#### History

North Park is a 115 acre plot of land nestled right outside the Borough of Kutztown boundary. Originally opening as a public pool in 1929, the land became a popular spot for gatherings and events. Following its closing in 1963, the land became an informal bike track for the youth through the 1970s and 1980s. In 2009, North Park was reopened as a public natural park, and with a grant from the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources in 2013, restoration and conservation efforts began, which are still ongoing to this day. The borough partners with Kutztown University and local Boy and Girl Scouts Troops to preserve and restore the park's immense ecological value. The park has been upgraded in recent years to accommodate for more visitors, including construction of a new bridge and a horse hitching post.



# Recreational Opportunities

<u>Picnicking</u>: North Park offers a quiet picnic setting. It has a covered picnic pavilion outfitted with picnic benches and charcoal grill. The pavilion is surrounded by a grass picnic area, with a gazebo, horseshoe pits, and space for yard games. North Park provides public restrooms and both trash and recycling to keep the park clean.



<u>Hiking</u>: North Park has 1.5 miles of hiking trails made up of three separate paths. They are naturally preserved to provide scenic views of the creek and forest hills. The trails are dog-friendly.

Fishing: The Sacony Creek runs through North Park, which is regularly stocked with trout.



## Education and Volunteer Work

Outside of recreation, North Park is used year-round for educational activity and volunteer work by numerous groups, such as local Boy Scout Troops, local Girl Scout Troops, and even Kutztown University students and staff. Past projects include trail maintenance and cleanup, planting of native trees, shrubs, and wildflowers, and installation of bird nesting boxes.



#### **Further Information**

#### Partners

#### North Park

Kutztown, Pennsylvania

### **Questions, Concerns, and Facility Rental Information**

Available online at www.kutztownboro .org/departments/parks, or by calling 610-683-6131.



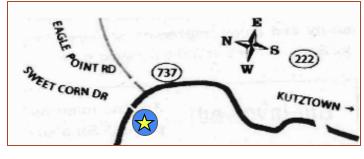


#### **EAC Management Plan**

Available online at www.kutztownboro .org/commissions/EAC.



### Directions



Travel north on Route 737, taking the first left after Eagle Point Road. Follow this road past the office buildings, and keep right after crossing the bridge.



#### **Get involved!**

Are you interested in volunteering for an environmental stewardship project? Email eac@kutztownboro.org for more details.



