



Dragonfly Pond Walk

2021

WELCOME TO DRAGONFLY POND, LOCATED AT THE ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER AT YELLOW CREEK STATE PARK. PLEASE STAY ON THE PATHS AND ENJOY THE TOUR; IT IS ALWAYS BEST TO WEAR BOOTS AS SOME PATHS CAN BE MUDDY AND UNEVEN. LOOK FOR THE GEOCACHE NEAR DRAGONFLY POND THAT WAS PLACED BY THE EVERGREEN CONSERVANCY.

- 1 This ½ mile loop is an easy walk, good for all ages and abilities. Feel free to bring your leashed dog on this walk! Dragonfly Pond is a great location to enjoy nature and the wildlife in and around the pond. Fishing is allowed at Dragonfly pond by people with disabilities, and also for children aged 12 and younger.
- 2 The island in the pond with trees and ground covers was created for nesting ducks. Watch carefully to see if you notice any activity there.
- 3 Take a rest on a bench and listen for the birds and other nature sounds. Look in the water to count the fish you see of all sizes. How many different fish do you see? Do you see any bugs skimming on top of or swimming in the water?
- 4 In early spring the hillside down toward the roadway is filled with the yellow flowers of the Golden Ragwort. Often Dames Rocket can be growing in the same area – you can identify them by their sweet smell and pink, blue or white 4-petal flowers. In the summer pink and blue Common Fleabane grows near the white flat-topped flowers of Queen Ann’s Lace. In the fall the hillside can be covered with yellow flowering Canada Goldenrod.

- 5 A special Accessible Fishing Dock is available at this location for ease of casting your fishing line.
- 6 After the Accessible Fishing Dock and the large Norway spruce next to it, continue into the woods. Notice the trees - the different heights, the colors and textures of the bark. Some of the trees will hold their leaves all through the winter while others will drop all of them. In summer notice the different leaf shapes and in fall the colors of the leaves. Be sure you can identify Poison Ivy that may be growing along the edges of the path and the vines sometimes can be found climbing trees. (Remember leaves of 3, leave them be). In the spring you may be able to identify the white 4-petal flowers of the Flowering Dogwood Tree.
- 7 As you walk through the woods, keep your eyes open for plants that grow best in a shady, wooded area. In the spring you can find Ferns with fiddleheads, Sensitive Ferns, Lady’s Thumbprint and other spring blooming plants. In the spring watch for Mayapples with their umbrella shaped leaves low to the ground with a bloom hidden under the umbrella. Take a moment to look again at the island in the pond to see if you can spy a duck on a nest.



Visit www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/ for more trails

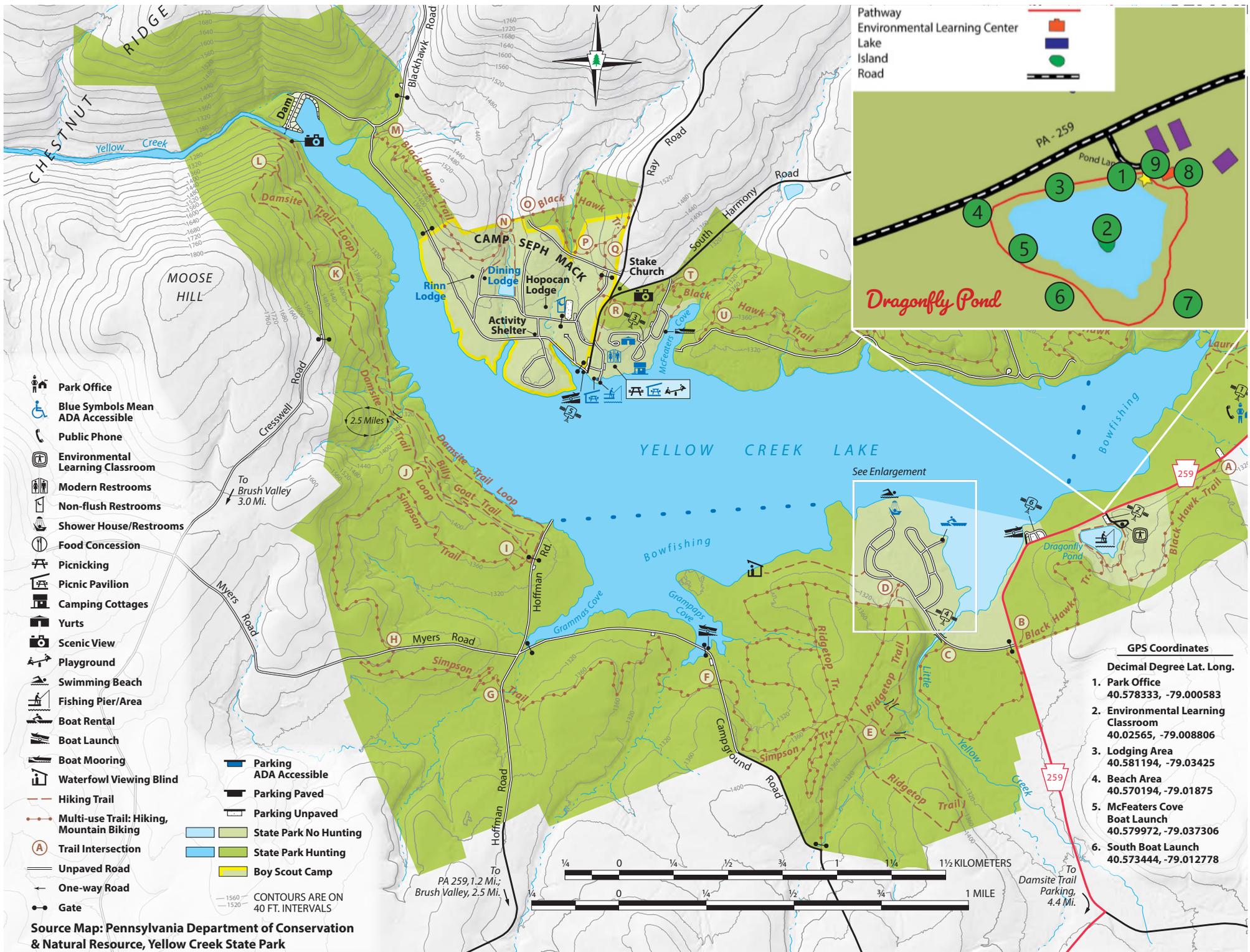
- 8 The Environmental Learning Center is a great location for educational programs between April 1 through October 31 arranged by the Friends of the Parks, Friends of Yellow Creek and the Environmental Education Specialist. Please check the Park office or website for a list of upcoming programs: <https://www.indianacountyparks.org/friends-of-the-park.aspx>
- 9 At the entrance of the Environmental Learning Center is The Native Species Garden. A committee conceived this garden including: Yellow Creek staff, Penn State Master Gardeners and Dr. Whit Watts and his students at IUP. The plants are labeled for your benefit to recognize them in the wild and for visitors to consider adding native plants to their home garden.

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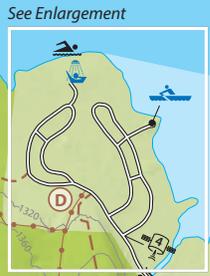
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- Park Office
- Blue Symbols Mean ADA Accessible
- Public Phone
- Environmental Learning Classroom
- Modern Restrooms
- Non-flush Restrooms
- Shower House/Restrooms
- Food Concession
- Picnicking
- Picnic Pavilion
- Camping Cottages
- Yurts
- Scenic View
- Playground
- Swimming Beach
- Fishing Pier/Area
- Boat Rental
- Boat Launch
- Boat Mooring
- Waterfowl Viewing Blind
- Hiking Trail
- Multi-use Trail: Hiking, Mountain Biking
- Trail Intersection
- Unpaved Road
- One-way Road
- Gate

- Parking ADA Accessible
 - Parking Paved
 - Parking Unpaved
 - State Park No Hunting
 - State Park Hunting
 - Boy Scout Camp
- CONTOURS ARE ON 40 FT. INTERVALS



- GPS Coordinates**
- Decimal Degree Lat. Long.**
1. Park Office
40.578333, -79.000583
 2. Environmental Learning Classroom
40.02565, -79.008806
 3. Lodging Area
40.581194, -79.03425
 4. Beach Area
40.570194, -79.01875
 5. McFeaters Cove Boat Launch
40.579972, -79.037306
 6. South Boat Launch
40.573444, -79.012778