

Clear Creek State Forest at a Glance

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State Forest Facts

- Named after the crystal-clear stream flowing through the Clear Creek Tract in Jefferson County
- Comprised of 16,716 acres of forested floodplain and Allegheny Plateau hardwoods
- Located in Clarion, Jefferson, Venango, Forest, and Mercer counties



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Hiking



- 77 miles of trails are available in Clear Creek State Forest.
- Popular trails include the Clear Creek Trail and Beartown Rocks Trail in the Clear Creek Tract, and the River and Pipelines trails in the Kennerdell Tract.
- The North Country National Scenic Trail runs through Cook Forest.

Camping

- Five motorized camp sites are available by reservation.
- Primitive backpack camping is permitted along most trails and throughout the district; however, a permit from the district office is required to stay more than one night at one site.
- The Danner Primitive Camping Area is a water or shared-use trail accessible camping area in the Kennerdell tract.



Sightseeing

- A vista at Beartown Rocks overlooks the scenic Allegheny Plateau.
- The Dennison Point Overlook provides impressive views of the Allegheny River in the Kennerdell Tract.
- The River Trail in the Kennerdell Tract in Venango County offers scenic views of the Allegheny River.



Beartown Rocks Overlook

Hunting

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



Fishing

- Large and small waterway fishing opportunities are available.
- Clarion and Allegheny Rivers are known for smallmouth bass, trout, and walleye.
- Dennison Run, Bullion Run, Callen Run, Maple Creek, and Clear Creek are good trout fisheries.
- PA Fish and Boat Commission regulations apply.



Special Management Areas

- A portion of the McCutcheon Run Area of the McKeever Tract is managed for old growth.
- Kennerdell Tract is managed as an exceptional value watershed, with a sustainable wild brook trout population.
- The Kennerdell Tract is home to a Wild Plant Sanctuary and a High Conservation Value Forest, two designations that help support threatened or endangered species.



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Other Recreation

- Mountain biking is permitted on roads and shared-use trails.
- Cross-country skiing is permitted on all trails.
- Horseback riding is permitted on shared-use trails unless posted closed.
- Canoeing and kayaking are popular activities on both the Allegheny and Clarion Rivers.
- Picknicking facilities may be available in a few locations on state forest and neighboring state parks.



Clear Creek and Cook Forest State Parks

- Both parks are adjacent to Clear Creek State Forest land.
- Over 10,000 combined acres
- Both parks border the Clarion River, a prime canoeing, rafting, and kayaking destination.
- 29 miles of hiking trails can be found at Clear Creek and 47 miles of trails can be found at Cook Forest.
- Trailer and tent camping sites are available at both state parks.



Canoeing the Clarion River



More Information

For more information on Clear Creek State Forest, please contact:

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