

Preface

Hamlin Lake Park is located in Smethport's center. The park is used for a multitude of activities, events, and recreation. Named after the Hamlin family who donated the land for its usage as a park, the area was redevloped following the damage left by Hurricane Agnes in 1972. Presently, the lake is again being studied for further development by Smethport Borough.



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Scenic Beauty

The park holds striking beauty no matter what the season. Photo opportunities abound.

The park also offers an attractive location for a serene, evening walk along the waters edge or through groves of trees situated at key locations.

Benches situated beside the still water of the glassy lake invite you to sit and pass the time for a while and chat with a special prson in your life.

Melodies of countless species of birds offer a serenade as you wander through the peaceful moments at the end of a busy day.

Recreation

Recreational activities abound at the park. There is something for everyone. There are several baseball teams ranging from Little League to kids softball teams, Babe Ruth and Legion teams, and high school baseball for boys and softball for girls.

The park is also home to several youth soccer leagues.

Playground equipment offers children an interesting place to play where it is safe.

Basketball hoops near the main pavilion offer older children and teens a place to play, as well and tennis courts are nearby.

The Smethport Recreational Center allows adults and children swimming and sponsors a swimming.

Boating activities abound on the lake and the two channels of Marvin Creek that feed the lake .

The park is often used by families for an evening stroll, skateboarding for the little ones, or as a place for older adults to sit on the benches along the lake to watch the ducks and pass the time in the cool outdoors.

The Goosechaser Trail winds its way along the various waterways of the park and contains many interesting species of birds and other wild life.









Fishing

Fishermen favor Hamlin Lake for fishing on the first day of the season and throughout the year.

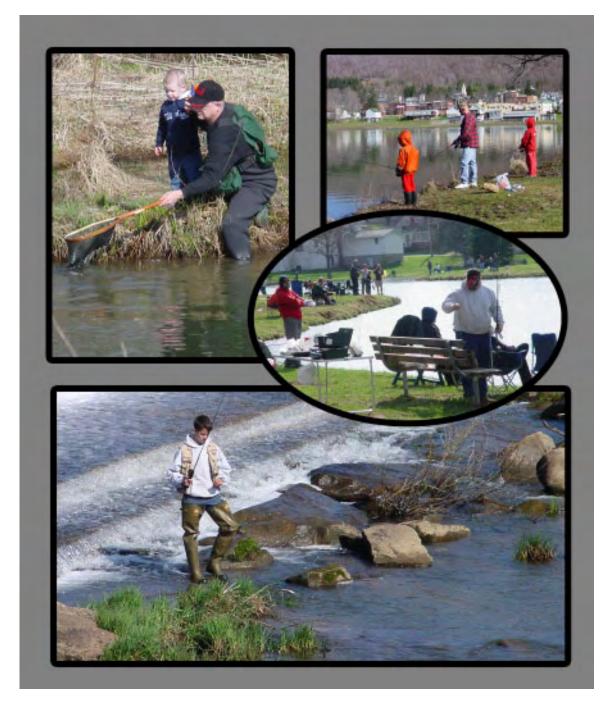
There is ample parking everywhere near the lake and a convenient trip to nearby restaurants for lunch and dinner.

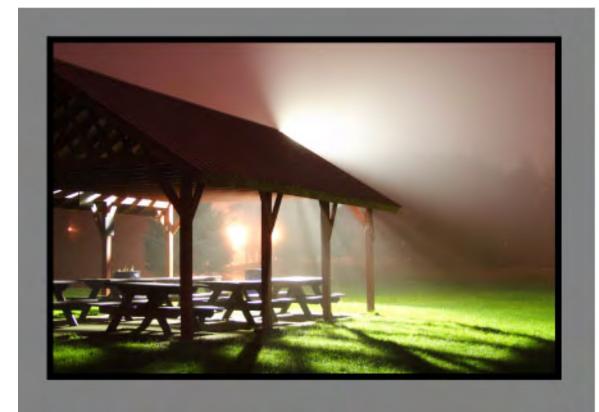
Non-motorized boating is allowed on the lake for the sportsman that prefers being out in the water far away from the crowd to fish.

Trout are stocked at intervals throughout the season.

The south channel of the lake is also a good place for fly fishing, especially in the early evening waters.











Picnic Facilities

Hamlin Lake is a favorite location for family picnics and reunions. There are 4 pavilions at various locations throughout the park that can be rented for a reasonable fee by contacting Smethport Borough or through the smethportpa.org web site.



Special Events

Activities of all kinds are held in the park during special community events and occasions. They include veteran's activities, festivals, weddings, community picnics and an endless variety of other activities.





