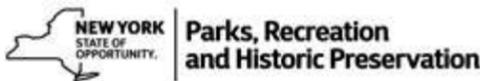


Newtown Battlefield Reservation STATE PARK



Elmira, New York



Finger Lakes Region
2020

The Finger Lakes Story

Sparkling lakes, breathtaking waterfalls and rolling pastoral land dominate the landscape of the Finger Lakes Region. Over thousands of years, gigantic glaciers and coursing streams carved this landscape shared by generations of people. Located atop the eastern ridge of the glacially-carved Chemung River Valley, Newtown Battlefield State Park is one of 29 facilities of the Finger Lakes State Parks Region where you can enjoy these treasured landscapes and discover the lives of people of the past.

The park features an observation deck overlooking the site of the Battle of Newtown in the Chemung Valley, one of the most significant battles of the American Revolutionary War. You can enjoy this park's predominantly wooded setting along hiking trails or at scenic picnic areas.

The Nature of Newtown Battlefield

Water shaped the natural landscape of the park. During the past million years, water in the form of giant mounds of ice, or glaciers, covered New York State several times, dramatically transforming the land in its path. In this region, the most recent glacier moved through shallow river valleys leaving in their place deep troughs with steep sides. When the glacier receded north about 10,000 years ago, water filled some of these new troughs, creating the 11 Finger Lakes. South of the Finger Lakes, an arm of the glacier ground through the Chemung River valley, widening the floor and steepening the hillsides of this pre-existing valley. On the valley's eastern ridge line, this park is an excellent place to view the Chemung River and its glacially-carved valley. The park's mature forests of pines, oaks, maples and hickories are home to a variety of wildlife including white-tail deer, ruffed grouse, wild turkey and bear.

People and Newtown Battlefield

Before 1779, this area of the Southern Tier of New York State was rarely explored by European settlers and was inhabited by Native Americans or Haudenosaunee. The Haudenosaunee of the area lived in well-built log cabins among corn fields, vegetable gardens and fruit orchards.

On August 29, 1779, the tranquility of the area was broken by the Battle of Newtown. Fought in the

TO ALL OUR GUESTS

Trails: Park Trails are for pedestrian use only. Bicycles and horses are not allowed on the trails.

Pets: Family pets must be leashed and attended at all times. Proof of rabies vaccination must be by veterinarians certificate - the collar tag will not be accepted as proof.

Respecting Wildlife: Please do not feed or harass any wildlife while visiting the park. If you see any wildlife that appears ill, leave it alone and contact park personnel immediately. If you come in physical contact with an animal, report it to a park employee right away.

DAY USE: Permitted activities are posted at the park office.

Picnic Areas: Tables and grills

Pavilions: Can be reserved 11 months in advance.

- Six small pavilions.

- Fireplace Pavilion

- Rustic Lodge with kitchen

Historic Monument

Observation Deck with interpretive signs

Replica of Native American Village

Play Fields/Ballfield

Playground

Horseshoe Pits

Comfort Stations

Hiking Trails

Soda Machines

Facilities:

While the park is open year round, winter access is limited. Please check with park office or visit our website www.nysparks.com before arriving at the park.

“Carry In-Carry Out” Parks

Our facilities are designated “Carry In-Carry Out.” Please take your trash and recyclables home with you for proper disposal.



Accessible parking spaces and restrooms are available. Contact the park office for specific information.

Chemung River valley, the battle was part of the Sullivan-Clinton Campaign of the American Revolutionary War. This campaign is considered one of the largest offensives of the Continental Army. In response to Haudenosaunee raids on frontier settlements, General George Washington dispatched General John Sullivan and General James Clinton to drive the Haudenosaunee and their British allies out of the western New York wilderness. To prevent the Haudenosaunee from returning, they were ordered to burn the Haudenosaunee farms, villages and food stores.

Sullivan and Clinton's armies met at Tioga Point, just south of the New York-Pennsylvania border, and traveled northwest along the Chemung River into southern New York. The army of 5,000 men approached the Haudenosaunee settlement of “New Town” where a small number of British forces and around 1,000 Haudenosaunee lay in wait to ambush. The Continental Army learned of this trap, stopped, regrouped and then attacked the combined British and Haudenosaunee forces with cannon and infantry. After a heated battle, the British and Haudenosaunee retreated. This defeat dispirited the Haudenosaunee, weakening the resistance faced by the Continental Army along its route. From the Chemung River valley, the armies of Sullivan and Clinton traveled north through the Finger Lakes destroying a total of 40 Haudenosaunee villages and 160,000 bushels of corn and other food stores.

You can reflect on the valley's role in the Revolutionary War at the observation deck overlooking the site with signs highlighting the Battle of Newtown. The granite obelisk monument commemorating the Clinton-Sullivan Campaign was built in 1912, the same year the park was acquired by New York State. Most of the present-day park structures were built by the crews of the Civilian Conservation Corps, (CCC), a Federal program created to employ men during the Great Depression of the 1930's. The CCC Company 1251, SP-46 arrived in August of 1935 and was composed of 180 young African American men. None of the company commanders were African American until June of 1937. Newtown Battlefield Reservation along with the camp at Gettysburg in Pennsylvania, had the notable distinction of being the only two camps in the CCC programs history to ever have African American commanders in charge of African American men. For more information about the CCC program and this site, see the sign outside of the Lodge. In 1973, this park was designated as a historic landmark and placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

NEWTOWN BATTLEFIELD RESERVATION STATE PARK

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Victoria Srnka, Park Supervisor

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Special Passes

Access Passes: Available to NY residents with qualifying disabilities.

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Quiet Hours and Generator Hours: Quiet hours in camping areas are from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. and are STRICTLY enforced. Generators may be operated from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and must be attended. Your cooperation is appreciated by park staff and your fellow campers.

Camping Equipment and Vehicles: Two sleeping tents or one camping unit (trailer, RV) and one tent are permitted per camp site. No more than two vehicles may be parked on a camp or cabin site. Additional parking for overnight guests is available in nearby parking lots for a fee.

Check In/Check Out: Check-in time is 3:00 p.m. Check-out time is 11:00 a.m.

CAMPGROUNDS: 16 non electric and 2 electric camping sites. No permanent water hookups available.

CABINS: 5 cabins each with four cots, stove, refrigerator and toilet.

Comfort Stations: Hot showers and flush toilets
Trailer/RV Dumping Station, Dumpster, Recycling

Camping Reservations: Camping and cabin reservation in NYS Parks may be made up to 9 months in advance. Call 1-800-456-CAMP (2267), or online at www.ReserveAmerica.com

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1009 N. Franklin St., Watkins Glen

Catherine Valley Trail: Two trailheads off N.Y.S. Rte. 14 in Montour Falls and Millport

Soaring Eagles Golf Course:

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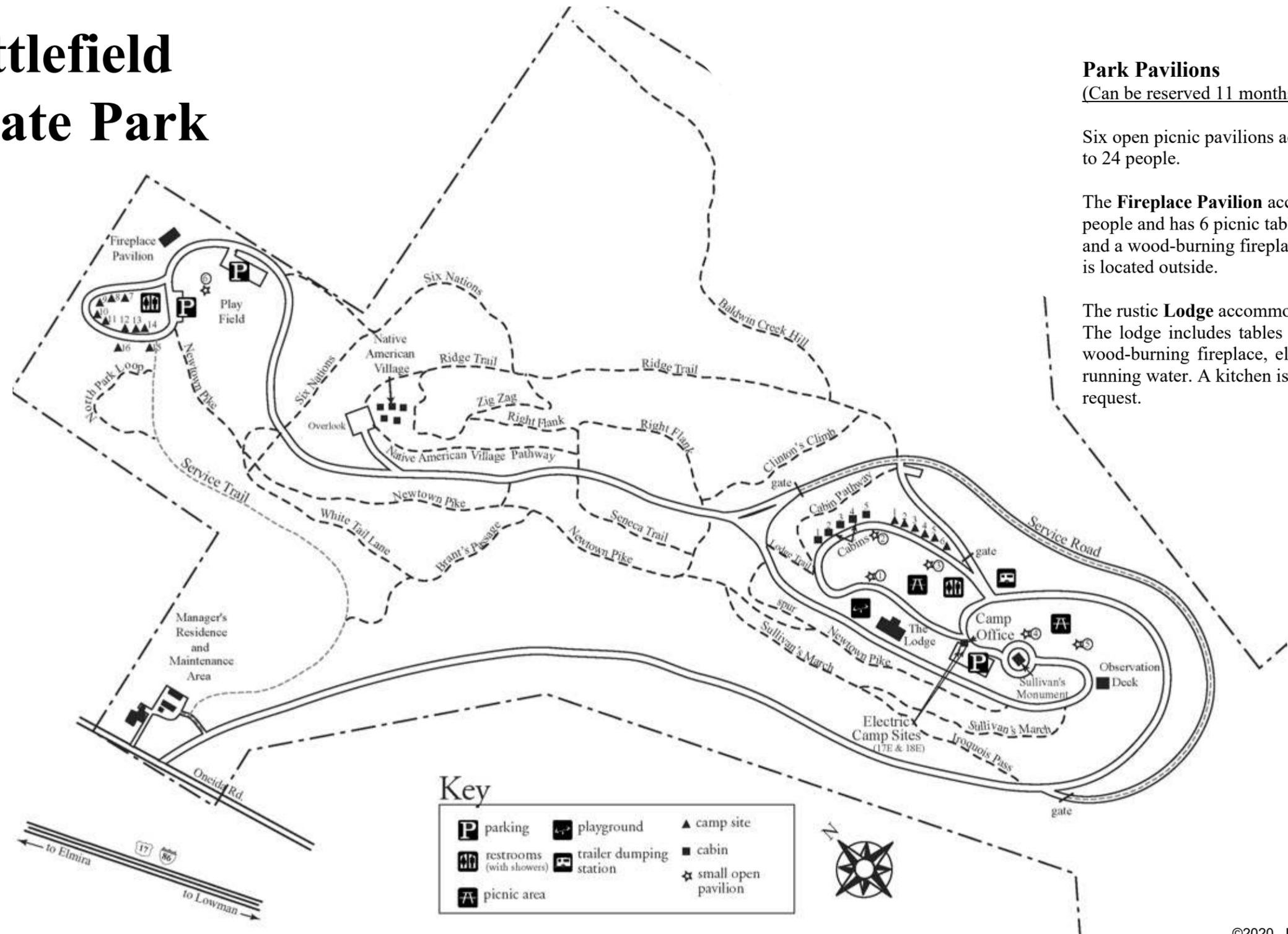
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Six open picnic pavilions accommodate up to 24 people.

The **Fireplace Pavilion** accommodates 100 people and has 6 picnic tables, electricity and a wood-burning fireplace. A large grill is located outside.

The rustic **Lodge** accommodates 77 people. The lodge includes tables and chairs, a wood-burning fireplace, electricity, and running water. A kitchen is available upon request.

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