



## **News for Immediate Release**

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### **DCNR Offers Holiday Gift Ideas that Support State Parks, Forests**

**Harrisburg** – The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has several holiday gift-giving ideas that are perfect for those who want to protect Pennsylvania’s natural resources and enjoy state parks and forests.

Holiday gift-givers can support Pennsylvania’s 120 state parks by purchasing the 2013 special edition state park calendar that commemorates the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civilian Conservation Corps. It features historic images and information that highlights the important role the corps played in creating the parks we love and enjoy today. The 10” x 13” calendar costs \$8.49, plus sales tax and shipping, and can be ordered by calling 1-888-PAPARKS.

A state park gift card can be purchased in any dollar amount and may be used for campsites, cabins and pavilions anywhere they are available. Parks are a great, inexpensive get-away and offer the opportunity to watch wildlife and connect with nature. To order a gift card, visit [www.dcnr.state.pa.us](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us); choose “Find a Park,” then “Reservations,” then “Gift Cards.”

Recipients can use a gift card for a stay at the Nature Inn at Bald Eagle in Centre County, online at [www.natureinnatbaldeagle.com](http://www.natureinnatbaldeagle.com). With its green features; huge stone fireplace; large windows for watching the outside world; and connection to miles of trails at Bald Eagle State Park, the Nature Inn is a year-round getaway.

Also, consider giving a gift that supports the non-profit Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation. PPF helps enhance parks and forests, and supports conservation and environmental programs. Visitors might enjoy the 135-page passport with maps, a history of the state park and forest system, and a brief description and most memorable feature of each state park and forest. Visit [www.paparksandforests.org](http://www.paparksandforests.org) or contact PPF at [mmowery-ppff@pa.net](mailto:mmowery-ppff@pa.net).

Supporting the Wild Resource Conservation Program is another gift option. Since 1982, the program has studied and worked to conserve Pennsylvania’s rare species and habitats. Learn more online at [www.dcnr.state.pa.us](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us); choose “Wild Resource Conservation” under Quick Links.

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