

# Spanning the Gap

## Photo Gallery: The Spring Flood, April 2-3, 2005



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### First Things First



As waters rose around her home in the park, it became too late for Mrs. Aun to drive to safety. She called for help and Rangers Hnat and Croll arrived with a canoe. *(Left)* The canoe, with Mrs. Aun and her dog safely inside, is floating down the dirt section of Old Mine Road, just north of its junction with Pompey Ridge Road. The rangers are wading through the waters, guiding the canoe. *(Right)* At the one-lane bridge, the road turns and dips, and the rangers were in water up to their chests. Note the water rising up to the yellow-diamond road sign. *(NPS photos by Mike Fernald)*

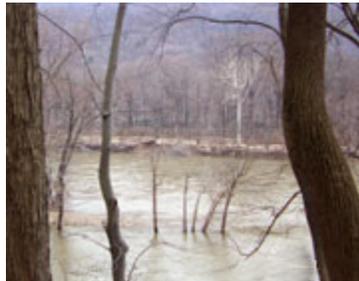
**Safe arrival.** Mrs. Aun, a resident of the park for 50 years, her companion are all smiles as they complete their first canoe ride on the Delaware. *(NPS photo by Mike Fernald)*

### The Flood Seen from Cliff Park PA

This vantage point at the north end of the park provides dramatic views northeast and southeast in the valley. The hills in the distance are in New Jersey.



### The Delaware River



*(Left)* The Delaware River seen from **Freeman Tract Road PA** on Monday, April 4, 2005.

*(Right)* The Delaware River at **Hialeah Picnic Area PA**, looking toward the New Jersey bank, on the afternoon of Thursday, April 7, 2005, several days after the river crested.



*(Left)* A close-up view of the river at Riverview trailhead, McDade Recreational Trail..

*(Right)* **Sawkill Creek** above Milford Beach as it enters the Delaware at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 3, 2005.

### Archeological Sites

*(Left and right)* **Manna Site PA**, along the Raymondskill, on the afternoon of Thursday, April 12, 2005.



*(Left)* **Coppermine Inn Site NJ**, where evidence of a Native American Settlement was excavated in the Summer of 2004. This view was taken on April 8, 2005.

*(Right)* At **Wheat Plains PA** (Broadhead-Heller Farm), the washed-out hole dwarfs the park archeologist *(in the white box)*



*(Left and right)* Exposed archeological features at Wheat Plains included a Native American firepit *(right)*.

### **Pennsylvania: Roadways**



*(Top, left)* Route 209 at **Toms Creek**, milepost 1, on Monday, April 4, 2005.

*(Top, right)* The **Bush Kill** at Route 209 in Bushkill, at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 3, 2005.



(Middle, left) **Bushkill Access** on Route 209, milepost xx at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 3, 2005.

(Middle, right) Bushkill Access at 4:00 p.m. that afternoon.



(Bottom, left) **Zion Church Road**, (Zion Church at top of the hill), at noon on Sunday, April 4, 2005.

(Bottom, right) **River Road** just north of Smithfield Beach at noon on Sunday, April 4, 2005.

## Milford Beach PA

(Below) **Nothing to be done...** Milford Beach goes under during the storm on Sunday, April 4, 2005 in this composite view from the old bridge piers across the river in Montague NJ.



(Below) A view the same afternoon from the Rt. 206 (Milford-Montague) bridge. Photos have been lightened, as the sky was extremely overcast.



(Left) The access road to **Milford Beach** on Sunday, April 3, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. (Right) Damage to the road, viewed on Monday, April 4, 2005.



(Left) Looking south across Milford Beach parking lots towards the Milford-Montague Bridge on Monday, April 4, 2005.



(Right) High water mark. (white line added)

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(Left and below) Silt and washouts along McDade Trail.

### McDade Recreational Trail PA



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### Smithfield Beach PA



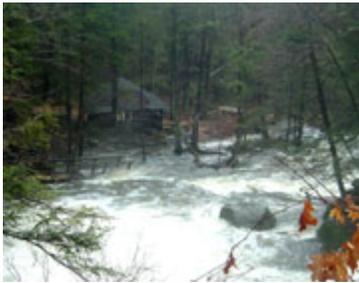
(Left) The boat launch and its parking area at **Smithfield Beach** on Thursday April 7, 2005. (Below) A buoy from the river rests on the bank.



**Other Pennsylvania: Sites**



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*(Left and right)* **Metz Ice House**, a historic property owned by the park In Milford PA.



*(Left and right)* Dingmans Creek at **Childs Park**.



*(Left)* The shelter at **Hialeah Air Park**, along River Road, on Monday, April 4, 2005.

*(Right)* The entrance drive to **Hialeah Picnic Area** on April 7, 2005.

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*(Left)* Route 209 in front of **Bushkill Meeting Center**, milepost XX, on Sunday, April 3, 2005. The building was protected by mounds of gravel placed in position as the storm approached.

*(Right)* The old millrace (*at the right*) behind Bushkill Meeting Center, usually a dry ditch, filled with water t and overflowed back into the parking lot.

**Kittatinny Point NJ**

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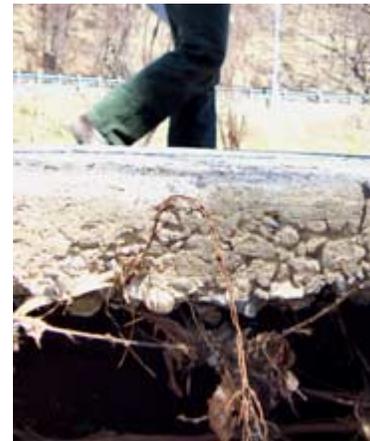
(Left) and (Below, left) **Kittatinny Point** about the time the river crested.



(Right) The damage at the visitor center is evident on the stairs. Photo was taken on Tuesday, April 5, 2005.

(Below) The damage at the visitor center is evident on the back terrace and front porch. Photos were taken on Tuesday, April 5, 2005.

(Right) A walkway at Kittatinny Point shows serious undermining.



### Other New Jersey: Sites



(Left and right) The Swim Beach at **Depew Recreation Site** in New Jersey was completely scoured away; the picnic area was covered with silt; and the entrance road was rutted and washed out.



(Left and right) At **Silver Spray Farm** in Walpack Center, the entrance road washed out (*left*), and the dam failed, causing the pond to drain (*right*). These photos were taken on April 14, 2005.



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### And the Clean-up Begins ...



(Left) Pumping out at **Bushkill Access**.

(Right) More of the same at **Smithfield Beach**.