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The fall/winter season is a great time to enjoy the surrounding parks. No bugs! Great views! And beautiful one-sweater-weather! Susquehanna State Park, a hidden jewel just three miles from downtown Havre de Grace, is a wonderful park offering something for nearly everyone who enjoys the outdoors.

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In total, the park offers 15 miles of marked and maintained trails for mountain bikers, hikers, equestrians, and nature lovers. There's a trail for the walker and the seasoned hiker, and everyone in-between, offering challenges requiring varying degrees of exertion! The Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway's (LSHG) Conowingo Trail runs from Conowingo Dam to Stafford Road at Deer Creek. This trail is handicapped accessible (other than when snow covered or littered with debris following a storm). It's a beautiful family walk with informative displays along the way.

What a View!

The spectacular views of some of the more challenging trails, especially during this time of year, make the effort

worth your while. In many spots you'll look high over the treetops to the Susquehanna River below. And you'll be surprised by a variety of wildlife from eagles and osprey, squirrels and beaver, to turkey, deer, ducks and geese. For the birdwatcher, this park is nothing but exciting.

Stroll through History

But the park's enjoyment doesn't stop there. Rock Run Mill is a delight for the photographer and historian. Many historic buildings including the Jersey Toll House (used to collect tolls on the bridge that spanned the Susquehanna connecting Harford and Cecil Counties or travelers going north on the canal), the John Archer Mansion, Stumps Flint Furnace and many foundations that remain of historic structures, will trigger your imagination as you consider life in those years gone by.





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wonders of life, a challenge to your hiking or biking skills, a great place to exercise, a wonderful park for the photographer and nature lover, a beautiful place to picnic even in the chillier months, or a place to cast your line and relax, Susquehanna State Park offers a Winter Walk guaranteed to have you returning again and again to Havre de Grace and the surrounding area.

Maybe I'll see you along the trail!





Water Fun

For the water lover, the park offers fishing (license is required), a boat ramp at Lapidum, and excellent locations for kayaking. If you're really energetic, you can even paddle your way from the park all the way downriver to Havre de Grace.

Nature's Beauty

Whether you enjoy a quiet walk in the woods to ponder the





NOTE: Although the park does not have guides and the historic buildings are not open to tourists during the winter months, there are dozens of reasons to go and explore the area. Dress appropriately, carry water and snacks, and be sure to have your camera!



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