

**CLEAR CREEK STATE PARK**  
**Jefferson County**  
(Hiking)

Distance: 5.2 miles

Time: 3 ½ hours

Comments: Clear Creek State Park in the valley between PA949 and the Clarion River across from the Allegheny National Forest. There are about 15 mile of trails in this park of only 1,200 acres. During your hike you'll pass through the camping area in the park, so observe the prohibition on pets in that area.

Access: From exit 78 on I-80 go north on PA36 for 7 miles to the village of Sigel. Turn right (north) on PA949 and go 3.9 miles to Clear Creek State Park. The trailhead begins at the beach house parking area.

**Mileage log:**

0 The hike starts on the Clear Creek Trail that you will find in the far hand corner of the parking lot. This trail is marked with white diamonds-shaped blazes. To start, bear left almost immediately and climb. You'll cross the Phyllis Run Trail, the Ridge Trail and the Big Coon Trail.

0.8 You'll arrive at the top of a steep bank above the creek and will shortly turn left on an old railroad grade. Immediately beyond, you cross the pipeline swath that cuts across the valley.

0.9 You'll cross Truby Run on a steel bridge and continue on the old tram road.

1.1 Sawmill Trail is on the left.

1.2 Keep left at the junction with the Oxshoe Trail that diverges to the right.

1.5 Bear right on the paved road in the campground. In crossing campground, you'll cross Clear Creek on the road bridge.

1.9 Turn left on a paved road. Pipeline Trail cuts to the right and can be used to shorten this hike. Keep right where the road splits and you'll see the park's exercise trail just to your left.

2.3 Bear right to the River Trail and shortly turn right on the Hunter Trail. The Hunter Trail is marked mostly with large irregularly shaped white blazes that have been painted over with pink at some time. This trial would be a real challenge to your pathfinding skills, but fortunately it's quite straight. There are also a few metal trail markers.

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2.7 You've reached the top of the hill and shortly the trail turns right. It continues in this new direction until it reaches the edge of Clear Creek Valley. After starting to descend, it turns sharply left, regains the hilltop.

3.6 The trail continues past a junction with the North Ridge Trail. Turn right on the pipeline.

3.7 A large boulder at provides a good view of the valley. Soon the Pipeline Trail joins from the right.

3.9 Turn left on the Radcliffe Trail near the bottom of the hill. The Radcliffe Trail is marked with yellow diamonds.

4.6 Turn left on the Phyllis Run Trail which is marked with red blazes painted in the shape of a girl with big hair. Pass an unsafe piped spring, and then bypass the longer loop, cross Phyllis Run, and head back down the other side. Shortly the Big Spring Trail diverges left.

4.9 Turn left on the paved park road. Keep right, and in only 55 yards find a flight of steps leading down to several picnic shelters. Cut through the picnic area to the dam, and use the footbridge to cross. Beyond the dam, turn left and pass between the beach and beach house to the gated access road.

5.2 You are back at the beach house parking lot and your car.

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