

Francis X. Kennedy Ski Trail

The blue-blazed Francis X. Kennedy (FXK) Trail is about 24.2 miles north of Waterville, PA, along PA-44. Parking is available in a small parking lot adjacent to PA-44

The trail is an intermediate 4.6-mile loop that adjoins the northern-most segment of the Sentiero Di Shay Ski Trail. The trail is named after the late former district manager, Francis Kennedy, who was a combat-wounded WWII veteran and member of the infamous 10th Mountain Division. The 10th Mountain Division was trained in mountaineering, climbing, and skiing combat. Many of this division's WWII veterans returned from war to start ski resorts throughout the U.S. Francis became district manager of the Tiadaghton Forest District and employees working under him created the first ski trails on State Forest Land in Pennsylvania.

The cross-country ski trails in the Tiadaghton State Forest were largely due to 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 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.

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.

Have fun - ski safely



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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For more information

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Forest District #12

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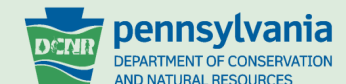
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The Tiadaghton State Forest comprises 146,926 acres in Lycoming, Clinton, Potter, and Union counties.

The Francis X. Kennedy Ski Trail is a 4.6-mile loop in southern Potter County.

Trailhead:

41.52499282807923, -77.61445024053855



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- Cross-Country Ski Trail
- Other Ski Trail (Cross-Country Skiing Promoted)
- Shared-Use Trail (Cross-Country Ski, Hike, Bike, Horseback)
- == Improved Dirt Road
- ==+ Administrative Road
- (Cross-country skiing is permitted on trails and unpaved roads)
- 🏠 Trail Register
- ⚓ Gate
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