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# PINE CREEK OUTFITTERS & THE PINE CREEK GORGE

## PINE CREEK OUTFITTERS IS KNOWN FOR:

**KNOWLEDGEABLE ADVICE:** We are recognized as THE place to go for information on regional outdoor activities. We have personally produced maps of the river, trailguides for the major backpacking trails nearby, and books on the many local short hikes.

**CUSTOMER SATISFACTION:** For over 40 years our best advertisement has been a satisfied customer, and many of our customers return regularly because we provide unsurpassed service and excellent value. We measure success by how many times you return!

**UNMATCHED EXPERIENCE:** Since 1984, Pine Creek Outfitters has been a family-owned business. NOBODY has guided more trips on Pine Creek or has more experience providing equipment and services for boaters, hikers, backpackers, and bicyclists in our region.

**QUALITY SERVICE & VALUE:** We take pride in helping you experience the natural wonder of this region and show great skill, professionalism, and concern for your outdoor experience. We rent first-class equipment and provide friendly, personal service to each customer.

**1ST CLASS FACILITIES & ACCESS:** Our base on Route 6 in Ansonia, across from Great Valley Cabins, is at the entrance to the PA Grand Canyon. We have convenient on-site access to Pine Creek and are only a mile from the bike trail and nearby hiking trails. We provide free parking, toilet facilities, change rooms, beverages, snacks, t-shirt, river and bike gear, camping supplies, firewood, water, and recycling.

**ENVIRONMENTAL & COMMUNITY COMMITMENT:** We are sincerely committed to protecting our natural environment for future generations to enjoy by offering low-impact outdoor programs and activities that enhance your appreciation of our natural world. At Pine Creek Outfitters we also believe in improving our local community. We volunteer actively in community affairs, buy locally-made products, donate time, money, and services to organizations and events that work to better the quality of life for people who live here. We want to keep our area and home a beautiful and desirable place to visit. We have free on-site trash disposal and recycling for after your trip. Our greatest hope is that Pine Creek and the PA Grand Canyon will forever stay beautiful, natural, and wild for future generations to enjoy.



The Pine Creek Gorge Natural Area is the second largest natural area in the state, spanning 12,163 acres (plus additional adjacent state forest land). The National Park Service says the Pine Creek Gorge “contains superlative scenery, geological and ecological value, and is one of the finest examples of a deep gorge in the eastern United States.” The gorge itself is over 40 miles long, 1,000 feet deep, and over a mile wide in some places.

If you saw a satellite photo of the northeastern United States taken at night, you would notice a large dark area in north-central Pennsylvania - very few people, few lights, and few signs of the 21st century. A look at a map will show you why: most of the land is State Forest and Gamelands. Almost half of Pennsylvania’s 2 million acres of State Forest are found here. Our region is the home of Pennsylvania’s only “Dark Skies” State Park, Cherry Springs.

This is one of the last and most extensive wilderness regions on the east coast. It is an area only hours away from most of the metropolitan Northeast, but is uncompromised by proximity to modern civilization. Enjoy the extensive forests, clean rivers, endless miles of hiking and biking trails, abundant wildlife, and unparalleled scenery of Pine Creek.

Pine Creek is a combination of moderate class II whitewater, long quiet stretches of flatwater, and idyllic natural scenery. It is steady-flowing water framed by towering palisades and dramatic rock outcrops crowned with evergreen forests and cathedral-like hardwoods. It is a sanctuary of abundant wildlife - bald eagles, black bears, deer, and native trout.

The Pine Creek Gorge is listed as a Pennsylvania Scenic River and was designated a National Natural Landmark in 1968. The Pine Creek Trail served as a travel route for Native Americans for centuries. Multiple tribes established seasonal encampments along Pine Creek and cultivated the fertile floodplain, called “Big Meadows,” in the Ansonia Valley. Pine Creek Outfitters is located in the scenic Ansonia Valley.

### Join us for the 5th Annual Pine Creek Regaaaata - May 17, 2026

The past three years in May Pine Creek Outfitters has sponsored the Annual Pine Creek Jon Regaaaata to celebrate former owner Jon Dillon’s love of Pine Creek, raising almost \$38,000 for brain cancer research in Jon’s memory.

The Regaaaata consists of a float on the Upper Pine and a special commemorative t-shirt for all participants. In addition to the float, there are usually food and drink vendors, live entertainment, and raffles for a variety of local goods and services that have been donated. Over 200 people participated in the event last year, and an additional 150 people mail-ordered the t-shirt to support the cause.

Glioblastoma (GBM) brain cancer is the deadliest malignant brain tumor in adults, claiming over 15,000 lives each year in the US. People diagnosed with GBM have a mean survival of 12-18 months. These statistics have been virtually unchanged for decades, and much more funding for research is needed to find successful treatments and hope for brain cancer patients.

This year the Outfitters will sponsor the 6th Annual Regaaaata on Sunday, May 17. **Details will be posted on the Pine Creek Outfitters Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/PineCrkOutfitters](https://www.facebook.com/PineCrkOutfitters)).** We hope that you will be able to participate and honor Jon’s memory. A portion of the proceeds from the Pine Creek Jon Regaaaata will be donated to StacheStrong, a 501(c)3 non-profit devoted to raising awareness and funding for brain cancer research.



Jon Dillon 1983 - 2021

Jon Dillon was President and General Manager of Pine Creek Outfitters from July 2006 to March 2021, when he died of glioblastoma brain cancer.

### Pine Creek Outfitters, Inc. is now Pine Creek Outfitters Co.

We are pleased to be your new hosts starting in 2026. You will see some new faces in addition to the same PCO crew that have provided the friendly and helpful quality services, equipment, and knowledge that you have enjoyed in the past. We look forward to meeting you and making your Pine Creek experience your most enjoyable ever.

- Charlie, Cindy, and Calder Griffiths

*“Super welcoming and friendly people that clearl love the area They gave us great recs for hikes and overlooks and for drinks afterwards. We’ll use them anytime we come back here.”*

- Denis H (TripAdvisor Review)

*“We attended Jon’s Regaaaata. There was a fantastic turnout. The shuttle service dropped us off in a loation that was easy to put into the water and we floated down to our parking at the Outfitters. They kept us informed about the water levels to know what to expect. The weather was perfect, the staff was helpful and friendly. The environment was relaxed. For the event they also have live music and a food truck.”*

- Shelly B. (Google Review)



Q: WHERE IS PINE CREEK OUTFITTERS?

A: Pine Creek Outfitters is about 10 miles west of Wellsboro on Rt 6 (3/4 mile west of Route 362), across from Great Valley Rentals and Mack’s Chainsaw Art. We are only 1 mile from the Pine Creek Rail Trail and the West Rim Trail. We are 1/2 mile west of Colton Road/Burnin’ Barrell, 5 miles from Colton Point State Park, and 15 miles from Leonard Harrison State Park.

Pine Creek Outfitters has direct boat access to Pine Creek and a private boat launching area with parking available.

Q: HOW DOES THE SHUTTLE SERVICE WORK?

OPTION # 1: (pickup times - page 5)

Start at Pine Creek Outfitters and end at your destination. Get picked up after you have finished. Many people that are bicycling or boating the 17-mile PA Grand Canyon choose this option.

OPTION # 2: (pickup times - page 5)

Get picked up at your destination before you start. We will bring you to Pine Creek Outfitters (or another location of your choice) to start.

OPTION # 3: (departure times - page 5)

Get dropped off at a destination and make your way back to Pine Creek Outfitters or where your vehicle is parked. This is recommended for hikers on West Rim Trail or Mid State Trail and some bicyclists.

OPTION # 4: Valet Service (vehicle shuttle) - page 10) If you have your own equipment you can get your vehicle shuttled. We will drive your vehicle to your destination. Please remember to fill out a vehicle shuttle form.

Please sign up in advance for your shuttle by booking online or e-mailing us. Gratuities for your shuttle driver are accepted and appreciated.

Paddling the Upper Pine Creek - shuttles run on a demand basis (approx. every hour). Please remember to sign up for a time in advance. Please arrive about 20 minutes early for your trip to get checked in and ready. The first shuttle leaves at 9:30 AM and the last one leaves at 3:30 PM.

Q: WHERE CAN I CAMP?

A: Permit camping is allowed along Pine Creek and in the state forest. You must get a (FREE) camping permit to camp along Pine Creek by boat or foot. The best primitive campsites are located in the gorge natural area. Other designated camping areas include Black Walnut Bottom and Bonnell Flats. Black Walnut Bottom and Tiadaghton (no overnight parking) are the only camping areas along Pine Creek that have road access. Check PA DCNR’s website for complete information regulating camping.

Contact the Tioga State Forest Office (570)-724-2868 for primitive camping north of Rattlesnake Rock. Contact the Tiadaghton State Forest Office (570)-753-5409 for camping south of Rattlesnake Rock.

Q: WHERE IS LODGING AVAILABLE?

A: The most popular place to stay is the nearby town of Wellsboro. It has the most lodging options and amenities, and it’s in a very convenient location. Other towns with lodging options - Ansonia, Galeton, Blackwell, Cedar Run, Slate Run, Waterville, and Jersey Shore. There are numerous cabin rentals located all over the area and along Pine Creek. Contact the Visit Potter-Tioga Visitors Bureau (570)-724-0635 for full listings and availability for lodging. See Page 19 - Accommodations

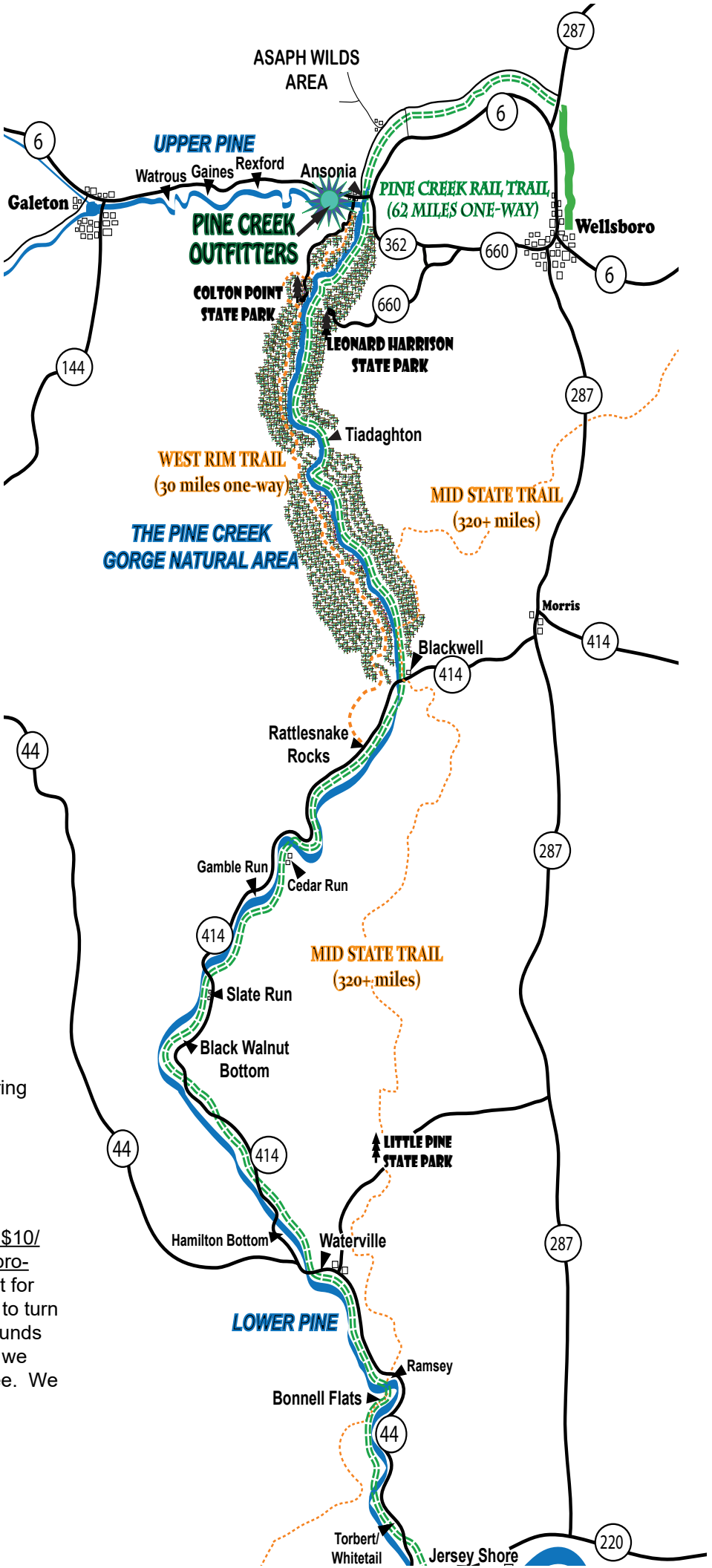
Q: WHEN SHOULD I MAKE A RESERVATION?

A: We recommend making a reservation at least two weeks in advance during spring (March through May). Summer water conditions are less certain, so we recommend making reservations about 2 - 5 days in advance (June - October). Reservations are required for all of our guided trips.

Q: WHAT IS YOUR CANCELLATION POLICY?

A: If you cancel your trip and give us more than 2 days advance notice, there is a \$10/ person non-refundable deposit and a processing fee charged by our credit card processing firm). Please understand that we are unable to reserve or rent equipment for other parties if you have reserved it in advance (this is business that we have had to turn away). If you cancel your trip less than 48 hours prior to your trip, there are no refunds available, though we offer free rain checks and rescheduling for the same year. If we have to cancel a trip due to low or high water conditions there is no cancellation fee. We operate rain or shine!

Pine Creek Outfitters:	BOATING	BIKING	DRIVING
to Blackwell	17 miles (4 to 6 hours)	17 miles (3 hours)	28 miles (42 minutes)
to Rattlesnake Rock	19 miles (1 to 2 days)	19 miles (3 hours)	30 miles (45 minutes)
to Cedar Run	no boat access	24 miles (4 hours)	34 miles (1 hour)
to Slate Run	28 miles (2 to 3 days)	28 miles (5 hours)	39 miles (1.15 hours)
to Hamilton Bottom	42 miles (3 to 4 days)	no bike access	52 miles (1.4 hours)
to Waterville	no boat access	44 miles (7 hours)	55 miles (1.5 hours)
to Torbert / Whitetail	55 miles (4 to 5 days)	54 miles (8 hours)	65 miles (1.7 hours)
to Jersey Shore	no boat access	56 miles (all day)	67 miles (2 hours)



“Staff were freindly and wanted to make sure we had a good time. My family and I took a canoe and kayaks on a 13-mile stretch of Pine Creek (not in the Canyon). ... Scenery was beautiful and the river was easy and safe to navigate with young children. I highly recommend it to anyone visiting the area.”  
- Ben S. (TripAdvisor Review)



# **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT BOATING**

**Q: WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO PADDLE PINE CREEK?**

**A:** Spring - March to May. Pine Creek can often be shallow in summer and is only occasionally floatable immediately following heavy rain.

**Q: IS PINE CREEK EVER FLOATABLE IN THE SUMMER?**

**A:** Sometimes yes but you never know when or how long it will last. There are no dams controlling the water levels in Pine Creek. Pine Creek is the largest "creek" in the United States but it functions just like typical smaller creeks - the creek levels depend entirely on the spring snow melt and local rainfall throughout the year. Northcentral PA and Pine Creek receives less average rainfall than the rest of PA. Check out **www.pinecrk.com** for our creek conditions.

**Q: ISN'T THE WATER COLD IN SPRING?**

**A:** *"There's no such thing as bad weather, only the wrong outfit."*

The water in Pine Creek is cold anytime during the float season - even in late May! Wetsuits and other cold weather attire are highly recommended throughout the entire float season.

**Q: WHAT DO PEOPLE WEAR WHEN BOATING ON PINE CREEK?**

**A:** Cotton clothing is NOT recommended because cotton becomes heavy and does not help you stay warm after you get wet. A neoprene wetsuit (2 mm or thicker) is almost always recommended and is included on our guided trips. A wetsuit virtually eliminates the dangers of hypothermia. There are also non-cotton layers of clothing you can wear like fleece, wool, synthetic long underwear, and waterproof jackets & pants.

**Q: HOW DIFFICULT IS BOATING ON PINE CREEK?**

**A:** Pine Creek is considered easy to moderate whitewater. Most of the creek is class I or II with easy floating stretches and minimal maneuvering required. The PA Grand Canyon (gorge section) is rated as class II for most of the season. When the creek is higher it can become a class III. You should have intermediate proficiency if you are canoeing or kayaking the 17-mile gorge section (Ansonia to Blackwell). About 50% of inexperienced people in canoes and kayaks will likely flip or capsize in higher water. Less than 5% of rafters capsize or fall in the water - so rafts are generally the safer choice.

**Q: IS CAMPING AVAILABLE ON PINE CREEK?**

**A:** Yes but you must first obtain a **FREE camping permit** from DCNR. Camping from Ansonia to Rattlesnake Rock is in Tioga County - **Tioga State Forest (570)-724-2868**. Camping from Rattlesnake Rock south to Jersey Shore is in Lycoming County - **Tiadaghton State Forest (570)-753-5409**.

**Q: WHERE ARE THE CAMPSITES ON PINE CREEK?**

**A:** Primitive campsites are found in the canyon natural area (*they are all first-come & first-served*).

There are established campsites at Tiadaghton - with picnic tables, fire rings, and bathrooms.

Camping is also available at Hoffman Camp (1 mile south of Blackwell), Black Walnut Bottom (near Slate Run), and Bonnell Flats (near Waterville).

**Q: SHOULD I GO WITH A GUIDED TRIP - OR - RENT AND GO ON MY OWN?**

**A:** We recommend a guided trip if you have never paddled Pine Creek or if you are unsure of anyone's abilities. You never know what might happen when boating in a wilderness setting. Our guides know the river better than anyone and are trained in swiftwater rescues, wilderness first-aid, and CPR.

**An essential skill is being able to recover people and gear after capsizing in moving water.** Our guided trips include shuttle service, wetsuit rental, a buffet lunch, beverages, and unlimited local knowledge and entertainment provided by our awesome staff!

**Q: WHAT IF CREEK LEVELS ARE TOO LOW OR TOO HIGH FOR PADDLING?**

**A:** It is a good idea to make a backup plan with alternate activities - just in case there are unfavorable creek conditions. We have multiple activities to offer as alternatives: boating on the Upper Pine, inner tubing, hiking, and bicycling on the popular 66-mile Pine Creek Rail Trail.



*"Great people and they give great advice on kayaking Pine Creek. Have been there many years. Love the shuttle service they provide. We were able to kayak down the river over three days, and they dropped our truck off downstream about 20 miles. We come from over three hours away so very helpful to have this shuttle service."*

*- Winsor M. (TripAdvisor Review)*



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## Pennsylvania Lumber Museum

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**Please join us for Bark Peelers' Festival on July 4 & 5, 2026 !!**



## **\*\*What-To-Wear When Boating on Pine Creek\*\***

**WETSUITS:** highly recommended through early to mid May for both comfort and safety. 2 & 3 mm wetsuits are much more comfortable than rainsuits or wool clothes when the weather is cool, especially if you are wet. They are not water repellent. They are specifically designed to retain your body heat when you are wet. Wetsuits insulate your body and allow a thin layer of water to be trapped next to your skin and be naturally warmed.

**Under the wetsuit** you should only wear thin, non-cotton layers, such as micro fleece, polypropylene, long underwear, or a swimsuit.

**Over the wetsuit** attire depends on the weather. Fleece jackets or wool sweaters, combined with some kind of windbreaker, is ideal dress for most spring trips. The more layers you have on, the warmer you will be generally. Our farmer-john wetsuits cover from your ankles to your shoulders. They are sleeveless so you should have at least one additional warm, non-cotton layer for over your wetsuit.

**Over your feet** you should wear wetsuit socks - just like regular socks, except made of neoprene. Wetsuit socks do not have any soles so, you also need to wear something else that covers your feet and your toes - an old pair of sneakers or boots will work. Neoprene water shoes are best for this activity.

Hat and gloves help a lot to add warmth and insulation on cooler days. Waterproof/ weatherproof windbreaker jackets and pants are also helpful for keeping you dry.

Pine Creek Outfitters sells & rents wetsuits (ALL sizes from kids to 4XL adult), wetsuit socks, paddling jackets, and wetsuit mittens. We also sell other wetsuit & cold weather attire like socks, paddling jackets, gloves, and watershoes at our store.

## **\*\*How-To-Pack Your Stuff When Boating\*\***

**DRYBAGS:** Put all personal belongings and extra clothes in a drybag. Most drybags have a handle that buckles together. Buckle (or tie down) your drybag(s) to your boat to prevent your stuff from floating away if you capsize. It is much easier to recover all your belongings if they are in the same place - attached to your boat.

## **The 2 Most Important Items to Wear**



PFD / Lifejacket  
(type III)

*US Coast Guard Approved*

Make sure to fasten all buckles and zippers. Always adjust from the bottom to the top.



neoprene wetsuit  
(2 mm or thicker)

## **Other Items to Wear**

- \* jacket & rain pants - water-proof & wind resistant
- \* long underwear & additional layers (non-cotton)
- \* hat
- \* gloves
- \* water shoes (no open toes)



*We sell drybags, dryboxes, water shoes, wetsuits, gloves, and neoprene wetsuit socks at our store in Ansonia!*

*"We go up to Wellsboro and visit Pine Creek Outfitters several times a year. Their bicycle rental is very affordable and access to the rail trail is nearby. This is a family operated business with years of experience Good people"*  
- Chuck H. (Gogle Review)

*"The entire staff at Pine Creek Outfitters was fabtastic and extremely helpful. We had a great time rafting."*  
- Joel F. (TripAdvisor Review)



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# GUIDED RAFTING TRIPS

Our Guide-Assisted Rafting Tours start right here at our riverside base in Ansonia. Along the way you will navigate the canyon's class II/III rapids, view wildlife like bald eagles and experience the beauty of the Pine Creek Gorge. We stop midway and set up a lunch (included) for you. Then our shuttle vans provide you with transportation back to your vehicle at Pine Creek Outfitters.

Your safety and satisfaction are our top priorities. We want each trip to be a unique and memorable experience that will stick with you for the rest of your life. Our guides have extensive experience on the water, are very knowledgeable about this area, and are close by to assist you.

Guided rafting trips begin to operate as soon the creek is runnable AND ARE AVAILABLE ON SATURDAYS AND AVAILABLE OTHER DAYS FOR GROUPS OF 12 OR MORE from early-mid March until Memorial Day. We HIGHLY RECOMMEND you plan your trip as early as possible to take advantage of the higher water and bigger rapids in spring.

WE RUN OUR GUIDED TOURS RAIN OR SHINE. WE DO NOT CANCEL TRIPS DUE TO RAIN - whitewater rafting is a watersport, and we assume you already expect to get wet.

Check-in for guided rafting tours is at 8:30 AM. Tours end in the village of Blackwell, and then we shuttle you back our facilities in Ansonia, finishing the day around 4:00 PM.



## Pine Creek is a Seasonal River

There are no dams on Pine Creek, so the water level is not controlled and is dependent on snowfall and rain. If you wish to float the Canyon, Spring (March - May) is the best time to plan your trip. Outside of this window of opportunity, you cannot predict water level in advance, though the Upper Pine is usually boatable for a longer period of time.

## Plan Your Canyon Trip March - May

No experience required, beginners are welcome! *Recommended Age 8+*

**\$90.00 / ADULTS**  
**\$75.00 / PERSON UNDER 18 YEARS, SCOUTS, & GROUPS OF 15 OR MORE**

*"Awesome experience. . . . Guides were excellent, knowledgeable, safe, and entertaining."*  
- K.B. (TripAdvisor Review)

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*I've been camping with friends on the first week of spring for over 20 years, and although I have my own kayak and gear, not all my friends do. I've been using PCO for over 10 years to arrange for my friends to kayak with me, from the Upper Pine on some years and Lower Pine on recent years. This year we did an 8-9 mile stretch and they were knowledgeable and willing to accommodate us delivering and picking up the boats and gear as arranged. We were able to take care of all the paperwork and payment ahead of time so it worked very smoothly. We had multiple emails about the weather and water level which made a difference on making the right and safe decision. We were early for the drop off, but so was Mark, showing up right after us. He was friendly and organized and had everything we needed. The wetsuits, mitts, etc. were all new, in great shape and worked perfectly. The PCO kayaks worked very well, handling the waves at 3.5 feet and were comfortable. I've had many years relying on PCO, and look forward to many more!*

- Ben N. (Tripadvisor Review)

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# **RAFT, CANOE, & KAYAK RENTALS**

## **UPPER PINE CREEK (Half-day Trips)**

The Upper Pine Creek is a perfect blend of scenery, abundant wildlife, easy logistics, and fun & excitement. This section is ideal for novice canoeists and kayakers. Groups with younger children and fishermen also prefer this section. It is highly recommended by our staff and many locals prefer it over the longer 17-mile gorge section.

You can park your car at Pine Creek Outfitters and then we'll load you and all the equipment into our vans. We drive you a few miles upstream (you can usually vary the length of your trip) and then you just float back to our outfitters. Finish your trip right behind our building.

Shuttles going upstream for the Upper Pine trips operate on a demand basis until 3:00 PM each day. We shuttle people & boats - even if you have your own boats (see pg.11).

<b>HALF DAY TRIP RENTALS:</b>	<b>Canoe/Raft</b>	<b>Kayak</b>
<b>Rexford to Ansonia - 5 miles, 1 - 2 hours,</b>	<b>\$25 per person</b>	<b>\$35 per person</b>
<b>Gaines to Ansonia - 8 miles, 2 - 3 hours</b>	<b>\$30 per person</b>	<b>\$40 per person</b>
<b>Watrous to Ansonia - 10 miles, 3 - 4 hours</b>	<b>\$30 per person</b>	<b>\$40 per person</b>
<b>Galeton to Ansonia - 13 miles, 4 - 5 hours</b>	<b>\$45 per prson</b>	<b>\$55 per person</b>
<b>(Shuttle included above)</b>		

## **PINE CREEK GORGE** **(Full Day & Multi Day Trips)**

[SEE PAGES 10 & 11 FOR FULL DAY/MULTI-DAY RENTAL & SHUTTLE COSTS]

### **THE CANYON - Ansonia to Blackwell, 17 miles**

Class II / III difficulty - intermediate whitewater boating proficiency strongly recommended. If you possess good whitewater boating skills you can self-navigate the canyon. There are limited access points: **Pine Creek Outfitters, Big Meadows,** emergency-only access at Tiadaghton, **Blackwell, & Rattlesnake Rocks.** Float time from Ansonia to Blackwell is usually about 5 - 6 hours total. Many prefer to primitive camp in the canyon for an overnight or weekend trip.

### **MULTI DAY TRIPS:**

Pine Creek provides excellent shoreside primitive camping for multi-day raft and canoe trips through the Canyon and Pine Creek Valley. Average trip times:

**Ansonia to Rattlesnake Rock - 19 miles, 1 - 2 days**  
**Ansonia to Slate Run - 28 miles, 2 - 3 days**  
**Ansonia to Hamilton Bottom - 42 miles, 3 - 4 days**  
**Galeton to Torbert - 68 miles, 4 - 5 days**

**CAMPING PERMITS AND RULES:** Primitive camping is allowed (with a permit) in the Canyon north and south of Tiadaghton, and at the Tiadaghton, Hoffman, Black Walnut Bottom, and Bonnel Flats Camping areas.

1. You must have a camping permit, and **boat-in CAMPING PERMITS ARE FREE.** Obtain one in advance for camping north of Rattlesnake Rock from the Tioga State Forest Office (570)-724-2868. For camping south of Rattlesnake Rock, contact the Tiadaghton State Forest Office in at (570)-753-5409.
2. Camping on private property (or any other non-designated camping area) is illegal.
3. Check with the Tioga State Forest Office (570)-724-2868 to see if there is a fire ban in effect and for full permit camping information. Make small enclosed fires and use only fallen wood.
4. Please be quiet and respectful of other users on Pine Creek and local wildlife.
5. **CARRY IN, CARRY OUT all trash - even if it is not yours.**



All boaters must have a PFD (lifejacket). All boats must have a noise-making device (whistle) on board. All private boats must be registered with the PA Fish & Boat Commission or have a launch permit sticker obtained from DCNR.

**Tioga State Forest Office (570)-724-2868**

**CHECK THE CREEK CONDITIONS ONLINE: [www.pinecrk.com](http://www.pinecrk.com)**

The gauge at Cedar Run is updated hourly and conditions may change quickly.

Minimum height for tubing is 1.3 ft. Minimum height for boating Upper Pine Creek is 1.6 ft. Most prefer higher water (2 feet or higher) for paddling the Pine Creek Gorge.



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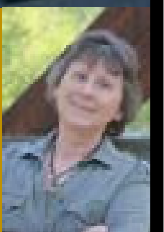
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# SHUTTLE SERVICES

Pine Creek Outfitters can pick you up and drop you off and take care of your logistical troubles. We can transport people, canoes, kayaks, bicycles, personal equipment & gear, your vehicle, and even dogs from one access area to another. We are here to help make your vacation as easy and fun as possible.

The PA Grand Canyon Natural Area has limited road access and parking. Doing your own transportation from point A to point B can be time-consuming, and you end up traveling the same distance twice with multiple vehicles. We offer shuttle services for all your outdoor activities. You can even park at our location for the entire duration of your trip. Public parking at common access areas can sometimes be a problem, **especially on busy weekends and holidays.**

Pine Creek Outfitters has **direct access** to Pine Creek with our own boat private launch, and is 1 mile west of the Pine Creek Rail Trail and West Rim Trail. We have a large parking lot and a gift store with souvenirs and supplies for all your activities. Please remember to book online and reserve your shuttle ahead of time [www.pinecrk.com](http://www.pinecrk.com) or e-mail us: [info@pinecrk.com](mailto:info@pinecrk.com)



## Shuttle Pick Up Times & Destinations

You can get picked up before you start - or after you are finished.  
Please choose one of the following times and destinations

<b>Blackwell</b> (17 miles)	<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>Rattlesnake Rock</b> (19 miles)	<b>10:00 AM</b>	
<b>Slate Run</b> (29 miles)	<b>9:45 AM</b>	<b>4:45 PM</b>
<b>Waterville</b> (44 miles)	<b>9:20 AM</b>	
<b>Jersey Shore</b> (58 miles)	<b>9:00 AM</b>	
<b><u>SIGN UP IN ADVANCE</u></b>		

SHUTTLE SCHEDULE TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON DEMAND ON BUSY DAYS, AND SHUTTLE TIMES MAY RUN BEHIND A FEW MINUTES. PLEASE BE READY A FEW MINUTES IN ADVANCE OF YOUR SCHEDULED TIME.

## Shuttle Departure Times (from Ansonia)

You can get dropped off and then make your way back to your vehicle - used by both bicyclists and backpackers. We depart Ansonia at the following times: (please arrive for check-in 15 minutes prior)

**LEAVING FROM PINE CREEK OUTFITTERS**  
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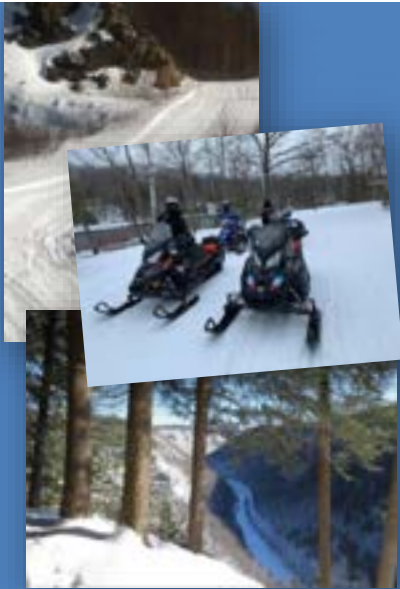
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**SIGN UP IN ADVANCE (2 - 5 DAYS IN ADVANCE)**

You can set up a same day shuttle too but it is highly recommended to reserve ahead - you can do this online. We have limited capacity on each 15-passenger shuttle van. Cell service in our area is limited due to terrain, and the Canyon is almost entirely undeveloped wilderness.

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# THE PINE CREEK RAIL TRAIL

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### Most Popular Bicycle Trips in the PA Grand Canyon:

**TURKEY PATH WATERFALL BIKE RIDE** - Easy Difficulty. 10 miles roundtrip, 2 - 3 hours. Bike 5 miles to the Turkey Path, enjoy the lovely waterfalls, hike around then bike back.

**CANYON BIKE RIDE TO BLACKWELL** - Easy Difficulty. 17 miles one-way, 2.5 - 3.5 hours. Requires a shuttle at the end, or biking the distance back (& *doubling the miles*).

### BICYCLE RENTALS

We rent a variety of bike styles & sizes: cruisers, hybrids, pedal-assist e-bikes, and mountain bikes. Most bikes have upright handlebars with wider tires and comfortable seats. We have adult, youth & kids bikes, pull-behind child carriages, and tag-alongs (a tandem attachment for kids who would use training wheels). Helmets are available (free with a rental) at request (ages 12 & under are required to wear a helmet).

**BICYCLE RENTAL (3 hours or less) - \$20 per bike**

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**KIDS TAG-ALONG or TRAILER - \$20 per tag along or trailer**

### BICYCLE RENTAL & RETURN SHUTTLE COMBO:

**BLACKWELL - \$55 per person regular bike; \$85/person e-bike**

**SLATE RUN - \$65 per person regular bike; \$95/person e-bike**

### SHUTTLE SERVICES FOR THE ENTIRE TRAIL

**(even if you have your own bikes)**

Pine Creek Outfitters offers a shuttle service that can deliver you and your bikes to any trail access area. If you rent from us **or if have your own bike**, we can provide you with shuttle service for you and your bikes to the destination of your choice. See page 10.

Ansonia- to-Blackwell is 17 miles by bicycle or boat but the driving distance is much further because there is no road access into the canyon natural area. Our shuttle service solves any logistical issues by offering a pickup schedule at several convenient locations along the trail. Please sign up in advance for shuttle services.

**Shuttle Pickups at Blackwell are 2:00 PM & 5:00 PM.**

*"Prompt pick up, right on time, and very knowledgeable on points to stop for food along Pine Creek Rail Trail. Definitely would use again!"*

- Phil T. (TripAdvisor Review)

*"Reasonably priced, pleasant service, decent bicycles, and on-time pickup."*

- Bill W. (TripAdvisor Review)

*"Thank you so much for a wonderful bike riding experience. Everything was great, and your warm and friendly hosting made the trip extremely enjoyable. I would rate the ride as one of the best that the U.S. has to offer . . . better than the Maui crater."*

- R&B Wilson, Deltona, FL

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- Holly (TripAdvisor Review)



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# SHUTTLE SERVICE PRICES

## Valet Service (Vehicle Shuttles)

Pine Creek Outfitters can deliver your vehicle for you. If you have your own equipment, are going on an overnight trip, or are traveling south immediately following your trip, then a vehicle shuttle might be the best option (we do our best but cannot guarantee a delivery time for same-day valet service). Call or e-mail us for more details & information on how this type of shuttle can work for you.

### Valet (Vehicle Shuttle) Rates (per vehicle):

The Upper Pine (to Ansonia)	\$30
Blackwell/Rattlesnake Rock	\$80 (March - May 15) \$100 (May 16 & later)
Cedar Run (patrons of CRI or PJC)	\$110
Slate Run/Tomb Flats	\$100 (March - May 15) \$120 (May 16 & later)
Black Walnut Bottom	\$120
Waterville or Hamilton Bottom	\$150
Jersey Shore	\$160



## HIKING & BACKPACKING SHUTTLE RATES



West Rim Trail	
North or South	
Terminus Shuttle:	\$30/person (\$60 minimum)*
Custom Shuttle or	
Bailout Shuttle:	\$40/person (\$80 minimum)*
(anywhere along the trail)	

*Dogs welcome: + \$5/dog*

Mid State Trail	
Antrim (Rt 287) OR	
Blackwell:	\$30/person \$60 minimum*
Ramsey (Rt 44) OR	
Little Pine State Park:	\$55/person \$110 minimum*

\* Minimum applies if you are the only person on the shuttle.

NOTE: SHUTTLE PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE IF LOCAL GAS PRICES EXCEED \$4.50/GALLON. CHECK OUR WEBSITE.

## BOATING SHUTTLES

The Upper Pine Creek	
Rexford	\$10/person
Gaines	\$15/person
Watrous	\$15/person
Galeton	\$20/person



The PA Grand Canyon	
Blackwell or	
Rattlesnake Rock	\$30/person (\$60 minimum)*

The Lower Gorge	
Slate Run/Tombs Flat	\$40/person (\$80 minimum) *

All shuttle prices include you + boat(s) & equipment.  
\*Minimum applies if you are the only person on the shuttle.

### Equipment-Only Pickup (any number)

Blackwell or R. Rock	\$ 60
Slate Run/Tomb Flats	\$ 80
Hamilton Bottom	\$100

## BICYCLING SHUTTLES you + your own bike(s)



Blackwell		
Rattlesnake Rock (AM only)	\$30/person	(\$60 minimum/trip) *
Cedar Run	\$35/person	(\$70 minimum/trip) *
Slate Run	\$40/person	(\$80 minimum/trip) *
Black Walnut Bottom	\$40/person	(\$80 minimum/trip) *
Waterville (A.M ONLY)	\$50/person	(\$100 minimum trip) *
Jersey Shore/Torbert (A.M. Only)	\$60/person	(\$120 minimum/trip) *

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# RENTAL PRICES



## BICYCLE RENTALS



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Electric Bike (3 hrs or less): **\$40**  
Electric Bike (more than 3 hrs): **\$60**

Trail-a-bike: \$20 / day  
Child Carriage: \$20 / day



## INNER TUBE RENTALS includes PFDs (lifejackets) & Shuttle

Tube Rentals + Shuttle  
**\$15/tube**



*Shuttles for your own tubes are only \$5/person*

*"Pine Creek Outfitters was reliable and easy to work with. . . . Would definitely use them again for a shuttle service." - Kitty T. (TripAdvisor Review)*



## FULL DAY BOAT RENTALS

(includes Boat Rental, Paddles & PFDs)

**CANOES/TANDEM KAYAK:** \$30/person  
*(min 2 people)*  
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*(min 4 people)*  
**KAYAKS:** (1 person) \$40/person

**MULTI-DAY BOAT RENTAL:  
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## WETSUIT RENTALS

Wetsuit: **\$10 / person**  
Wetsuit + Socks: **\$12 / person**  
Wetsuit, Socks, + Jacket: **\$15 / person**

**Multi-Day Wetsuit Rentals:**  
*half price for each additional day*

*"Great people and they give great advice on kayaking Pine Creek. Have been there many years. Love the shuttle service they provide." - Winsor M.. (Google Review)*

## UPPER PINE CREEK RENTALS

(includes Paddles, PFDs, & FREE Shuttle service)

	CANOE or RAFT	KAYAK (Age 13 min.)
<b>Rexford:</b> (5 miles, 1-2 hrs)	\$25 / person	\$35 / person
<b>Gaines:</b> (8 miles, 2-3 hrs)	\$30 / person	\$40 / person
<b>Watrous:</b> (10 miles, 3-4 hrs)	\$30 / person	\$40 / person
<b>Galeton:</b> (13 miles, 4-5 hrs)	\$45 / person	\$55 / person

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- Andrew V. (Google Review)



*"Super welcoming and friendly people who clearly love the area. They gave us great recommendations for hikes and overlooks and for drinks afterwards. We'll use them anytime we come back here!"*  
- Denis H, (Google Review)



*"PCO was great! Used their shuttle service from the Northern to Southern Terminus for the West Rim hike. Reasonable price, on time, friendly staff on the ride. Would recommend to anyone doing the hike and needing a ride."*  
- Andrew H. (Google Review)



# HIKING & BACKPACKING TRAILS

To order trail guides and maps, contact Pine Creek Outfitters by mail, by phone at 570-724-3003, or online at [www.pinecrk.com](http://www.pinecrk.com)

Four major hiking trails are located in this region

**West Rim Trail:** 30-mile trail along the western rim of the PA Grand Canyon, named the "Best Hike in Pennsylvania" by Outside Magazine. This is a must-do trail because it offers a perfect weekend distance, abundant backcountry campsites, different forest types & environments, exceptionally awesome views of the canyon, and not too many people hiking it - you might not see anyone at all. Several access points allow you to customize the length of the trail. The whole trail takes approx. 2.5 - 3.5 days to hike. Shuttle service available - \$30/person (\$60 min.) - from Pine Creek Outfitters any day of the week.  
Guidebook & Map to the West Rim Trail (fifth edition by Chuck Dillon) \$15.00

**Mid State Trail:** Over 300 miles long, the trail stretches from Maryland to New York. Part of the trail passes through the Pine Creek area. Most agree that the sections of the Mid State in our area are some of the best, and surely some of the most remote, parts of the whole trail system. There are many highlights: big mountaintop vistas, rock formations, old-growth hemlock forest, and complete seclusion - the Mid State Trail is known for having very few hikers. Blackwell to Antrim is 1 to 2 days. The section between Little Pine State Park and Blackwell can be done in 2 to 3 days. Shuttle service available from Pine Creek Outfitters any day of the week.  
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**Susquehannock Trail System:** 84-mile loop trail in Potter County, between Denton Hill State Park and the village of Cross Fork. The feeling on this trail is one of total immersion in nature and complete isolation from the rest of humanity. There are easily more animals than people and you can go for days without seeing anyone on this trail. There are lots of different forest & tree types, wetland environments, and lovely streambeds tucked away in quiet valleys. The trail is actually a series of smaller connected trails that make up a bigger super loop. The trail can be hiked in mini-loop sections and are outlined in the trail guide. The whole trail takes approximately 6 to 10 days to hike.  
Guidebook & Map to the Susquehannock Trail System (fifth edition by Chuck Dillon) \$18.00

**Black Forest Trail:** 43-mile loop trail with its main trailhead located in Slate Run. This is not a novice trail. The BFT has some extreme climbs and descents and is very rugged in sections. Your hiking boots will seriously be tested on this trail. The trail features many beautiful vistas and passes by two virgin hemlock trees that are hundreds of years old. Two trails (North Link and South Link) connect it to the Susquehannock Trail System. Other nearby trails allow you to shorten and customize the length. The whole trail takes approx. 3.5 to 5 days.  
Guidebook & Map to the Black Forest Trail (3rd edition by Chuck Dillon) \$15.00

**Purple Lizard Pine Creek Map:** Best overall regional map of the area, showing all major trails (and many shorter trails) and topographical features. \$18.00



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# DAY HIKES & SHORT HIKES

1) **Barbour Rock Trail** - an easy handicap-access trail that leads to a beautiful view of the PA Grand Canyon. 0.7 miles one-way to the overlook. Parking at the trailhead on Colton Road. You may extend this hike by following the orange-blazed West Rim Trail 1.4 miles to the yellow-blazed Bear Run Nature Trail 0.6 miles one-way, making it a total of 2.8 miles as a loop.

2) **Colton Point Rim Trail** - fairly easy and level walk with multiple canyon vistas and viewing benches. 2 miles total as a loop. Parking at Colton Point State Park.

3) **The Turkey Path** - a steeper, more challenging hike from the top of the canyon all the way to the bottom with a beautiful series of cascading waterfalls. 1.25 miles one-way (2.5 miles total). Parking at Leonard Harrison State Park.

**Short Hikes in PA's Grand Canyon (fourth edition) \$15.00**  
(Chuck Dillon): featuring West Rim Trail and East Rim dayhikes and just about everything else in the Tioga State forest you might want to hike, including 5 alternative backpacking trips (1-2 nights each) in the canyon and state forest. This book will open the door of discovery to the crown jewel of the Pennsylvania Wilds Region - the Pine Creek Gorge.

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the creek's paddling conditions are too low. Check out our website [www.pinecrk.com](http://www.pinecrk.com)  
for updated boating conditions and weather report.



**Private Boat Registration  
Requirements:**

All private boats (rafts, canoes, and kayaks) on Pine Creek, or anywhere else in the State Forest, must be registered with the PA Fish & Boat Commission or have a launch permit sticker obtained from PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources. Information about launch permits and how to obtain them may be found by phoning the **Tioga State Forest Office at (570)-724-2868.**

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**Hammond Lake:** 685 acres, Ives Run Rec. Area has 163 campsites (water + electric hookups), boating (few restrictions), swimming, fishing, 2 launch ramps, a fishing pier, showers, concession, picnic facilities, greenhouse, hiking, and nesting osprey.

**Tioga Lake:** 498 acres, unrestricted boating.

**Cowanesque Lake:** 1,085 acres, fishing, boating (few restrictions), swimming, picnic facilities, 100 campsites and RV camping available.

**Lakes managed by PA DCNR, Bureau of State Parks: 1-800-63-PARKS**

**Hills Creek State Park:** 137 acres, fishing, swimming, boating (electric motors only), hiking, cottages, cabins, and yurt rentals and 102 campsites.

**Little Pine State Park:** 94 acres, fishing, swimming, boating, hiking, cross-country skiing, cottages, cabins, yurt rentals, 104 modern campsites with electricity.

**Lyman Run State Park:** 45 acres, fishing, swimming, boating, and tent & RV campsites. Located in Potter County, near Cherry Springs State Park.

**Hamilton Lake:** 34 acres, fishing & boating.

**Beechwood Lake:** 67 acres, fishing & boating.

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The two most popular lakes are Hammond Lake (Ives Run Rec.) and Hills Creek Lake. Both lakes are located about 15 minutes north of the town of Wellsboro.

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## Fishing License Info:

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*"If I could rate this experience any higher I would. The staff is super firendly and knowledgeale about the surrounding area an water leels. You can rent bikes, canoes rafts, kayaks, and tubes We rented tubes and enjoyed the float twice."*

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# STATE PARKS

**Leonard Harrison State Park** is located on the EAST RIM of the PA Grand Canyon. Open mid-April through late-October, this park features some of the nicest and most popular vistas of the canyon, picnic & rest areas, 30 tent or trailer sites, a few short hiking trails, including the infamous "Turkey Path," a steep, scenic trail from the top of the canyon rim down to the bike trail and Pine Creek at the bottom. Visitors' center with canyon natural history display & slide show, interpretive programs for ages 4 and up.

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**Colton Point State Park** is located on the WEST RIM of the canyon, and is also noted for its vistas and short hiking trails. The West Rim Trail goes around the outside of the park, but there is a "Rim Trail" in the state park itself. The park has wooded group tent sites, picnic areas, and toilet facilities. This side of the canyon is more primitive than the eastern rim. There is no office at Colton Point State (uses same office as Leonard Harrison State Park) and everything is self check-in.

(570)-724-3061 (same office as Leonard Harrison State Park)

**Hills Creek State Park** is located between Wellsboro and Mansfield. The park has a 137-acre lake with swimming, boating, and fishing, 102 campsites (28 sites w/ electric & water), cabins, yurts, group tenting & picnic areas, short hiking trails. Open mid-April to 3rd weekend of October (cabins & trails open year round).

(570)-724-4246 111 Spillway Rd Wellsboro, PA 16901

**Little Pine State Park** is located between Waterville and English Center. The park has a 94-acre lake with swimming, boating, and fishing, 103 campsites suitable for trailers up to 30' long, group tenting area, hiking trails, and a x-country ski trail. The Mid State Trail backpacking route runs through this state park.

(570)-753-6000 4205 Little Pine Creek Rd, Waterville, PA 17776

**Cherry Springs State Park** is located on Rt 44 between Sweden Valley and Carter Camp. The park is set atop a hill that boasts the "darkest skies in the east." It is a popular destination for astronomers and star gazers. *Check out Wild Asaph Outfitters/North Star Outdoor Guides for guided night sky telescope tours (see ad below).*

(814)-435-5010 (same office as Lyman Run State Park)

**Lyman Run State Park** is located in Potter County, southwest of Galeton. The park has a lake with swimming, camping, fishing, and boating.

(814)-435-5010 454 Lyman Run Rd Galeton, PA 16922

**Ole Bull State Park** is located in Potter County, on Rt 144 south of Galeton and Oleona. This 117-acre park has swimming, camping, hiking trails (including the 85-mile Susquehannock Trail System), a x-country ski trail, primitive campsites, cabins, picnic area, electric & dump station.

(814)-435-5000 61 Valhalla Lane Cross Fork, PA 17729



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## OTHER REGIONAL ATTRACTIONS

**Arcadia Movie Theater:** Modern theater with 4 screens located in downtown Wellsboro. [www.arcadiawellsboro.com](http://www.arcadiawellsboro.com) (570) 724-4957

**Corning Museum of Glass:** Live glassmaking demonstrations, hands-on glass exhibits, and 5 centuries worth of glass art collections in Corning, NY. [home.cmog.org](http://home.cmog.org) (607) 937-5371

**Cherry Springs State Park:** "The darkest night sky on the east coast." View the stars, the moon, the milky way, meteor showers, and other celestial displays from the top of the mountain with an astronomy observation field. Located on Rt 44 east of Coudersport

**Creekside Barn on Pine Creek:** Wedding venue. [www.pabarnweddings.com](http://www.pabarnweddings.com), 814-435-6100

**Coudersport Ice Mine:** A natural cave that stays cold all summer long! 176 Ice Mine Rd, Coudersport, PA 16915

**Crooked Creek Adventures** - 814-433-6100 - <https://www.crookedrootsadventures.com> - SUP rentals & instructional training, inner tubing, rock climbing instruction, and yoga. Located on Rt 6 in Gaines.

**C S Sports Cycle & Ski Shop Inc:** Outdoor equipment sales - mountain biking & skiing repairs located downtown Wellsboro. (570)-724-3858

**Curt Weinhold Photography:** PA Wilds photo workshops. Night Sky photo classes for Cherry Springs State Park. [www.pbase.com/cwphoto](http://www.pbase.com/cwphoto)  
e-mail: [cwphoto@gmail.com](mailto:cwphoto@gmail.com)

**Emerge Spa & Healing:** [www.emergehealingarts.com](http://www.emergehealingarts.com) (570)-360-8180

**Grand Central Beer:** [www.grandcentralbeer.com](http://www.grandcentralbeer.com); [facebook.com/GrandCentralBeerPA](https://facebook.com/GrandCentralBeerPA); (570) 873-3329  
Seasonal beer, beers from local breweries, hard to find beers. Located in Avis near Jersey Shore.

**Hiawatha Paddlewheel Riverboat:** Riverboat ride on the Susquehanna River, Williamsport.  
[www.ridehiawatha.com](http://www.ridehiawatha.com) (570) 326-1221.

**Mountain Valley Realty:** [www.MVRWellsboro.com](http://www.MVRWellsboro.com) 570-723-8484 and [MVR-Coudy.com](http://MVR-Coudy.com) 814-655-3434

**Purple Lizard Maps:** Purple Lizard makes beautiful maps of beautiful places. [www.purplelizard.com](http://www.purplelizard.com)

**Recreational Properties PA:** [www.RecreationalPropertiesPennsylvania.com](http://www.RecreationalPropertiesPennsylvania.com) 570-660-0626

**Ski Sawmill:** Winter ski resort on Rt 287, south of Morris, near Oregon Hill Winery (570)-353-2157

**Tackle Shack:** Stop in - they will help you catch the big ones this year! Route 287, Wellsboro Junction, [www.shoptackleshack.com](http://www.shoptackleshack.com), (570)-724-5138

**Tioga Trail Rides:** Guided horseback trips in the Grand Canyon area. (570)-724-6592

**Wellsboro House Brewery:** Restaurant & brewery located in Wellsboro on Charleston St. [www.thewellsborohouse.com](http://www.thewellsborohouse.com) (570)-723-4687

**Wild Asaph Outfitters & Guided Night Sky Telescope Tours:** Quality equipment for hiking, rock climbing, & snowshoeing. Now offering additional "dark skies" tours at Cherry Springs State Park. [www.wildasaphoutfitters.com](http://www.wildasaphoutfitters.com) (570)-724-5155

### For Regional Info & Schedule of Events:

**Wellsboro Area Chamber of Commerce:**  
570-724-1926

**Visit Potter-Tioga:**  
570-724-0635 or 1-888-846-4228

**Lycoming County Visitors Bureau:**  
570-327-7700 or 1-800-838-9900

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# ACCOMMODATIONS

## Campgrounds

Crooked Creek Campground - 814-433-6100 - <https://www.crookedrootsadventures.com> - 112 John Deere Lane, Gaines, PA 16921 - located on Rt 6 near Gaines and Watrous. Campsites right next to the creek, SUP rentals & instructional training, inner tubing, rock climbing instruction, and yoga available.

Happy Acres Resort - 570-753-8000, [www.happyacresresort.net](http://www.happyacresresort.net) - 3332 Little Pine Creek Rd. Waterville. PA 17776 - located next to Little Pine State Park. Campsites on 60 acres, cabin rentals, restaurant, general store, ice cream parlor, pet friendly.

Pettecote Junction Campground - 570-353-7183 - [www.pettecotejunction.com](http://www.pettecotejunction.com) - 400 Beach Rd, Cedar Run, PA 17727 - Located in Cedar Run right next to Pine Creek and the Rail Trail. Shaded and grassy creekside campsites. Bathrooms, showers, water & electric hookups available. Cabin rentals also available. Pets Welcome.

Potter County Family Campground - 814-274-5010 - [www.pottercountycamping.com](http://www.pottercountycamping.com) - 3075 E Second St, Coudersport, PA 16915 - 100 campsites, 13 cabins, modern facilities on 42 wooded acres, ATV rentals, outdoor laser tag, located on Rt 6 at Denton Hill summit. Pets Welcome.



*"Awesome experience. River was mostly calm with areas of rapids. We had an 11-year old with us who had no issues managing. Guides were excellent, knowledgeable, safe, and entertaining."*  
- K.B. (Google Review)



Our privately-owned campground is located 8 miles east of Coudersport on scenic Route 6, top of Denton



The 42-acre wood park offers 100 campsites, including 13 camping cabins furnished with cedar log beds.

Our bathhouse offers heated restrooms & private showers and is conveniently located in the center of the park.

ATV Rentals and Outdoor Laser Tag now available.

3075 East Second Street  
Coudersport, PA 16915  
Reservations: (814) 274-5010

Website: [www.pottercountycamping.com](http://www.pottercountycamping.com)

## Cabins for Rent

Blackwell Area Vacation Cabins - 814-404-7929 - [www.waldhauscabin.com](http://www.waldhauscabin.com) - Waldhaus and Ponderosa: 2 BR cabins in private wooded settings within walking distance of the Pine Creek Rail Trail - located near Blackwell.

Crooked Creek Campground - 814-433-6100 - <https://www.crookedrootsadventures.com> - 112 John Deere Lane, Gaines, PA 16921 - located on Rt 6 near Gaines and Watrous. Campsites right next to the creek, SUP rentals & instructional training, inner tubing, and yoga available.

Great Valley Cabins - 607-382-8530 - [www.greatvalleycabins.com](http://www.greatvalleycabins.com) - 2 large properties with Pine Creek access, 1 & 2 BR cabins located right next to Pine Creek Outfitters in Ansonia.

Happy Acres Resort & Campground - 570-753-8000, [www.happyacresresort.net](http://www.happyacresresort.net) - 3332 Little Pine Creek Rd. Waterville. PA 17776 - located next to Little Pine State Park. 58 different rooms & cabins, fully equipped.

MVR Vacation Rentals - 570-948-1293, [www.mvr-vr.com](http://www.mvr-vr.com) - AirBNB Superhosts and VRBO Premier Hosts - cabin and vacation home rentals.

Nob Hill Motel - 814-435-6738 - [www.nobhillmotel.com](http://www.nobhillmotel.com) - 289 Route 6 East, Galeton, PA 16922 - Modern kitchens, family & weekly rates, cabin rentals.

Potter County Family Campground - 814-274-5010 - [www.pottercountycamping.com](http://www.pottercountycamping.com) - Rt 6 at the top of Denton Hill. Laser tag & ATV rentals available.

Rough Cut Lodge - 814-435-2192 - [www.roughcutlodge.com](http://www.roughcutlodge.com) - Cabin rentals right next to Pine Creek, main lodge sleeps 2 - 15 people, 22 vacation units in area. Located on Rt 6 near Gaines, PA.

*"Friendly, accomodarting, communicative/res;lnse]kveand ;rovded more than the expected service. Planning to use these folks again for the next adenture in the area. Thank you Shannon and team for your flexibility and for making a through hike possile while taking the worry out of shuttling a vehicle!"*  
- Julie H. (TripAdvisor Review)

## Susquehannock Lodge & Trail Center

Come, relax, explore, hike, and ski the countryside at the Susquehannock Lodge, a Warm and Friendly Country Inn! Tucked away in the Nine Mile Valley along Historic Grand Army of the Republic Highway, Route 6. Just minutes away from the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon and Dark Skies of Cherry Springs State Park.



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# ACCOMMODATIONS

## Bed & Breakfasts

Bear Mountain B&B - 570-724-2428 - [www.bearmountainbb.com](http://www.bearmountainbb.com) - Lodge B&B rooms located near Wellsboro & Rail Trail. Each room features queen-sized bed, fireplace, television, wireless internet, locally handmade soap, private bath with shower, whirlpool or private outside hot tub.

Cedar Run Inn - 570-353-6241 - [www.pavisnet.com/cedarruninn](http://www.pavisnet.com/cedarruninn) - Cedar Run, PA 17727 - Clean rooms, antique furnishings, 5-star continental cuisine, dinner/lodging/breakfast package. Direct access to the Pine Creek Rail Trail.

Ludwig's Trailside B&B - 570-353-2013 - [www.ludwigstrailside.com](http://www.ludwigstrailside.com) - Rt 414, Blackwell, PA - Direct access to Pine Creek and the Pine Creek Rail Trail.

The Susquehannock Lodge - 814-435-2163 - [www.susquehannock-lodge.com](http://www.susquehannock-lodge.com) - Rt 6, Denton Hill, PA 16915 - Clean and comfortable accommodations, home cooked country meals served family style. Trail and information center for the Susquehannock Trail System in Potter County.

## Motels & Hotels

Canyon Motel - 570-724-1681 - [www.canyonmotels.com](http://www.canyonmotels.com) - East Ave, Wellsboro, PA 16901 - Your home away from home, 44 rooms & suites, incldng 12 extended stay rooms; indoor heated pool and sauna,

Coach Stop Inn - 570-290-7867 - [www.coachstopwellsboro.com](http://www.coachstopwellsboro.com) - Ansonia, PA 16901 - Located 1 mile west of PCO.

Colton Point Motel - 570-724-2155 - [www.pavisnet.com/coltonpoint](http://www.pavisnet.com/coltonpoint) - Ansonia, PA 16901 - Modern rooms, good homecooked breakfasts. Located 1 mile west of Pine Creek Outfitters.

Nob Hill Motel - 814-435-6738 - [www.nobhillmotel.com](http://www.nobhillmotel.com) - 289 Route 6 East, Galeton, PA 16922 - Modern kitchens, family & weekly rates, cabin rentals.

Penn Wells Hotel & Lodge - 800-545-2446 - [www.pennwells.com](http://www.pennwells.com) - Main Street, Wellsboro, PA 16901 - Hotel & lodge rooms, indoor pool, fitness center, restaurant. Located in downtown Wellsboro.

Terrace Motel - 570-724-4711 - [www.pavisnet.com/terracemotel](http://www.pavisnet.com/terracemotel) - Rt 6, Wellsboro, PA 16901 - Motel units, suites, cabins, near downtown Wellsboro.

Sherwood Motel - 570-724-3424 - [www.sherwoodmotel.org](http://www.sherwoodmotel.org) - Main Street, Wellsboro, PA 16901 - Your home away from home, 42 spacious rooms featuring a number of amenities, seasonal outdoor heated pool.

Slate Run Hotel Manor - 570-753-8414 - [www.hotel-manor.com](http://www.hotel-manor.com) - Slate Run Rd. Slate Run, PA 17769 - 10 rooms, restaurant & bar, overlooking creek.



## WELCOME VISITORS!

The Potter-Tioga Visitors Center welcomes you to Potter & Tioga counties! Our knowledgeable staff are here to assist you with any information you may need. We're happy to help with maps and directions, itineraries, trail guides, lodging, restaurant recommendations & more.

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This is a very class I/II (easy to moderate moving water) scenic section of Pine Creek that is typically available at lower water levels. You can vary the length of your trip (2 - 3.5 hours, water level permitting). We bring you to your starting point, and you boat back to our base. Cost includes boat, paddles, pfd's, shuttle, spectacular scenery, and a great day on the water:

**UPPER PINE CREEK RENTALS**  
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	CANOE or RAFT	KAYAK (Age 13 min.)
<b>Rexford:</b> (5 miles, 1-2 hrs)	\$25 / person	\$35 / person
<b>Gaines:</b> (8 miles, 2-3 hrs)	\$30 / person	\$40 / person
<b>Watrous:</b> (10 miles, 3-4 hrs)	\$30 / person	\$40 / person
<b>Galeton:</b> (13 miles, 4-5 hrs)	\$45 / person	\$55 / person

*Kids under 18 must be accompanied by an adult*



**Short Hikes: On-your-own or Guided**

**Stop by PCO, and we can recommend a short hike for you.** While most people would choose a 2-mile circular hike on the West Rim, you can extend this to 3.5 or 6 miles. We have maps and trailguides available to guide you.

**We also offer a 3-mile, 2.5 hour guided hike on most Saturdays and Sunday afternoons.** This fairly level hike features numerous vistas, forest types, and exquisite scenery, and your guide will weave an eclectic blend of knowledge about the Canyon, its natural environments, local history and folklore, Native American legends, and a few amusing anecdotes into an unforgettable and entertaining story unique to our region. Cost is \$35/person (minimum 2 people).



**Inner Tubing**

Hot summer days are perfect for tubing on the Upper Pine, and we've solved the logistics for you by including a shuttle to your start point, allowing you to float back to our riverside base in about 1.5 hours. Water shoes are recommended (we sell them at our store if you need them). Available from 9:30AM to 3:30 PM. Recommended age 2 and over.

We include the tube, PFD, and shuttle for \$15/person.  
If you have your own tube, we can shuttle you for \$5/person.

*"Awesome outdoor resource. We floated down the Upper Pine Creek in a tube - sharing the space with a bald eagle, golden eagle, a mother goose, and her goslings. Heavenly! We didnt have water shoes, so we picked some up the shop at a fair price before we went out.*

*We followed up that adventure with a bike ride down the Rail-Trail through the Canyon thanks to Blake's strong recommendation - and she was so right! Truly perfect trail, the bike was sturdy and easy to maneuver thanks to Tyler's advice in choosing which model.*

*We can't thank Pine Creek Outfitters more for a glorious day in the great outdoors!"*

*- Meg. S (Google Review)*



**Bicycle the PA Grand Canyon**

This easy scenic ride through the canyon is slightly downhill as you peddle south, and the trail is recognized as one of the most scenic trails in the world (and Pine Creek Outfitters played a prominent part in enabling the conversion of this rail grade into a bike trail). We rent a variety of bike styles and sizes for your comfort. Here is what we would recommend for you:

**Turkey Path Round-Trip:**

Round Trip: 10 miles, 2-3 hours, cycling from our base to the scenic waterfalls of the Turkey Path, then bicycle back: \$20/bike or \$40/electric bike.

**Blackwell with Return Shuttle:**

17 miles (2-3 hours) one way through the heart of the PA Grand Canyon with a return shuttle back to PCO. Snacks are available in Blackwell. We have found that most people are comfortable with this length of trip. \$55/person (\$85/person e-bike), including bike helmet, and return shuttle. If you have your own bike, we can arrange a return shuttle for you.

**Slate Run with Return Shuttle:**

29 miles (4-5 hours) one way through the PA Grand Canyon and Pine Creek Valley with a return shuttle back to PCO. At Slate Run is a general store and a hotel/restaurant. This trip is comfortable if you are conditioned to riding a bike. \$65/person (\$95/person e-bike), including bike, helmet, return shuttle. If you have your own bike, we can arrange a return shuttle for you.

*"Great experience. We rented two bikes, rode them out of the shop (10:30 A.M.) and did 28 miles from Ansonia to Slate Run. Saw five eagles and lots of beautiful countryside through Pine Creek Gorge. They picked us up there at a preset time (4:45 P.M.) and drove us back to our vehicle at the shop. We got drinks at Manor Hotel while we waited because we finished a little early. We'd highly recommend it - friendly staff, good equipment, easy process."*

*- Jason P. (Google Review)*