

New Kittatinny Point Visitor Center is Open



Kittatinny Point Visitor Center, April 2007

Kittatinny Point has a new visitor center, built with flood recovery funds.

The former visitor center building, a converted tavern, was built more than 50 years ago. River floods had reached up to or into the structure three times since the end of 2004, thoroughly soaking interior walls and insulation. Upon analysis, it became apparent that the building could not be rehabilitated, and this facility, one of the most highly visited sites within the park, was closed for both the 2005 and 2006 seasons. The building has been demolished, with the exception of the public restrooms. A second phase of the project will include the construction of a picnic pavilion in its place.

The new visitor center is a log structure elevated on piers so that its floor is above the 100-year floodplain. (The restrooms of the previous visitor center have also been clad in “log” siding to match.) The new visitor center is slightly east of the former building and features a porch facing the river, a wheelchair ramp, and a sales area. Interpretive displays are planned. Some minor site improvements, consisting of walkways and trails to the river, will be included in the project. ■