**Hibernia County Park**

Hibernia Park consists of over 900 acres of [trails](http://chesco.org/1784), woodlands, meadows, open fields, play areas, [pavilions](http://chesco.org/1760), [camping](http://chesco.org/1067) and picnic areas. Popular fishing sites include the Brandywine Creek’s west branch, Birch Run & a children’s pond. [Chambers Lake](http://chesco.org/1903) is a great spot for boating and fishing.  
  
Campgrounds are open weekends, beginning in May until the last weekend in October.   
  
Walking tours explore the legacy of the iron masters and country gentlemen who owned the estate.The walking tour focuses on mansion builders Charles Brooks and Colonel Swayne.

[From Hibernia Mansion](http://pa-chestercounty2.civicplus.com/1785), the tour explores ruins, structures and landscape features located on Forest Hill and Forge Trails and Lion’s Head Drive that tell the story of Hibernia’s past. Brochures explaining these features are available at the park office.  
  
Hibernia Mansion, home of 19th century Ironmasters, graces Hibernia’s hillside. It is open for public tours on Sunday afternoons, Memorial Day to Labor Day. In December, the Mansion offers Candlelight Tours.   
  
Hibernia is on the National Register of Historic Places and the Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places. It is also part of the Hatfield-Hibernia National Register Historic District. In 2009, Hibernia Mansion joined the [Rural History Confederation](http://www.ruralhistoryconfederation.org/).

**Kennett Township**

**Marshall Bridge Preserve**

Marshall Bridge Preserve is TLC’s newest public nature preserve, and our second bi-state preserve, containing both Pennsylvania and Delaware lands.  The property contains 80 acres for walking, hiking, equestrian, cross country skiing, birding, nature study, environmental education, and other passive recreational activities. Trail segments meander through one of the last remaining diverse, contiguous, mature woodlands in Kennett Township, and aside wetlands, scenic viewpoints, rural lands, and portions of the historic Mason Dixon Trail, including a Mason Dixon Line marker at the state border.

The preserve is located within close proximity to TLC’s Stateline Woods Preserve and Marshall Mill House Preserve, along the banks of the Red Clay Creek and Route 82 in Kennett Township. In partnership with the State of Delaware, who owns the adjacent lands surrounding the Auburn Heights Steam Car Museum and the former NVF compound, the entities will combine these conserved lands to create a bi-state preserve to be known as Auburn Valley. Once completed the Auburn Valley and its trails will transverse terrain encompassing over 400 acres of preserved lands, along the Red Clay Creek and its stream tributaries, for over 10 miles of continuous nature exploration and enjoyment.

**Marshall Mill House Preserve**

Marshall Mill House Preserve consists of 40 acres of land including 1.5 miles of trails. Guests are welcome to hike, walk, and run the trails of the preserve while bird and wildlife watching. Other activities that guests are able to partake in include, mountain biking, cross country skiing, horseback riding, and nature photography.

The preserve is owned by The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County (TLC), a private non-profit organization. The preserve is bordered by private residences. Do not trespass onto adjacent properties. We also hope that you will respect our many natural residents—whether plant or animal—and ask that you follow these guidelines:

* Walk on designated trails only and pack out all trash.
* Please respect the privacy of the residents bordering the reserve.
* DO NOT TRESPASS onto neighboring lands.
* Pets are permitted; however, pets must be under your control at all times and you must clean up your pet’s waste.
* Do not remove any plants, animals, rocks, or artifacts.
* No motorized vehicles.
* No alcoholic beverages.
* No fires.
* No hunting.
* No loitering.

Preservation Partners: The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County (TLC), Kennett Township, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), Chester County Open Space Preservation Department, The Longwood Foundation, E. Kneale Dockstader Foundation, and The Starrett Foundation.

**Stateline Woods Preserve**

Stateline Woods Preserve consists of 82 acres of land and 4 miles of trails. Guests are welcome to hike, walk, and run the trails of the preserve while bird and wildlife watching. Other activities that guests are able to partake in include, mountain biking, cross country skiing, horseback riding, and nature photography.

The preserve is owned by The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County (TLC), a private non-profit organization. The preserve is bordered by private residences. Do not trespass onto adjacent properties. We also hope that you will respect our many natural residents—whether plant or animal—and ask that you follow these guidelines:

* Walk on designated trails only and pack out all trash.
* Horseback riding is permitted on designated trails under dry conditions. Please ride to and from the preserve.
* NO HORSE TRAILERS PERMITTED.
* Please respect the privacy of the residents bordering the preserve—DO NOT TRESPASS onto neighboring lands.
* Pets are permitted; however, pets must be under your control at all times and you must clean up your pet’s waste.
* Do not remove any plants, animals, rocks, or artifacts.
* No motorized vehicles.
* No alcoholic beverages.
* No fires.
* No hunting.
* No loitering.

Preservation Partners: The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County (TLC), Kennett Township, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), Chester County Open Space Preservation Department, Neighbors for a Nature Preserve.

Stateline Woods was slated to become a multi-home housing development.  Due to legal delays, the surrounding community and TLC were able to work together in purchasing the land before becoming developed.  What is now called Stateline Woods is permanently protected for use by you!

**New Leaf Eco Center**

TLC’s New Leaf Eco Center is a budding sustainability education site, and is open to the public seven days a week from dawn until dusk. The New Leaf Eco Center contains several demonstration areas, each focused on a different sustainability technique, and a loop trail through the meadow and wetland areas. TLC holds workshops on the site throughout the year, led by local naturalists and sustainability experts. We also encourage visitors to stop by to enjoy the site outside of scheduled workshops.  At New Leaf we request that all dogs be leashed at all times.

We have installed a small meadow trail system looping around the meadow at New Leaf with interpretive signage to help better understand our demonstration sites.  This meadow trail connects to the Eastern portion of the property via wetland trail complete with an elevated wooden walk bridge.  The Eastern portion of New Leaf is home an arboretum of sorts which will also offer a crosswalk to connect to Kennett Township Buildings own meadow trail.  Parking will be available at either location.

TLC’s Apiary has been thriving since 2011, thanks to our donors and grant funders, TLC’s professional beekeeper, and, of course, our amazing honey bee colonies. All of our hives are maintained using organic methods by Dan Borkoski, of [Sun Bear Apiary](https://www.facebook.com/SunBearApiary) and the Chester County Beekeepers Association. From May-October each year, Dan leads Open Hive Day workshops for current and prospective beekeepers, as well as those who are simply interested in learning about the world of honey bees.

Currently, the Apiary contains three Langstroth Hives, one Top-Bar Hive, and an Observation Hive, which is located in our Outdoor Classroom. \*Currently, the bees in our Observation Hive have gone indoors to hunker down for the fall and winter seasons. Stay tuned for spring, when the Observation Hive will be buzzing again!\*

The Composting Demonstration Area consists of several different home composting setups, ranging from more complex models such as a plastic compost tumbler, to a simple bin made of recycled pallets. Interpretive signage gives the pros and cons of each method, providing a range of options for anyone interested in learning to compost, regardless of their means or living situation.

TLC is located in Kennett Square, AKA the Mushroom Capital of the World, which makes it the perfect place to demonstrate the technology of Mycoremediation. This method uses the natural growing process of fungi to purify soil of toxins. TLC began using Mycoremediation in 2011, and have completed two successful rounds of the process to-date. We work with West Chester University to monitor and publish the results of our Mycoremediation work, in hopes of sharing this promising new technology with the public. TLC’s Mycoremediation has resulted in a plot of land that now serves as our Edible Forest Garden. The garden currently contains persimmons, raspberries, and elderberries. Stay tuned for the next Mycoremediation Workshop, to learn about the many–some surprising–uses of the fungi we know and love.

Bioswales are depressions in the ground, laid out and dug along contours of the land. Bioswales on small-scale projects (a few acres or less) are often hand-dug with digging tools to an average of 18 inches deep and 18 inches wide, or to whatever depth and width desired. The soil dug out is piled on the downhill side of the slope, creating a berm. The bioswales are then filled with organic matter such as wood chips or compost to allow for regulated filtration of water as it meets the swale, thus acting to retain stormwater runoff, and over time allow it to percolate through the soil rather than continuing to ‘run’ across the landscape. The bioswale berms become planting beds, and can be planted with vegetation that can serve for further purposes including bioremediation of polluted waters.

**Anson B. Nixon Park**

Located on North Walnut Street, just off State Street, Anson B. Nixon Park is a hidden gem nestled just north of charming downtown Kennett Square, Pennsylvania. Comprised of 106 acres, the Park was carved out of the historic woodlands of the late 18th through early 20th century Chambers estate. This natural setting includes two ponds, meandering streams, woodlands including a beech grove with specimens dating back over 250 years, and three miles of walking trails.  
Anson B. Nixon Park has many exciting events including the Trout Rodeo, the Kennett Run, disc golf tournaments, and a summer concert series. Other events open to the public include dance performances, plays, and nature programs. The park is open from dawn until dusk daily.

**Herb Pennock Park**

**Pennsbury Township**

**Pennsbury Township Park**

Located in back of the Township Building, Pennsbury's 54 acre park is a great place for walking, picnicking and bird-watching. Trails are kept mowed and there are tables and benches scattered about the area.  Bark Park installed 2010.

The park is open from dawn to dusk except on Monday when the road crew mows grass/fields.  For safety reasons the park is closed on Mondays. All dogs must be on a leash.  Bark Park is along the eastern border.  There is a separate area for large dogs and small dogs. Any individual or group who wishes to hold an event in the park should contact the township office 610-388-7323.

**New Castle County**

**Auburn Heights Preserve**

Visitors to Delaware State Park’s newest attraction will see what life was like at the dawn of the automotive age. Auburn Heights Preserve features a furnished mansion completed in 1897 as well as the Marshall Steam Museum with the largest collection of operating steam cars in the world. The collection is owned and operated by the Friends of Auburn Heights Preserve.

The mansion, with its antique furnishings, and the museum, with steam cars and much more, are open to the public on select dates. Please check our program calendar for a complete schedule. Both are also available for tours by appointment. To schedule a tour, call (302) 239-5687. Tours will also be available during special events, such as Steamin’ Day.

Auburn Heights is part of The Delaware History Trail! The History Trail sign is located in the event parking lot across the street from the Auburn Heights mansion. Download your passport today and start discovering what made the First State great!

**First State National Historical Park (Beaver Valley)**

Beaver Valley consists of 1,100 acres of rolling hills and wooded areas are located along the Brandywine River and the arced border between northern Delaware and southern Pennsylvania. This land was first deeded to William Penn and reflects early Quaker settlement patterns and Native American migration. In 1906, William Bancroft purchased this bucolic property to preserve the beauty of the Brandywine Valley for future generations. Since then, it served as a privately-owned park until donated to the National Park Service in 2013.

**Pocopson Township**

**Myrick Conservation Center**

The H.E. Myrick Conservation Center is the headquarters of the Brandywine Red Clay Alliance (BRC). A private property open to the public during daylight hours, the 318-acre Center is located in Pocopson Township along Route 842, six miles west of West Chester and three miles east of Unionville.

The Center began in 1981 as a gift from Horatio Myrick; it was originally 212 acres which included farmland, woodland, wetland and meadows. Since relocating here, BRC has acquired an additional 116 acres bringing the Center to its present size. Today, this is the site not only of BRC’s offices but also provides the outdoor classroom for our environmental education programs. In addition, many public education programs take place on our grounds throughout the year.

The property contains a Quaker barn which dates to the beginning of the 19th century and contains several additions to the original building. It also has a rare wood silo from the early 1900s, the only such silo remaining intact in Chester County. Also on the property is a springhouse dating to the Revolutionary War period and a white oak tree dating to the time of William Penn, the late 1600s.

Presently much of the property is used for agriculture under a conservation plan that dates to 1981. Crops include sunflowers, sorghum, corn, soybeans, wheat, alfalfa, and hay. The small streams which begin on the property are protected with tree plantings to reduce overland runoff and filter out contaminants. The Myrick Center contains trails for walking and horseback riding as well as areas for picnicking, bird watching and enjoying the natural environment.

**Pocopson Park**

Recreational facilities on the Locust Grove Road side of the Park include a playground and tot lot. Built in 2007, the tot lot feature a spiderweb-like structure that encourages development of upper body strength. To keep our youngest residents entertained, the Township also acquired a horse-shaped climber appropriate for toddlers. Originally shaped like a dinosaur, the design of this structure was modified to more accurately the Township’s rural character.

In 2015, the Township installed an additional playground area housing brand new equipment. Also added were amenities such as benches and bleachers (at the soccer field). A loop of fitness stations should appeal to a broader range of park users.

Also on this side of the park is a pavilion that provides a large, shaded area for picnics, Scout and community meetings, etc. Six picnic tables and two grills are available. The Township soccer and baseball fields are close by, along with bathrooms.

On the S. Wawaset Road side of the park are tennis and basketball courts (and another set of bathrooms). Across the street is the northern end of a paved bikeway that runs south and parallels S. Wawaset Road down to Lenape-Unionville Road.

You can access the park’s loop trail from either parking lot.

Looking for a longer walk with a terrific view? On the Corrine Road side of the Pocopson Park trail, about halfway between S. Wawaset and Locust Grove Roads, there is a crosswalk. If you cross Corrine Road and continue along the gravel trail, you will reach the northwestern corner of a 1-mile loop trail that runs behind the Barnard House on S. Wawaset Road. Turn left and walk up the hill to be rewarded with a scenic view of the 70 acres that were transferred to the Township from the County in October 2008. Limited parking for this trail is also available behind the Barnard House.

For park reservations, please call the Township Office at 610-793-2151 or e-mail [receptionist@pocopson.org](mailto:receptionist@pocopson.org). Residents and local athletic clubs can reserve the soccer and baseball fields, tennis courts, basketball courts, and pavilion / picnic facilities.

Pocopson Creek Park has a short walking trail, benches, and a view of Pocopson Creek. You may park at the Public Works building, 1440 Lenape Road; the trail begins just south of the parking lot.

**West Bradford**

**West Bradford Township Park**

Located off Marshallton-Thorndale Road, next to the Township building. Features include a softball field and play equipment for younger children.

**Stroud Preserve**

Stroud Preserve consists of 571 acres of culturally and ecologically important land in Chester County. This rolling mosaic of once-pastured grasslands, working farmlands, and woodlands now serves as wildlife habitat and a unique site for research by the Stroud Water Research Center, one of the premier stream research labs in North America. - See more at: <https://natlands.org/preserves-to-visit/list-of-preserves/stroud-preserve/#sthash.TJvOB65y.dpuf>

* More than 9 miles of unpaved trails ranging from easy to moderate
* Birds include Eastern Meadowlark, Bobolink, and Field Sparrow. Part of the Laurels, King Ranch, and Stroud “Important Bird Area” (a National Audubon Society designation).  Birding checklist
* Horseback riding on designated trails under good conditions (not wet or muddy); horse trailers are not permitted
* More than 2 acres of serpentine barrens, a rare habitat for several plant species of special concern in Pennsylvania
* Meadows filled with native grasses such as purpletop, switchgrass, and big bluestem, and wildflowers such as ironweed, goldenrod, and milkweed
* Woodlands dominated by red oak, tuliptree, beech, and maple
* Spring-fed streams and wetlands that drain into the East Branch of the Brandywine Creek
* Agricultural fields of soybeans and corn, as well as hayfields

**Beacon Hill Park**

Located on Beacon Hill Road. West Bradford Youth Athletics operates the park's program and facilities. It contains "Little League" sized baseball fields as well as softball fields and a snack bar, which is only open during the baseball and softball seasons. A parking lot is available for people who drive to the park. Please do not park on Beacon Hill Road. Trails are also available for those who want to walk or ride their bicycles from Victoria Crossing and West Bradford Elementary School.

**Broad Run Park**

Located on Broad Run Road behind West Bradford Elementary School. This distance of the trail at this park is:  One loop around main trail (according to signs)is 0.6 mil,  3,168 feet. One complete loop around the pond (kiosk back to kiosk) is 1,359 feet.  And one loop around the parking lot (kiosk to gate, back to kiosk) is 730 feet.  Most of the year the lights remain on at the tennis, hockey and basketball courts until 9:30 p.m. However, in winter months the lights go off at 7:30 p.m. The rest of the facilities may be used from 6:30 a.m. until dark. The park contains playground areas, volleyball courts, tennis courts, basketball courts, an inline hockey court and a pond. Tennis and hockey court keys are $20.00 for residents, and $35.00 for non-residents.  The keys are kept by the purchaser and if lost, a new key will have to be purchased.  Bathrooms are available. There are also four pavilions, which can be reserved for group use for a fee.

**Shadyside Park**

Located at the intersection of Shadyside Road and Glenside Road, this park is centrally located in the Township. The complete trail at this park, using either the upper or lower loop, is within 6 feet of one mile.  Most of the year the lights remain on at the tennis, hockey and basketball courts until 9:30 p.m. However, during winter months the lights go off at 7:30 p.m. The rest of the facilities may be used from 6:30 a.m. until dark. The park contains two regulation bocce courts, four horseshoe courts, one basketball court, two tennis courts, one inline hockey court, one full size baseball field, tot lot, youth playground and over one mile of trails. Tennis and hockey court keys are $20.00 for residents and $35.00 for non-residents.  The keys are kept by the purchaser and if lost, a new key will have to be purchased. Bathrooms are available. The three pavilions at the park can be reserved for a fee.

**West Bradford Township Park**

Located off Marshallton-Thorndale Road, next to the Township building. Features include a softball field and play equipment for younger children.

**Brandywine Meadows Park**

Located on Route 322 across from the Brandywine Ridge development. Includes the Brandywine Trail, which is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.  The distance of this trail, including the East Bradford side, is 2.5 miles one way.  There are mile markers installed.

**East Bradford**

**M. John Johnson Nature Area**

The property is owned by PECO, but is under a conservation easement with the Brandywine Conservancy and under lease agreement with East Bradford Township.  It is adjacent to the Sugar’s Bridge Nature Area and provides additional parking for Sugar’s Bridge and the East Branch Brandywine Trail.

**East Branch Brandywine Trail**

East Bradford Township (along with West Bradford) has completed approximately 2.4 miles of the multi-use East Branch Brandywine Trail.  Currently, this trail extends from the Trestle Bridge south of Downingtown to PA Route 322 / Downingtown Pike, just east of the Sugars Bridge Road intersection.  The Trail also continues to Skelp Level Road and PA Route 322, where there is an existing parking area for the M. John Johnson Nature Area.  The East Branch Brandywine Trail actually is part of a much larger multi-municipal trail network (known as the Brandywine-Struble Regional Recreation Corridor) that extends north-to-south though the entire County.  It includes the County Struble Trail and bisects the Chester Valley Trail. When these conceptual regional connections are someday fully implemented, connections between Philadelphia, Norristown, King of Prussia, Downingtown, and West Chester will exist.

**Paradise Valley Nature Area**

This facility is located in the Paradise Valley Historic Area and consists of a parking area for access to the nature areas and for fishing Valley Creek, a trout stream stocked by the PA Fish and Boat Commission and the West Chester Fish, Game, and Wildlife Association, Inc. Picnic tables and trails are available. Several portions of this trail network are located on easements through private property.  Please respect private property and stay on the trails.   There are two parking areas that serve the Paradise Valley Nature Area:  The Valley Creek Road parking area provides access to the Valley Creek and a small picnic area.  The Ravine Road parking area provides access to the trail network.

**Ingram’s Mill Nature Area**

In January 2004, the Board of Supervisors accepted this 36-acre open space donation from Aqua America (formerly Pennsylvania Suburban Water Company).  The property is open to the public and affords recreational access to the Brandywine Creek

**Sugar’s Bridge Nature Area**

This nature area is made up of three properties.  The abandoned West Chester Street Railway trolley bed traverses through all three properties.  The southern portion of the East Branch Brandywine Trail traverses the Sugar’s Bridge Nature Area.  The southern end of the site is accessible from the parking area for the M. John Johnson Nature Center (see below).  The northern end is accessible from the Harmony Hill Road parking facility just east of Gibson’s Covered Bridge.

**Starr Farm**

East Bradford Township acquired this 25-acre property in 2010.  Parking is available on Skelp Level Road.  A perimeter trail (0.9 miles) encircles the property.  Please stay on the mowed trail; the land is leased to a farmer for crop production.

**Mt. Bradford Preserve**

Mt. Bradford Preserve is located on Sconnelltown Road just east of Royal View Drive.  This property was acquired by the Township in 2008 for passive recreation.  While no facilities (trails, etc.) have yet been constructed, the property is open to the public.

**Harry J. Waite, Jr. Nature Area**

This area was named for long time resident and nature lover Harry Waite and consists of a parking area with access to the East Branch Brandywine Creek for fishing or canoeing.

**East Bradford Park**

Dedicated on June 8, 2002 the park facilities include big league and little league ball fields, multi-purpose field, tennis courts, volleyball court, picnic pavilion, tot lot, youth play area and rest room facilities. Walking trails encircle the park and connect it with Copeland School Park. Large groups and organized teams require permits for field use, tennis courts and pavilion use.

Please be careful when accessing the park through Kenmara by watching for children and adults walking in the street and playing in yards. Please obey the 25 MPH speed limit.

**Copeland School Park**

This park was named for the Copeland School located across the street from the park. The park consists of a little league field, a soccer field, and a basketball court. Large groups and organized teams require permits for field use.

**Jane I. Reed Park**

This park was named after former teacher Jane I. Reed who taught at Copeland School and East Bradford Elementary School. The park consists of a picnicking area with charcoal grills, nature trail and an exercise course.

**Paradise Valley Nature Area**

This facility is located in the Paradise Valley Historic Area and consists of a parking area for access to the nature areas and for fishing Valley Creek, a trout stream stocked by the PA Fish and Boat Commission and the West Chester Fish, Game, and Wildlife Association, Inc. Picnic tables and trails are available. Several portions of this trail network are located on easements through private property.  Please respect private property and stay on the trails.   There are two parking areas that serve the Paradise Valley Nature Area:  The Valley Creek Road parking area provides access to the Valley Creek and a small picnic area.  The Ravine Road parking area provides access to the trail network.

**Harmony Hill Nature Area**

The 240-acre Harmony Hill Nature Area is located in the northwest portion of the Township.  This property includes approximately 6.5 miles of natural surface trails that are open to pedestrians and cyclists.  A portion of the East Branch Brandywine Trail traverses the western portion of the property.  The East Branch Brandywine Trail extends north into West Bradford Township and south through the Sugar’s Bridge Nature Area.  The Harmony Hill Nature Area has two access points.  The Skelp Level Road parking area provides access to the natural surface trails from the high point of the property.  The Harmony Hill Road parking lot provides access from the lower elevation to the natural trails as well as the paved East Branch Brandywine Trail.

**Sconnelltown Park**

Sconnelltown Park is located at the intersection of Sconnelltown and Birmingham Roads.  While no facilities have yet been constructed, the property is open to the public.

**Shaw’s Bridge Park**

Shaw’s Bridge Park was named after the creek crossing located at the north end of the park. The park consists of walking trails, bird watching areas, picnic areas, open field areas for games and kite flying, and access to the Brandywine Creek for fishing and canoeing. The east and west branches of the Brandywine Creek converge at the park. You can park up stream at the Harry J. Waite Jr. Nature Area and canoe down the East Branch to Shaw’s Bridge Park for a short canoe trip. Restroom facilities are available. Please be aware that this is not a dog park, all dogs must be on leash when other people are in the area.

**East Caln**

**Kerr Park**

Kerr Park, a 45-acre park off Pennsylvania Avenue and adjacent to the Brandywine Creek, is a classic municipal park. Centrally located, it offers facilities for sports leagues, and family and community events, including: Athletic Fields Courts Open areas for limited organized sports and games Pavilions Play areas for children (Sky’s The Limit Playground) Public Restrooms Sitting areas for adults and parents with young children Trout Hatchery, which is maintained in the park by the Brandywine Trout Club.

**Kardon Park**

**Bell Tavern Park**

Bell Tavern Park established 1998. The East Caln Township's [Park and Recreation Board](http://www.eastcalntownship.com/index.aspx?nid=93) hold several events for the community throughout the year. All events are held free to the community members.

Bell Tavern Park has many features to offer to the community. The park perimeter has a paved walking path (distance of .45 miles). The park has two parking areas for your convenience. The main lot is at the entrance of the park and additional parking is located off of Bell Tavern Road (behind the tennis courts).

Pavilions can be reserved in the lovely Bell Tavern Park. Please fill out the [application](http://www.eastcalntownship.com/DocumentCenter/View/166) and visit our [e-commerce site](https://trx.npspos.com/payapp/public/ECSale.html?siteId=15685&urlKey=87dd8c3522694f3098d5764fe6752af4089f6909) for payment.

**East Brandywine**

**East Brandywine Township Park**

Begun in 1990, East Brandywine Community Park now encompasses 64 acres built in three distinct phases.  The[Parks & Recreation Committee](http://ebrandywine.org/137/Parks-Recreation), in cooperation with the [East Brandywine Youth Association (EBYA)](http://www.ebya.org/), and with the support of many volunteers and donors, has overseen the development of the park.  Amenities now include paved walking trails, playgrounds (2), baseball/softball diamonds (4), ample parking, pavilions (4), pickleball and tennis courts (2), restrooms (1), and soccer fields (6).  
  
Opportunities for active recreation, in the form of youth leagues for team sports, are managed by the [(EBYA)](http://www.ebya.org/) an independent non-profit organization that enjoys priority access to, and shares in the maintenance of, the Township's athletic fields.

**Wallace Township**

**Springton Manor Farm**

A Park managed and maintained to enhance quality of life by experiencing a pastoral landscape and farm as it existed from the Victorian Era to the mid-20th century.  
  
A Farm managed and maintained for educational and heritage purposes. Visitors can meet and greet animals and tour the [historic barn](http://www.chesco.org/2667/Great-Barn-at-Springton).   
  
An Educational Facility offering an agricultural museum and a [variety of programs](http://www.chesco.org/1768/Programs-Events)and resources for all ages.  
  
A Special Event Venue where the [Manor House](http://springtonmanorfarm.com/) provides a lovely and setting for weddings and your next memorable event.  
  
Within Springton’s historic landscape of fenced fields, stone walls and misty morning vistas is a preserved patchwork of colonial plantation, Industrial Revolution era scientific farm, Victorian tenant farm, and gentleman’s country estate. Its demonstration farming activity highlights best management practices, while staff interpret Chester County’s rich agricultural heritage with guided tours of the early 20th century dairy farm and the Agricultural Museum.  
  
Initially part of a William Penn Manor, Springton has been in agricultural use since the early 1700’s. On this 300 acre demonstration farm, you will see farm animals, Penn Oaks, a demonstration barn, the Family Farm Museum, a small pond, trails, heritage murals, scenic views and more.   
  
The barn complex consists of the [Great Barn](http://chesco.org/2667/Great-Barn-at-Springton), sheep shed, goat shed, a roost and equipment shed. You may see horses, a miniature donkey, rabbits, calves, pigs, sheep, goats, chickens and peacocks. [Guided tours of the Great Barn](http://chesco.org/1769/Springton-Manor-Farm-Tours) are available for groups of 10 or more.  
  
When the Great Barn is closed, in the pastures you may see cattle, sheep and goats. In the morning, the animals return to the pastures as barn maintenance is completed for our visitors.  
  
In 2009, along with [Hibernia Mansion](http://pa-chestercounty2.civicplus.com/1785/Hibernia-Mansion), Springton joined the [Rural History Confederation](http://www.ruralhistoryconfederation.org/). The Agricultural Museum, located within the Great Barn, contains seasonal tools and apparatus used on Chester County farms from the 1700’s to the 1900’s. The Manor House overlooks 300 acres of centuries-old sugar maples, open pastures and stately Penn Oaks, which grace the lower pond. A Victorian garden, gazebo and tiled terrace enhance the ambiance of this historic Chester County home. The Manor House is not open to the general public.

**Waggenseller Park**

**Upper Uwchlan Township**

**Marsh Creek State Park**

Picnicking: Several picnic areas containing over 150 picnic tables, restrooms and charcoal grills are available year-round. A children’s playground is near the pool complex and picnic area.

Swimming: The ADA accessible “L” shaped swimming pool and sprayground attracts many visitors. The guarded pool is open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day unless posted otherwise. A snack bar, large grassy area and bathhouse are located at the swimming pool complex. A pavilion is available to rent.

For more information on the pool, pavilion, and swimming lessons please go to [www.marshcreekparkpool.com](http://www.marshcreekparkpool.com/) or call 610-458-8535.

**Boating: electric motors permitted**  
The 535-acre Marsh Creek Lake has two boat launches and 244 seasonal mooring slips. The lake is especially popular with sailboaters who take advantage of the combination of good natural terrain and prevailing winds.

A boat rental concession at the East Launch offers rowboats, canoes, kayaks, paddleboards, sailboats and lake tours throughout the summer. Weather permitting, rentals may be offered on weekends during the spring and autumn. 610-458-5040 [www.marshcreeklake.com](http://www.marshcreeklake.com/)

Motorboats must display a current boat registration. Non-powered boats must display one of the following: boat registration; launching permit or mooring permit from Pennsylvania State Parks, available at most state park offices; launching permit from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission.

Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission laws apply. Complete information on boating rules and regulations in Pennsylvania is available from the [Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Web site](http://www.fish.state.pa.us/).

**Fishing:**The 535-acre Marsh Creek Lake is an excellent lake to fish for warmwater species. Anglers have landed 40-inch-long tiger muskies. Other species include largemouth bass, channel catfish, black crappie and a variety of panfish. The lake is designated a big bass lake and specific regulations apply.

[Marsh Creek Lake Depth Black-and-white Map (.pdf)](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/cs/groups/public/documents/document/dcnr_20031002.pdf)  (3,144 kb, 8/15)  
[Marsh Creek Lake Depth Color Map (.pdf)](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/cs/groups/public/documents/document/dcnr_20031001.pdf)  (3,733 kb, 8/15)

Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission laws apply. Complete information on fishing rules and regulations in Pennsylvania is available from the [Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Web site](http://www.fish.state.pa.us/).

**Hunting and Firearms:**About 900 acres are open to hunting, trapping and the training of dogs during established seasons. Common game species are rabbit, squirrel, pheasant, waterfowl and deer.

Hunting woodchucks, also known as groundhogs, is prohibited. Dog training is only permitted from the day following Labor Day through March 31 in designated hunting areas. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Pennsylvania Game Commission rules and regulations apply. Contact the park office for ADA accessible hunting information.

**Use extreme caution** with firearms at all times. Other visitors use the park during hunting seasons. Firearms and archery equipment used for hunting may be uncased and ready for use only in authorized hunting areas during hunting seasons. In areas not open to hunting or during non-hunting seasons, firearms and archery equipment shall be kept in the owner's car, trailer or leased campsite. Exceptions include: law enforcement officers and individuals with a valid *Pennsylvania License to Carry Firearms* are authorized to carry a firearm concealed on their person while they are within a state park.

Complete information on hunting rules and regulations in Pennsylvania is available from the [Pennsylvania Game Commission Web site](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us/).

**Hiking: 18 miles of trails**  
The trails explore a variety of habitats including forest, field and wetlands. Most of the trails are accessible from the west launch parking area. Use extreme caution when hiking in hunting areas during hunting seasons.

**Horseback Riding: 11.5 miles of trails**  
Bridle trails and horse trailer parking are on the west side of the park and have loops of various distances. Use extreme caution when riding in hunting areas during hunting seasons.

With an emphasis on families and fun, Hope Springs Farm offers horseback riding lessons, boarding and trail riding.[www.hopespringshorsefarm.com](http://www.hopespringshorsefarm.com/)

**Mountain Biking: 11.5 miles of trails**  
Mountain biking trails are on the south side of the park and have loops of various distances. Use extreme caution when riding in hunting areas during hunting seasons.

**Winter Activities**

**Cross-country Skiing:**Red Trail, Blue Trail and the fields of the park are recommended for cross-country skiing.

**Sledding:**About seven acres of slopes are by the picnic area in the East Launch.

**Ice Fishing:**Ice fishing is permitted on the 535-acre Marsh Creek Lake. The lake is designated a big bass lake and specific regulations apply. Ice thickness is not monitored.

**Ice Skating:**Ice skating is permitted on the natural ice. Ice thickness is not monitored.

**Iceboating:**Iceboating is permitted on the natural ice. Iceboats must display a state park launch permit. Ice thickness is not monitore

**Environmental Education and Interpretation**

The park offers a wide variety of environmental education and interpretive programs. Through hands-on activities, guided walks and evening programs, participants gain appreciation, understanding and develop a sense of stewardship toward natural and cultural resources.

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 April to November. Contact the French Creek park office for more detailed information.

[Explore the Calendar of Events](http://events.dcnr.pa.gov/marsh_creek_state_park) for a listing of events from today forward.

**Fellowship Fields**

Fellowship Fields is an active recreational outdoor facility. The park consists of three grass fields and on field with synthetic turf. All four fields are lighted. Football, soccer, and lacrosse are the sports played on these fields. Parking and pavilions are also present at the park.

**Hickory Park**

Active recreational facility offering multiple amenities. The park consists of fields for baseball, football, and soccer. There are also basketball and tennis courts, along with a volleyball sand pit. Hiking trails and paved walking trails are also present at the park.

**Chadds Ford**

**Brandywine Battlefield Park**

The Brandywine Battlefield Park preserves and interprets for visitors and citizens the Battle of Brandywine and its impact on the course and outcome of the American Revolution, focusing on the Philadelphia Campaign, and the Battle’s effect on the local community.

The goal is to present educational programs, exhibits, tours, events and publications that broaden public understanding and appreciation of the significance of the Battle of Brandywine within the larger social, political, economic, technological and military context of the American Revolution period.

Major themes:

* The strategy, tactics, action and participants in the Battle, within the context of the Philadelphia campaign.
* The impact of the Battle in the larger arena of the American Revolution.
* The social, economic and political consequences of the Battle for local residents, who were predominantly pacifist Quakers.
* The roles played by prominent individuals such as Washington, Lafayette, and other leaders in the British and American forces, as well as various groups such as Hessians, Quakers, and African Americans.
* Provide community recreational space and an area for “living history” through creative use of the Brandywine Battlefield Park landscape, buildings and artifacts.

To take lead responsibility for interpretation of, and participate in efforts to preserve, the entire Battlefield National Historic Landmark, of which Brandywine Battlefield Park is only a small part, recognizing the significance of these ten square miles where approximately 30,000 men fought.

To sustain a strong partnership between PHMC, the Brandywine Battlefield Park Associates and other groups whose valued guidance and support enhance the mission and goals of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

**Birmingham**

**Sandy Hollow Park**

The location of the most concentrated fighting of the Battle of the Brandywine took place from Dilworth to Street Road with the center of intensity in Sandy Hollow.   
This Battle involved the largest number of fighting troops (22,000 to 30,000) of the Revolutionary War and a rare encounter between General George Washington and British Generals William Howe and Charles Cornwallis.

**Caln Township**

**Lloyd Park**

This 30 Acre Park located off of Lloyd Avenue is mostly used for passive recreation purposes. It includes some play equipment, two sand volleyball courts, walking trails, a gazebo structure and a canine area for our four legged friends. The pavilion may also be reserved by calling the Township office at *610-384-0600 ext. 103*. There is a $40 non-refundable permit fee for residents and an $80 non-refundable permit fee for non-residents. A refundable security deposit of $100 is required.

**Caln Township Municipal Park**

This 20 Acre Park located off of Municipal Drive is our community park and offers many recreation activities. Organized baseball through the *[C](http://www.calnaa.com/)aln Athletic Association* is active throughout the year on lighted ball fields. The park also has two large pavilions, rest rooms and play areas for small children. Recently, with the help of state and county grants the Township constructed tennis courts, a new picnic pavilion, a roller hockey rink, a large play structure and other improvements to the park. The picnic pavilions may be reserved by calling the Township office at *610-384-0600 ext. 103*. There is a $40 non-refundable permit fee for residents and an $80 non-refundable permit fee for non-residents. A refundable security deposit of $100 is required. The tennis courts are on a first come/first serve basis.

**Uwchlan Township**

**Spring Run Park**

Spring Run Park is an outdoor park consisting of a soccer field and a playground.

**Shamona Park**

Shamona Park is split up into two adjacent recreational areas, Shamona main and Shamona peck. Shamona main consists of two soccer fields and a baseball field. Shamona peck also consists of two soccer fields and a baseball field.

**Dowlin Forge Park**

**Lionville Park**

Lionville Park is LYA’s largest complex, and hosts baseball, soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, and softball.  It is also the home of [Uwchlan Community Day](http://www.uwchlan.com/) every year in July.

**Honeybrook**

**Umble Park**

**Borough Park**

**Struble Lake Recreation Area**

Located in [Chester County](http://fishandboat.com/county.htm), Struble Lake is a 386-acre impoundment owned by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and managed by the Fish and Boat Commission for public fishing and boating

Struble Lake has a number of warmwater/coolwater species, with good to excellent fishing for walleye, channel catfish and black crappie. All species of fish are managed under Commonwealth. Shore fishing is permitted.

[Fish habitat structures have been placed in the lake](http://fishandboat.com/water/habitat/mgmt_plans/lake/struble.pdf) over the years as part of the Commission's[*Cooperative Fish Habitat Improvement Program*](http://fishandboat.com/lakeplans.htm).

**BOATING**

Boating at Struble Lake is limited to boats powered by electric motors and un-powered boats. The primary type of boats used on the lake are moderate-draft fishing boats, sailboats and recreational runabouts.

A surfaced launch ramp and loading dock is available. There is a gravel parking lot that can accommodate at least 10 vehicles, and some limited lakeside parking.

Un-powered boats may be moored at the lake in accordance with [Commission property regulations](http://fishandboat.com/fishpub/summary/pfbcproperty.html). To be used at the lake, [boats must be registered or have a valid launch permit](http://fishandboat.com/registration.htm) (permits are issued by the Commission or PA Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources)

**Sadsbury Township**

**Sadsbury Wood Preserve**

The 508 acres that make up Sadsbury Woods include one of the largest remaining, unfragmented woodlands in Chester County. The preserve is an important habitat for interior nesting birds and small mammals.

* 5.5 miles of unpaved trails ranging from easy to difficult, including one wheelchair accessible trail
* Birds include several neo-tropical migratory songbirds such as Scarlet Tanager, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, and Ovenbird
* Animals include red fox, tree frog, raccoon, eastern chipmunk, and eastern flying squirrel
* Horseback riding on designated trails under good conditions (not wet or muddy); horse trailers are not permitted
* Increasingly rare area of interior woodlands (defined as an area at least 300 feet from any edge, such as a road, lawn, or meadow)
* Buck Run, a tributary of the Brandywine Creek, runs through the preserve. Thousands of new trees have been planted in the Buck Run riparian area to create a better filter for surface and groundwater pollution.

**West Caln**

**Layton Park**

Layton Park is an outdoor recreational facility consisting of two baseball fields, a soccer field, a hockey rink, a tennis court, and a basketball court. There are also paved walking paths looping around the athletic fields at the park.

**East Fallowfield**

**East Fallowfield Community Park**

The weather is warming up and it’s a great time to come to East Fallowfield Community Park to try out over 5 miles of trails.  When you enter on Buck Run Road, you will be parked at the “Playing Field Loop”, a paved, ADA trail almost a half mile in length (.42 mile). As you pass by, be sure to check the postings at the Informational Kiosk built by Eagle Scout Ben Selin. Need a rest yet? Sit and watch the children play on the playground from one of the picnic table benches built by Chris Pearlberg for his Eagle project. Continue walking down the hill, winding your way to the beautiful pond.  This “Pond Trail” is also ADA, a combination of paved and mulched trail, adding another half mile (.48 miles). Picnic tables near the pond were the work of Eagle Scout Joe Becker.

After crossing the covered bridge over Dennis Run, built by Eagle Scout J. Hammond, you will find the “Mowed Meadow Trail” of over 1 mile (lower mowed trail, .47 mile ; upper mowed trail .60 mile). The lower trail takes you along the wood line.  You can stop for a break at the beautiful benches built as an Eagle project by Jeff Schaeffer.  For more of an adventurous trek, travel over the amazing twin bridges.  This ambitious Eagle project was the work of Kyle Martin.  Trails through the woods will lead you uphill to the park Fall-Out Shelter, restored by Eagle Scout Nick Massaro, and beyond.

If instead you chose to continue on the mowed trail, enjoying the sunshine, you will meet up with our “Newly Dedicated Trail” (west-side trail.) Completing this will add another 1.35 miles to your trip.  This walk is a mix of paved, gravel and grass trail; both hilly and flat.  It takes you behind the East Fallowfield Police Station (on Rt. 82), across Crossing Blvd. and behind the Brook Crossing development. It starts out in the open, but continues into the shady woods, past wetlands and a dam.  One section of this trail is steep- be sure to use the hand rail.  There are several wooded trails to link back to the pond trail or mowed trails.

While enjoying the trails in the park, please be sure to keep our park rules in mind.  The park is open dawn to dusk.  Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the park. Pets are welcome, but must be leashed and under control at all times. You must clean up after your pets- several ‘Doggie Stations’ are available along the loop. Bicycles are permitted only on paved and gravel trails. A complete list of the rules can be found on this website.

There is much flora and fauna to be seen- come prepared to identify them by purchasing “A Field Guide to Wildlife”- an identification guide written specifically for East Fallowfield Community Park.  The color pamphlet may be purchased at the Township Building for $3.00 (to cover printing charges), or downloaded for free at this site.

We hope you will take the time to explore the trails at East Fallowfield Community Park.  Enjoy!

**Valley Township**

**Ash Park**

A 9.3 acre park Between Walnut and Kersey Streets – Center of Community

Community Swimming Pool, two lighted basketball courts, tennis courts, baseball field, roller hockey rink, children’s play equipment and a picnic grove with a 24′ x 44′ steel pavilion, exterior bulletin board, and sports & activity equipment locker.

Amenities include two (2) 18″ x 72″ grills and four (4) small grills.- See more at: <http://www.coatesville.org/government/parks/ash-park#sthash.RJRiLmXM.dpuf>

**West Chester Borough**

**Everhart Park**

Everhart Park, donated to the Borough of West Chester in 1905 by Dr. Isaiah Everhart, provides a dog run (dogs must be leashed and curbed), childrens playground, walking paths, picnic areas, and a number of public events. The park is supported by [Friends of Everhart Park](http://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfEverhartPark) with oversight by [West Chester Parks & Recreation](http://www.west-chester.com/recreation.php).