

Tioga State Forest at a Glance

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District Facts

- The name “Tioga” is a native-American word meaning “two rivers”.
- Consists of over 165,000 acres of state forest
- Found in Tioga and Bradford counties
- Part of “Pennsylvania Wilds”
- Northern hardwoods and mixed-oak forest types

Hiking



Pine Creek Rail Trail

- The district maintains 26 miles of the Pine Creek Rail Trail.
- The West Rim Trail extends 30 miles adjacent to the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon.
- Barbour Rock Trail is a short hike that overlooks Owassee Rapids on Pine Creek.
- The district is also home to a long stretch of the northeast section of the Midstate Trail.
- 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 in Pine Creek Gorge and/or to stay more than one night at one location.
- Motorized and/or tent camping is available at Asaph and County Bridge campsites.



Sightseeing

- More than a dozen scenic vistas overlook Pine Creek Gorge from Ansonia to Blackwell.
- Touring the district’s hundreds of miles of gravel roads to observe brilliant fall foliage and wildlife is very popular.
- Tioga State Forest boasts beautiful waterfalls at Fallbrook, Sand Run, and Campbell’s Run.



Sand Run Falls

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 district forest.



Fishing

- Pine Creek access is maintained at Rattlesnake Rock, Blackwell, Tiadaghton, and Ansonia.
- Excellent trout fishing is found at Asaph Run, Tioga River, Stony Fork, Marsh Creek, and Mill Creek.
- 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



Pine Creek Gorge Natural Area

- The 12,163-acre Pine Creek Gorge Natural Area, also known as the Pa. Grand Canyon, is registered as a National Natural Landmark and is a popular destination for all types of outdoor enthusiasts.
- The 2,070-acre Asaph Wild Area features the Pat Johnson and Middle Ridge trails.
- The 1,302-acre Reynolds Spring Natural Area is highlighted by excellent examples of ecosystem and species biodiversity.

Winter Recreation

- The district maintains 177 miles of snowmobile trails.
- Most of the district's snowmobile trails center around Leetonia, south of Rt. 6 and northwest of Rt. 414.
- Snowshoeing is permitted on most state forest roads/trails.
- The Bee Tree Ski Trail is located southwest of Ansonia.



Rider enjoying snowmobile trail

Other Recreation

- Bicycling is popular along the Pine Creek Rail Trail, which is outfitted with bike racks, restrooms, and parking.
- A nine-mile horseback riding trail stretches from Ansonia to Tiadaghton.
- Picnic facilities are found at Asaph, County Bridge (east of Fall Brook), and Bradley Wales (west of Tiadaghton).



The view from Bradley Wales Picnic Area



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