



# News Release

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## ALLEGHENY NATIONAL FOREST READY FOR FISHING SEASON

Warren, Pa. - Some recreation facilities on the Allegheny National Forest (NF) are opening this weekend, thus they will be open for the opening day, 4/18, of trout season according to Forest Supervisor Leanne Marten. Water may not be turned on at many areas.

Recreation Areas scheduled to be open for the beginning of fishing season are:

- **Primitive Campgrounds with vault restrooms:** Beaver Meadows, Hearts Content, Minister Creek and Tracy Ridge;
- **Improved Campgrounds with vault toilets and electric hookups; bathhouses will not be opened due to cold weather:** Loleta, Red Bridge, and Twin Lakes;
- **Boat-to Campgrounds: Allegheny Reservoir-**Handsome Lake, Hooks Brook, Hopewell, Morrison, and Pine Grove; **Tionesta Reservoir-**Tionesta Lake;
- **Boat Launches: Allegheny Reservoir-**Elijah Run, Kiasutha, Roper Hollow, Webbs Ferry, and Willow Bay; **Other Boat Launches:** Beaver Meadows and Irwin Run on the Clarion River;
- **Day-Use Areas:** Beaver Meadows, Hearts Content, Jakes Rocks Overlook, Loleta, Rimrock Overlook, Tidioute Overlook, and Willow Bay.

A day-use fee of \$5.00 per vehicle will be charged at Elijah Run, Kiasutha, Roper Hollow, Webbs Ferry, and Willow Bay Boat Launches into the Allegheny Reservoir. All docks will be installed by Memorial Day. To check the status of the docks, please contact the Bradford Ranger District at 814/362-4613.

Fees for campgrounds range from \$10 to \$26 per night. Each campground has sites that are first-come, first-served, and many have sites that can be reserved. Group camping areas range from \$45 to \$50 per night and require reservations (except at Hearts Content). Please check our website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/allegheny/> or call 814/362-4613 for various fees.

All reservations are handled through the National Recreation Reservation Service (NRRS) at 1-877-444-6777 or through their website at <http://www.recreation.gov>. Reservations may be made 240 days in advance and must be made at least 4 days before the scheduled arrival date. Reservations may be made all year, but sites can be reserved only from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

The Allegheny River is home to populations of clubshell and northern riffleshell mussels. Both of these mussels are sensitive to disturbance, and are federally listed and state listed endangered species. Please do your part to protect these species by not disturbing any mussels you may encounter.

Inspect your boat for "hitchhiker" zebra mussels prior to launching into any waterway. If you are moving your watercraft from one waterway to another, always drain the water, remove any plants caught on equipment, including the trailer, and dispose of unwanted bait on land. Wash your watercraft and equipment with high-pressure hot water (a car wash works well), or rinse your watercraft and equipment with hot water (hotter than 110 degrees).

Purchase or find your firewood near your campsite. Firewood is prohibited on the Allegheny NF from outside of the four counties of Elk, Forest, McKean, and Warren. Firewood can contain insects, such as the emerald ash borer, that are dangerous to trees. All firewood should be burned before you leave your campsite to return home. Please make certain the fire ashes are cold to the touch to avoid an escaped campfire.

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