



PLAYLAND AT LEGION-KEENER PARK



RECREATION

The Latrobe Area offers a wealth of activities for pleasure and relaxation. And for those whose idea of fun is physical activity, there are many options that fill the bill.

The Latrobe Parks and Recreation Board and the Recreation Boards of Unity Township and Derry Area sponsor activities year-round for both children and adults including basketball, baseball, softball, tennis, volleyball, soccer, hockey, swimming, archery, science and nature, tai chi, yoga and gymnastics. The Latrobe Board also oversees Legion-Keener Park, which features a one and a half-mile fitness trail, plus a one-mile extension along the Loyalhanna Creek. The park is also the home of Playland, a community designed and constructed playground.

Outdoor enthusiasts find that hiking, horseback riding, skiing, mountain biking,

hunting, fishing, boating, canoeing and whitewater rafting can be enjoyed at many locations. Or they can visit any of several state parks that are located nearby. Keystone State Park, complete with campgrounds and cabins, has a 78-acre lake that accommodates many water sports. Laurel Ridge State Park contains the Laurel Highlands Hiking Trail, a 70-mile backpacking trail that stretches from the Conemaugh River near Johnstown to Ohiopyle where it joins the 100-mile Great Allegheny Passage bike trail. Linn Run State Park is surrounded by Forbes State Forest and offers rustic cabins, waterfalls, trout fishing, hiking, snowmobiling and cross-country skiing.

Seven Springs and Hidden Valley offer skiing fun, alpine slides, sleigh rides, golfing, shopping and many other activities. In addition, Laurel Mountain Ski Resort is

located in nearby Laurel Mountain State Park.

Many, many other attractions exist to amaze and entertain. Nearby museums, animal parks and libraries are just some of the other activities that make the Latrobe Area a delightful place for visitors and residents alike.

- Hit the links on the public and private golf courses in Arnold Palmer's hometown.
- Explore the 435 acres of Laurel Caverns, Pennsylvania's largest cave.
- Tour Fallingwater, the famous Frank Lloyd Wright-designed house built over a waterfall.
- Visit the many attractions of Idlewild Park, one of the oldest amusement parks in the United States.
- Cheer the racers at Jennerstown and Motordrome Speedways.

- Discover the Lincoln Highway as it passes through Latrobe on its run from New York City to San Francisco. It is the nation's first coast-to-coast highway, commonly known as



Route 30 in Pennsylvania. In this area of the state, roadside signs designate many historic buildings and landmarks so travelers can visit notable sites during their journey.

- Enjoy fairs, festivals and other events that are scheduled year-round and include the Greater Latrobe 4th of July Celebration, the Rolling Rock Town Fair, the Westmoreland Arts and Heritage Festival, the Greater Pittsburgh Renaissance Festival, Fort Ligonier Days, the Ligonier Highland Games and Overly's Country Christmas.
- Luxuriate at the world class Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort and Spa.





YOU CAN'T BEAT FUN

IDLEWILD PARK

The home of FUN in these parts is a place called Idlewild Park. This 410-acre family amusement park was founded in 1878 and is often described as one of the most beautiful theme parks in the country. Its natural setting in the Laurel Highlands provides a picturesque backdrop for the many attractions.

Among the thrilling rides of Olde Idlewild are the Rollo Coaster, built here in Pennsylvania in 1938, and the Wild Mouse whose tracks undulate through a lushly wooded area. The Ferris Wheel offers a bird's-eye view of this magnificent park, and the three-tiered Philadelphia Toboggan Co. Carousel, a registered historic landmark, provides a more relaxing ride for the faint-of-heart.

Themed attractions include Mister Rogers' Neighborhood, where kids take a trolley trip

through the Neighborhood of Make Believe and meet its many well-known characters, and Story Book Forest where beloved childhood tales come to life. There, kids meet Snow



White and the Seven Dwarfs and watch Jack-Be-Nimble jump over the candlestick.

Hootin' Holler is a turn-of-the-century mining town which also offers a train ride through the park, following the banks of Loyalhanna Creek and then winding through the green and shady woods. Wildlife is abun-

dant and frequently spotted during train trips. The train station at Hootin' Holler is listed in the Guinness Book of World Records as "the tiniest train station in the world."

Jumpin' Jungle is the place for parents and kids to play together, and Raccoon Lagoon houses the "kiddie rides" designed for the amusement of the park's youngest patrons. Water attractions are featured at SoakZone, which has a large swimming pool, 14 waterslides and other zany water activities. Pony rides, paddle boats, and numerous picnic pavilions round out the park's charm.

While Idlewild remains dedicated to delighting children, the park offers such a wealth and variety of attractions that any visitor, whether young or young-at-heart, can find something fun to do and see.



A MAJOR PLAYER

PRO FOOTBALL

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Two significant events in the history of professional football occurred in the 1890s here in Latrobe. In 1895 John Brallier was one of the earliest football players to openly turn pro. His compensation consisted of \$10.00 plus expenses when he agreed to play for the Latrobe YMCA against the

Jeannette Athletic Club. Then in 1897, the Latrobe Athletic Association was the first to field a team made up entirely of paid professional players that played a full season.

Furthering the pro football connection, Saint Vincent College also has the honor of hosting the Pittsburgh

Steelers training camp, the third longest continuously running site in the National Football League. Fans who come to watch the Steelers practice can also partake of the Steelers Experience: games and activities for fans of all ages, plus autograph sessions with players.



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