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Guides



**Blue Marsh  
Lake Multi-  
Use Trail**  
*Pennsylvania*



## Blue Marsh Lake Multi-Use Trail

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On the eastern end of the lake, just off Palisade Drive, a connection to the 6-mile [Union Canal Trail](#) can take travelers into the city. Or trail-goers can opt to hop on an on-road section of the [Schuylkill River Trail](#) from here, which will eventually stretch nearly 130 miles from Pottsville to Philadelphia.

The Blue Marsh Lake Multi-Use Trail loops around a manmade reservoir just outside of Reading in southeastern Pennsylvania. The trail has a mixture of surfaces (hard-packed dirt, grass, gravel and abandoned roads) with some single-tracking and climbs that make it best suited for hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding.

You'll travel through open fields and woodlands and enjoy spectacular views of the lake. Bird watching is popular on the trail, especially during the fall's hawk migration. As a recreational hotspot, you'll also find many amenities, including picnic areas, food concession stands, a small beach (swimming allowed) and boat launches; restrooms can be found at the lake's visitor's center.



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**States:** Pennsylvania

**Counties:** Berks

Length: 28.6miles

**Trail end points:** Blue Marsh Lake Visitor Center (on Palisades Drive) to N Heidelberg Rd

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt,Dirt,Grass,Gravel

**Trail category:** Greenway/Non-RT

**Trail activities:** Fishing,Horseback Riding,Mountain Biking,Walking

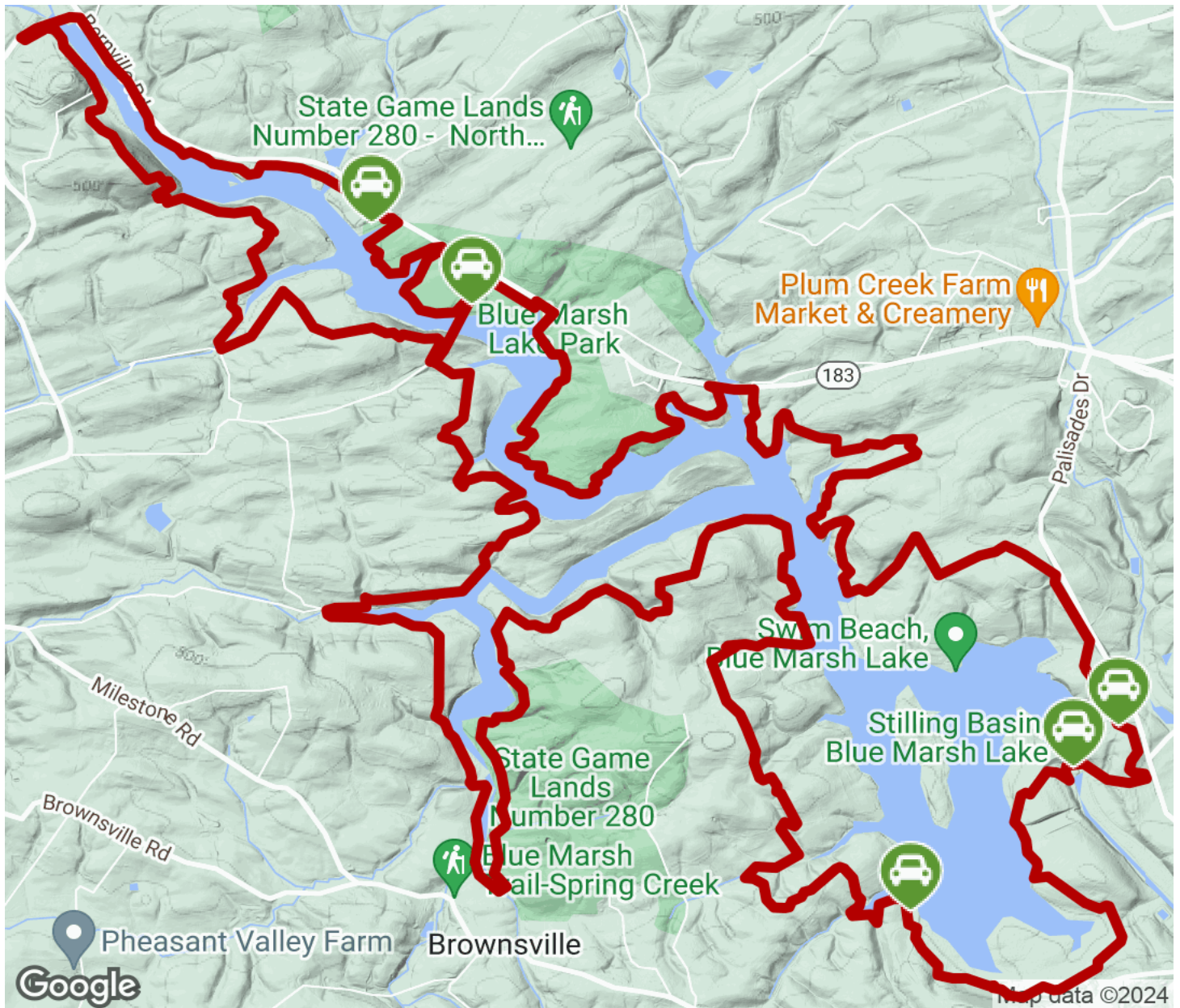
## Parking & Trail Access

A gravel parking area is available at the Blue Marsh Lake Visitor Center (1268 Palisades Drive) and there are additional parking areas all along the trail.



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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