FINDING THE AREA — Twin Lakes Recreation Area is located eight miles southeast of Kane. Take State Route 321 from Kane; turn right on Forest Road (FR) 191.

FACILITIES — We recommend RVs or trailers not longer than 28 feet or taller than 10 feet use this area due to small-sized campsites and a roadbed underpass with a ten foot clearance located at the entrance road. Twin Lakes offers 51 family campsites. Each site contains a picnic table, fire ring, and tent pad. Electric is available at some sites. Other facilities include toilets, hot showers, pressurized water fountains, and playgrounds. Firewood may be obtained from dead and down trees. Two group camping areas limited to 50 people or less are also available. Sites identified for double family use (fee is for two sites) are shown on the map as . The day use area includes a swimming beach, bathhouse, picnic tables, pavilions, playground, trail around the lake, and fishing piers. Buildings and pathways are accessible for persons with disabilities. Accessible campsites are shown on map as .

RESERVATIONS — Twin Lakes has individual sites and two group camping areas. Group size is limited to 50 people or less. Selected campsites and the day use pavilions are available for reservation by calling: 1-877-444-6777 — Toll Free • 1-518-885-3639 — International 1-877-833-6777 — TDD • www.Reservation.gov

Reservation payments can be made by Visa, MasterCard, Discover card, mailed personal check, or money order. A reservation fee will be charged for family units and for group units. For a three-day holiday weekend, you must reserve a site for at least two nights. Reservations for family sites can be made 4 to 240 days in advance; group sites and/or pavilions can be reserved 3 to 360 days in advance.

For campers not using the reservation system, payment at the campground is by cash or check only at the self-service fee station or entrance booth.

OTHER FEATURES — The 1.4 mile Black Cherry National Recreation Interpretive Trail is located immediately adjacent to the lower campground. Twin Lakes Trail begins at the Black Cherry National Recreation Interpretive Trail and extends 16.5 miles westward to the North Country National Scenic Trail. The Mill Creek Trail connects the Twin Lakes Trail with the Brush Hollow Trail system along SR 948.

HISTORY — The campground was once the site of factory buildings, stores, and company row houses owned by the McKean Chemical Co., which made wood alcohol. A company splash dam, used to supplement water levels for the chemical plant downstream, once occupied the site of today’s dam. When McKean Chemical Co. closed in the 1920s, the Forest Service acquired the property.

In 1938, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) constructed the present dam on Hoffman Run, creating the swimming impoundment. They built the lower campground, picnic area, pavilions, and bathhouse. The “twin” impoundment was never built, as money planned for its construction was diverted to build Loleta Recreation Area near Marienville, PA.

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*See Twin Lakes Trail brochure