field located on Deep Creek Rd. 1 playing field, adult softball, open to the public.
- Small Park located near Old Barry Twp. school- general playground equipment for children under 12. Open to the public except when little league is using it.
- Bolich's walking trail.
- For more information contact Ray at 570-985-3535.

## **Branch Township**

- Llewellyn Community Park- located on Old Llewellyn Road right behind the Llewellyn School. This park has playground equipment suitable for children 12 and under, basketball courts, tennis courts, benches, a pavilion which is open for the public to use at any time, and a ball field which is open to the public except when there are sports groups using it.
- Baseball Field located along Rt. 209 in Branchdale which is open to the public to use. For more information please call the township at 570-544-4397.

## **Butler Township**

- 1 playground located on Main St. in Lavelle a few blocks from the Turkey Hill. Playground has general playground equipment for children 12 and under. It also has picnic benches and a basketball court for older children and young adults. There are no restrooms at the playground. For more information contact Butler Township at 570-875 4137.

## **Cass Township**

- Forestville Playground- Basketball Court, playground equipment suitable for children ages 2-5 and up to 12, pavilion open for public use, lights for playground use at nighttime, no restrooms. 40 41' 35.37" N, 76 17' 49.29" W.
- Heckshersville Playground- playground equipment suitable for children 12 and under, basketball courts, no restrooms. Playground located on Valley Rd.

## **Cressona**

- Cressona Playground located along Rt. 183 next to the Good Will Fire Co. This playground has playground equipment suitable for children 12 and under, park benches, 2 full size basketball courts, no restrooms. For more information please call 570-385-2933.

## **Deer Lake**

- Deer Lake Grove- located right next to the lake. It includes a playground with playground equipment suitable for children 12 and under, tennis courts, restrooms, baseball field, park benches all along the lake; the lake is open to fishing, a pavilion which can be rented out through the borough, to rent the pavilion please call Michael Cooper at 570-573-2578.

## **Delano Township**

- Delano Park- located right behind the Delano firehouse. The park has a tennis court, basketball court, general playground equipment for children 12 and under, and a sand box for young children.
- Trenton Park- located on High Road in Trenton. This park has a basketball court, picnic tables, and general playground equipment for children 12 and under, and it also has a sandbox.
- For more information contact Delano Township at 570-467-0292.

## **East Union Township**

- Sheppton Park- located on Center St. in Sheppton. This park has a basketball court, general playground equipment for children under 12, no bathrooms. 40 53' 54.19" N, 76 07' 03.03" W.
- Brandonville Park- located on Main Blvd. in Brandonville. This park has general playground equipment for children under 12, no bathrooms.
- For more information contact East Union Township at 570-384-0739.

## **Eldred Township**

- There is a Little League Field which is open to the public when not in use by sports groups. It is located by the volunteer fire company in Eldred Township. For more information please call 570-644-5240.

## **Foster Township**

- 1 playground located along Rt. 901 behind the Foster Township Municipal Building. This park has general playground for children 12 and under, restrooms are currently under construction, 1 pavilion contact township supervisor for use, 1 playing field contact township supervisor for use also. To contact a township supervisor please call 570-544-4137. 40 42' 27.44" N, 76 19' 43.47" W.

## **Gilberton**

- Mahanoy Plane Park- located on Main St. in Gilberton near the borough hall.
- Gilberton Playground- located on Main St. in Gilberton.
- Both of these parks have general playground equipment suitable for children 12 and under, basketball courts, and picnic tables. There are no restrooms at either facility.
- For more information please contact the borough at 570-874-4790.
- No restrooms at any facility.

## **Girardville**

- Line St. Playground- located on Line St. in Girardville. This playground has general playground equipment suitable for children 12 and under.
- Tot Lot- located on Main St. in Girardville. This playground has playground equipment suitable for toddlers.
- B St. Playground- located on B. St. in Girardville. This playground is geared to everyone. It has general playground equipment, 2 Basketball courts, pavilion which is open to the public on a first come first serve basis. There is no rent for the pavilion.
- 2 playgrounds located on Preston Ave. in Girardville. These playgrounds have equipment suitable for grade school children.
- For more information please contact the borough at 570-276-1635.
- No restrooms at any facility.

## **Gordon**

- 1 park located at the intersection of Park and Oak St. in Gordon. This park has general playground equipment suitable for children 12 and under, Basketball court, Ball Field which has a summertime schedule for hours of use. Please contact the Borough Manager at 570-875-4909 for use of field, there is also an approved trout stream that flows through the park which is open for fishing. In May there is a trout rodeo for kids which are held at the park. For information about that please contact the Borough Manager at 570-875-4909, there is also a pavilion. The borough asks that a donation is given for use of pavilion. Please contact the Borough Manager for pavilion use. No restrooms.

## **Hegins Township**

- Hegins Park- This park includes a playground which equipment suitable for children 12 and under, basketball courts, restrooms, pavilions that are open to the public.
- Valley View Park- Playground equipment suitable for children 12 and under, pavilions, restrooms.
- Playground located on Main St. in Valley View which has no restrooms and playground equipment suitable for children 12 and under.
- For more information please contact the township at 570-682-9133.

## **Hubley Township**

- Hubley Ball Field- located on School Rd. in Spring Glen. This park has 2 ball fields which are open to the public except when little league is using them for practice, basketball court, general playground equipment for children 12 and under, modern bathrooms, a pavilion which free to use for township residents but there is an out of town rental fee contact Hubley Township at 570-682-9250 for more information on rental fees.

## **Mahanoy City**

- East End Playground- located at the intersection of Pine and 14<sup>th</sup> St. This playground has a ½ basketball court, playground equipment suitable for toddlers, playground equipment suitable for older children
- 8<sup>th</sup> St. Basketball court
- Herman's Park-located at the intersection of 5<sup>th</sup> and E. Center St. This park has an area for bike riding, a fenced in area for skateboarding, and a gazebo. Please contact the borough at 570-773-2150 for use of the gazebo.
- Playground located at the school- fenced in playground with equipment suitable for children 12 and under, also has a basketball court.
- No restrooms at any facility.

## **Mahonoy Township**

- Morea Park- located on Roosevelt Dr. in Morea. This park has a baseball field contact township for use, no restrooms, general playground equipment for children and young adults, picnic tables, and 1 pavilion contact township for use.
- Park Place Park- located at the intersection of Road and High St. in Park Place. This park has general playground equipment for children 12 and under. There is also a pond that is used for fishing.
- For more information concerning rental fees please contact the township at 570-773-1553.

## **McAdoo**

- Memorial Park- This park has a memorial dedicated to veterans, tennis courts, and a little league field which is open to the public when not in use for little league games.
- Adam St. Playground- basketball courts, playground equipment suitable for children 12 and under, and a concession stand that is only open during events. Restrooms also included at both facilities. For more information please contact the borough at 570-929-1182.

## **Mechanicsville**

- 1 playground located on George St. Playground equipment suitable for children 12 and under. There is a pavilion which is open for public use. Contact the borough at 570-622-8053 for use. The pavilion is closed from Nov. 1- Apr. 15. There is also a basketball court. No restrooms.

## **Middleport**

- 1 playground that includes playground equipment suitable for children 12 and under, basketball courts, restrooms, a pavilion, and some benches. For more information please call 570-277-0626.

## **Minersville**

- Playground located on N. Second Street. This playground has playground equipment suitable for children 12 and under, benches, no restrooms, and 1 full size basketball court.
- Minersville Recreation Complex which is located on S. 4<sup>th</sup> St. This complex has a playground with equipment suitable for children 12 and under, restrooms, walking trail, 2 full size basketball courts, T-ball field which is open to the public when not in use by sports groups, little league field which is only used by little league teams, 2 pavilions, 1 pavilion is open to the public at any time while the other 1 is only available through rental from the borough. For more information on rental fees please contact the borough at 570-544-2149.
- Playground located at the Minersville Elementary Center which can be used by the public. The playground has equipment suitable for children 12 and under, picnic tables, no restrooms, and 2 full size basketball courts.

## **Mount Carbon**

- 1 playground located at the Mount Carbon Fire Company 122 Main St. This playground has a ½ basketball court, playground equipment suitable for children 12 and under, 1 picnic table. No restrooms at this facility. For more information please call 570-527-6040.

## **North Union Township**

- 1 park located at 283 Mahanoy St. Nuremberg. There is a ball field, pavilion, bandstand, horseshoe pit, basketball court, volleyball court, and a playground with equipment suitable for children 12 and under. There is no rent for the pavilion, however, the township does ask for a donation for use of it. There are restrooms at the pavilion but are only open when the pavilion is in use. There is an outhouse located at the playground. For rental information please contact the township at 570-384-3611.

## **Norwegian Township**

- 3 baseball fields. 1 is located in Marlin. 1 is located in Seltzer City. 1 is located on Bulls head Rd in Pottsville, Pa.
- Marlin Playground- playground equipment suitable for children 12 and under, 1 basketball court and 1 pavilion. To use the pavilion please contact the Marlin Fire Co. at 570-544-6740.
- Seltzer City Playground- basketball court, playground equipment suitable for children 12 and under.
- There are no restrooms at either facility.
- For more information please call the township at 570-622-8638

## **Orwigsburg**

- The Memorial Complex is located in Grove Street. This complex consists of 2 baseball fields and the Memorial Building.
- The Lions Walking Trail starts at the Memorial Complex and ends at the Blue Mountain School Complex.
- Fishers Dam on South Washington Street is available for fishing.
- Albright's Woods is on Grove Street and is available for picnic rentals. The Orwigsburg Lions Club and the Borough have completed numerous improvements to this park. There is also a playground which has equipment suitable for children 12 and under. There are also restrooms. For more information on rental fees please contact the borough at 570-366-3103.
- Walborn Avenue playground is located at the corner of North Walborn Avenue and West Tammany Street. This playground has equipment suitable for children 12 and under.

## **Palo Alto**

- West Savery St. Playground- general playground equipment suitable for children 12 and under, no restroom, picnic tables, pavilion open for public use at no charge.
- West Bacon St. Basketball court
- Bacon St. Playground- playground equipment suitable for children 12 and under, basketball court, picnic tables, pavilion open for public use at no charge, modern restrooms, concession stand contact the borough at 570-622-9776 for use of concession stand.
- Taylor St. Playground- equipment suitable for infants and children 12 and under, picnic tables, 1 pavilion open for public use at no charge.

## **Pine Grove**

- There is a community swimming pool/playground located on Veterans Memorial Dr. Contact the borough for pricing for swimming, playground has general playground equipment suitable for children 12 and under, stream flows through park for fishing opportunities, pavilion open to the public. Contact borough for use of pavilion at 570-345-3555.
- Sweet Arrow Lake- located at 108 Clubhouse Road, Pine Grove Pa 17963. The lake is open to fishing year round, there are a few pavilions/gazebos located throughout the park. The pavilions can be rented out for large events but they can also be used by the public if they are not rented out, there is a disc golf course that was just put in at the lake this past summer, there are also a few walking trails that are along the lake and that go along the disc golf course. The park is open from dawn until dusk. There are boat



rentals that are available on weekends from Memorial Day up until Labor Day. For more information about the lake or for rental information please visit [sweetarrowlake.com](http://sweetarrowlake.com) or call Robert Evanchalk at 570-527-2505.

### **Pine Grove Township**

- Playground located on Long Stretch Rd. It includes playground equipment for toddlers and children 12 and under, soccer fields, basketball courts, walking path, modern restrooms, pavilions which are open to the public at no cost.

### **Port Clinton**

- Port Clinton is where a section of the Appalachian Trail comes through the county. The Appalachian Trail runs along Hawk Mountain Sanctuary. Some Trailhead coordinates in the County are **Hawk Mountain Road—Lat 40°38'01.84"N Lon 75°57'41.85"W**. Parking is on Hawk Mountain Road, just south of Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, about 0.5 miles from the Visitors Center.

### **Reilly Township**

- Playground located right behind the Newtown Fire Co. This playground has a basketball court, benches, and playground equipment suitable for children 12 and under. For more information please contact the township at 570-399-5533.

### **Rush Township**

- Ryan /Old Hauto Road Park/Playground- located on the Ye Old Hauto Road and Keller Road. The western boundary is on Pa. Route 309 and the residential properties along Laurelwood Street define the northern boundary of the property. The park currently includes one tennis court and a few picnic tables and benches are present on the site.
- Kelly Park is sometimes referred to as "Triangle Park" because of its shape. It is located between Lynwood and Holland Streets. This park has picnic benches and playground equipment suitable for children 12 and under.
- Lincoln Park is located on Lincoln Street and has a full size basketball court for the youth to enjoy. A shaded tree area covers the other area of the park.
- Miller Park is composed of three acres of land located along Miller Avenue. Youth baseball and soccer teams are using the full-sized field for practice and games. Future plans for the park include a picnic area and a small children's play section.
- Quakake Park is located on the corner of Rogosky Street and Route 1019 in Quakake. This park includes a full-size basketball court, a parking area and a tot swing set.

### **Saint Clair**

- Northward Playground- playground equipment suitable for children of all ages, basketball court.
- John Finey Park- has a green area for people to enjoy, playground equipment suitable for children 12 and under.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Playground- located next to the borough building. This park includes a basketball court, playground equipment suitable for children 12 and under. Plan to expand this summer.
- Emerald Boone Park- has a gazebo which is open to the public, also has sitting areas.
- For more information contact the borough at 570-429-0640.

### **Schuylkill Haven**

- Stoyer's Dam- The dam is open to fishing, during the summer there are some fishing tournaments held for children. There is also a playground with playground equipment suitable for children 12 and under, restrooms, pavilions which can be rented out from the borough. For more information please contact the borough at 570-385-2841.

### **Schuylkill Township**

- MaryD Sports Complex- Travel north on SR 209 from Pottsville through Middleport and turn left into the Village of Mary D named for Mary Delores Dodson, wife of colliery owner Truman Dodson. Turn right onto Sanderson Street and continue to Complex on left.
- Coordinates for complex- Lat 40°45'40.85" N Lon 76°03'13.35" W
- Consists of walking trails and ball fields.
- Contact Schuylkill Recreation Commission at 570-668-2919 for more information.

### **Shenandoah**

- Bicentennial Park- located on Harold Rd. This park has a softball field, mock baseball field which are both open to the public, basketball/tennis courts, general playground equipment suitable for children 12 and under.
- Vine St. Park- located on Vine St. this park has 2 basketball courts, general playground equipment suitable for children 12 and under.
- Girard Park- located on E. Washington St. This park has a pavilion which is open for public use, 2 basketball courts, tennis court, and general playground equipment suitable for children 12 and under.
- For more information please contact the borough at 570-462-1918.

### **Tamaqua**

- East End Park- Basketball Courts, modern restrooms.
- North/Middle Ward Playground- general playground equipment suitable for children 12 and under.
- Owl Creek Playground- general playground equipment for children 12 and under.
- Skate Park.

### **Tower City/Porter Township**

- Community swimming pool/playground- located on S. 10<sup>th</sup> St. For more information on swimming pool fees please contact the borough at 717-647-9575. The playground has general playground equipment suitable for children 12 and under, 2 ball fields, exercise equipment, and a pavilion which is open to the public.

### **Tremont**

- There is a ball field that is used by the little cardinals for football practice; other organizations also use the field. The field is open for public use when not in use by sports groups, but you need to contact the borough for use of field at 570-695-2199.
- Poplar St. Playground- Basketball Courts also has playground equipment suitable for children 12 and under.
- Memorial Park- this park has a gazebo which is open to the public, but need to contact borough for use.

### **Walker Township**

- There is a playground located on 9 Township Road in Tamaqua. It includes playground equipment suitable for children 12 and under, basketball courts, and a pavilion. Contact the township for use of pavilion at 570-668-4603.

### **Wayne Township**

- Soccer Field located along Route 443 across from Fredericksburg Bank which is open to the public.
- Playground located in Rolling View Development along Lookingbill Rd. just off of Schwartz Valley Rd. This playground has equipment suitable for children 12 and under and a pavilion which is open for public use. They have outhouses located at the playground.
- Summit Station Playground- located at the intersection of Route 895 and Spring Rd. This playground has basketball court/tennis court, pavilion which is open to the public, and restrooms.

### **West Brunswick Township**

- 2 ball fields located near Russo's Pizza Shop at 1353 Centre Tpke, Orwigsburg, Pa. Open for public use when not in use by local sports teams.
- There is a basketball court located at the intersection of Stevens Rd. and Pleasant Valley Rd.
- For more information please contact the township at 570-366-0321.

### **West Mahanoy Township**

- 1 playground located at the Altamont Fire Company located at 209 S. Green St. Frackville, Pa. The playground has general playground equipment suitable for children 12 and under. There is also a pavilion, for information on rental fees please contact the fire company at 570-874-4384.

### **West Penn Township**

- West Penn Park- located on Zion Church Rd. in New Ringgold. This park has a basketball court, baseball field, tennis court, and a pavilion. To rent out the pavilion please call 570-386-3953.
- West Penn Park East- located on Cold Spring Rd. in Andreas. This park has a baseball field and a soccer field. For more information please call the township at 570-386-4507.