

PALMYRA AREA RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND PARKS

Public/Semi-Public Owned Parks

North Londonderry Township Building Area
Southeast Family Park
Heritage Park
Fireman's Park
Town Square (Palmyra Borough and South Londonderry Township)
Campbelltown Park
Colebrook Park (Trailhead for LVRT)
Lawn Playground (Trailhead for LVRT)

Public School Sites

Forge Road Elementary School
Pine Street Elementary School
Northside Elementary School
Palmyra Area Middle School
Palmyra Area High School

Residential Development Open Space

Several subdivisions in the study area have common open space owned and maintained by the respected municipality, as illustrated on the accompanying map. These parcels are typically preserved with easements that stipulate the parcel shall remain undeveloped forever. While these easements are usually held by the Township, some, depending on the character and uses within the open space, could be held by non-profit land trusts.

Londonderry Village
Thistledown Park
Country Squire Estates

Recreational Corridors

Horseshoe Trail

Starting at Valley Forge National Historic Park, the Horseshoe Trail runs for over 130 miles until it connects with the Appalachian Trail, just north of Hershey. Marked with yellow blazes, the trail embarks across interesting woodlands and countryside and includes a cable bridge that crosses French Creek. Youth hostels, camping and attractions are close to the trail.

Lebanon Valley Trail

Created from the former Cornwall-Lebanon Railroad built by Robert H. Coleman in the 1880's, the Lebanon Valley Rail Trail follows a route rich with social and economic history. In 1999 Lebanon Valley Rails-to-Trails acquired the corridor to develop a multi-use trail. Total proposed trail length is 15 miles stretching from the Lancaster/Lebanon County line to the City of Lebanon (the existing Conewago Trail extends another five miles to Elizabethtown). Lebanon County owns the trail property and volunteers from Lebanon Valley Rails-to-Trails, Inc. (a non-profit support organization) maintain the trail with volunteers.

Only non-motorized uses are permitted on the trail including hiking, biking, running, skiing and horseback riding. The trail is open only during daylight hours. (Snowmobiles are allowed on a section of the trail adjacent to the State Game Lands where snowmobiles are permitted.) The trail is surfaced with crushed limestone screenings on top of a stone base. This surface is suitable for biking and hiking. A parallel path of woodchips is provided for equestrians.

Conewago Trail

5 Miles in length the rail-trail passes through wooded sections with a canopy of trees, meadows, active farms and sections along the meandering Conewago Creek. The trail links up at the county line with the Lebanon Valley Rail-Trail, which runs another 8 miles to Cornwall. Future additions will stretch this rail-trail 20 continuous miles from Elizabethtown to Lebanon.

Other Major Recreation Sites in Palmyra Area

Camp Buzzard
Pine Woods
Dinosaur Rock
In The Net
Palmyra Sportsman Club
Paramount Sports
Palmyra Pool
Camp Seltzer

Important Recreation Sites Outside Palmyra Area

In addition to the park and recreational opportunities listed above, selected other recreation sites outside of the Palmyra Area are used extensively by Palmyra Area residents. Because they are not located in the study area, these sites are not mapped or included on the accompanying inventory. But they are listed below to acknowledge their importance to local residents.

Lebanon Valley YMCA
Hershey Park
Hershey Coca Castle
York County Passive Recreation Amenities
Memorial Lake
Danville Fitness Center
Giant Center
Hershey Park