

Chenango Valley STATE PARK



153 State Park Road
Chenango Forks, NY 13746
Park Office: 607-648-5251
Park Fax: 607-648-8445
Golf Tee Times 607-648-9700



Emergency Phone Numbers

Medical, Fire, Police Emergency.....911
Park Police Emergency (Toll free) 1-877-851-6086
Park Police Administration.....315-492-6422
Park Office.....607-648-5251

Please see map for phone locations

Facilities

1185 Acres
184 Campsites (Trailers Allowed) and 24 cabins
Two Lakes, Beach with Concession
Community Center
Four Pavilions, Reservable
Nature Trails
Playgrounds and Ballfields
Picnic Areas with Tables and grills
Hot Showers, Flush Toilets
Trailer Dumping Station
Rowboat & Kayak Rentals
Interpretive Center

GOLFING FACILITIES

18-Hole Golf Course, Par 72, 6432 yards
Practice Putting Green & Warm-up Range
Pro Shop (fully stocked)
Pro- PGA Class A Golf Professional
Lessons Available
Clubhouse with Bar & Restaurant/Snack Bar
Catering Available
Power Carts, Pull Carts & Clubs Rentals available
Limited Mobility Cart available by reservation
For Golf Reservations call (607) 648-9700

Activities

Swimming	Sledding
Hiking	Snowshoeing
Bicycling	Ice Skating
Nature Programs	Cross-Country Skiing
Fishing	Birdwatching



Accessibility

The park offers accessible parking spaces, comfort stations, picnic areas and shelters. There are a limited number of campsites and cabins. The golf course clubhouse is accessible.



Carry In - Carry Out

Day Use Patrons: Please take all your garbage with you when you leave the park. Thank you.

Overnight Patrons: Please give your attention to current recycling efforts by use of appropriately marked containers in camping/cabin area.

Good Manners

Be Respectful of others by keeping noise to a minimum level. **Quiet Hours are from 10pm – 7am. Generator Hours 9am-11am and 5pm-9pm.**

Keep your campsite or picnic area clean and litter free. Litter leads to more litter; so don't be the first to drop it.

It is illegal to collect anything on state lands. Plants, fossils, rocks and animals are important parts of the park experience. Please leave them there for everyone's enjoyment and your safety.

Pets are welcome, but must be properly licensed and proof of current rabies vaccination must be presented. Household pets must be kept on a leash no longer than six (6) feet, and must never be left unattended. Two pet maximum per campsite or cabin.

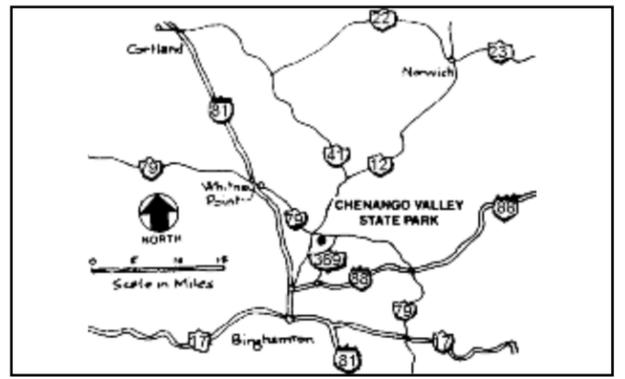
Campsites & Cabins

There are 184 campsites, with 86 having electrical hookup, **no** water or sewer hookups are available. There are 24 cabins, 19 of which are three room cabins and five of which are two room cabins. All have electricity, cold running water, refrigerator, gas cook stove, dressers, table, chairs, toilet, and heat source. Cabin guests have to provide their own linens, pots, pans and utensils. Comfort stations with hot water showers are conveniently located in the camping areas. A trailer dump station with potable water is available. More information about cabins and campsites can be obtained at the park office.

Park Patron Alert

Chenango Valley State Park is home to an active population of wildlife, including raccoons and the occasional bear. Please secure all food before leaving your campsite or retiring for the evening. Remember that animals are wild and should NOT be enticed into your campsite. Chenango Valley is home to a large population of bats. A small percentage of them could harbor rabies. If you notice any animals that appear ill, or acting in a strange manner please contact park staff immediately. Report any bites, scratches or contact with a wild or domestic animal.

Beware of Ticks - commonly found in wooded areas, tall grasses, shrubs, and under leaves, ticks may carry serious diseases. It is important to periodically check yourself, your children and pets for ticks.



Directions

BUFFALO-ROCHESTER: Take Thruway I-90 to Exit 46; Rte 390 S. to Rte 17 E to Interstate I-81 North. Follow I-81 North to Rte I-88 East to Exit 3, Port Crane, then Rte 369 to park entrance.

NEW YORK: Take Rte 17 W to Rte 81 N to Rte 88 E then same as above.

ALBANY: Take Thruway I-90 W to Exit 25A Schenectady. Follow Rte 88 W to Exit 3 to Rte 369 N to park entrance.

BINGHAMTON: Take Rte. I81 N. To Rte I-88 E to Exit 3, Port Crane, to Rte 369 N to park entrance.

Reservations

Reservations for all New York State Park Campgrounds are available by calling the New York State Camping Reservation System at **1-800-456-CAMP**, or online at www.ReserveAmerica.com

Other Nearby State Parks

- Bowman Lake State Park (off Rte 220, 8 miles West of Oxford)
- Oquaga Creek State Park (off Rte 206, 11 miles South of Bainbridge)

Regional Office: 315-492-1756

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Park History

Originally designated as Lily Lake State Park, Chenango Valley was among the first parks identified for development by the State Park Commission. The first parcel of land was acquired from the Warner's estate in 1927 with further land acquisitions in the 1930's and 1940's. Early park development (1927-1930) included roads, stone dam to control flow into the lakes, administration building, bathhouse, comfort station, and tourist cabins. The park officially opened on Memorial Day in 1930.

Continued development between 1933 and 1939 was funded through several state and federal emergency relief programs including the CCC and WPA. The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) established a camp at Chenango Valley in 1933. The CCC worked in conjunction with the state conservation department; constructing the campground, cabins, nine-hole golf course, comfort stations, group shelter, roadwork, trail development, beach improvement, and erosion control. The Works Progress Administration (WPA) performed a variety of functions at Chenango Valley; most notable was the construction of a network of stone buildings throughout the park including the clubhouse and Pine Plains shelter.

In the 1960's, the demand for new leisure activities and increased interest in camping brought about the expansion of the park's campsites and cabins, as well as the expansion of the golf course to 18 holes.

In 1996, the park received a gift of 2.5 acres along the Chenango River. This land includes the remnants of the Chenango Canal and the only remaining lock in Broome County. This land acquisition was expedited by the Friends of Chenango Valley State Park.

Seasons

The park and trails are open year round from dawn to dusk. Campsites and cabins are available from Mid-May to Columbus Day. Swimming is permitted in guarded areas only, weekends and holidays only from Memorial Day weekend to mid-June, and seven days a week from mid-June to Labor Day. Boat access to the lake is open from April 15 – September 15. Golf course is open April to November (weather dependent). Winter restrooms are available at the stone bathroom by the beach parking lot.

Natural History/Geology

Plants & Wildlife

Typical spring flowers may be observed by hiking the parks trails late April through June. Trees include red and white oak, red and sugar maple, eastern hemlock, white ash, American beech, white and yellow birch, and black cherry.

Mammals include deer, rabbits, black bear, flying and gray squirrel, woodchuck, eastern chipmunk, raccoon, red fox, coyote, skunk and beaver. Rainbow and brown trout, smallmouth bass, yellow perch and brown bullhead are found in Chenango Lake. Hikers in woodland areas may glimpse woodpeckers, nut hatches, warblers, tanagers, orioles, and thrushes. Lakeside hikers will encounter herons, ducks, and kingfishers. NYS state bird, eastern bluebird, frequents the golf course clubhouse area, where nest boxes have been placed for this threatened species.

Geology:

The Park's distinctive landscape began to form during the retreat of Late Wisconsinian glaciation about 10,000 years ago when an ice sheet over a mile thick covered most of Canada and northern US. The glaciers left behind two main features visible in the park, an esker and two kettle lakes, Chenango and Lily Lake.

Chenango and Lily Lake were formed when large chunks of ice broke off a retreating glacier and were buried by sediments from meltwater streams. When the ice blocks melted, they left behind kettle holes that filled with water creating two kettle lakes that are now called Chenango and Lily Lake. Despite their glacial origin, the lakes seen today have been substantially shaped by human development.

The Friends of Chenango Valley State Park

The Friends of Chenango Valley State Park or "The Friends" as it is most commonly known, is a group of volunteers. Its mission is to preserve the environmental, historical, and recreational integrity of the park, and to offer a wide range of educational programs and experiences in support of this intent.

Smoking Policy

Smoking is prohibited in all park buildings and structures, as well as on or near playgrounds, beaches, bathhouses, or any other designated non-smoking areas.



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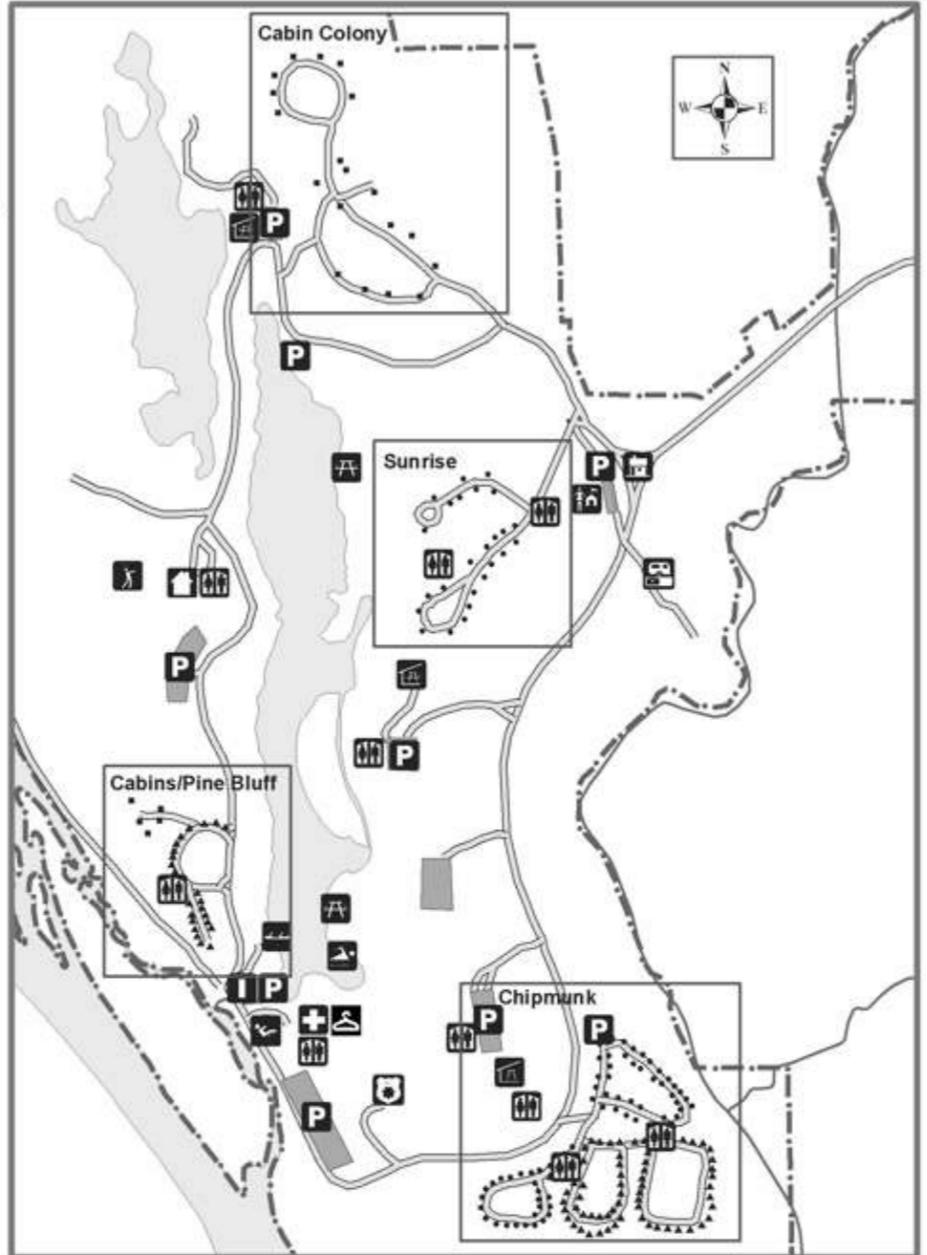
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	Playground
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