

# Bald Eagle State Forest at a Glance

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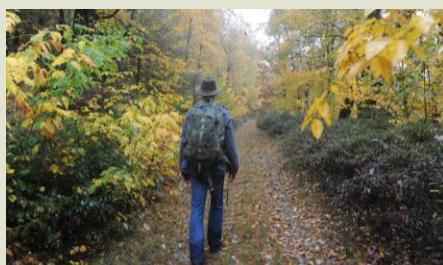
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## District Facts

- Named for Native American Chief Bald Eagle
- Comprised of 193,424 acres
- Found in Snyder, Union, Centre, Mifflin, Lycoming, and Clinton counties
- Part of Pennsylvania's Ridge and Valley Province

## Hiking



- 320 miles of trails
- 261-mile Mid State Trail
- Central Mountains Shared-Use Trail
- Snyder-Middleswarth Trail
- Ryan's Loop

*Maps are available at district office.*

## Camping

- Motorized camping available at approximately 40 locations throughout Bald Eagle State Forest
- Group camping north of Livonia along Route 477
- Backpack/primitive camping is permitted throughout Bald Eagle State Forest (please follow Bureau of Forestry guidelines)



## Sightseeing

- 26 vistas within district
- 3 scenic vistas found within short distance on Poe Paddy Dr. above Penns Creek Wild Area
- Vista on Thick Mountain overlooks massive Brush Valley



*Colorful fall foliage peaks in October.*

## Hunting

- Big game opportunities include deer, bear, turkey.
- Small game opportunities include grouse, squirrels, rabbits.
- Hunting is permitted throughout forest.
- Obey all hunting regulations, avoid hunting in marked safety zones.



## Fishing

- Excellent fishing opportunities on 14 streams
- Acclaimed streams are Penns Creek and White Deer Creek.
- Trophy trout management on a section of Penns Creek
- PA Fish and Boat Commission regulations apply



*A beautiful rainbow trout taken at Penns Creek*

## Motorized Recreation

- East Kettle Trail offers summer and winter ATV riding
- Dual sport motorcycle (licensed and registered) trail located south of Penns creek
- Off-highway motorcycle trail on Shade Mountain
- 270 miles of snowmobile trails



## Wild and Natural Areas

- 1,781 combined acres of old-growth white pine and hemlock forest on Bear Run, Mt. Logan, Snyder-Middleswarth, and Tall Timbers Natural Areas
- Rosecrans Bog Natural Area features a cranberry, mountain holly, and highbush blueberry plant community.
- Hook Natural Area and Penns Creek Wild Area protect 11,119 acres of valuable watersheds.



*Old-growth hemlock forest*

## Other Recreation


- Mountain biking is permitted on most roads and trails
- Central Mountains Shared-Use Trail designated for mountain bikes, hikers, and horses
- 10-mile Halfway Cross-Country Ski Trail at R.B. Winter State Park
- 4 picnic areas found at Rock Springs, Snyder-Middleswarth, Bear Gap, and Hairy Johns



## More Information

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