

Camping: rustic sites

The campground is open from the second Friday in April until the third Sunday in October. Rustic toilets, tables, fire rings and a sanitary dump station are provided. Campsites at Colton Point are not reservable but are available first-come, first-served.

Picnicking: About 100 picnic tables are available for year-round use. There are also five, reservable pavilions located throughout the park.

Organized Group Tenting: Qualified adult and youth groups may use this 90-person capacity area equipped with picnic tables from the second Friday in April to the third Sunday in October, weather permitting. Advance reservations are recommended. This area is rustic in nature and so no vehicles are permitted in the camping area.

Snowmobiling: Registered snowmobiles may use the 20-mile trail network on state forest land daily after the close of the deer season in December. The park provides parking, picnic tables and restrooms.

ATVs are not considered snowmobiles.

History

Colton Point was named in the late 1800s for Henry Colton, a lumberman who supervised harvesting of trees in the area. Logs were floated down Pine Creek to sawmills in Williamsport. The park was established from state forest lands purchased in the early 1900s.

Colton Point State Park was developed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) from 1933 to 1936 and opened to the public in 1936. The CCC's contributions are still visible today through the five stone and timber pavilions in the park. Three of the five pavilions have fireplaces. In 1988, the CCC built facilities were added to the National Register of Historic Places.



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Reservations

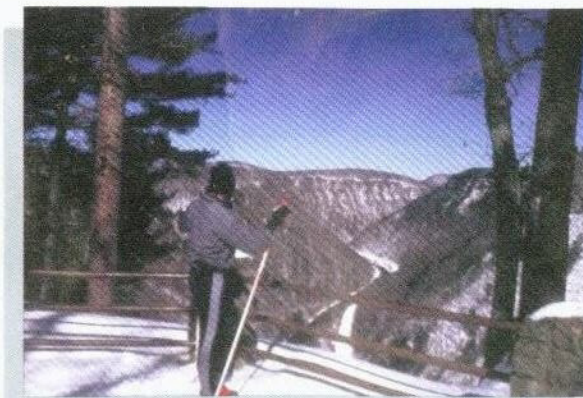
To reserve a campsite, organized group tenting area or a picnic pavilion, call 888-PA-PARKS, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon. - Sat. Campsites can be reserved from 11 months up to noon of the day of arrival. Organized group tenting areas and picnic pavilions can be reserved from 11 months to two days in advance.

In an Emergency

Contact a park employee or dial 911. For directions to the nearest hospital, look on bulletin boards or at the park office. Please note: There is no phone service at Colton Point State Park. The closest pay phone to Colton Point is at the entrance to Colton Point Road, off of US 6.

Nearest Hospital:

Soldiers and Sailors Hospital, 32-36 Central Avenue, Wellsboro, PA 16901, 570-723-7764



This is a view from the west rim. By Curt Weinhold

Point are open to hunting, trapping and the training of dogs during established seasons. Common game species are deer, turkey, rabbit, pheasant and squirrel. Hunting is also available in adjacent Tioga State Forest.

Hunting woodchucks, also known as

Environmental Educa

An environmental interpretor presents resource-oriented programs and interpretive walks April through October. Major topics and seasonal programs include: Watershed Education, astronomy, fall color, old fashioned cider squeezing and summer campfire programs. Educational information is available at the visitor center or park office.


The environmental interpretive center, at the Leonard Harrison main overlook entrance, is open during the summer season through the fall foliage season. A video and educational displays interpret the area and its wildlife. Call the park office for visitor center hours or to schedule an appointment for your group tour.

Nearby A

For information on nearby attractions and accommodations, please contact the Tioga County Visitor's Bureau, 888-TIOGA-28, www.visitiogapa.com, or the Wellsboro Area Chamber of Commerce, 570-724-1926.

Tioga State Forest: The 159,466-acre Tioga

Access for People with Disabilities

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717-558-2710 (local or international voice)
888-537-7294 (TTY)
717-558-2711 (local or international TTY)
711 (AT&T Relay Services)