

Bald Eagle State Forest at a Glance

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District Facts

- Named for Native American Chief Bald Eagle
- Comprised of 194,602 acres
- Found in Snyder, Union, Centre, Mifflin, and Clinton counties
- Part of Pennsylvania's Ridge and Valley Province



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Hiking



- Over 300 miles of trails
- 327-mile Mid State Trail
- Central Mountains Shared-Use Trail
- Snyder-Middleswarth Trail
- Ryan's Loop
- Hook Natural Area trails
- Stony Run Demonstration Forest trails
- Maps available online and at district office.

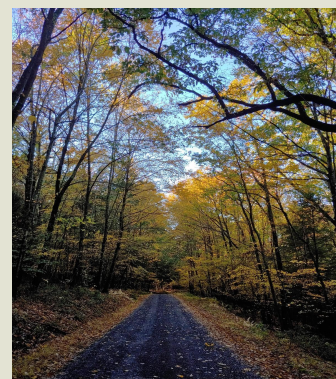
Camping

- Motorized camping available at approximately 45 locations throughout the state forest (permit required)
- Hall Mountain Group Camping Area north of Livonia along Route 477 (permit required)
- Backpack/primitive camping is permitted throughout Bald Eagle State Forest (please follow Bureau of Forestry guidelines)



Sightseeing

- 26 vistas within district
- 4 scenic vistas found within short distance on Poe Paddy Dr. above Penns Creek Wild Area
- Vista on Thick Mountain overlooks massive Brush Valley



Colorful fall foliage peaks in October.

Hunting

- Big game opportunities include deer, bear, turkey.
- Small game opportunities include grouse, squirrels, rabbits.
- Hunting is permitted throughout forest.
- Obey all hunting regulations.
- Avoid hunting in marked safety zones, around buildings, and picnic areas.



Fishing

- Excellent fishing opportunities on 14 streams
- Acclaimed streams are Penns Creek and White Deer Creek.
- Trophy trout management on a section of Penns Creek
- PA Fish and Boat Commission regulations apply



A beautiful rainbow trout taken at Penns Creek

Wild and Natural Areas

- 1,781 combined acres of old-growth white pine and hemlock forest on Bear Run, Mt. Logan, Snyder-Middleswarth, and Tall Timbers Natural Areas
- Rosecrans Bog Natural Area features a cranberry, mountain holly, and highbush blueberry plant community.
- Hook Natural Area and Penns Creek Wild Area protect 11,119 acres of valuable watersheds.



Old-growth hemlock forest

Motorized Recreation

- All motorized trails in Bald Eagle State Forest are summer trails only.
- East Kettle ATV Trail, 20 miles, found south of Glen Iron
- Dual sport motorcycle (licensed and registered) trail located south of Penns Creek
- Off-highway motorcycle trail on Shade Mountain
- 250 miles of snowmobile trails



Other Recreation

- Mountain biking and horseback riding are permitted on most roads and trails.
- Central Mountains Shared-Use Trail designated for mountain bikes, hikers, and horses
- 10-mile Halfway Cross-Country Ski Trail at R.B. Winter State Park
- 4 picnic areas found at Rock Springs, Snyder-Middleswarth, Bear Gap, and Hairy Johns
- Picnic tables and grills available at Tea Springs trailhead.



More Information

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