

Tuscarora State Park

Barnesville

BACKGROUND: The Tuscarora Tribe of American Indians dwelled in small villages along several major rivers in the coastal plains of North Carolina. Contact with European traders and land-hungry settlers, years of unequal trade, mistrust, and the kidnapping of Tuscarora children escalated into the Tuscarora War from 1711 to 1713. The Tuscarora were defeated and asked for help from their powerful New York relatives, the League of Five Nations. Beginning in 1714 and continuing for 90 years, bands of Tuscarora migrated from North Carolina to southern New York. Local tradition holds that sometime between 1715 and 1722, the Tuscarora briefly dwelled in the Locust Valley. Tuscarora State Park was named to honor these transient residents of Pennsylvania.



INFORMATION: There are seven trails in the park ranging in difficulty from easy to moderately difficult. Most of the trails are short (0.3 to 1.4 miles) and wind through various habitats including mature deciduous forest, grass fields, and meadows.

The Lake View Trail (best trail for strollers and wheelchairs) parallels the lake offering a nice view of the beach. Pets are welcome but must be leashed and are not permitted on the beach.

CONTACT: For more information, call Tuscarora State Park at 570-467-2404 or go to http://www.stateparks.com/tuscarora_schuykill.html.

AREA ATTRACTIONS: The park offers beautiful foliage and great views of the lake and forest. Tuscarora State Park was developed as a family tent and trailer campground and has 282 campsites. Additional camper facilities include modern restrooms, swimming beach, boat rental, camp store, bicycle trail, hiking trails, fishing, playgrounds, and nature programs. Tuscarora State Park is very close to Tamaqua and Hometown with access to several gas stations, grocery stores, and restaurants. White Birch Golf Course is just outside the park entrance. For more information on other regional attractions, contact the Schuylkill County Visitors Bureau at 800-765-7282 or go to www.schuylkill.org.

GPS COORDINATES: Lat 40°48'42.33" N Lon 76°01'07.62" W

RECOMMENDED GEAR: Comfortable walking shoes or sturdy hiking boots are recommended. Non-motorized or electric motor boats only on the lake. PA Fish and Boat Commission regulations apply.

