

Beech Mountain Lakes Community Newsletter

January 2022



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in full color, please visit
our web page at
www.bmla.us



 **-Support Our Restaurant -** 
Check Out Our Daily & Weekend Specials!
Find us on Facebook @ The Lakeside Lounge Restaurant

Administration Announcement

The Annual Dues Statements have been sent out.

Dues and the first quarter garbage will be due by January 31st 2022. Please Contact the office by January 25th if you have any questions or concerns about payments. If you do not receive your statements before January 15th please call the office at 570-788-1010. Whether you mail or bring in your payment please bring your updated vehicle registration(s) for your new vehicle stickers.

Administration Hours are Monday - Friday 9AM– 5:30 PM

Admin Open Saturdays– 1/15 & 1/29 9am-1pm in January

Do you need to contact us?

Administration– 570-788-1010



Recreation– 570-788-1199

Restaurant - 570-788-3101

Security– 570-788-5071

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Lakeside Restaurant Hours:



Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday ... CLOSED

Thursday... 3PM to 8PM

Friday... 3PM to 9PM

Saturday... 3PM to 9PM

Sunday ... 3PM to 8PM

*Hours Subject To Change



Check out our website or call for
updated weekly and monthly food /drink specials.

& specials for the month of December!

Dine –in, take out, & delivery options available.

If you have a question

or if you would like place an order

Call : 570-788-3101

New restaurant Facebook Page is now available

@ Lakeside Restaurant and Lounge

January Entertainment

1/7 - Acoustic Guys

7PM—10 PM

1/15 - Joanne Bea & Mike ET

7PM - 10PM

1/16 - Trivia

5PM - 8PM

1/22 - Uneven Sum

7PM - 10PM

1/29 - Karaoke A.L.V.

7PM - 10PM

1/30 - Trivia

5PM - 8PM

Closed

January 1st and January 2nd

Will resume regular hours on Thursday, January 6th!

Sorry For Any Inconvenience this may cause.

We hope to see you down by the
lake !

Lakeside Lounge - Game Day Drink Specials : Saturday 3pm - close & Sunday 1pm - close

\$2.25 Coors Lite Drafts &

Cocktail Specials: Lakeside Arnold Palmer... \$6.00, Pomegranate Margarita ..\$6.00, Maple Old Fashioned ...
\$6.50

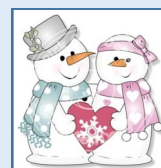
- Ask Server About Food Specials -



- 1/1 - Blanche Kania 1/11- Tony Romeo
- 1/19- Rick Mariano 1/20 - Chuck Villano
- 1/20 - Kenny Wood 1/22- Helen Badamo
- 1/27 - Brian Valentine



1/31- Jo & Lee Robbins



Would you like to have your Special
Announcement posted in The
Newsletter?

E-mail Rec at [recreation @bmla.us](mailto:recreation@bmla.us) or call
(570) 788-1199

From Catholic Social Services for the huge generosity of the Residents of Beech Mountain Lakes who gave to the Angel Giving Tree. The US Marine Corps also thanks the Residents of Beech Mountain Lakes for their generosity in giving to the Toys for Tots program. Brandon's Forever Home is grateful as well.

*Thank
you* ❤️

Winter Craft Night with Nikki Howe

When: January 20th at 6:30 in the
Community Room.

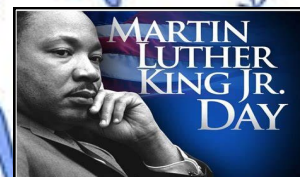
Cost: - \$20 - Pay at sign up .
(check or cash only)

7 spots available

Adults Only! Stop by Recreation to reserve
your spot.

Exciting Things Are Happening !!

Check out this newsletter for details - neighbors!!!!



Recreation Hours



Pool hours are as follows:

9:30AM - 10:00AM Adult Laps 7 Days/ Week

10:00AM - 11:00AM Adult Water Aerobics Monday -> Friday

10:00AM - 11:00AM Adult Swim Saturday & Sunday

11:00AM - 5:00PM Open Swim (Including Quail Hollow Guests) 7 Days/ Week

5:00PM - 7:30 PM Open Swim for BML Residents & QHV Owners Only 7 Days/ Week

Showering: It is PA Sate Law to Shower before using a public pool. Unfortunately, there have been issues with guests not showering before pool use which has been causing issues with the chemicals in the pool.

Please remember to shower before swimming to help limit pool closings. Thank you!

****Reminder to all guests that food or drinks are prohibited from the pool, locker room and indoor courts.**

Also black sole shoes are prohibited from the courts as well. (They scuff up the court floors.)

Thank you for your compliance and understanding.**

The Gym, Indoor Courts, and Arcade are open any time from 9:30AM - 7:30 PM

Remember: In order to use the amenities you need to check in at the Recreation Office and have your Membership Card with you at check in .

If you need a new Membership card you can contact Administration @ 570-788-1010

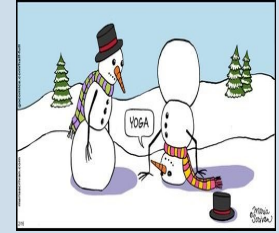
If you would like to book the community room or pavilion for a private party you can do so by contacting Recreation.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU SOON!





BML YOGA



Closed January 1st - Regular hours

Resuming January 8th

Peaceful & Serene~ Won't you join us for Yoga?

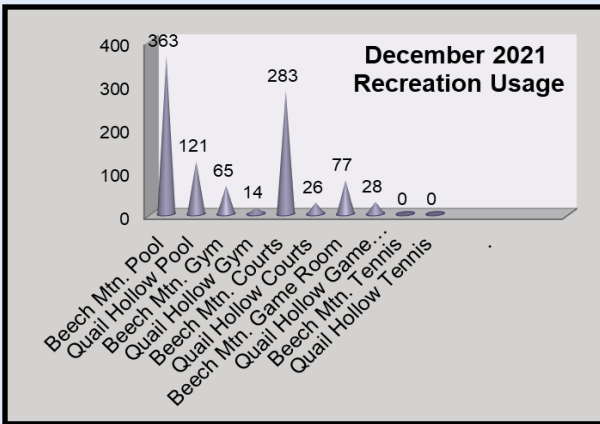
Saturday mornings at 8:45 AM to 9:45 AM.

Yoga is open to all Beech Mountain Lake & Quail Hollow Residents in good standing. Feel free to bring a guest!

You must bring your own mat, water, and towel.

You will also need to sign a waiver to participate.

Usage Log December 2021



Ice Skating Rink

The Ice Skating Rink is set up in the outdoor



basketball court and is now ready for use.

Plans of ice skating nights hosted by the Recreation Department will be announced for this month.

Skating rules are posted in the Recreation Dept.

Happy Skating!



Recreation is looking to host a Pokémon Tournament for the children of the community that would be interested.



The idea came from a child who resides in the community. If your child would possibly be interested please notify Recreation. If we get enough interest, a date and agenda will be planned.



Holiday House Decorating Contest Winners

Thursday, December 16th 2021

First Place

The Neaus Family - 181 Edgerock Drive



Second Place

The Pennachio Family - 301 White Cap Lane

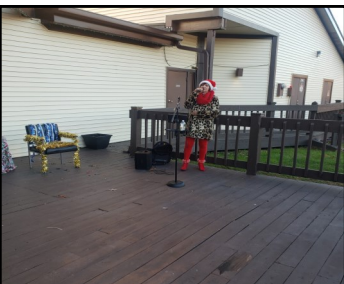
Third Place

The Bene Family - 134 Beaver Slide Drive



BML Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

Held on Saturday, December 4th 2021



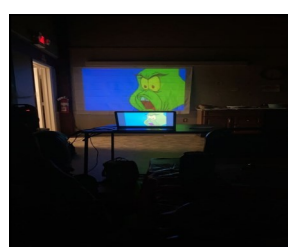


Kids Christmas Craft And Movie Night



We watched a movie (How The Grinch Stole Christmas), made their very own grinch Christmas craft , had a bit of snacks and drinks , and some fun!

Thank you to all who participated , hope to see you again at the next craft!



Wintery Fun Kids Craft Night

Recreation will be hosting a kids craft night on Thursday, December 13th at 6PM in the community room. We will be making a winter craft and watching a short film, "Frosty The Snowman". There will also be light refreshments served.



Ages: 1yr- 12yrs

*Children 5yrs and younger need to be accompanied by an adult



15 spots available - Call Rec to register your child @ 570- 788-1199



Beech Mountain Ice Skating Rules & Regulations



Ice skating is fun and generally considered safe for everyone with a reasonable level of fitness. It can, however, present some dangers when you consider that ice is always slippery, public rinks are often crowded, skate blades can be sharp, and there is always the risk of physical contact in the form of collisions.

****So please do not skate close to other skaters, leave plenty of room for others to pass. Pay attention to where you're skating and the conditions on the ice. Wear appropriate safety gear in case of a fall or collision. Remember to have fun and be safe!**

- Skate in a manner that does not endanger or interfere with other skaters
- Roughness, excessive speeding or weaving through other skaters is strictly prohibited.
- Skaters must follow the flow of traffic
- No backward skating is permitted
- No more than two (2) people may skate next to each other.
- No valuable items i.e. loose accessories, jewelry, coins, foods, drinks, camera, walkman, radio, mobile phone etc.) Should be brought into the ice rink.
- Smoking is not allowed in the skating rink.
- Persons who appear to be under the influence of alcohol or other substances will be asked to leave.
- Beech Mountain Lakes will not be held responsible for any loss or damage to personal property.
- For your comfort we recommend the following items of clothing should be worn: Hand gloves, Trousers/leg warmers, Sport socks & Helmets for small children.
- Please use the bleachers for seating and putting on skates– **DO NOT** sit on the hay bales. Enter the rink through the rink opening in the center of the rink.

REMINDERS:

These Rules are for the Safety of our Guests. Please observe them.

Management shall NOT be Responsible for Injuries caused by Accident Or Non-Observance of the Beech Mountain Rules.

Beech Mountain Management





Ice Skating Nights



The Recreation Department will be hosting
An Ice Skate Night on Saturday, January 29th

From 4pm—6pm

***Weather Permitting**

There will be music, hot chocolate, a fire and more.

All Ages Are Welcome!

Grab your skates, safety gear, and
be ready for some fun!

Hope to see you there!





Brandon's Forever Home Donations



Donations of winter wear such as coats, scarves, hats, and gloves either used but clean and in good condition or new can still be donated at the clubhouse.

There is a bin located in the Recreation Department for such items.

Many items were already received and greatly appreciated by
Brandon's Forever House.

Donations are accepted through February 14th, 2022.

Thank you all for your generosity and thoughtfulness!



Tricky Tray Raffle



Our last Tricky Tray Raffle helped raise money for community Feral Cat Rescue Group To help pay for the feral cats in our community to get spaded/ neutered and to help care for them in the process and finding homes for them. Thank you to all who participated and donated animal food. It is greatly appreciated.

Once, our next raffle is organized, we will announce the information.



Cardboard Sled Race



This event is still being planned. Date, time, and details will be announced when available.

Holiday House Contest

The BMLA Volunteer/Recreation Committee wishes to thank all of the residents for decorating their homes for the holidays. The winners of the contest were judged by the Committee. Winners will receive their prize in the mail. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from BMLA Volunteer/ Recreation Committee.



Next Meeting

Meeting

Will be held on Tuesday, February 2nd at 6:30 in the Community Room.

NOVEMBER 2021 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

DUES COLLECTION: 91% OF BILLED.	(93% at this time in 2020)
NON-OP INCOME: \$1380K WHICH IS \$25.6K UNDER BUDGET	
INCLUDES: Membership Dues, Quail Hollow Reimbursement, Misc. Income, Late Fees, Interest Income, Resale Certificates, ACC Filings, CEO & ACC Fines & Fees, Rental Fee Income, Garbage Fees, and Over/Short.	
NOTE - Collections Income is not included in this number.	

NON-OP EXPENSE: \$604K WHICH IS \$15.7K UNDER BUDGET	
INCLUDES: Unrestricted Reserve Fund, Garbage Expense, Lake/Dam/Spillway Reserve Acct, Reserve Fund, Building Replacement Fund, Property & Liability Insurance, D&O Insurance, Dam Insurance, Interest Expense, Bad Debt, and Dock Roll to Capital.	
NOTE- Collection Inc to Reserve Fund and Depreciation Expense are not included in this number.	

NET DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSE/(INCOME): \$829.1K WHICH IS \$28K OVER BUDGET			
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INCLUDES:	Administration:	\$178K	\$45K Under Budget
	Clubhouse:	\$104K	\$5K Over Budget
	Recreation:	\$30.8K	\$4.2K L Under Budget
	Maintenance:	\$121K	\$16.6K Under Budget
	Security:	\$172.8K	\$2.8K Under Budget
	Campground:	\$17.7K	\$8.3K Inc Over Budget
	Food & Beverage:	\$45.7K L	\$20.1K L Over Budget
	Road Maintenance:	\$195.4K	\$84.7K Over Budget

TRANSFER FEE INCOME: \$2.4K WHICH IS \$1K under BUDGET

THE BOTTOM LINE EXCLUDING THE ABOVE MENTIONED ACCOUNTS IS A NET INCOME OF:			
ACTUAL	- \$3K	PLAN	\$43.3K

CASH IN THE BANK:			
OPERATING FUNDS	\$98,659	(OP SAVINGS & CHECKING, PETTY CASH)	
CAPITAL FUNDS	\$306,930	(LONG AND SHORT TERM CAPITAL)	
RESTRICTED FUNDS	\$463,180	(SPILLWAY, BUILDING REPLACEMENT)	
TOTAL	\$867,669	TOTAL NOV 2020	\$1,005,297

01/04/2022**BMLA Board of Directors****Dave Davis****Public Meeting Minutes (Friday, December 17, 2021 – 6:30pm-7:30pm)****Attendees (Community Room):** Jo Robbins, Dave Davis, Cody Hess, Karen Amici & Trad Alta.**Absent:** Kevin Schuetrumpf, Lena Fowler, Kevin Ferra & Jake Meyer.**Sole purpose of this meeting was for the Board to receive and consider Member Input relative to the proposed 2022 annual budget in accordance with Section 7.5 of the BMLA By-Laws:**

- Meeting was attended by approximately twenty (20) individuals.
- Members questioned the wisdom of budgeting the restaurant operation at nearly a \$50,000 annual loss.
 - Board responded that the budgeted level of loss reflects a "realistic" number given the restaurant's recent performance. The administration is committed to closely monitoring the operation with the goal of reducing the actual incurred loss.
 - The Board will also attempt to quantify the loss level at which the community is willing to fund the restaurant amenity.
- Members questioned the nearly \$120,000 overrun in the 2021 snow removal budget. The overrun was real and resulted from the following contributing factors:
 - 2020 Board awarded the contract to ThorneCare Landscape Solutions. The contract was for full-service snow & ice management including salt brine pretreatment.
 - The 2020-2021 snow season included multiple significant snow events.
 - The services provided were coordinated by the GM at the time and although rated by the community as "excellent" resulted in costs well above the budget.
 - The relationship between the 2021 Board and the GM was under stress in the January and February timeframe and eventually resulted in the abrupt resignation (without notice) of the GM. By that point in time the damage had been done.
 - An honest appraisal of the failure to react to the situation in a timelier manner rests with the 2021 Board and past GM.

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E-mail Addresses–General Manager - generalmanager@bmla.usBoard of Directors– bmlaboard@bmla.usAdministration - administration@bmla.us

01/04/2022

BMLA Board of Directors

Dave Davis

- Members questioned the Board's decision to award a \$250,000 contract to M F Ronca & Sons (Bethlehem, PA) for the 2021 swale and paving projects without performing detailed engineering & specification development to support a formal bid solicitation process. Following is the historical background regarding the project:
 - 2020 Board had not established a 2021 swale & road program and therefore had not issued any contract to provide the engineering and specification development to support the program.
 - As previously mentioned, the 2021 Board was struggling to establish a working relationship with the administration staff early in the year and did not start working on the swale & road issues until March. Pennoni (long-time BML engineering service provider) was issued a contract to provide engineering for select projects. Ronca then provided pricing by early May and the Board approved several in the May Board Meeting. The work was performed in July and August. The contractor was monitored on a daily basis through-out construction and the completed work was accepted by both BML & Pennoni.
 - The manner in which the contract was handled reflects normal business practice and is in no way unethical or improper.
 - However, to improve the process the 2021 Board has issued an engineering contract for a large number of swale improvement projects which reflect a multi-year program. The detail drawings and specifications received will support a bid solicitation process for 2022 (and beyond) projects.
- Financial Overview:
 - Despite the restaurant and snow removal losses our current overall operational budget remains close to forecast.
 - \$55 dues increase is solely required to augment reserves which will allow us to make improvements to our community.
- Other Issues (with financial ramifications) discussed:
 - Security – Lack of vehicle control without a "gated" entrance.
 - Liability Insurance – difficulty in procuring given loss history.
 - Single (full) dues payment requirement.

David D Davis

David D. Davis – Secretary/Treasurer

**NOTICE
OF
BOARD
MEETING**

BEECH MOUNTAIN LAKES ASSOCIATION, INC.

2022 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

January 26th..... February 23rd... March 30th.... April 27th..... May 25th.....

June 29th... July 27th August 31st..... September 28th..... 1st Review of 2023 Budget

October 26th..... Annual Meeting November 16th..... Pass 2023 Budget

December 14th (Only if Deemed Necessary)

Open Session Board Meetings Start at 6:30 PM and are held in the Community Room-





TIPS FROM PENN STATE MASTER GARDENERS

HELLO BEECH MOUNTAIN GARDENERS!

Winter has officially arrived, and it looks like we will have weather typical of northeast Pennsylvania.

Gardeners get a rest from their usual chores during winter, but there are some tasks and planning that can ease work during the rest of the year and satisfy the urge to keep thumbs green.

SOME TASKS FOR GARDENERS IN THE WINTER

Protect houseplants from winter dryness by watering them regularly. If they need a more humid environment, place them on a saucer filled with water and pebbles to elevate the plant and keep the soil from growing soggy.

Delay pruning trees and shrubs until March to avoid stressing them during the harsh winter months. Do not prune spring-flowering shrubs until after they have bloomed.

Keep bird feeders filled to ease the search for food during the cold season. Consider using a heater in your bird bath to provide birds with an easy source of drinking water when the temperature goes below freezing.

If you were unable to clean and sharpen your gardening tools during autumn, do so now. You will be ready to “dig in” when the weather warms.

Have your lawn mower serviced and sharpen the blade.

Plan any landscape changes you are thinking about for your property. Research the size and requirement of trees and shrubs you are considering.

Enjoy reading gardening magazines and seed catalogs and dreaming of the lovely flowers and delicious vegetables to come!

If you have hemlock trees on your property, check them for small white cottony patches on the stems and leaves. These are the signs of hemlock wooly adelgid, an insect that will kill hemlocks if left untreated. Contact Beech Mountain Master Gardeners at bmlgardener@gmail.com for treatment methods.

GARDING SEMINARS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Penn State Extension offers a wide variety of on-line webinars on a host of gardening topics. The Second Saturday Gardening Series is a monthly series designed to bring garden enthusiasts together to share experiences and offer advice while learning helpful tips from our Master Gardening experts!

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS FOR YOUR YARD

Now is a great time to start researching how you would like to landscape your yard or add new planting. Sign up for Second Saturday Gardening Series: New Year's Resolutions for Your Yard for tips on preparing your yard for the new year! The online seminar is offered on Saturday January 8, at 11:00 AM. The program is designed for home owners and beginning or intermediate gardeners. Topics covered include

- Landscape designing to accentuate your home's curb appeal.
- Planning your landscaping ideas for spring,
- What to plant, when to plant, and where to plant.
- Designing and completing a yard makeover.

Registration is required to receive the link to access the webinar. Registrants will also receive access to the webinar recording. There is a \$4 fee for the webinar.

Just do a google search on “Second Saturday Gardening Series: New Year's Resolutions for Your Yard.”

*TIPS from Master Gardeners is an educational outreach from the Luzerne County Cooperative Extension. Master Gardener volunteers utilize research-based information to provide education on best practices in horticulture and environmental stewardship.

Penn State Extension



Mohegan Sun Arena, Wilkes-Barre



PENGUINS VS. MONSTERS -Saturday, January 1, 2022 @ 6:05 pm

DISNEY ON ICE - Thurs. Jan. 6th at 7:00pm, Fri., Jan. 7th at 3:00pm & 7:00pm
Sat., Jan. 8th at 11:00am, 3:00pm & 7:00pm, Sun., Jan 9th at 11:00am & 3:00pm

PENGUINS VS. PHANTOMS –Friday, January 14, 2022 @ 7:05 pm

PENGUINS VS. BEARS - Sunday, January 16th @ 3:05pm

PENGUINS VS. PHANTOMS - Wednesday, January 19th @ 7:05pm

PENGUINS VS. MARLIES - Friday, January 21st, 7:05pm

PENGUINS VS. MARLIES - Saturday, January 22nd, 6:05pm

Mohegan Sun Casino, Poconos

Louis Ramey with Chris Coccia and Sergio Marzitelli - Saturday, January 1st @ 1:00pm at Wise Crackers Comedy Club

Brad Lowery with Paul Ollinger and Scott Bruce - Friday, January 7th @ 9:00pm at Wise Crackers Comedy Club

Brad Lowery with Paul Ollinger and Scott Bruce - Saturday, January 8th @ 9:00pm at Wise Crackers Comedy Club

Joey Kola with Sam Rubinoff and Joe Ohrin - Friday, January 14th @ 9:00pm at Wise Crackers Comedy Club

Joey Kola with Sam Rubinoff and Joe Ohrin - Saturday, January 15th @ 9pm at Wise Crackers Comedy Club

Chris Roach with Dennis Rooney and Scott Bruce - Friday, January 21st @ 9:00pm at Wise Crackers Comedy Club

Chris Roach with Dennis Rooney and Scott Bruce - Saturday, January 22nd @ 9:00pm at Wise Crackers Comedy Club

Light The Night - Sugarloaf Golf Club, Sugarloaf

Join us for the area's only Walk-Thru Animated Christmas Light Display with fun activities for every age!

Hours (Opening Night Thursday November 18th)

Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays in December 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and New Years Eve and New Years day

Knoebles, Elysburg

Joy Through The Grove- our newest holiday experience. Join Santa, Kozmo and friends and enjoy a drive through Christmas light display! : Last 2 days : Jan 1, 2022 & Jan 2, 2022

Scranton Cultural Center, Scranton

Stomp - Wednesday, January 12th & Thursday, January 13th both @ 7:30PM

**Penn's Peak, Jim Thorpe**

Mike DelGuidice - Friday, January 7th @ 8:00PM

Black Sabbitch - Friday, January 14th @ 8:00PM

Double Vision - The Foreigner Experience - Saturday, January 15th @ 8:00PM

Umphey's McGee - Sunday, January 23rd @ 8:00PM

Vyntyge Skynyrd - Saturday, January 29th @ 8:00PM

Mauch Chunk Opera House, Jim Thorpe

Tom Cotter (comedian) - Friday, January 7th @ 7:00PM

Craig Thatcher & Mike Guldin - Saturday, January 8th @ 8:00PM

Unforgettable Fire (U2 Tribute) - Saturday, January 15th @ 8:00PM

SUPERUNKNOWN - THE LEGACY OF CHRIS CORNELL - Friday, January 21st @ 8:00PM

US & FLOYD = THE PINK FLOYD EXP. - Saturday, January 22nd @ 8:00PM

Creedence Revived (CCR Trib) - Friday, January 28th @ 8:00PM

Dustin Douglas & the Elec Gentlemen - Saturday, January 29th @ 8:00PM

F.M. Kirby Center , Wilkes -Barre

Dinosaur World Live - Friday, January 14th @ 6:30PM

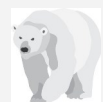
Jason Isbell and The 400 Unit & Adia Victoria - Monday, January 17th @ 7:30PM

The King and I - Friday, January 21st @ 1:00PM & @ 7:30PM

Forever Young - Friday, January 28th @ 8:00PM

Nescopeck State Park, Nescopeck

Jan 1, 2022 9am - Jan 1 First Day Hike- Kick off the new year with a moderate hike on Nescopeck, Red Rock, and Woodland Way trails. The scenic 2-mile hike passes the back beaver pond and along Nescopeck Creek.





JANUARY



COLD
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 NEW YEAR
 PENGUIN

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