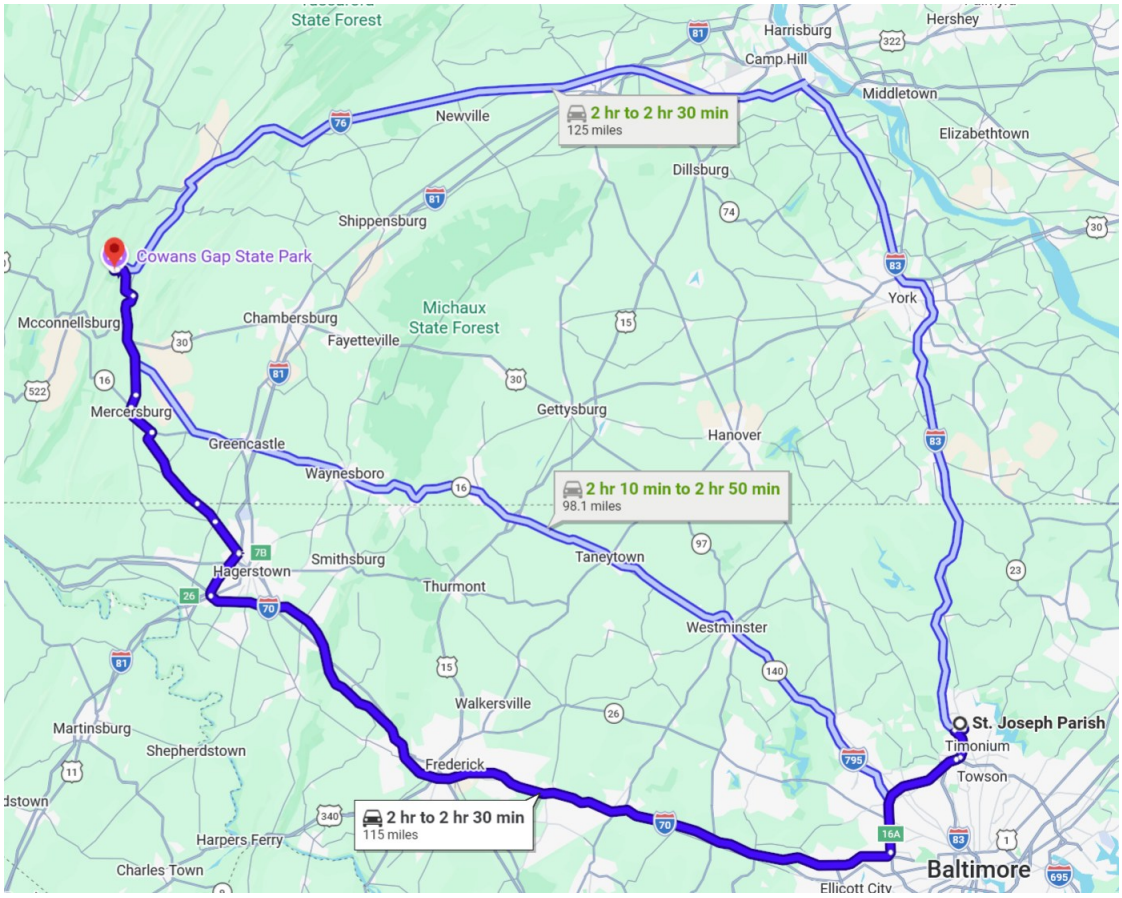
DIRECTIONS TO COWANS GAP SP, PA GROUP CAMP

About 2:15 h; 137 miles

In Google Maps, use *Cowans Gap Lake Boat Ramp, Aughwick Rd, Mcconnellsburg, PA 17233* or GPS Coordinates: 39.994158, -77.929320 for your destination

There is little to no cell coverage in Cowans Gap. Download a Google Map of the area for offline use. Google Maps could not find me a route home until I was several miles from the Gap.



I am trying a different approach to directions for this trip. Since just about everyone is using a navigation program when they drive, I am going to let it get you close. I will just give details about the park. Email me your feedback after the trip. webmaster497@gmail.com

Choose your favorite routes. Google Maps provided me with the three choices shown above. I70 is the easiest, especially in the dark. I drove Rt 140/16 during the day. It is a pleasant route through the countryside. Save it for the return on Sunday in the daylight. I76 is the PA turnpike, which has tolls, and is not fun to drive!

The coordinates and the destination listed above will both get you to the road leading to camp. (See links to maps below). The trail maps will show you details.

1. The two recommended routes will have you driving to camp on Richmond Road. It will end at Cowans Gap State Park on Aughwick Rd.
2. Turn left (south) on Aughwick Rd and follow signs for Park Office and Overnight Camping. You will make a right turn after going several hundred feet.
3. Go past the Park Office and follow the sign to Group Camp.

These are the recommended routes. It is the responsibility of all drivers to select their routes and familiarize themselves with their routes ahead of time.

4. Cross over the bridge.
5. Take the first dirt road to the left to the Group Camp. It is gated and the gate will be closed and "fake locked". **DO NOT LOCK THE GATE – EVER**. **Leave it "fake locked!**

Vehicles will be left in our camp until Sunday morning. Park on the on the uphill side of the camp on the right. The road into camp is a **fire road**, so leave access to it. NO OVERNIGHT parking is allowed in the day use parking lots. We plan to shuttle vehicles Sunday morning. We won't know the details until we have a count of people going on each hike. Bring an extra set of keys, on a bright lanyard or other visible object, for your vehicles.

I have posted three maps in the announcements and provide links below. You should print these and/or download them to your phone and have them handy when you drive. There are also annotated pdf topographical maps for the long and short routes and gpx files for both routes linked in the announcements.

Forest Service Topographic Map of Cowans Gap SP and surrounding area roads surrounding the SP, our trails and camping locations. Best map for drivers.

Cowans Gap SP Campground Map showing the Group Camp, campgrounds, restrooms, and water.

Cowans Gap SP Topographic Map showing park areas, roads and trails in and near the park.

SHUTTLES - The trail maps have these locations and roads on them with annotations pointing them out.

LONG HIKE TRAILHEAD

The Sharpe Trail parking lot is on Aughwick Rd, on the right (east side), 2.5 miles from the intersection with Richmond Road. I suggest back in parking for safety and park 2 or 3 cars deep if needed. We should have the short hike drivers shuttle the long hikers and then return to camp.

SHUTTLE TO SUNDAY TAKE OUT

Drive 6.3 miles south on Aughwick Rd to the Mountain House Bar & Grill at the intersection with Rt 30. There is a large gravel parking lot to the right of the building for picking up the hikers on Sunday. The Tuscarora Trail connects to the parking lot at the far side.

WATER CACHE

Cache water in a truck in the parking lot, near the microwave towers on Big Mountain. This is also near campsite BV009-Tower. When walking from the overlook, this is clockwise around the circle, about 100 yards.

To get to the parking lot from camp, go back to Aughwick Rd and turn right (south). Drive 5.4 miles to Tower Road and follow Tower Road north until you reach the large parking lot on the right just before, or at, the circle.

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NEARBY MEDICAL CENTERS – CALL 911 IN AN EMERGENCY

- **Fulton County Medical Center**

  Address: 214 Peach Orchard Rd, McConnellsburg, PA 17233
  Phone: (717) 485-3155
  Emergency room: Yes, open 24 hours

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