

Penns Creek Wild Area

Area Facts



Scenic Penns Creek Wild Area

- Area is 6,000 acres.
- Area begins south of Coburn and extends eastward to Weikert.
- Penns Creek is a nationally-known wild trout stream of the highest quality.
- A popular rail trail along Penns Creek connects Poe Paddy State Park to the Cherry Run Parking Area (PFBC).

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Ecosystem/Terrain

- Oak-hickory forest community with notable riparian component.
- Other abundant hardwoods are maple, cherry, hemlock.
- Terrain reaches up to 2200' elevation on White Mountain.
- Aquatic insects form a substantial part of the lower food chain around Penns Creek.



The sulfur dun hatch is one of many annual insect hatches on Penns Creek.

Wildlife

- The pristine, cold waters of Penns Creek foster a biodiverse fishery.



Penns Creek supports healthy populations of wild brown trout.

- The plentiful fish of Penns Creek are targeted by ospreys and bald eagles.



Ospreys are often seen along Penns Creek.

- Apex predators such as black bears, coyotes, and bobcats can be found in the wild area.
- Game species like deer, turkeys, and waterfowl are plentiful in the wild area.



Wood ducks nest in hardwoods along the backwaters of Penns Creek.

Access

- Major routes nearby include routes 45 and 235.
- The wild area can be accessed from Weikert Road, Weikert Run Road, Poe Valley Road, and Cherry Run Road.
- Parking is accessible at Poe Paddy State Park and the Cherry Run Parking Area (PFBC).

