

## S. B. Elliott

The 318-acre S. B. Elliott State Park is in the heart of the Moshannon State Forest. This entirely wooded park offers picturesque areas of forest and swamp meadows and typical second growth mixed hardwood and oak timber.

### Directions



S. B. Elliott State Park is in Clearfield County off of PA 153 just north of Exit 111 of I-80, nine miles north of the community of Clearfield.

### Reservations

To reserve a cabin or a picnic pavilion, call 888-PA-PARKS, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon. - Sat. Cabins and picnic pavilions can be reserved from 11 months to two days in advance.

### Recreational Opportunities

**Fishing:** Fishing in small mountain streams surrounding the park offers sport for those who like to walk and fish in uncrowded streams for native and stocked trout.

For complete information on fishing rules and regulations in Pennsylvania, [visit the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Web site](#).

### Hiking: 3 miles of trails

Hiking trails take visitors to various places on the mountaintop while backpack hikers can get on the Quehanna Trail by way of the Central Pennsylvania Lumber Company Trail. The Quehanna Trail system offers over 75 miles of hiking in various combinations from one overnight to seven overnights without retracing your steps by way of its northern and southern loops and connecting trails. This trail also connects onto the [Susquehannock Trail](#) system above the community of Sinnemahoning.

**Picnicking:** Picnicking amidst towering pines and oak trees, with ample parking, tables and picnic pavilions, is a treat for the whole family. Drinking water, garbage and recycling containers and composting restrooms are available throughout the park.



### Camping: rustic sites

A 25-site camping area, across from the log cabin park office, offers modern restrooms but no showers and a sanitary dump station. The maximum stay in this area is 14 days during the summer season and 21 days in spring and fall. The restroom and site seven are accessible. The campground is open from the second Friday in April to late December. All sites are first-come, first-served.

**Campground Map:** You must have Adobe Acrobat to view this map. [Go download a copy of Acrobat Reader](#). [Go to the campground map](#). (242 kb) [Go to camping](#) for more information.



**Cabins:** Six rustic cabins, of CCC origin, are available for rent. Minimal furnishings include: single bunk beds, chairs, table, a modern stove, refrigerator, electric lights and fireplace.

[Go to cabins](#) for more information.

**Cabin Map:** You must have Adobe Acrobat 4 or higher to view this map. [Go download a copy of Acrobat Reader](#). [Go to the S. B. Elliott cabin map](#). (236 kb)



**Hunting and Firearms:** About 234 acres are open to hunting, trapping and the training of dogs during established seasons. Common game species are deer, turkey, rabbit, pheasant and squirrel. Thousands of acres of surrounding [Moshannon State Forest](#) are open for hunting.

Hunting woodchucks, also known as groundhogs, is prohibited. Dog training is only permitted from the day following Labor Day to 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 accessible hunting information.

**Use extreme caution** with firearms at all times. The park is used by other visitors during hunting seasons. Firearms and archery equipment 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 camp.

For complete information on hunting rules and regulations in Pennsylvania, [visit the Pennsylvania Game Commission Web site](#).

**Cross-country Skiing:** Ski on more than four miles of easy to moderate roads and trails.

**Snowmobiling:** During the winter months, the main parking lot is plowed to allow registered snowmobiles to unload and operate on the roads and trails in the [Moshannon State Forest](#). A map of the roads and trails open to snowmobiling is available at the park office. Snowmobiles may be operated on designated trails and roads from the day following the last deer season in December until April 1, weather permitting.

### Access for People with Disabilities

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If you need an accommodation to participate in park activities due to a disability, please contact the Pennsylvania Bureau of State Parks:

888-PA-PARKS (voice)

717-558-2710 (local or international voice)

888-537-7294 (TTY)

717-558-2711 (local or international TTY)

711 (AT&T Relay Services)

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### History

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This mountaintop was once covered in giant white pine and hemlock trees. At the turn of the century, the Central Pennsylvania Lumber Company and the Goodyear Lumber Company built railroads and roads to harvest the timber.

This logging devastated the area, entirely wiping out the magnificent stands of pine and hemlock. The logging companies swiftly departed, allowing the forests to regrow. The devastated land was eventually sold to the Commonwealth, usually at tax sales. This accumulation of land eventually became Moshannon State Forest.

Now about a century later, many of the logging roads and railroad grades can be seen in the maturing stands of oak and maple.

The Honorable Simon B. Elliott was a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature and a member of the old State Forestry Reservation Commission, a precursor to the Department of Forestry. This early conservationist promoted the idea of creating a nursery to raise trees for planting in the surrounding area.

In 1911, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania established the Clearfield Forest Tree Nursery in a mountain pasture atop Penfield Mountain. This nursery was later renamed for District Forester William F. Dague who was in charge of its operation from its start in 1911 until 1947. The Dague Nursery was closed in 1978, but its buildings and facilities are still in use as the Moshannon State Forest maintenance headquarters and the seed orchards still supply seeds for the other state nurseries.

In 1933, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) established Camp S-116 on land along the edge of the nursery and built the cabins, pavilions, roads, trails and many of the other buildings that exist today.

In that same year, 1933, the former Department of Forests and Waters erected a plaque dedicating Simon B. Elliott State Park. The plaque is on a stone in the pines along the northern edge of the park.

### Nearby Services and Attractions

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Services available in towns surrounding the park include grocery stores, restaurants, mechanics, gasoline stations, post office and car wash in Penfield, nine miles north; Clearfield offers these services in addition to shopping centers and a hospital nine miles south. For additional information, please contact the Northwest Pennsylvania's Great Outdoors Visitors Bureau, 800-348-9393, [www.pagreatoutdoors.com](http://www.pagreatoutdoors.com).

**Parker Dam State Park:** A leisurely 15-minute drive will take visitors to nearby Parker Dam State Park. The park offers beach swimming, camping, year-round cabins, nature programs, boating and many other activities.

**Moshannon State Forest:** For detailed information contact the Moshannon State Forest, 814-765-0821.

### In an Emergency

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Contact a park employee or dial 911.

For directions to the nearest hospital, look on bulletin boards or at the park office.

#### Nearest Hospital:

Clearfield Hospital  
809 Turnpike Avenue  
Clearfield PA, 16830  
814-765-5341

### Important Links

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[Protect and Preserve Our Parks](#)

[Volunteer Opportunities](#)

### For More Information Contact

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