

Moshannon State Forest at a Glance

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District Facts

- Name roughly translates to “Moss-hanne”, native American term for “moose stream”.
- Comprised of 190,031 acres
- Found in Clearfield, Elk, and Centre counties
- Part of Allegheny Plateau
- Predominantly mixed-oak forest type

Hiking



Quehanna Trail vista

- Over 244 miles of some of Pa’s most remote, wilderness trails are found within the Moshannon forest district.
- Most of the 73-mile Quehanna Trail traverses the Moshannon forest district.
- The 41-mile Allegheny Front Trail is near Black Moshannon State Park.
- Maps are available at district office.

Camping

- Primitive backpack camping (at undeveloped sites) is permitted throughout the state forest; a permit is required to camp for more than one night at one location (please follow Bureau of Forestry guidelines).
- Motorized camping is available at nearby Black Moshannon, S.B. Elliot, and Parker Dam state parks.



Sightseeing

- Scenic vistas can be found on Quehanna and Allegheny Front trails.
- Wildlife viewing areas are offered at Hoover Farm and Beaver Run sites.
- Touring the district forest’s 200+ miles of gravel roads to observe brilliant fall foliage is annually popular.



Colorful fall foliage peaks in October.

Hunting

- Game opportunities include deer, bear, turkey, squirrels, rabbits, and grouse
- Hunting is permitted throughout state forest; please obey all regulations.
- DMAP permits are often available in certain areas of the forest district.



Fishing

- Excellent cold-water fishing opportunities can be found on Mix Run, Medix Run, Six-mile Run, and Black Moshannon Creek.
- Beaver Run and Shaggers Inn shallow water impoundments offer good fishing for panfish.
- PA Fish and Boat Commission regulations apply.



Winter Activities

- 56 miles of trails on three separate trail systems are maintained for cross-country skiing.
- The district maintains over 200 miles of snowmobile trails
- Maps are available at the district office or can be downloaded from the web.



Riders enjoying snowmobile trail



Wild and Natural Areas

- Wild and Natural areas are protected forest areas with valuable biologic, geologic, scenic, and historical features.
- The 50,000-acre Quehanna Wild Area is a vast wilderness in northeastern Clearfield County.
- The 975-acre Marion Brooks Natural Area is a unique Pa forest community featuring pristine white birch trees.



Quehanna Trail

Other Recreation

- Mountain biking and horseback riding are permitted on most forest roads and trails.
- The Reservoir Road Equestrian Camping Area provides access to equestrian trails near Three Runs.
- Black Moshannon, S.B. Elliot, and Parker Dam state parks offer boating, swimming, and picnicking.



More Information

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