

Meet Art!

Hi there! My name is Art and I'm a big fan of Pennsylvania's State Parks—all 117 of them. These beautiful places are home to all sorts of plants and animals and they provide you and me opportunities for hiking, camping, fishing, boating, swimming and many other outdoor adventures.

The state parks bring out the creativity in everyone who visits them. Photography, painting, drawing, sand sculptures, you name it, art can be found at every park. This coloring book allows you to discover how the parks bring out your artistic side. Have fun. I hope to see you at a state park real soon!

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Are You Prepa

When heading outdoors to enjoy a day in the woods, always be prepared. Make sure you take the following items:







Snack







Day or back pack





Outdoor clothing

Respect Our Natural World

Practice the following skills to be a caretaker of our great outdoors:

- Observe wildlife from a distance.
- Never pick plants.
- Walk lightly and stay on trails. No shortcuts!!!
- Carry in and carry out-leave no trash behind.
- Camp only on ready-made campsites.
- Build campfires in existing fire rings.
- Gather firewood that is on the ground and no bigger than an adult's wrist.
- Never cut or break sticks from dead, living, or downed trees.
- Make sure campfire is completely out and cold to the touch.
- Pick up all spilled food; it discourages wildlife from becoming pests and leaves the place neat for the next visitor.
- When pooping in the woods, bury your waste about 6 inches deep (and 200 feet away from water.) Cover the hole with soil. Carry out the used toilet paper.
- Avoid making loud noises as it can startle wildlife and disturb other visitors.





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Native Plants

A simple definition of a Pennsylvania native plant is one that was found in Pennsylvania prior to Europeans arriving. Pennsylvania has over 3081 species of native trees, shrubs, flowers, and other forms of plants. Native plants might be found in your neighborhood, at a state park, or in special protected areas. A few fun native plants found in Pennsylvania are:



Witchhazel

Spotted Touch-me-not (jewelweed)

Invasive Plants

An invasive non-native plant is one that is not natural to an area and that may grow out of control once introduced. These invasive non-native plants often do not provide as much food and other habitat value as native plants do, and often crowd out native plants. Some invasive plants even release toxic chemicals that kill other plants!

The following are a few of the invasive plants common to Pennsylvania. These plants cause problems, and solutions are being sought to remove them from the landscape.





Spreading Jacob's Ladder

Polemonium reptans

Bell-shaped blue flower found in rich woods or moist, shady locations. A member of the phlox family.



Pinxter flower Rhododendron periclymenoides

A deciduous shrub with clusters of vase shaped flowers. Grows from 4 to 6 feet tall in woodlands.



Dense Blazing Star Liatris spicata

Rose-purple flowers cover a 1 to 2 foot spike that is 2 inches across. Flowers at top of spike open first. Grows in moist fields, fence rows and roadsides.



Beach pea Lathyrus japonicus

Found on sandy or gravelly shores. Purple flowers about 3/4 to 1 inch long in clusters of 6 to 10. Leaflets broad and blunt.













Parts of a Tree



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