

The Trail Loop

This trail loop has become a very popular weekend hike. It utilizes the Loyalsock Trail (LT) and the Link Trail (also known as Red-X 6 Trail.) The loop begins and ends at the Mead Road Comfort Station along Rt 220, just north of Laporte. The total trail distance from start to finish is 25 miles.

The trail loop will take you to some of the most scenic spots on the Loyalsock State Forest, including Dutchman Falls, The Haystacks, Sones Pond and Alpine Falls. You will also travel through Worlds End State Park which offers breathtaking views of the Loyalsock Creek valley from High Rock and Loyalsock Canyon Vistas.

Begin by following the LT from the Mead Road Comfort Station. You will stay on the LT until you reach the central part of Worlds End State Park. Here you may begin following the Link Trail (RX-6) or you may stay on the LT until you reach Double Run. You will then follow the Link Trail (RX-6) to Loyalsock Canyon Vista and then onto the Iron Bridge that crosses over the Loyalsock Creek. From the Iron Bridge, you will back track along the LT to the Mead Road Comfort Station where you began.

The Loyalsock Trail will be blazed with metal or plastic discs with occasional rectangular painted blazes. The Link Trail (Red X 6) is marked with metal discs. See map for diagram of blazes.

Camping is allowed on the Loyalsock State Forest. Certain restrictions apply, so please contact the Resource Management Center before your hike.

Loyalsock State Forest

The Loyalsock State Forest, located in Sullivan, Lycoming and Bradford Counties is a valuable part of Pennsylvania's 2.2 million-acre State Forest system. It receives its name from the Loyalsock Creek, which winds for over 60 miles through the forest district.

The Loyalsock State Forest contains about 115,000 acres, characterized by high plateaus and ridges cut with numerous deep stream valleys. Northern hardwood tree species, such as birch, beech and maple associated with black cherry, white ash, tulip-poplar and hemlock, fill the forest. The beauty of these hardwoods combined with the spectacular topography provides for a diversity of forest based recreational opportunities. Under the provisions of the forest's Resource Plan, forest managers integrate this recreational potential with the increasing demand for sustained yields of high-quality water, beneficial wildlife habitat, and valuable wood products. These requirements not only depend heavily on scientific expertise but demand the full cooperation of all forest users.

The Alpine Club of Williamsport

If you have enjoyed this hike and wish to hike the Loyalsock Trail in its entirety, we highly recommend purchasing *The Guide to the Loyalsock Trail and Side Trails*. It is available at several retail outlets in the area, or you may write to the Alpine Club of Williamsport. The Alpine Club is a volunteer group that has maintained the Loyalsock Trail since 1953.

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Dual Certified Forest

Pennsylvania's 2.2-million-acre state forest system is one of the largest dual certified forests in North America. The forest is certified under Forest Stewardship Council™ and Sustainable Forestry Initiative© standards.

The FSC© is an independent organization supporting environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial, and economically viable management of the world's forests.

SFI© certification focuses on protection of water quality, biodiversity, wildlife habitat, species at risk, and forests with exceptional conservation value. Dual certification ensures that Pennsylvania's state forests are managed to the highest third-party standards.



For more information

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Loyalsock State Forest
and Worlds End State Park



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.

The Loyalsock State Forest comprises 115,000 acres in Bradford, Lycoming and Sullivan counties.



