

Parks and Recreation Facilities

A. National Park Service Sites

1. Fort Necessity National Battlefield

The Fort Necessity National Battlefield is located on 900 acres in three separate sites near Ohiopyle. The main park contains the fort, Mt. Washington Tavern, visitors center, five miles of hiking/cross country skiing trails, picnic areas, and shelters. Jumonville Glen and Braddock's Grave are the other two sites.

2. Friendship Hill National Historic Site

The Friendship Hill National Historic Site contains the Historic Albert Gallatin House, and 10 miles of hiking trails with numerous natural wooded areas and meadows.

B. National Landmarks

1. Fallingwater

Designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, the primary structure of this house is based around concrete trays cantilevered over a waterfall, with locally quarried sandstone forming the walls. Completed in 1936 as a weekend home for the Edgar J. Kaufman family, the house is now owned by the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, with over two million visitors since it opened to the public in 1964.

2. Searight's Toll House

Searight's Toll House, located on Route 40 east of Uniontown, was built in 1835 and today is one of only two toll houses along the National Pike which remains standing. It was used to collect tolls for the state until 1905. Today, it houses a small museum.

3. Isaac Meason House

This house was built in 1802 by Isaac Meason, a pioneer ironmaster and entrepreneur. Built in Georgian style, the Meason house is one of the premier examples of architecture from this time period in the region.

C. State Facilities

1. Laurel Ridge State Park

Located on 13,625 acres of land straddling the border of Fayette and Somerset County, this park contains overnight shelters, cross country skiing, snowmobile trails, hunting, and picnicking. The 70 mile Laurel Highlands Hiking Trail is also located within this park.

2. *Ohiopyle State Park*

Ohiopyle is found on 19,000 acres along the Youghiogheny River Gorge. Activities include white-water rafting, camping, hiking, biking, and horseback riding and areas that contain various species of wildflowers.

3. *State Gamelands*

Sportsmen enjoy the abundant hunting and fishing opportunities available in the fourteen State Gamelands totaling 7,000 acres of public land.

- #51 Parcel 1
- #51 Parcel 2
- #51 Parcel 3
- #111 Parcel 1
- #111 Parcel 2
- #111 Parcel 3
- #111 Parcel 4
- #138 Parcel 1
- #138 Parcel 2
- #138 Parcel 3
- #238 Parcel 1
- #238 Parcel 2
- #265
- #296

4. *State Forest*

- Forbes State Forest, 3,000 acres

D. Pennsylvania Heritage Parks Program

1. *National Road Heritage Park*

The National Road Heritage Park is a regional park encompassing the corridor through which the nation's first federally funded highway was created. In 1989, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania established a Heritage Parks Program to encourage certain regions of Pennsylvania to preserve and promote the state's rich industrial history. The objective of the program is the promotion of regional economic development, cultural and historic conservation, and opportunities for recreation and education.

2. *Rivers of Steel Heritage Area*

Fayette County is included in the Rivers of Steel Heritage area. The Rivers of Steel Heritage Area is a multi-jurisdictional designation that was formed to conserve, promote, and manage the historic, natural, cultural, and recreational resources of the steel and other related industries in southwestern Pennsylvania, while developing uses for these resources that contribute to the economic revitalization of the region.

E. County-Owned Recreation Facilities

This section includes an overview of County-owned recreation facilities throughout Fayette County. Location, equipment types, and acreage were noted and are included in this inventory.

1. Dunlap Creek Park

Located along Route 40, Dunlap Creek Park consists of 74 acres of woods, meadows, and a 30 acre lake that is used for boating and fishing. Facilities at this park include playgrounds, pavilions, and a baseball field.

2. German-Masontown Park

Located along the Monongahela River in the southwestern portion of the County, German-Masontown Park is the largest of the County-owned parks consisting of 127 acres. This park offers baseball fields, pavilions, an outdoor amphitheater, a playground, tennis courts, a bocci court, horse shoe pits, and a walking path.

3. Jacobs Creek Park

Jacobs Creek Park, containing 100 acres, straddles Route 982. This park contains pavilions, a 60 acre lake for fishing and boating, and a playground.

F. Trails

1. Pittsburgh to Cumberland Trail-Youghiogheny River Trail

The Pittsburgh to Cumberland Trail is part of the trail system that will eventually connect Pittsburgh to Washington DC. The 40 mile section of this trail that traverses Fayette County is known as the Youghiogheny River Trail, primarily because it follows the Youghiogheny River through the County. As this trail passes through Fayette County, there are numerous amenities provided such as lodging accommodations, equipment rentals, eating establishments, and retail stores to serve trail users.

2. Sheepskin Trail (proposed)

The Sheepskin Trail, a 36 mile pedestrian/ bicycle trail, branches off from the Youghiogheny River Trail near Dunbar and will eventually connect with Point Marion in the south. This trail will connect the Pittsburgh Cumberland Trail in the north, with the West Virginia Rail-Trail System and the American Discovery Trail in the south. The Sheepskin Trail also includes Brown's Run (proposed).

3. Indian Creek Valley Trail

The Indian Creek Valley Trail is a 6 mile trail connecting Champion with Indianhead. This trail provides a connection between the Pittsburgh Cumberland Trail and Westmoreland County.

G. Local Recreation Facilities

1. Golf Courses

The County contains nine public and eight private golf courses including:

- Linden Hall Golf Course
- Pleasant Valley Country Club
- Colonial Golf Club
- Springdale Golf Club
- Uniontown Country Club
- Mt. Summit Golf Club
- Nemaocolin Woodland Links
- Nemaocolin Woodlands Mystic Rock

2. *Campgrounds*

- Camp Christian
- Camp Carmel
- Scarlett Knob Campground
- Benners Meadow Run Campground
- Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort Parcel 1
- Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort Parcel 2
- Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort Parcel 3
- Five Pines Campground
- Tall Oaks Campground
- Heritage Reservation

3. *Recreation Clubs*

- ADAH Gun Club
- Amend Hunting and Fishing Club
- Brownsville Sportsman Club
- Bridgeport Sportsmen Club
- Breakneck Rod and Gun Club
- Connellsville Sportsmen Association
- Continental Rod and Gun Club
- Dunbar Sportmans Club
- Fayette Beagle Club
- Fayette Gun Club
- Fairbanks Rod and Gun Club
- Fairchance Rod and Gun Club
- Fairhope Rod and Gun Club
- Franklin Township Rod and Gun Club
- Hutchinson Sportsman Club
- Indian Creek Valley Sportsmans Club
- Irishtown Sportsmans Club
- Juniata Sportsmen Club
- Keister Sportsmans Club
- Messmore Rod and Gun Club
- Nixon Gun Club
- Normalville Rod and Gun Club

- South Connellsville Rod and Gun Club
- Star Junction Fish and Game Club
- Tri-Town Sportsmen Association
- Turkeyfoot Fish and Game Association
- Valley Sportsmen Club
- Wharton Hunt and Fish Club
- Youghiogheny Fishermans Association
- Belle Vernon Athletic Association
- Colonial 3 Athletic Club
- Coolspring Athletic Club
- Naomi Athletic Club
- Leckrone Rod and Gun Club
- Masontown Fish and Game Club
- Merittstown Rod and Gun Club

4. Local Recreation Facilities

- Bridgeport Dam
- Belle Vernon Athletic Field
- Fairhope Ballfields
- Fairhope Athletic Field
- Naomi Ballfield
- Chestnut Ridge
- Naomi Athletic Field
- Bullskin Township Fairgrounds
- Perryopolis Park
- Perryopolis Athletic Field
- Perryopolis Ballfield
- Newell Ballfield
- Star Junction Ballfield
- Jefferson Township Ballfield #1
- Lower Tyrone Township Fairgrounds
- Jefferson Township Ballfield #2
- Bullskin Athletic Field
- Braznell Ballfield
- North Manor Ballfield #2
- Geibel Athletic Fields
- North Manor Ballfield #1
- Connellsville Ballfield #1
- North Manor Ballfield #3
- Braznell Athletic Field
- Grindstone Ballfield
- Connellsville Ballfield #2
- Dutch Hill Ballfield
- Rowes Run Ballfield
- Trotter Athletic Fields

- Hiller Ballfield
- South Connellsville Athletic Field
- Smock Athletic Fields
- Austin Avenue Park
- Soissons Park
- Allison Heights Ballfield
- Allison Ballfield
- East Millsboro Ballfield
- Chestnut Ridge Ballfield
- Monarch Ballfield
- Dunbar Ballfield
- Merritstown Ballfield
- Merritstown Athletic Field
- Fayette County Fairgrounds
- Tower Hill Athletic Field
- Mill Run Athletic Field
- Fillburt Ballfield
- Dearth Ballfield

Local Recreation Facilities (Cont'd.)

- Newboro Ballfield
- Phillips Ballfield
- Mount Braddock Ballfield #1
- Mount Braddock Ballfield #2
- Shady Grove Park
- St. Cecillas Park
- Uniontown Ballfield
- Palmer Ballfield
- Clark Ballfield
- North Union Township Ballfield
- South Uniontown Ballfield #2
- Coolspring Ballfield
- Oak Park
- Bailey Park
- Revere Ballfield
- South Uniontown Ballfield
- Uniontown Athletic Field
- South Uniontown Athletic Field
- Kennedy Ballfield
- Jumonville Ballfield
- Hopwood Ballfield
- Meadowbrook Ballfield
- Hutchinson Recreation Area
- Highhouse Ballfield
- Leckrone Ballfield
- Lick Hollow
- Masontown Athletic Field
- Masontown Ballfield #2

- Masontown Ballfield #1
- Fairchance Ballfield #1
- Laurel Caverns
- Smithfield Ballfield
- Farmington Ballfields
- Saint Peters Catholic Church
- Philip G Cocuran Memorial Methodist Church
- Colonel William Crawford Cabin
- Seven Springs Resort
- White Water Adventures Inc
- Fort Mason Historical Society Museum
- Laurel Caverns
- Summit Inn Resort
- Touchstone Center For Crafts
- Fort Necessity
- Mount Washington Tavern
- Early American Farm Implements Museum
- Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort
- Linden Hall Resort
- Washington Mill Run Park
- Georges Athletic Field

Local Recreation Facilities (Cont'd.)

- Georges Ballfield
- Fairchance Community Park
- Great Meadows Amphitheater
- Fairchance Ballfield #2

H. Nature Reserves

Bear Run Nature Reserve's 4,200 acres are owned by the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy. The reserve has more than twenty miles of marked hiking trails, ski touring and environmental educational opportunities.

I. Scenic Byways

There are two roadways in Fayette County designated by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation as Scenic Byways: The Laurel Highlands Scenic Byway (Route 381) and The National Road Heritage Park Scenic Byway (Route 40). These two segments of roadway have been given this designation in recognition of their outstanding qualities in one or more of six possible areas: archeological, cultural, historical, natural, recreational and scenic.