

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Bureau of Forestry manages over two million acres of publicly-owned state forest lands. Tiadaghton State Forest comprises about 214,000 acres located in Lycoming, Tioga, Potter, and Union Counties.

Tiadaghton State Forest has great opportunities for cross-country skiing. Over 40 miles of trails are available, not including the 40-plus miles of the Pine Creek Rail Trail, which is also open to skiers.

The Tiadaghton State Forest's cross-country ski trails were the first to be built anywhere on state forest land in Pennsylvania, and were largely the efforts of past DCNR employees Bob Webber and John Eastlake, who can also be credited with laying out the scenic Black Forest Trail. According to local cross-country ski enthusiasts, Webber and Eastlake were "way ahead of their time" in regard to their promoting cross-country skiing in the commonwealth.

The first trail was built in the early 70s, and was named the George B. Will Ski Trail in honor of one of our early forest rangers. George was skiing in the Black Forest as early as 1914, and his wife Ruth "manned" the area's fire tower for over 30 years. She has a trail named in her honor as well.

The **Sentiero DiShay Ski Trail** is located in the Black Forest area off of Route 44. It is a 13.2-mile trail that intersects Route 44 (twice) as well as many forestry roads. The trail also intersects the Francis X Kennedy, George Will, and Pine Bog Ski Trails. While skiing the trail, you will enjoy a variety of terrains and forest types, and you will ski through open mixed hardwoods, areas with a dense understory, and areas of dense evergreens. When on the trail, if you are watching closely, you may get to see some of Pennsylvania's many species of wildlife that inhabit these forests.

The **Pine Bog Ski Trail** is an easy 2.1-mile loop that branches off the southern end of the Sentiero DiShay Trail. It will take you through a mature pine forest with wetland areas on both sides of the trail at many points.

Use Proper Trail Etiquette

- Stay on marked trails. Ski trails are marked with blue paint.
- Never ski alone. If you do, be sure to let someone know where you are going and the time you expect to return.
- Know your ability and endurance, and ski accordingly.
- Yield to faster skiers and snow-grooming equipment.
- Descending skiers have the right-of-way.
- Do not walk on ski trails. Do not permit your dog to walk on ski trails.
- Do not litter. If you pack it in, please pack it out.
- Do not ski on snowmobile trails. Snowmobile trails are marked with orange diamonds.
- Be tolerant and respectful of other winter forest visitors.
- Do not damage or deface any sign or structure.
- Small fires for cooking or warming purposes are permitted only at places where adequate precautions are taken to prevent the spread of fire into the forest.

Have fun-ski safely



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Sentiero DiShay & Pine Bog Ski Trails

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