

## Barbour Rock Trail System

THE BARBOUR ROCK TRAIL is located along the Colton Road 3 miles south of Ansonia. The original Barbour rock Trail was constructed by the Youth Conservation Corp (YCC) in 1978. The parking lot was added by the Pennsylvania Conservation Corp (PCC) in 2003. The handicap accessible trail was constructed by the Bureau of Forestry in 2006.

The highlight of these trails is the Barbour Rock Vista overlooking Owassie Rapids on Pine Creek. Barbour Rock Trail takes its name from Samuel Barbour, who according to local legend, died in a log jam on Owassie Rapids in the 1890's. Owassie Rapids are also known as Barbour's Bend.

The original Barbour Rock Trail is not handicap accessible but it does provide a pleasant hike out to the vista. The total round trip is about 1 mile. Barbour Rock Trail is marked with blue blazes. The hike is relative easy but you should use suitable footwear such as hiking boots.

THE HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE TRAIL is .7 miles from the parking area to the vista. The trail surface is packed limestone. This surface is suitable for wheel chairs with pneumatic tires. Wheel chairs with hard rubber tires have difficulty on this trail surface. The average trail grade is approximately 3% with some sections going as high as 6%. The edge of the trail tapers off to ground level. Visually impaired people should use caution. Handicap accessible restrooms are available at the snowmobile parking lot across from Wilson Maintenance Headquarters and at Colton Point State Park.

The Barbour Rock Trails intersect with the West Rim Trail near the vista. Following the Barbour Rock Trail out to the West Rim Trail, then following the West Rim Trail south to the Left Steele Run Trail and returning to the parking area on the Bear Run Trail provides a moderately difficult hike just under 3 miles in length.

## Parking

There is a large parking area at the trailhead on the west side of the Colton Road. Handicap accessible parking is available on the east side of the road. The Colton Road is not plowed or cindered in the winter. Do not expect to be able to access this area by motor vehicle during the winter months! A pavilion is located at the parking area.

## Camping Information

The Tioga State Forest is open to camping in most areas. Camping permits are required for motorized camping, any camping within the Pine Creek Gorge, or any time you stay at one location for more than one night. Please contact the Tioga State Forest District Office for more information on regulations and areas open to camping. All campers are encouraged to obtain a permit in case you are overdue or if someone needs to reach you. Campers must:

- Camp at least 100 feet from any stream;
- Keep field privies at least 200 feet from any water source;
- Pack out all trash;
- Not have campfires when wildfire danger is high.



**PEOPLE WITH A MOTILITY DISABILITY MAY USE AN ELECTRIC POWERED WHEELCHAIR OR OTHER ELECTRIC POWERED, ONE PERSON CAPACITY, MOBILITY DEVICE ON THE HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE TRAIL. ALL OTHER MOTORIZED VEHICLES ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THESE TRAILS! PLEASE DO NOT LITTER.**

## 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.



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## iConservePA

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Tioga State Forest comprises 162,000 acres in Tioga, Lycoming and Bradford counties. The Tioga State Forest has been under formal management since 1955 with the development of a Forest Management Plan. The Tioga State Forest Resources Plan provides detailed multiple-resources management plans for water, soils, minerals, fauna, flora, timber, and recreation. It will emphasize sustainability through an ecosystem management approach, striving to conserve the biological diversity while providing both recreational opportunities and forest products.



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