

General Information

Pennsylvania contains about 17 million acres of forestland. Of this total, over two million acres are in the state forest system, which is publicly owned and managed by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Forestry. The Forbes State Forest comprises about 60,000 acres located in Westmoreland, Somerset, and Fayette Counties.

State Forests provide clean water, recreation, habitat for plants and animals, places to enjoy the tranquility of nature, and produce some of the most valuable timber in the world.

Mountain Streams Area

This area contains a mixture of hardwood forest, with old farm fields reverting to forest. Most of the headwaters to Indian Creek are contained within this tract. Remnants from old railroad grades including the Indian Creek Valley Railroad and Blair Brothers Railroad can be found in this area. The Blair Brothers line ran in Kregar, and was used to service the old Piper and Blair Brothers coal mines, as well as the Blair Lumber Company. Tram road grades can also be found here. These roads were used to heal logs from the forest by horse-drawn railroad cars and small locomotives.

Fishing

Indian Creek between Route 381 parking lot and Hunter Lane is a delayed harvest area. This stretch is open to fishing year-round in accordance with PFBC Rules and Regulations.

Camp Run is a PFBC designated Wild Brook Trout Enhancement Area. It is open to fishing in accordance with PFBC Rules and Regulations.

Trail Information

■ **Blue**—shared-use trails that are maintained with a wider corridor and flatter tread for cross-country skiing. Open to non-motorized use.

■ **Red**—shared-use trails, usually with a narrower corridor and rockier tread. Open to non-motorized use.

■ **Yellow**—trails open to **foot traffic ONLY** such as hiking, backpacking, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing.

◆ **Orange**—designated trails **open to snowmobiles ONLY during snowmobile season, no other use. See the Laurel Highlands Snowmobile System Map.**

This area contains many miles of maintained trails designed for hiking, cross-country skiing, mountain biking, snowmobiling, and equestrian use. Hiking trails are marked with red rectangles, ski trails are marked with blue rectangles, and snowmobile trails are marked with orange diamonds.

- **Mountain Streams Trail**—This trail is approximately 7.7 miles in length and stretches from Tunnel Road to Camp Run Road. It follows parts of the old Blair Brothers Railroad grade, but also contains steeper sections of trail.
- **Pike Run Trail (Jeff Barr Memorial)** - This trail is about 1.5 miles in length and stretches between Route 31 and Camp Run Road, following an old Indian Creek Valley Railroad spur.
- **Dan Carns Trail**—Dan Carns Trail is a 0.5 mile connector between the Mt. Streams Trail and the Blair Brothers Railroad grade.
- **Blair Brothers Railroad grade**—This 1.4 mile section of old railroad grade extends from Route 381 to Hunter Lane.
- **Hunter Lane**—Hunter Lane is a township road. This 1.4 mile lane connects Tabernacle Road with Route 381.

Other Trails—Several township roads traverse the Mt. Streams area. A few of these roads are open to snowmobiling in the winter, and all are open to hiking, biking, and equestrian use.

Camping Information

Camping in the Forbes State Forest is restricted to backpack-type camping, except for several motorized sites. Camping out of vehicles or campers is not permitted. Permits for camping are required only if campers stay more than one night at any campsite. All campers are encouraged to obtain a permit in case you are overdue or if someone needs to reach you. Campers must:

- Camp at least 100 feet from any stream or open water source;
- Camp at least 200 feet from and out of sight of roads and parking areas;
- Camp at least 25 feet from and out of sight of any trails;
- Keep field privies at least 200 feet from any water source;
- Pack out all trash;
- Gain permission for campfires from District Forester from March 1 thru May 25 and October 1 thru December 1.

Parking & Other Information

Please refer to the map for locations of parking areas. The only restroom locations are at the Route 31 parking area during snowmobile season. You must pack in potable water.

For More Information

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In the event of an emergency, contact a state forest employee or dial 911.
If you become lost: stop, stay calm, stay put, & dial 911. The further you walk the longer it will take to find you.



Mt. Streams Trail System

Legend

- Trail - Shared Use
- Trail - X/C Shared Use
- Administrative Rd
- Improved Gravel Rd
- State Route
- PA Turnpike
- Stream
- Forbes State Forest
- Contour Line
- Parking

