

Park Prepares for Summer Visitors

By Kathleen Sandt / Public Affairs Specialist National Park Service

BUSHKILL, PA: Employees at Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area have been busy gearing up and getting facilities ready for a busy summer season. The 70,000-acre national park unit in PA and NJ and was the 10th most-visited national park unit in the country in 2020 with 4.1 million visits recorded.

"This summer, our visitors will see our staff stationed at busy sites throughout the park where we can best serve the public's needs. We're going to put our focus where our visitors are and where we can be of most assistance," said Superintendent Sula Jacobs of the park's summer plans. "We've been planning ahead and getting the park ready to welcome our visitors," she added. "But for the best trips, we recommend that visitors plan ahead too."



Get information online or by phone:

Call the information desk at (570) 426-2452.

Follow us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/DelWaterGapNPS.

Visit the park website at www.nps.gov/dewa.

The health and safety of our visitors and our employees is our top priority. Prior to visiting the park, visit the Current Conditions section of our website for up-to-date information on important public health and safety measures that are in effect related to stopping the spread of Covid-19. Some services remain limited or unavailable.

Accessibility: For information on accessible facilities in the park visit the park's website or call (570) 426-2434. Audio files of wayside exhibits located throughout the park can be downloaded from the website before visiting: Wayside Audio - Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area (U.S. National Park Service) (nps.gov).

Cool Off In, or On, the River: All beaches and boat/canoe launches are open for the season. A \$10/car fee is charged 7 days a week; annual passes are available for \$45. The hand-launch access at Cadoo Recreation Site in NJ is open Monday morning through Friday evening and is closed on weekends; there is no charge to use the access.

Lifeguards will be on duty at Milford Beach from 10 am to 6 pm, Thursday through Monday, beginning June 20 and ending August 28.

Inflatable pool toys are not permitted within designated swimming areas and lifejackets are recommended when lifeguards are not on duty.

Visit the park website for a list of businesses in the area that rent canoes, kayaks, tubes, and rafts and provide transportation; or B.Y.O.B- bring your own boat.

Always wear a properly fitted and fastened US Coast Guard-approved lifejacket when on or near the water. Lifejackets must be worn by children 12 and under while aboard any vessel.

Go for a Ride...or a Drive: The McDade Trail in PA is a great place to ride your bike (and it's the only trail in the park where bikes are permitted). Visit our website for information on bicycle rentals in the area.

Take a scenic drive and enjoy the views.

The upper section of Blue Mountain Lakes Road and Skyline Drive will be open to vehicles on weekdays beginning May 10. They will remain closed to vehicles on weekends, from Friday at dusk until noon on Monday. These roads will be closed to all users later in the summer for road work including re-grading, resurfacing, and drainage improvements. Updates will be posted on our website and on our Facebook page as construction schedules are finalized.

Freeman Tract Road off River Road in Middle Smithfield Township will be closed weekends, closing on Friday evenings and re-opening on Monday mornings, beginning May 10.

Planned Construction/Road Work: Additional information is available on the park's website and project updates will be posted to the park's Facebook page. Scheduled road repair and construction projects include:

Mountain Road in NJ will remain closed to vehicles due to construction on a historic culvert. The road is open to pedestrians wishing to visit Buttermilk Falls.

Old Mine Road near Watergate in NJ will be open, but motorists may experience single-lane closures with traffic control due to ongoing construction in the area through July.

The dirt section of National Park Drive in the Slateford Farm area is closed to vehicles due to construction.

Route 209 near Adams Creek will be closed evenings from 9 pm to 5 am from June through July due to construction work on the bridge over the creek. A detour to and from the Milford area will be in place via Route 739 and Milford Road.

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1410 Ackermanville Road, Bangor
 Sun 10am Worship. Rev. Sukja Bang
 (610) 588-7818,
 www.ackermanvilleumc.org

Bangor Church of the Nazarene
150 Bunny Trail, Bangor
 Sun 9:30am SS, 10:40am Worship
 (Children's Church to grade 2), 5pm
 Powerhouse Praise Practice, 6pm Teen
 Straight Talk & Small Groups. Kenneth
 L. Bean, Pastor
 (610) 588-6929

Belfast Bible
483 Belfast Rd., Belfast
 Sunday School (all ages) 9:30am, Wor-
 ship 10:45am, evening Service 7pm.
 Pastor Michael Yaworski.

Belfast Wesley United Methodist
607 School St., Belfast
 Children's SS & Adult SS 9am, Wor-
 ship 10am, coffee fellowship following
 worship. Pastor Paul Milligan. (610)
 746-3652.

Benders Mennonite Church
975 Benders Church Rd., Pen Argyl
 Sun Worship service every Sunday at
 10:10am; Food Bank 3rd Saturday of
 the month 9-11am. 610-863-9114.

Bethel Bible Church of Mt. Zion
**7742 N. Delaware Dr. (Rt. 611),
 Martins Creek**
 Free Bread Every Saturday, 3eryone
 welcome, questions 908-483-8231;
 Sunday School 9am, Sunday Morning
 Worship 10am. Pastor Rick Tunis, 610-
 250-9890. Learn about us online
 www.bethelbiblechurchoftrmtzion.org.

Christ Presbyterian Church
of the Slate Belt
 332 Kennedy Dr., Bangor
 Sun.-Worship 10:30 a.m. Rev Albert Martin
 (610)588-4864
 e mail - presbyterianbr@frontiernet.net
 www.facebook.com/Presbyterybr

Christ Ev. Lutheran Church
703 South Delaware Drive
 Mt Bethel, PA 18343
 610-588-7056
 The Rev. Larry Laine
 Worship at 9 AM
 Sunday School 10 AM

Clearfield Bible Holiness Church
1502 Bushkill Ctr Rd, Wind Gap
 Sun- SS 10:15am, Worship 11:15am &
 3pm. Pastor Donald Herrick.
 (812) 653-3975.

Community Baptist
Weona Park Center, Pen Argyl
 Sun - Bible study 7pm. Separate
 class for age 10 & under.

Community Presbyterian
1755 S Delaware Drive, Mt. Bethel
 Sun. - SS 9:15am, Worship service

10:30am, Coffee hour on last sunday of
 every month following service.
 www.mtbethelpresbyterian.org,
 (570) 897-6766.

Cross Road Baptist Church
201 Second St., Bangor
 Sun- 9:15am Praise Sing, 9:30am SS,
 10:45am Worship; Wed- 7pm Prayer/
 Bible Study. Rev. Jay VanHorn, Pastor
 (610) 588-3966,
 www.crossroadbaptistbangor.org

**The Lady's Guild of Our Lady of Vic-
 tory R.C. Church, Tannersville** will hold
 a Chicken Cordon Blue Dinner on April
 28th. We would appreciate your help
 in advertising this year's event without
 cost to the church.

EAST BANGOR UNITED
METHODIST COMMUNITY CHURCH
136 W. Central Ave.
East Bangor, PA 18013
 Sat., May 15 -8:00 p.m. AA Meeting
 Sun., May 16 -10:00 a.m. Worship
 Service (Live & on Zoom)

(For Zoom, go to ebumc.org to sign-in)
 Pastor David Goss
 (610) 588-4453 Dial-A-Message
 (610-588-3896) www.ebumc.org

Faith Alive Community Church
10 Mechanic St, Wind Gap

Tues- 6pm Ladies Prayer Meeting (2nd
 Tues); Wed- 6:30pm Revival Prayer,
 7:15pm Adult Bible Study; Sat- 10-2pm
 Prayer Stop (1st Sat); Sun- 9:15am
 Family Fellowship, 9:30am Interces-
 sory Prayer, 10am Worship, 10:45am
 Children's Church, Communion at
 10:30am (1st Sun). Pastor Matthew
 Whistler. (610) 863-6911,
 www.faccpa.org

Family Life Community Church
1115 Richmond Rd, Bangor
 Wed- Kidz Night Out at The Hub 6:30-
 8pm (kids 6 thru 6th gr.); Thurs- Teen
 Night Out at The Hub 6:30-8pm (gr.
 7-9); Sun- 10am Celebration Service.
 Pastor Mike Poppa. 610-588-3736,
 www.flccbangor.com.

First United Evangelical
25 S 2nd St., Bangor
 Sun. - 7pm Prayer Meeting & Bible
 Study; Jan 20- 9am Prayer Meeting,
 9:30am Church School, 10:30am Wor-
 ship. Pastor Ronald Shipman at
 (610) 588-3226

First United Methodist Church
55 N. Third St., Bangor
 Worship every Sunday at 11am, Adult
 and Children Sunday Schools 9:45am,
 Communion first Sunday of month,
 Wednesday evening Bible Study
 6:30pm. Pastor Chris Hardy
 (610) 588-4673.

First United Methodist
19 West & Water St., Wind Gap
 Sun.- 9am SS, 10am Worship/Commu-
 nion, 11am Fellowship on 1st Sunday
 of each month. Pastor John Vidal
 (570) 426-0645

Flicksville United Church of Christ
 1337 Lower South Main Street

Bangor, PA 18013 Pastor Ken Hess
 610-588-4648
 www.flicksvilleucc.com
 Adult Sunday School classes at 9:30
 AM Worship at 10:45 AM
 following social distancing guidelines

God's Missionary Church
of Northampton
**4965 Nor. Bath Blvd (Rt 329),
 Northampton, PA**
 Sun- SS 9:30am, Service 10:30 & 7pm,
 Youth Service 6:30pm; Wed- Prayer
 Meeting 7:30pm. Rev. Rodney Keister.
 (610) 262-4412.
 http://GMC-N.com

Good Shepherd Evangelical
Lutheran Church,
2904 Church Rd, Martins Creek PA
 Sunday Worship Service 9:00 am. Adult
 Bible Study Following Worship. Pastor
 Louise Williams.
 www.goodshepherdmc.com

Grace Lutheran Church
5907 Sullivan Trail, Nazareth
 Dec. 6th – 9:00am – 2nd Sunday Of
 Advent, Holy Communion, Service
 In Fellowship Hall & Zoom Dec. 8th
 – 1:00pm Welca Meeting Dec. 13th
 – 9:00am – 3rd Sunday Of Advent,
 Holy Communion; Service In
 Fellowship Hall & Zoom
 Dec. 20th - 9:00am – 4th Sunday Of
 Advent, Holy Communion; Service In
 Fellowship Hall & Zoom Dec. 24th
 – 7:00pm – Family Christmas Eve
 Candlelight Service On Zoom Dec.
 27th – 9:00am – 1st Sunday Of Christ-
 mas; Service In Fellowship Hall & Zoom
 (610) 759-9080, www.gracebelfast.org

Grace United Methodist
404 Mountain Ave., Pen Argyl
 Easter Services: 6:30 am Sun-
 rise Service in back parking lot,
 weather permitting 8:30 and 10:00 am
 Easter Worship services (10:00 am
 service will be livestreamed) 10:00 am
 service will be live streamed 11:30 am
 Easter worship service in the back
 parking lot—bring your own chairs.
 Rev. J. Timothy Fisher. (610) 863-4811.
 www.worshipatgrace.org

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church
1501 Trinity Court, Stroudsburg
 Divine Liturgy Sundays 9:30 AM;
 Vespers Saturday 6:30 PM. (570) 421-
 4455, www.holytrinitypoconos.org.

Hopesprings Community of Faith
301 Market Street, Bangor
 Sun-Services 10am. Jonathan Alman-
 zar, Lead Pastor. 855-INFO-HOPE.
 www.hopespringscommunity.org.

Hope UCC
2nd & Cherry St., Wind Gap
 Sun- 10:30am Worship (Communion
 1st Sunday of the month). All are wel-
 come! SS 9:30 Sunday Morning.
 Pastor Emily B. Hall. (610) 863-4474

Living Waters Christian Church
396 Sterling Rd. Unit D, Tobyhanna
 Thurs- 6pm Christian Edu Sun- 9:15am
 Christian Edu, 10:30am Worship. Rev.
 Dr. Jacqueline R. Walters

570-350-4710

Mt. Bethel Church
A Church of the Lutheran Brethren
1270 Belvidere Cr. Rd, Mt. Bethel
 Sun.- 8:30am Traditional Service ,
 11am Contemporary Service Visit our
 website www.mountbethelchurch.org or
 call (570) 897-7142 for info.

Our Lady of Good Counsel
 436 South 2nd Street
 Bangor, PA 18013
 Rectory (610) 588-5445
 Parish Website: www.ourladystvin-
 cent.com Mass Schedule
 Weekdays 8AM excluding Thursdays
 (See Church Website)
 Saturday 4 PM Sunday 8:30 AM
 Holy Days (See Church Website)
 Saturday Confessions 3:25-3:45 PM

Our Lady of Victory R.C. Church,
 Tannersville, PA will hold a Free Com-
 munity Dinner on Sunday, July 21st
 from 3pm to 4pm. They would appreci-
 ate your assistance in advertising this
 dinner without cost to the Church.

Portland Baptist Church
601 Delaware Ave., Portland
 Sun- Sunday School 9am, Service
 10:30am; Wed- Bible Study 10:30 with
 Prayer Meeting to follow. Elevator and
 rampsWe are handicap accessible with
 automatic doors, elevator and restroom.
 (570) 897-6866
 www.portlandbaptistchurch.com

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
2445 Lake Minsi Dr., Bangor
 Saturday Worship: 1st & 3rd 5:30 pm.
 Sunday School starts at 8:30am
 (September-May)
 Sunday Service- 9:45am
 Holy Communion is served weekly.
 All are welcome!

Richmond United Methodist Church
8538 Delaware Dr, Bangor
 Palm Sunday, worship at 10:00 am.
 Maundy Thursday, Soup at 6:00 pm
 and Worship at 7:00 pm. Good Friday
 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm for Personal
 Meditation, Devotion and Prayer
 Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 am
 (followed by breakfast) Easter Traditio-
 nal Worship 10:00 am Rev. Ed Van
 Arsdale 610-588-7317

Slate Belt Church
1620 Church Rd, Pen Argyl
 (Across from the Wind Gap Middle School)
 www.slatebeltchurch.com
 Sun.- 9:30am SS, 10:30am Worship &
 Children's Church (nursery provided)
 5:30pm Bible Study, Youth Group & Kids
 Program Pastor Steve Rebert
 610-863-9274

St. Brigid's Episcopal Church, Nazareth.
 Delete Sunday school Holy Eucharist @
 9:30 a.m. St. Brigid's Episcopal Church
 310 Madison Avenue Nazareth, PA 18064
 Phone: 610-746-3910 Fax: 610-746-4515

St. Elizabeth's Parish
300 West Babbitt Ave., Pen Argyl
 Sun.- Masses 8am, 9:30am & 11am. Rev.
 Msgr. Vincent P. York.

610-863-4777

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran
12 N. Westbrook, Pen Argyl
 Sun.- 8:45am SS, 10am Worship/Holy
 Communion. (610) 863-4332

St. Joseph's Episcopal
1440 Verona Dr., W. Bangor
 Jan 20- Eucharist 11am; Christmas Eve
 Service 4pm. Rev Joel Atkinson. Coffee
 hour after service.

St. Luke's U.C.C. Belfast
471 Belfast Rd., Nazareth (Belfast)
 SS 9am, Worship 10:30am. Rev. Cecelia
 Baxter and Rev. Jameson Baxter.
 610-759-0244.
 www.stlukesuccbelfast.com

St. Mary's Episcopal
340 Lehigh St., Wind Gap
 Sun.- service 9am. Coffee hour follows
 service. Rev. Joel Atkinson.
 Maundy Thursday Service will be held
 at St. Mary's Episcopal Church Wind
 Gap at 5:30 P.M. Easter Morning Ser-
 vice will be held at St. Mary's Episcopal
 Church Wind Gap at 9:00 a.m.

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran
1422 Church Rd, Pen Argyl
 (610) 863-6859
 Sunday Worship/Communion
 8am and 10:15am; 9am SS
 www.stpetersplainfield.com

St. Vincent dePaul
 720 Delaware Avenue
 Portland, PA 18351
 Rectory (610) 588-5445
 Mass Schedule Weekdays (at OLCG)
 Saturday 6 PM Sunday 10:30 AM
 Holy Days (See Church Website)
 Saturday Confessions 5:40-5:50 PM

The Pentecostal Christian
Church the Truth
(Iglesia Pentecostal La Verdad)
4 Jory Ave Pen Argyl
 Sun.- Prayer 14- Sunday School
 (Escuela Dominical) 12 noon, Praise &
 Worrship (Cuho Evangelistico) 1pm.

Temple Israel of the Poconos
Egalitarian Conservative Synagogue
660 Wallace Street, Stroudsburg
 Sabbath Services: Friday evening 7pm
 followed by a Traditional Oneg Shab-
 bat. Saturday morning 9:30am followed
 by a traditional Kiddush. Dr. Sandra
 Alfonsi 570-223-7062.

Trinity United Church of Christ
 632 S Delaware Dr. Mt Bethel Pa
 18343 Sunday Worship 10:30 am
 SS and Confirmation 9:00 am
 Rev. Rodney Wells pastor

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran
404 Broadway, Bangor
 Thur - Christian Ed 6:30pm, Choir
 7:30pm; Jan 20- SS 9am, Worship/
 Communion 10am. Pastor Laine. (610)
 588-2023, www.tlcbangor.com.

Zion Presbyterian Church
Water St., Wind Gap
 Sun.- Rev. Albert Martin will be speak-
 ing at the 9:30am service. Children SS