

National Park Service: Winter Closures Lifted, Fee Season Begins 4/15

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BUSHKILL, PA- Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area announced today that sites that were closed for the winter will officially re-open on Monday, April 15, though some were opened earlier due to favorable conditions. Expanded amenity fees will go into effect on Monday, April 15 and will be collected until mid-October.

Expanded Amenity Fees

Fees are charged at Smithfield Beach, Bushkill Boat Launch, Dingmans Boat Launch and Milford Beach. Turtle Beach in NJ will be closed for the 2024 season due to construction on Old Mine Road. Elizabeth Winslow, fee program manager, points out that "What you pay here, will stay here." Most revenue generated from fees collected in the park stays in the park and is used to fund projects and services that have a direct visitor benefit including facility and trail maintenance, restrooms, boat and canoe launches, and picnic areas.

Daily fees are \$10 per vehicle (up to 7 occupants) and \$2 for additional passengers, pedestrians, and cyclists. Pay with a card or check at the fee booth or use exact cash with the self-registration envelope provided at the entrance to the fee areas. Where fee attendants are not on duty, visitors should deposit the daily fee in the envelope provided, tear off the perforated receipt, put the envelope in the designated secured drop box, and place the receipt on the vehicle's dashboard. Change for cash is not available at the fee booths.

Annual passes are a convenient way to access the fee areas for the entire season. The passes are \$45 per vehicle. Discounts apply for multiple purchases from the same household. Please visit <https://www.nps.gov/dewa/planyourvisit/fees.htm> for further information and requirements.

Winter Closures Lifted

The following areas that were closed for the winter will officially re-open for the 2024 season on April 15: River access points except Poxono Access in NJ which will remain closed due to construction on Old Mine Road

the access roads to Dingmans Falls (open daily during daylight hours)

the dirt section of Old Mine Road near Van Campen Inn

Mountain Road in Walpack, NJ will be open to vehicles between the Walpack Cemetery and the Haney's Mill Bridge. Mountain Road is closed to vehicles beyond the bridge and from the south end at Haney's Mill due to the closure for repairs on the state-owned section of the road. The bridge on Main Street in Walpack, between Walpack Center and Mountain Road, remains closed due to structural damage.

Crater Lake, including Skyline Drive and the upper section of Blue Mountain Lakes Road, will re-open to vehicles daily until late-May when it will be closed to vehicles Friday evenings through Monday afternoons until mid-October. The road will remain closed to vehicles on federal holidays that fall on Mondays.

NOTE: Old Mine Road between Millbrook Village and Worthington State Forest will be closed for the summer of 2024 for a pavement rehabilitation project. For additional information on this project and related site closures see GAOA Old Mine Road Rehabilitation 2024 - Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area (U.S. National Park Service) ([nps.gov](https://www.nps.gov)).

As a reminder, the following area closures go into effect on May 1 and remain in effect until September 30 annually:

Adams Creek Area and parking lots, including the drainage, from the Sproul Road and Long Meadow Road Parking Areas downstream to US Route 209

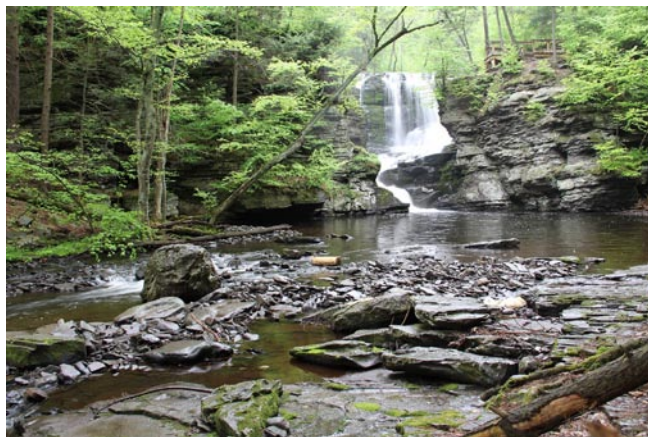
White Pines McDade Trail parking area

Raymondskill Creek drainage from the base of the lower falls, including the pool area, downstream to the confluence of the Delaware River, including the Schanno House (former) parking area and grounds on the west side of US Route 209 at Raymondskill Creek. This closure does not include the McDade Recreational Trail or the Raymondskill Falls Trail.

River Camping Fees and Reservations

Reservations are required for use of the primitive river campsites along the Middle Delaware National Scenic and Recreational River and are \$16 per night. Group campgrounds also require a reservation and are \$100 per night. Visit [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov) to make a reservation and pay the applicable fees. Reservations and payments for these sites cannot be made in person or over the phone.

For more information on Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area including site openings and closures and passes, call the information desk at (570) 426-2452, visit our website at www.nps.gov/dewa, or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/DelWaterGapNPS.



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5:00pm—7pm

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