

Martins Creek Public Boat Access Area

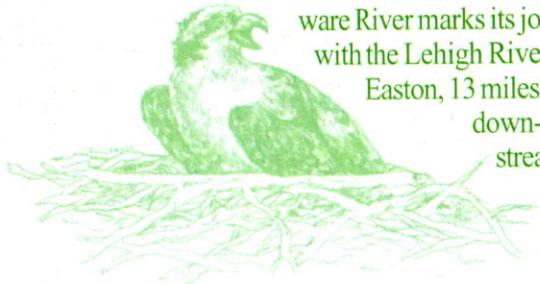
The boat launch and picnic area are open daily from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Facilities include tables, charcoal grills and toilets. There is no running water.

The river current near Martins Creek is considered moderate. However, the Foul Rift rapids are located a short 1/4 mile upstream from the power plant preventing upstream boat travel from this access area.

An inscription on a rock near Foul Rift reads "R + Hoopes 1791 cleared these falls". This proud proclamation is a testament to the difficulty of the Foul Rift rapids. Dropping more than 22 feet in less than 1/2 mile, the Foul Rift is among the most dangerous sections of the river. The Delaware River Basin Commission rates the Foul Rift as a class VI rapid. This rating denotes a hazardous rapid. The Rift is created by the river running over a massive ledge of limestone.

According to the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, the section of the Delaware River near the Martins Creek boat launch is a seasonal "hot spot" for shad and smallmouth bass in May and for walleye in November. Muskie and pickerel can also be caught in this area.

The Commission maintains a river access area on the Pennsylvania side about four miles downstream at Sandts Eddy, off Route 611. The Delaware Water Gap is 16 river miles upstream. A dam on the west side of the Delaware River marks its joining with the Lehigh River at Easton, 13 miles downstream.



Welcome to Martins Creek Environmental Preserve

PPL welcomes you to the serene landscapes and relaxing trails of the Martins Creek Environmental Preserve.

Located on the banks of the scenic Delaware River, the Lenni Lenape Indians named this land Tekening (pronounced tek-en-ing). The phrase means "in the wood."

The preserve boasts five miles of wooded hiking trails including views of the Delaware River. Hikers can view the scenic woodlands, geological formations and wildflowers found along the west bank of the river.

Through its PPL Project Earth initiative, the company is dedicated to providing recreational opportunities for the public at all of its power generation facilities. PPL Project Earth also provides for the conservation of farmland, forests and wildlife.

PPL operates the Preserve in conjunction with its Martins Creek power plant. Nestled between the Delaware River and the rolling farmland of Northampton County, the plant has been generating electricity since 1954.

Welcome to the Martins Creek Environmental Preserve. We hope you enjoy your visit.

For your safety and for the preservation of the area:

- Please stay on trails
- Beware of cliffs and steep slopes along the river
- Do not litter
- Motor vehicles are prohibited
- Camping is prohibited

Boat Access Area Rules

For your safety and protection
the following are NOT ALLOWED:

- Hunting or shooting
 - Firearms or fireworks
 - Alcoholic beverages
 - Glass bottles or containers
 - Camping
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- Commercial groups are NOT permitted. The boat ramp is for use by individuals or families only.
 - All trash should be deposited in the receptacles provided or taken home with you.
 - This area is closed from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m.
 - Pets should be leashed.



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