

Susquehannock State Forest at a Glance

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District Facts

- Named for Susquehannock native-American tribe
- Over 265,000 acres
- Found mostly in Potter County
- Part of “Pennsylvania Wilds”
- Northern hardwoods forest type

Hiking



- The district holds about 550 miles of hiking trails.
- The 85-mile Susquehannock Trail System starts east of Coudersport at district office.
- Several shorter trails traverse the Hammersley Wild Area off McConnell Road.
- Trout Run Ridge Trail crosses F.H. Dutlinger Natural Area north of Route 144.
- Maps are available at district office and online.

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.
- Motorized and/or tent camping is available at Lyman Run, Cherry Springs, and Ole Bull state parks.



Sightseeing

- Five scenic vistas overlook the forest district south of Cherry Springs State Park.
- Touring the forest district's hundreds of miles of gravel roads to observe brilliant fall foliage and wildlife is very popular.
- The Pennsylvania Lumber Museum, off Route 6 and west of Galeton, gives insight into Pennsylvania's storied logging history.



Water Tank Hollow vista

Hunting

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



Fishing

- Kettle Creek holds good populations of trout and has a designated fly-fishing only area.
- Cross Fork Creek is known as an excellent wild trout fishery.
- Wild, native brook trout are abundant in the district's numerous mountain streams.
- PA Fish and Boat Commission regulations apply.



Native brook trout

Wild and Natural Areas

- The 30,253-acre Hammersley Wild Area is a remote and vast wilderness accessible via trails that connect to Trout Run, McConnell, Red Ridge, and Windfall roads.
- The 1521-acre Forrest H. Dutlinger Natural Area features a large stand of old-growth hemlock and white pine.



Old-growth hemlock forest

Motorized/Winter Recreation

- A 43-mile summer ATV trail is accessible from the district office off Route 6.
- The district offers 40 miles of marked cross-country ski trails and downhill skiing is found at Denton Hill State Park.
- 200+ miles of groomed snowmobile trails wind through the district.
- Snowshoeing is permitted on most state forest roads/trails.



Rider enjoying ATV trail

Other Recreation

- Mountain biking and horseback riding are permitted on most forest roads and trails.
- Two equine camping areas can be utilized on Keystone Mountain Shared-Use Trail.
- Stargazing is very popular at Cherry Springs State Park due to its uncommonly dark sky.
- Picnic facilities are found at Lyman Run, Cherry Springs, and Ole Bull state parks.



Cross-country skiers test their endurance.



More Information

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