



WHIPPLES STATE PARK is the spring attraction for many University students who are looking for some outside recreation. The park has had as many as 15,000 visitors in one day.

Spring Fever Starts Invasion of Whipples

Picture and Story
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First of a Series

Like to swim, picnic, hike, or fish? If you do, Penn State is a good place to go to school. The University is surrounded with some of the most beautiful State Parks in the Commonwealth.

The University has often been criticized for its inaccessibility, but its location has the advantage of being close to Pennsylvania's finest recreational and scenic areas.

Probably the best known and most visited of the five parks in the area is Whipples State Park on Route 545 in Stone Valley. Whipples is about 50 acres of wooded area with a 6-acre body of water. The small lake is formed by a CCC-constructed dam built in the early 30's.

Swimming is the most popular summer sport at Whipples. Each year, students rush out to test the cold water on the first warm day of spring.

Ralph Parks, forest ranger at Whipples, said that on the 4th of July weekend last summer they had a record crowd of 15,000 visitors on Sunday. He said that last season, they had a total of about a quarter of a million visitors.

Swimmer who bring their lunches and dinners can use one of the 230 picnic tables on the grounds.

Fishermen may be lucky enough to catch their lunches if they hook one of the many rainbow trout that are stocked in the lake.

Boaters are invited, but they are not permitted to use motors on the lake, only oars.

Hunting is the most popular winter sport at Whipples. There are 44 hunting camps in the district. Pennsylvanians may hunt

Fish May Be New Excuse For Cutting

Student fishermen have another excuse for cutting class today—Fishermen's Paradise opens at 9 a.m., to mark the 25th anniversary of its founding.

Each year, hundreds of anglers from all parts of the state come to Centre County to try their luck at the Paradise. Last year, the largest fish caught was an 11½-pound rainbow trout, measuring 29½ inches.

The Paradise is located between State College and Bellefonte and will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. after tomorrow. The season lasts until July 19.

Fishermen can catch all three species of trout—rainbow, brook and brown. The fish must measure 10 inches to be legal, while a 6-inch trout is legal elsewhere in the state.

Today, there will be as many spectators at the Paradise watching those who are fishing, as fishermen themselves.

The employees at the Paradise have placed signs at key points as a guide to fishermen.

Each fish taken at the Paradise is listed by species, size and weight, along with name and address of the angler.

Four Students Win Retail Ad Prizes

Four students have won prizes and two received honorable mention in the Retail Advertising Competition sponsored by the Interstate Advertising Managers Association.

Prize winners were: First prize, Thomas Foster, senior in journalism from Malvern; second prize, Dawson Ryder, junior in journalism from Haverstown; third prize, Anne Frey, junior in journalism from Wilkes-Barre; and fourth prize, Raymond Young, senior in journalism from State College.

Receiving honorable mention were Robert Piccone, junior in journalism from Philadelphia, and Richard Schilpp, senior in journalism from Haddonfield, N.J.

deer, bear, squirrels, turkey, grouse, pheasant and rabbits at Whipples. Ranger Parks said that 135 bucks and 35 to 40 doe were taken at Whipples last December.

Ranger Parks invites all students to take advantage of the facilities at Whipples, but warned that the park closes at 9 p.m. and those caught in the park after this hour will be reported to the University.

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