

FORBES STATE FOREST

Pennsylvania contains about 17 million acres of forestland. Of this total, over two million acres are in the state forest system, which is publicly owned and managed by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Forestry. The Forbes State Forest comprises over 60,000 acres located in Westmoreland, Somerset, and Fayette Counties.

Forbes State Forest was named in honor of General John Forbes who, in 1757, ordered the construction of a road from Bedford to Fort Pitt for the movement of an expeditionary army. Forbes also ordered the construction of nearby Fort Ligonier. Forbes led the British attack on Fort Duquesne in 1758, the fort was later re-named Fort Pitt.

The first purchase of forest land for the Forbes was on April 23, 1909 on the Laurel Ridge along Laurel Summit Road.



FOREST DISTRICT OFFICE

The current Forbes State Forest District office was built in 1983, and later remodeled in 2005. The 32 acre property was donated to the Bureau of Forestry by the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy. Other than the tract which contains the building, the rest of the property will be held for scientific, educational, and aesthetic purposes—and be kept in its natural state. Scientific research, fencing, and foot trails will be allowed.

BOB ACHE MEMORIAL FOREST

The forest surrounding the district office was named the 'Bob Ache Memorial Forest' in honor of former District Forester, Bob Ache.

The trails throughout the forest may be used for hiking, biking, cross-country skiing, and snow shoeing. They are not named, but are marked with red vertical blazes. Please see the map for trail locations.

Motorized vehicles are not permitted on these trails.

PARKING

You may park your vehicle in the district office parking lot as you enjoy the trails.



For More Information



Check out 'Forbes State Forest' on Facebook!

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In the event of an emergency, contact a state forest employee or dial 911.

If you become lost: stop, stay calm, stay put, & dial 911. The further you walk the longer it will take to find you.



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