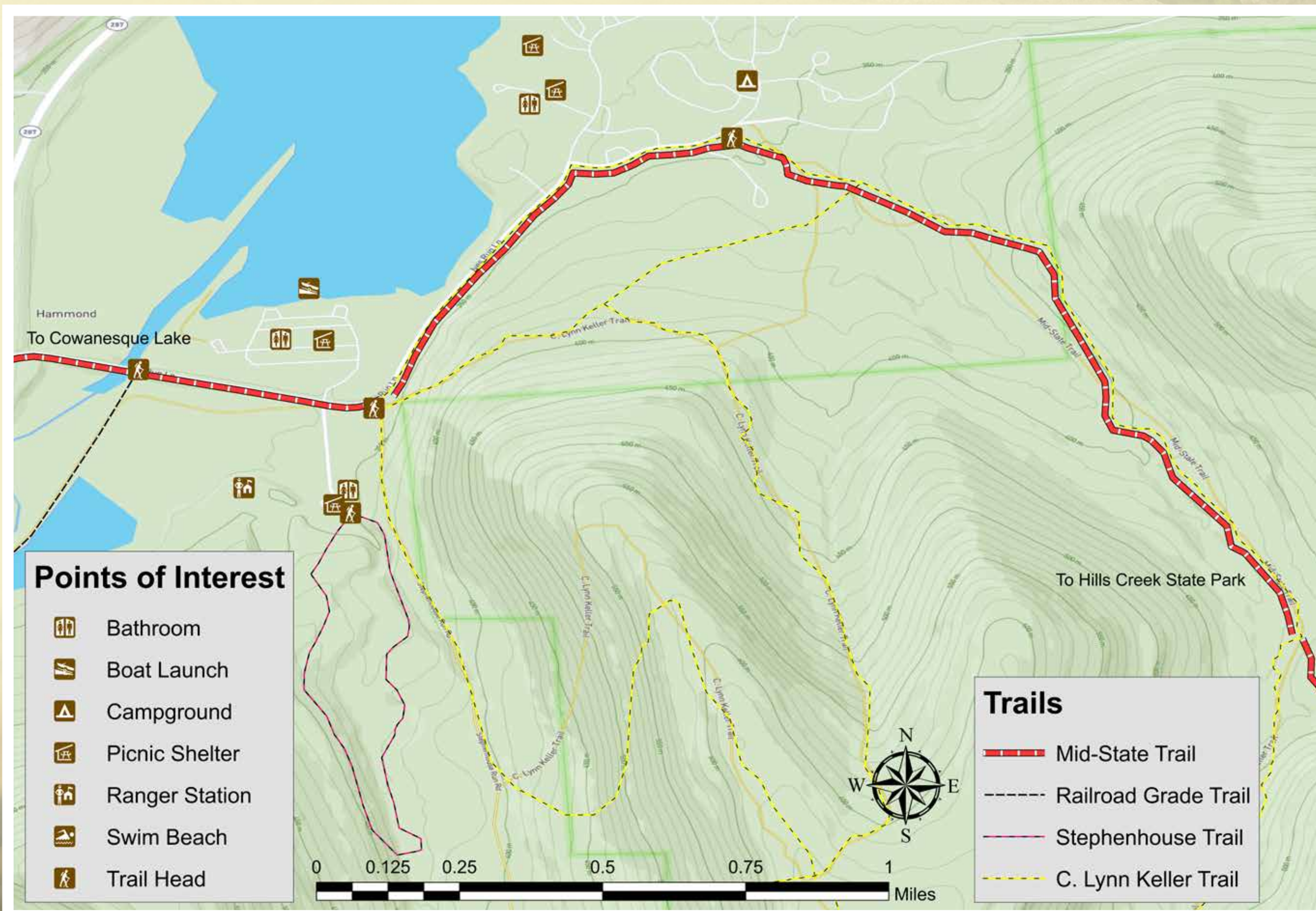


Mid State Trail

TIOGA-HAMMOND & COWANESQUE LAKES

The Mid State Trail (MST) celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2019 and was named Pennsylvania's trail of the year. The MST is Pennsylvania's longest and wildest footpath. The 527-km, 327-mile-long trail bisects the state, cutting through the Dark Skies, Pine Creek Valley & PA Grand Canyon, and I-80 Frontier landscapes of the Pennsylvania Wilds, across Tioga, Clinton, Lycoming and Centre counties. The trail continues south all the way to the Maryland border. The vastness of the MST necessitates that it be divided among four management regions: (from north to south), Tioga, Woolrich, State College and Everett. The MST in the PA Wilds begins at the New York border in the Tioga (County) Region, traveling through Tioga-Hammond & Cowanesque Lakes Recreation Area and Hills Creek State Park, then crossing PA Route 6 midway between Wellsboro and Mansfield. The trail then continues southwest through Antrim, Morris and Blackwell before leaving Tioga County and entering northwest Lycoming County.



Should You Build a Fire?

To be sure a campfire won't damage the backcountry, consider:

- The fire danger for the season and location
- Restrictions from the agency that manages the area
- Whether there is enough wood so removal won't be noticeable
- If conditions allow trees and shrubs to grow easily, replenishing wood sources
- The ability of your group to build a fire that will Leave No Trace

