



The Mon Valley Trailblazers Club of SW Pennsylvania Welcomes You to the Pymatuning Spillway, Linesville, PA Year Round Walk

The Pymatuning Spillway 5k and 10K walks are rated 2B-1C walks are composed of two 5km walks. The first 5k incorporates the actual Spillway that is ADA compliant with the rest of the 5K being on grass and small gravel. The second 5K or the rest of the walk for a 10K includes a wooded area that has roots and mud. Both walks have the same starting/finishing from the same location.

Walk Registration:

Please use the online start box provided by AVA at website (<https://my.ava.org>). Follow the 'Online Start Box', and the instructions provided to sign a waiver and register for this event. Follow directions to make payments for event credit and directions. The directions and insert cards are PDFs that you can download and print as needed. The POC does not provide event directions or accept alternate payment methods. The entire online process should take less than 10 minutes for a first time user. There are bathrooms at various locations throughout the walk.

Walk Completion and Walk Credit:

Once you have physically completed the walk, please login to your Online Start Box account and select the "Maps / Finish" tab. Use the displayed entry form to submit the date and distance of your walk as well as select applicable AVA Special Programs to generate stamped "virtual" insert cards that you may later choose to print out.

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Driving Directions:

From the NORTH: Take I-79 South towards Pittsburgh, take Exit 154 for PA 198, turn Right onto PA 198, turn left onto S Norrisville Rd, turn right onto Dicksonburg Rd, turn left onto PA 18, turn right onto Plum Street, road name changes to Harmonsburg Road, Keep straight onto US 6W. The last intersection is Rhodemeyer Street, arrive at The Crooked Paddle, 13468 Hartstown Road, Linesville, PA

From the South: Take I-79 north to exit 141, take ramp right for PA 285, turn left onto PA 285, turn left onto US 322W/US 6W, keep straight onto US 6W/PA 285/Water Street, arrive at Linesville. Last intersection is Rhodemeyer Street. Arrive at Crooked Paddle, 13468 Hartstown Road, Linesville, PA.

From the West: Take I-70 to I-79 north, take I-79 north to exit 141 for PA 285, turn left onto PA285, turn left onto US 322 W. Keep straight onto US 6W/PA 285/Water Street. Arrive at Crooked Paddle, 13468 Hartstown Road, Linesville, PA.

From the East: Take I-76 Turnpike west to I-70 west, take I-79 north to exit 141 for PA 285, turn left onto PA285, turn left onto US 322 W. Keep straight onto US 6W/PA 285/Water Street. Arrive at Crooked Paddle, 13468 Hartstown Road, Linesville, PA.

Below are the directions and map for a 5 km & 10k walk for the Pymatuning Spillway. You will return to The Crooked Paddle, 13468 Hartstown Road, Linesville, PA.

The Pymatuning Spillway, Linesville, PA Walking Directions

Driving Directions to the Start point: See the above directions.

Start Point:

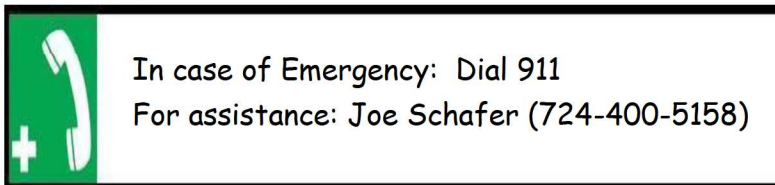
The Crooked Paddle Restaurant, 13468 Hartstown Road, Linesville, PA 16424 (814-683-2304)

Hours: Due to Covid19 the hours may vary. Call for hours.

Restrooms:

Restrooms are available throughout the walk.

Emergency Numbers:



These walk directions and maps may only be used in conjunction with a signed American Volkssport Association athletic waiver. All other uses are prohibited.

Caution: Please be advised that hunting season is open and permitted in designated areas within state parks. For your protection, all visitors should take proper precautions such as wearing a fluorescent orange vest and hat while recreating in areas of the park that are open to hunting during your visit. If you have questions please contact the park office.

Located on the abandoned Erie and Pittsburgh branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad, this short but intriguing trail runs through Pymatuning State Park, a large and popular two-state recreation area encompassing a 2,500-acre wildlife refuge around Pymatuning Reservoir. (The word Pymatuning is derived from an Iroquois term, probably from the Seneca tribe, that means "crooked-mouthed man's dwelling place.")

Pymatuning State Park Spillway Trail, a beautiful 3-mile route adjacent to Linesville Road, crosses the Pymatuning Spillway, which was built in 1930. The Pymatuning Spillway is one of the most popular tourist attractions in the area; it is estimated that more than 300,000 visitors come to view the local beauty and feed bread to the numerous carp that gather around the spillway.

The Pymatuning Spillway is known as the place where "ducks walk on fishes' backs." The area has plenty of attractions, including campgrounds, a fish hatchery and the Game Commission Wildlife.

Begin 5k

- 1) In the parking lot of the Crooked Paddle Pub and Restaurant, with the restaurant at your back turn left and head towards the fence and the grass trail.**
- 2) Turn right on the grassy trail & head towards the road. Cross the road to the right side and turn left to continue on the trail. The trail will be grassy, cinder and pavement and parallels the road.**
- 3) Near the 1 mile marker is a restroom and picnic tables, located across the street. Be careful crossing the road to use the restroom. Continue on the path walkway. Cross the road & turn left to continue**
- towards the Spillway. Pass through the Pymatuning Spillway entry on the path.**
- 4) At the Spillway Parking sign continue straight onto the paved walkway.**
- 5) Use the Spillway Crosswalk to safely cross the street to a Café where food and drinks are available for purchase. The restrooms are on the side of the Café building. You can purchase bread and duck feed at the Café.**
- 6) Go down the steps or use the handicap ramp and turn right towards the bridge and walk to the spillway to feed the fish and ducks.**

7) From the Spillway walk towards the Café heading to the steps on your left to the crosswalk and cross the road.

8) This is the turn around for the 5K walk. Turn right and retrace your steps back to the Crooked Paddle parking lot.

9) To continue the 10K walk turn left onto the trail with the road on your left.

This is a flat and easy trail for walking, peddling, x country skiing on the 5k portion. The 10k has a wooded section that leads down to the lake but has a lot of roots.

10) **The Spillway is the 1.5k marker and is the turnaround for the 5k.**

11) **At the 2.5k the wooded trail entry is on your right. Look for the red blaze on the right tree upon entering the trail. There are a lot of roots and muddy areas in this section of the walk.**

12) **Continue on wooded trail. Cross the gravel road.**

13) **Follow the yellow arrowed sign turning left.**

14) **At the second road, the 3.25 km, turn right onto the road and walk towards the lake.**

15) **After enjoying the sites at the lake, turn around and retrace your steps back to the wooded trail.**

16) **Watch for the red blazes and retrace your steps through the wooded**

section back to the main road. Turn left at the road and head back to the Spillway and the parking lot at the Crooked Paddle to end your 10k walk.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Walking the USA A-Z

Mon Valley Trailblazers 2021 YRE/Seasonal Events
Pittsburgh, PA #Y2291

Three Rivers Heritage Trails-start at REI Sports Store
ALLEGHENY COUNTY

Washington, PA #Y2279

Hampton Inn. 5 & 10K walks. WASHINGTON COUNTY
West Newton, PA Walk & Bike West Newton Bicycle Shop. Walk the Great Allegheny Passage (GAP) & West Newton, WESTMORELAND COUNTY; and bike along the GAP from Pittsburgh to Cumberland, MD. Multiple Counties.

Zelienople/Harmony Walk OSB- Y2309, 5 & 10k,
BUTLER COUNTY.

Ernst Trail Meadville, PA Y2724. 5 & 10k, CRAWFORD COUNTY

Ohiopyle State Park, Ohiopyle, PA OSB Y2726, 5 & 10k, FAYETTE COUNTY.

Mingo Creek Park, Finleyville, PA OSB Y2727, 5 & 10K, WASHINGTON COUNTY

Confluence, PA, Y2275, 5 & 10K, FAYETTE & SOMERSET COUNTIES

Ligonier, PA, Y2277, 5 & 10k, WESTMORELAND COUNTY

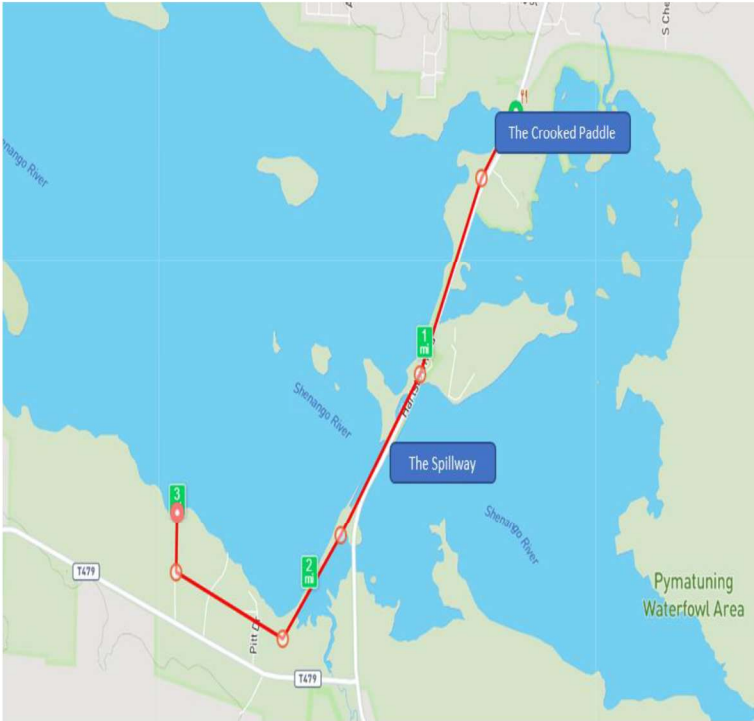
Raccoon Creek State Park, Clinton, PA Wildflower Reserve, Y2332, 5 & 10k, BEAVER COUNTY

Presque Isle Park, Erie, PA Y1537, 5 & 10k, ERIE COUNTY

Flight 93 Memorial, Stoystown, PA OSB Y2350, 5 & 10k, SOMERSET COUNTY

On behalf of the Mon Valley Trailblazers, we hope you have enjoyed the walk. Please log back into the OSB system to "finish/complete" your online registration by entering your participation date, distances, and any special programs after doing the event.

Pymatuning Spillway, Linesville, PA 5-10K Map



Almost everything about Pymatuning State Park, located in Crawford County, is huge. At 21,122 acres, it is the largest state park in the Commonwealth. The 17,088-acre Pymatuning Reservoir is the largest lake in the Commonwealth. In its three campgrounds, Pymatuning has the most campsites in the PA state park system. More people visit Pymatuning than almost any other PA state park. But the biggest thing about Pymatuning is the fun you can have boating, fishing, swimming, camping and enjoying other recreational opportunities. Anywhere along the lake, beautiful vistas of this large body of water can be enjoyed. Some of the more unique sights include the dam, the Linesville "spillway," the fish hatchery, the two causeways across the lake and the Pennsylvania Game Commission Wildlife Learning Center. The spillway is perhaps one of the best known locations because the fish are so plentiful that the "ducks walk on the fishes' backs" to compete for the food fed by the visitors. Natural areas have unique scenic, geologic or ecological value and are set aside for scientific observation and to protect outstanding examples of natural interest and beauty. Pymatuning has two natural areas in the northern part of the lake. The 725-acre Blackjack Swamp has unique natural communities, in addition to Clark Island which has 161 acres of mature hardwood and white pine forest. Visitors are welcome to explore these undeveloped natural areas. Also, Pymatuning is the only known place in Pennsylvania where bald eagles have nested continuously, even throughout the years of

their population decline. Today, park visitors get thrills from spotting eagles in the park. At Pymatuning State Park, visitors can enjoy all outdoor recreational activities on the water and on land!

In addition to the state park facilities, the PA Fish and Boat Commission operates a fish hatchery and the PA Game Commission has wildlife viewing areas.

Pymatuning State Park is the second most visited State Park in Pennsylvania, with the Spillway attraction averaging 400,000 visitors each year. Attractions in the area include the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's Linesville Hatchery, Pennsylvania Game Commission's Wildlife Learning Center, and the University of Pittsburgh Ecology lab. Phase I of the proposed trail would connect Fries Road, the Hatchery and the Wildlife Learning Center along with the Spillway area of the park.

COVID-19 Mitigation Update 10/21/2020: All state park day-use areas are open according to standard seasons and hours. Group cabin use is limited to 10 people.

Masks are required to be worn:

- - in park offices,
- - in any other indoor public space,
- - during both indoor and outdoor educational programs,
- - during both indoor and outdoor special events and programs,
- - outdoors in the park when you are unable to adequately distance.

Please follow all CDC and Dept. of Health COVID-19 mitigation guidelines. If you have COVID-19 symptoms please stay home.

If you have questions, please call the park office before your visit.

SPOT THE PROBLEM. The spotted lanternfly is an invasive insect that poses a serious threat to Pennsylvania's resources, businesses, and economy. To date, our park does NOT have these pests. Help us stay lanternfly free and stop the spread. Visit the [Penn State Extension's Spotted Lanternfly website](#) to learn how to identify it, report it, and inspect your vehicle or gear when traveling to and from the quarantine zone.

Reservations

[Make online reservations Opens In A New Window](#) or call toll-free 888-PA-PARKS (888-727-2757) from 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday to Saturday.

Pymatuning State Park

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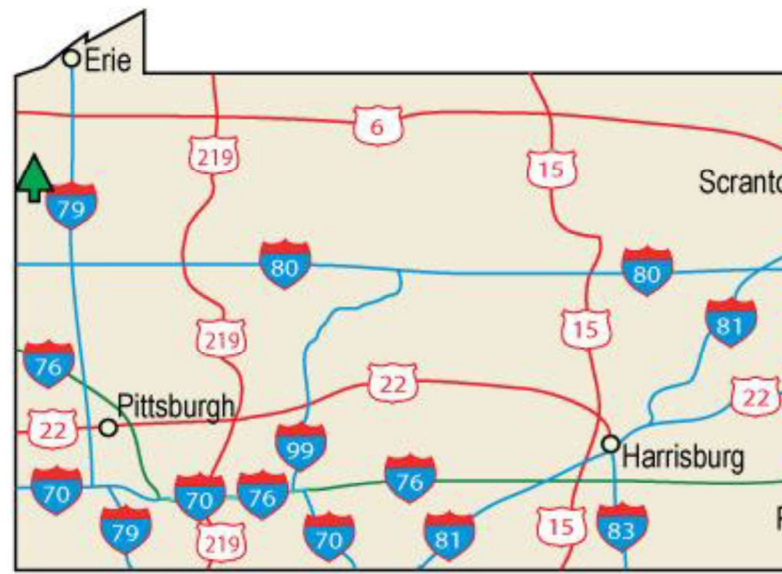
Perhaps the biggest thing about Pymatuning is the fun you can have boating, fishing, swimming, camping, and enjoying other recreational opportunities.

In addition to the state park facilities, the [Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission](#) operates a fish hatchery and visitor center, and the [Pennsylvania Game Commission](#) has wildlife viewing areas.

Seasons and Hours

The park is open every day of the year, sunrise to sunset. Day use areas close at dusk.

The park office is open specific hours. The beaches, overnight areas, and other areas are open specific seasons and hours. Contact the park office for facility seasons and hours.



Directions

The south shore of the park, including Jamestown Campground, boat launch, beach, cabins, picnic areas, group tenting, and the park office, can be reached from US 322.

The north shore of the park, including Linesville Campground, beach, picnic areas, boat launch, marina, and cabins can be reached from US 6.

The east shore of the park, including Tuttle Point, beach, picnic areas, boat launches, and Espyville Marina can be reached from PA 285.

GPS DD: Lat. 41.49937 Long. -80.46784



Driving Directions: The [Interactive GIS Map](#) has turn-by-turn driving directions to the park office from the Park Information Window.

Please note that the background maps are maintained by a variety of public sources and driving directions usually go to the nearest large road.

Top 10 Things to Do at Pymatuning

1. Watch for eagles at Wilson Launch
2. Catch a walleye or a crappie from one of the many developed shoreline fishing areas
3. Take a kayak or canoe trip on the Shenango River
4. Feed the carp at the Spillway

5. Rent a pontoon boat at Jamestown, Espyville, or Linesville marinas
6. Explore the history of the swamp, reservoir, and dam at the Gatehouse
7. Spend a weekend at the Jamestown or Linesville campground
8. Visit the Fish and Boat Commission's Linesville Fish Hatchery
9. Watch the sunset from the Spillway Trail
10. Stay the night in a modern cabin

Sightseeing

This activity or structure is ADA accessible.

Anywhere along the lake, beautiful vistas of this large body of water can be enjoyed. Some of the more unique sights include the dam, the Linesville "spillway," the fish hatchery, and the two causeways across the lake.

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Sunset Photography

Popular areas to photograph the sunsets at Pymatuning are the Spillway, Linesville Beach, the causeway, and Jamestown Main Beach.

While the setting sun makes beautiful photographs, wait a few minutes after complete sunset to capture the afterglow

where you will often have brilliant oranges and yellows for those postcard shots.

Learn, Experience, Connect

Pymatuning State Park offers a wide variety of environmental education and recreation programs. Through hands-on activities, guided walks, recreational experiences, and evening programs, participants gain appreciation, understanding, and develop a sense of stewardship toward natural and cultural resources.

Program topics include:

- History
- Wildlife
- Plants
- Nature photography
- Outdoor recreation

Kayaking along the shores gives the visitor a close-up view of songbirds, waterfowl, eagles, and glacial geology.

Curriculum-based environmental education programs are available to schools and youth groups. Teacher workshops are available. Group programs must be arranged in advance and may be scheduled by calling the park office.

Programs are offered year-round. For information about upcoming programs or to schedule a group program, contact the park office.

Access for People with Disabilities

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This activity or structure is ADA accessible. If you need an accommodation to participate in park activities due to a disability, please contact the park you plan to visit.

In an Emergency Call 911 and contact an employee.

Nearest Hospitals

To the South:

[UPMC Horizon Opens In A New Window](#)

110 North Main Street
Greenville, PA 16125
724-588-2100

To the East:

[Meadville Medical Center Opens In A New Window](#)

751 Liberty Street
Meadville, PA 16335
814-333-5000

Explore Pymatuning State Park



Contact Us

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Jamestown, PA 16134-3560
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LINESVILLE

STATE FISH HATCHERY

CRAWFORD COUNTY

Originally constructed in 1939, the Linesville State Fish Hatchery is situated on 97 developed acres (2,500 total acres) of land owned by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and managed by the Fish and Boat Commission.

The facility consists of earthen ponds, exterior concrete raceways, a hatchery building that contains interior stainless steel and concrete raceways, and jar and vertical flow through tray egg incubators.

Water is supplied from Pymatuning Reservoir and production wells.

Open House

The hatchery annually hosts an open house "A Day at the Hatchery" on a Saturday in early April to showcase how the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission provides fishing and boating opportunities. Exhibits, demonstrations and activities are provided during this popular event.

VIDEOS

[Collecting Walleye for Spawning - April 2018](#)Opens In A New Window

[Open House 2016](#)Opens In A New Window

[Raising Walleye](#)Opens In A New Window

HATCHERY STATS

- Employees: 8 full-time, 2 wage/seasonal
- Visitor Center: Yes
- Average Annual Visitors: 80,000

SPECIAL PROGRAMS: [Walking the United States \(50 States/51 Capitals\)](#) AND [Walking the USA A – Z](#).



Walking the USA A – Z

No ending date. Walk 26 cities — A to Z. For example walk in Albany for A, Zanesville for Z, etc. The program will continue indefinitely as long as there is interest. **Mail payment of \$8.00 (includes shipping) to purchase an event book.** Once you have completed the event book you qualify to receive a beautiful patch. Note: X is a wildcard and can be a walk at any event that is not already marked for the program. Xenia is still an option. **Make a copy of your book prior to mailing the original to: AVA Headquarters, Attn: A–Z Program, 1001 Pat Booker Road, Suite 101, Universal City, TX 78148-4147.** E-mail questions to Karen@ava.org.