

Broken Tip Ski Trail

The blue-blazed Broken Tip Ski Trail is located about 7 miles south of South Williamsport along Skyline Drive. Skyline Drive can be accessed from PA-554 or US-15. Skyline Drive is open seasonally, from the first day of archery season to the last day of muzzleloader season (~September 30 to January 15). Parking is available at the intersection of PA-554 and Skyline Drive when Skyline Dr. is closed. When Skyline Dr. is open, parking is located at the former site of the Shaffer Path fire tower, about 3.2 miles from the yellow gate near PA-554.

The trail is a relatively easy 2.6-mile loop that passes a vista, with views to the northeast. For those seeking a more challenging trip, especially during warmer months, the Broken Tip trail can be accessed via the Old Tower Trail (red-blazed trail) from Skyline Dr. near the parking lot along US-15. The Broken Tip trail is also open to other non-motorized trail users and is often used for mountain biking.

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. Webber and Eastlake were “way ahead of their time” regarding the promotion of cross-country skiing in the Commonwealth.

The first trail was built in the early 70’s, 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.

Ski trails are marked with blue paint. The parking area/trailhead shown on the map is plowed for winter recreation enthusiasts. Ski trail conditions are available by calling the district office or by checking out Tiadaghton State Forest on Facebook.

The district offers many miles of trails cross country ski trails, not including the 60-plus miles of the Pine Creek Rail Trail, which is also open to skiers.

Ski Trail Etiquette

- Do not walk or ride bicycles on ski trails when snow-covered.
- 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 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.
- Do not litter. If you pack it in, please pack it out.



Care for the Land

State forests belong to all Pennsylvanians. Take time to enjoy them, but know the rules and regulations designed to protect the forests and you. Please be careful with fire, keep our forests litter free and don’t damage trees and other plants.

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The Tiadaghton State Forest comprises 146,926 acres in Lycoming, Clinton, Potter, and Union counties.

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Trailhead:
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