

summer

family fun



# FAMILY FUN parks

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Nothing says “summertime” like family fun parks. They are designed to offer lots of fun and excitement for people of all ages and bring the whole family together for a day of thrills and relaxation. You can forget all of your worries and troubles and just concentrate on playing miniature golf, racing along the track in a go-kart or practicing your swing in the batting cages.

Northeastern Pennsylvania has many smaller scale family fun parks that are low-key but still offer the same level of fun that you would find at the larger family fun parks. Here are some family fun parks that are not too far away but are so much fun you will feel like you are on vacation.

### **Carousel Water and Fun Park** **Route 652, Beach Lake**

Spending an afternoon at the Carousel Water and Fun Park is a great way for the entire family to have fun on a summer day. Carousel has everything you need for a family fun park adventure, including large water slides, bumper boats, a batting range, go-karts and kiddie kars, a landscaped 18 hole mini golf course, game room, and snack bar. There are two waterslides for the adults and older children and a frog slide and wading pool for the younger children. The bumper boats require no skills and are fun if you feel like splashing around, and the go-karts offer the challenge of real competitive racing on a paved track. In addition, there are ten batting cages to choose from, offering either hardball or softball with a variety of skill levels. The kiddie kars allow three to eight-year-olds the opportunity to drive their own kart at a pace comfortable to them. The game room offers skeeball, basketball, air hockey, skill cranes, and video games. You can rest and regroup before continuing with your day of fun at the snack bar where you will find a menu offering nutritious fast food entrées and ice cream. You can look forward to free parking and free admission. For more details, call (570) 729-7532 or visit [www.carousel-park.com](http://www.carousel-park.com).

### **Costa's Family Fun Park** **Route 6, Hawley**

For the past fifteen years, Costa's Family Fun Park has been providing local residents and tourists with family memories and fun experiences they will never forget. Costa's is three miles east of Lake Wallenpaupack and offers many things to do all day long for the young and young at heart. Adults, teenagers, and young children delight in everything Costa's has available, including the 1,200 foot go-kart course, water slides, 18 hole miniature golf and the 19-tee golf driving range, bumper boats, and the batting cages complete with an open field, a home run fence, dugouts, and hardball and softballs arm-action machines. Costa's also has a Kiddie Land area where kids can go through tunnels, swim in a sea of balls, and climb web ladders. There is also an arcade with numerous video games and a restaurant where you can order salads, nachos, chicken tenders, hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken sandwiches, ice cream sundaes and much more. The restaurant features seating inside and outside on the wraparound deck with fantastic views of the park. Costa's is always hopping with activity and is THE family place to hang out in the Lake Wallenpaupack area during the summer. It's a perfect place to book a birthday party or other family occasion and is also ideal for baseball and softball teams to practice hit-

ting at the batting cages. To find out more about this treasured family fun park, call (570) 226-8585 or visit [www.costasfamily-funpark.com](http://www.costasfamily-funpark.com).

### **Lahey Family Fun Park, Inc.** **500 Morgan Hwy, Clarks Summit**

Lahey Family Fun Park is equipped to provide you and your family with an abundance of fun summer activities. There are nine state of the art batting cages perfect for batting practice or just for fun. There is also a 36 hole miniature golf course over two and a half acres on a hill overlooking the Lackawanna Valley. The whole course is built in a wooded area, and five large waterfalls crown the entire length of the playing area about forty feet above the base level providing relaxation and beauty. There are also bumper boats that people of all ages love, and Lahey's Super Track has twenty high powered Go-Karts providing thrills as you race along the concrete track along twists and turns and even two bridges, which adds to the excitement of the track. Lahey Family Fun Park also has an arcade and full snack bar with indoor seating and outdoor picnic tables for those who want to take a break from the outdoor fun. There is also a large soft playground where children under twelve can climb and play on the new hanging trolley ride or the three-level tube slide. There is no shortage of fun at Lahey, and it's close to home so you will feel like you are on vacation without having to go too far. For more information, call (570) 586-5699 or visit [www.laheyfunpark.net](http://www.laheyfunpark.net).

### **Moss Hollow Creek Family Park** **1 Golf Park Drive, Hamlin**

At Moss Hollow Creek, located off Route 590 in Hamlin, families can enjoy miniature golf at two 18 hole golf courses—the Monster and the Cliffhanger. Adding to the fun and excitement of the miniature gold courses are the waterfalls, islands, bunkers, bridges, and streams, which all provide visual appeal as you enjoy the golfing. Moss Hollow Creek also has a 440-yard driving range, a Bumper Boat Lagoon, Water Wars arcade, go-carts on a 1,400 foot Sidewinder Track, and a Canyon Train ride. One of the more popular features at Moss Hollow Creek is the Assault Zone Paintball where you can practice survival and shooting skills in a variety of wooded, combat-style fields or even practice at the Paintball Target Range. Moss Hollow Creek Family Park also has picnic areas, a food court, weekend flea market, and WiFi service. For more details, call (570) 689-4996.



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