

## Greenland Tract

The Greenland Tract in Weiser State Forest is found in northeastern Dauphin County. Consisting of about 2,977 acres, it is located on Barry Mountain south of Williamstown in Williams, Jackson, Jefferson, and Rush Townships. The majority of this tract was acquired from Lykens Borough in 1953 and 1963.

Wildfires greatly affected the Greenland Tract and considerable effort was made from 1958 to 1960 to improve access into the area for the purpose of fire protection and reforestation. Most forest roads were built during this era. Its first major reforestation project began in the fall of 1965 with root-raking the area with a D7 bulldozer. Over 183,000 Japanese larch seedlings were subsequently planted. In 1966, 140,000 Japanese larch and 15,000 white pine seedlings were planted. Tree plantings continued up to 1970.

The present Greenland Road is an old stagecoach line between Harrisburg-Carsonville-Tremont-Pottsville. A hotel was situated along the stagecoach line at 9 O’Clock Run. During this period, farming of peanuts and peaches was relatively common in the area.

## Recreation

Recreational activities include wildlife watching, nature study, hiking, hunting, fishing, mountain biking, backpacking, roadside camping, cross-country skiing, and horseback riding. Snowmobiling is also permitted on designated trails. Please contact the Weiser Forest District office for a copy of the snowmobile map.

The following is a list of unique features.

**Japanese larch seed orchard** – Former District Forester Nevin Slusser nurtured a Japanese larch planting to create this orchard, with hopes of providing seed to the state nurseries. At the time of Mr. Slusser's retirement, the access road leading to the seed orchard was named in his honor to acknowledge his dedication to the forestry profession.

**Roadside Campsites** – In addition to three single campsites, one group campsite is available. A camping permit is required at no cost. A picnic table and campfire ring is provided. No other facilities or conveniences are available.

**Parking Areas** – Located at the intersection of Route 209 and Red Hill Road, and off Greenland Road 1.5 miles west of Greenwood Road.

## Care for the Land

State forests belong to all Pennsylvanians. Take time to enjoy them, but know the rules and regulations designed to protect the forests and you. Please be careful with fire, keep our forests litter free and don’t damage trees and other plants.

## Certified “Well Managed”

Pennsylvania state forests are certified to FSC® standards. The Forest Stewardship Council® is an independent organization supporting environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial, and economically viable management of the world's forests.



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Weiser State Forest



Pennsylvania’s vast state forest system comprises 2.2 million acres for you to use, enjoy, and explore. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources’ Bureau of Forestry manages these forests to ensure their long-term health and to conserve native wild plants.

Weiser State Forest comprises 30,000 acres in Carbon, Columbia, Dauphin, Lebanon, Montour, Northumberland, and Schuylkill counties.



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