



Susquehanna State Park Campground

LEGEND

	Site with electric		Dump station
	Camper cabin		Restroom
	Water spigot		Hiking trail
	Registration office		Amphitheatre
	Playground		Dumpster/Trash

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Campground Information



HISTORY OF THE RIVER

In 1608, Captain John Smith and a crew of a dozen men sailed from Jamestown, Virginia to explore the Chesapeake Bay and search for a water-route to Asia. When they sailed a few miles up the Susquehanna River, he and his crew encountered unnavigable rapids which they named "Smith's Falls". Smith was impressed enough to write, "Heaven and Earth seemed never to have agreed better to frame a place for man's commodious and delightful habitation." During his journey, Smith encountered the Susquehannock Indians for whom the river was eventually named.

Starting in mid-1600s, European settlements grew along the banks and tributaries of the Susquehanna. Natural resources such as coal, timber, and farm produce were extracted or harvested and shipped to coastal markets. Water-powered mills were built along the river valley, bridges and ferries joined the banks, and canals were dug along both banks to provide better transportation. The Susquehanna Valley grew into an area of commerce, agriculture, and industry. In the early 20th-century, many hydroelectric dams were built along the river.

In more recent times, emphasis has been placed on conserving the valley's natural resources. The Maryland Department of Forests and Park began acquiring land on the west and east banks in the late 1950s for Susquehanna State Park. Today the park is about 3,246 acres.

ATTRACTIONS IN THE PARK

The focal point of the park is the river front historic area where Rock Run flows into the Susquehanna River. There one finds:

- Rock Run Gristmill: Built around 1800, this partially operating water-powered mill features a collection of operating and static milling-related machinery.
- The Carter-Archer Mansion: This 13 room mansion was built in 1804. It has been restored and is open to the public on summer weekends.
- The Jersey Toll House: A covered bridge once spanned the Susquehanna River at this location 1818 and 1857. This building housed the toll keeper who collected fees for the bridge.
- Steppingstone Museum, operated by a non-profit organization, is a living history agricultural museum that offers displays and demonstrations of rural arts and industries around 1900.

Be sure to pick up a trail map and explore Susquehanna State Park's 15+ miles of multi-use trails!

EMERGENCIES:	911
RESERVATIONS:	1-888-432-2267 or http://reservations.dnr.state.md.us
AFTER-HOURS ASSISTANCE:	410-260-8888
PARK OFFICE:	410-734-9035 or 410-557-7994 (Rocks State Park)
PARK CELL PHONE:	443-684-0288
ADDRESS:	729 Craig's Corner Road, Havre de Grace, MD 21078

CAMPGROUD RULES

1. **Quiet Hours are from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.** All visitors please leave by 10 p.m. Please be considerate. Turn off radios and televisions, and talk quietly.
2. All tents must be placed on the **camp pads** (if a camp pad is provided at your site). Campsites are limited to **6 people maximum**.
3. Each campsite may have only **2 sleeping units**. Additional sleeping units are NOT allowed at cabin sites.
4. Only **2 vehicles** are permitted per site. A boat is considered a vehicle. Vehicles must be parked on the driveway. **Parking and driving on the grass is prohibited.**
5. **Check-out time is 1 p.m.** Check-in time is 3 p.m.
6. **Cutting, removing, or damaging live or standing trees is prohibited.** The operation of chainsaws or power-saws is not permitted.
7. **No Weapons.** Firearms, BB Guns, Paint Ball Guns, Pellet Guns, Bows, etc. are not permitted in the campground.
8. Pets must be **leashed** at all times and cannot be left at the campsite unattended. Pets are not permitted in or around cabin sites.
9. Children under 16 years of age must **wear a helmet** when riding a bicycle.
10. **Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.**
11. Campfires must be in the fire ring provided. Please put campfires out cold before you leave or go to bed.
12. No open fires, tiki torches or open flame. Candles or lamps must be in fireproof containers.
13. Gates to the campground close at night however, they are kept unlocked. If you come in after they are closed or leave the campground, for any reason.

The campground will close for the season October 25th, 2015.

Thank you for your cooperation!