

Swatara Creek Water Trail

Schuylkill & Lebanon Counties

BACKGROUND: The Swatara Creek Water Trail is a 60-mile segment of Swatara Creek from Pine Grove, Schuylkill County to the PA Fish & Boat Commission's Middletown Access in Middletown, Dauphin County. Water trails are recreational waterways on a lake, river, or ocean between specific points, containing access points and day use and/or camping sites for the public.



INFORMATION: The Schuylkill County segment of the trail begins southwest of Pine Grove at a marked access point downstream of the Route 645 bridge. The "Swattie" flows southwest into Swatara State Park where day

use recreation such as canoeing, fishing, hiking, picnicking, bicycling and horseback riding is available. There is also a fossil pit in the park for avid rockhounds.

CONTACT: For more info go to www.baygateways.net; www.mbcomp.com/swatara; and www.schuylkill.org.



AREA ATTRACTIONS: In addition to Swatara State Park, the trail is close to Pine Grove Theater, Conrad Richter House, Nutting Hall, Sweet Arrow Lake County Park, Swatara Furnace, and Twin Grove Park. The Appalachian Trail crosses the Swatara Creek at the Waterville Bridge just across the Schuylkill/Lebanon county line.

EVENTS: The Swatara Sojourn takes place the first weekend of May. Canoe or kayak "The Swattie" from the Route 645 Bridge, Schuylkill County to 1929 Black's Bridge Road, Annville, Lebanon County.

GPS COORDINATES:

Lat 40°32'13.93" N Lon 76°23'21.76" W

RECOMMENDED GEAR: Always wear a life jacket, obtain proper instruction in boating skills, know fishing and boating regulations, be prepared for river hazards, and carry proper equipment.

