TWIN LAKES
RECREATION AREA

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 railroad 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 8.

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.Recreation.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 augment 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 1936, 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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The upper campground loop was added in the early 1960s, and the bathhouse and sewage system were completely renovated in 1970.

In the early 1990s the recreation area was made accessible for people with different abilities and was modernized to include more campsites and sites with electrical hookups in the lower loop. Fishing piers and a trail more accessible for people with disabilities were added around the lake.

In the 2010s it was found that barium from the historic glass works was leaching into the lower loop wells. The water here has been shut off until a new system can be implemented. Water in the upper loop and bathhouse is spring-fed and not affected.

FOR MORE INFORMATION about this and other recreation opportunities, contact:

Marienville Ranger District
131 Smokey Lane • Marienville, PA 16239 • 814-927-6628
www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/allegheny

NW Pennsylvania's Great Outdoors Visitors Bureau
175 Main Street, Brookville, PA 15825
814-849-5197 • 800-348-9393 • www.visitpago.com

ALLEGHENY NATIONAL FOREST RECREATION AREAS RULES

- Permissible length of stay is fourteen (14) days. Leaving your campsite unoccupied during the first night after equipment has been set up, or leaving equipment for more than 24 hours thereafter, is prohibited.
- Please be considerate of other campers. Quiet time is from 10:00 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Check out time is 2:00 p.m. Camping fees must be paid within 30 minutes after arrival. Don't forget to put your site number and your license plate number on your fee envelope.
- Campsites should not be used by more than eight persons. Each campsite contains a picnic table, fire ring or grill, and accommodates a tent and parking for two vehicles and a wheeled camping unit. Additional vehicles will be charged a fee and must park in public parking areas. Other recreation equipment associated with a campsite (boats, trailers, jet skis, motorcycles) are not charged. Park all vehicles on the campsite spur, not on the grass.
- Weapons, firearms, and fireworks must not be discharged in this area.
- Waste material from trailers must be deposited at a dump station. Please place trash in the provided receptacles.
- Please build fires only in designated fireplaces. Dead material, on the ground, may be used for fires, but living trees , shrubs, and plants must not be cut or damaged.
- Please don't pound nails into trees, picnic tables, and other government property; they are unsightly, and may create a safety hazard. Heat from lanterns hung on trees can burn or damage trees. Pet leashes wrapped around tree trunks wear bark away and may eventually kill the tree.
- Pets must be kept on a leash, and are not allowed on beaches or in the water.
- No camping is allowed in picnic areas.

THESE NATIONAL FOREST RECREATION SITES WERE DEVELOPED FOR YOUR USE AND ENJOYMENT. PLEASE KEEP IT AS YOU WOULD LIKE TO FIND IT... NEAT, CLEAN AND ATTRACTIVE.

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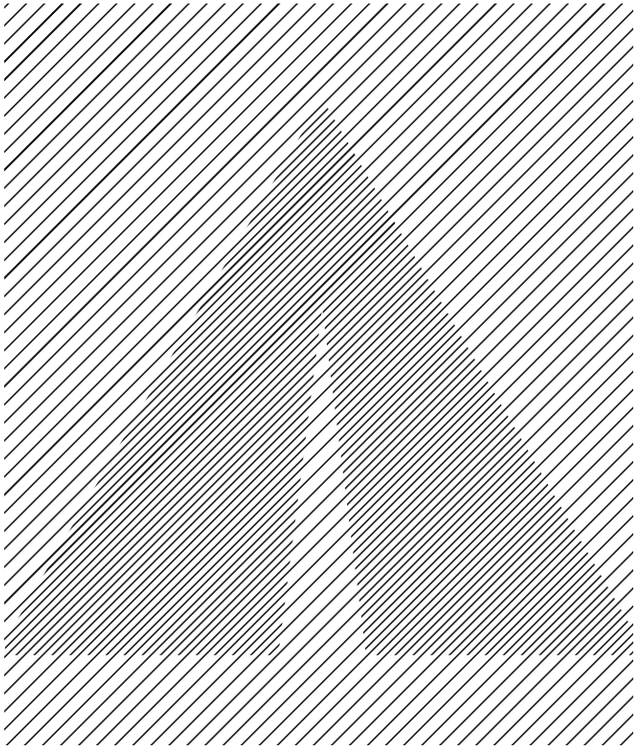

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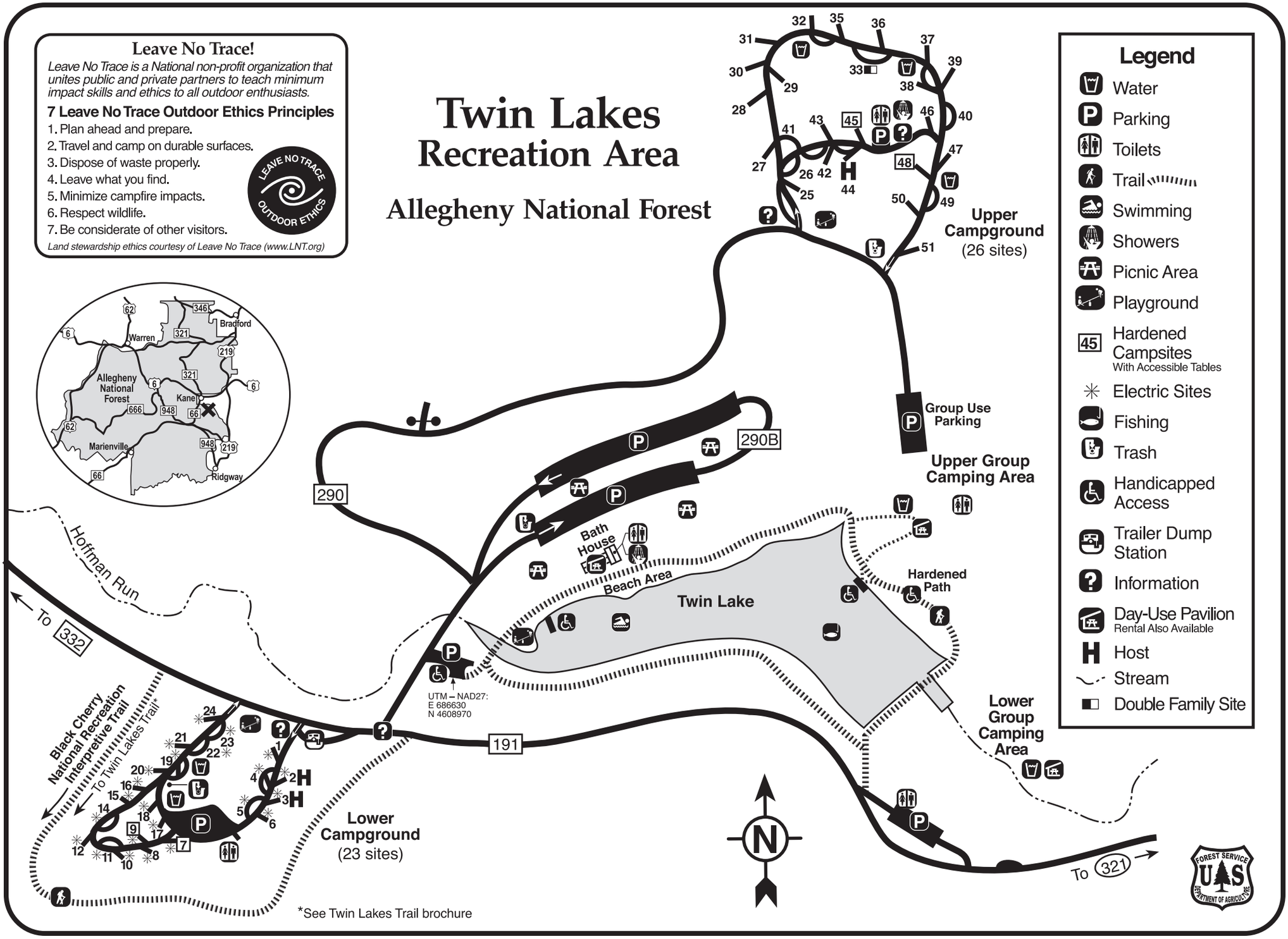
Leave No Trace!

Leave No Trace is a National non-profit organization that unites public and private partners to teach minimum impact skills and ethics to all outdoor enthusiasts.

7 Leave No Trace Outdoor Ethics Principles

1. Plan ahead and prepare.
2. Travel and camp on durable surfaces.
3. Dispose of waste properly.
4. Leave what you find.
5. Minimize campfire impacts.
6. Respect wildlife.
7. Be considerate of other visitors.

Land stewardship ethics courtesy of Leave No Trace (www.LNT.org)



*See Twin Lakes Trail brochure