

History of Austin T. Blakeslee Natural Area

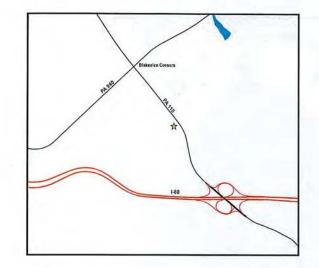
The site was used originally for farming, and then the site became a popular active recreational park, named Harrison Park, until a flood destroyed the park in 1955. Remnants of Harrison Park include the foundation of a stone building that housed the roller rink, and an artesian well.

The Austin T. Blakeslee Natural Area is approximately 130 acres of permanently protected land. The Tobyhanna Falls has been a treasure for generations of residents in the Blakeslee area. Fishermen enjoy the deep pools below the falls. Large boulders that step down gradually create the Tobyhanna Falls. The boulders line the shore of the Tobyhanna Creek, where fishermen and visitors walk out to the falls, fish, or just sit and relax.

Austin T. Blakeslee Natural Area Rules and Regulations

- Open Dawn to Dusk Daily
- No Littering
- No Motorized Vehicles
- No Alcoholic Beverages
- No Fires
- No Hunting
- No Swimming

Poop Scoop and Leash Laws in Effect



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Austin T. Blakeslee Natural Area is a Regional Park in Tobyhanna Township purchased through the collaboration of Tunkhannock and Tobyhanna Townships. This project was funded in part by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Monroe County Open Space Bond. It was the desire that this area be kept in its natural state, adding only a few paths and other minor improvements to allow the public to enjoy its scenic beauty and to allow fishermen access to the Tobyhanna Creek.