

## George & Ruth Will Ski Trails

The Ruth Will Trail is located 19 miles north of Waterville. Parking is located at the intersection of PA-44 and Trout Run Road. The trail is a fun 2.9-mile loop that passes by a fire tower and includes a fun downhill when skied counter-clockwise.

The George B. Will Ski Trail is located about 20 miles north of Waterville along PA-44. The trail is a relatively easy 5.6-mile loop. Parking is available at the trailhead along PA-44, just past Manor Fork Road.

Both trails are designated ski trails and are open to all non-motorized trail users. These trails are often used to access the Black Forest Trail and provide connectors for other hikes. Trail users should note that a deer enclosure fence on the George Will Trail requires a detour for equestrian users. Gates on the fence allow passage for other users.

The George B. Will Ski Trail was named in honor of one of our early forest rangers. George was skiing in the Black Forest as early as 1914. This was the first ski trail on state forest land and dates to the 1970s.

The Ruth Will Ski Trail is named after George's wife who "manned" the area's fire tower for over 30 years.

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.

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.

## Dual Certified Forest

Pennsylvania's 2.2-million-acre state forest system is one of the largest dual certified forests in North America. The forest is certified under Forest Stewardship Council™ and Sustainable Forestry Initiative® standards.



The FSC® is an independent organization supporting environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial, and economically viable management of the world's forests.

SFI® certification focuses on protection of water quality, biodiversity, wildlife habitat, species at risk, and forests with exceptional conservation value. Dual certification ensures that Pennsylvania's state forests are managed to the highest third-party standards.

## For more information

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Forest District #12

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Tiadaghton State Forest



Pennsylvania's vast state forest system comprises 2.2 million acres for you to use, enjoy and explore. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Bureau of Forestry manages these forests to ensure their long-term health and to conserve native wild plants.

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

The George B. Will Ski Trail (5.6-mile loop) and the Ruth Will Ski Trail (2.9-mile loop) are located south of the Village of Black Forest.

George B. Will Trailhead:  
41.47386920998645, -77.56695573768708

Ruth Will Trailhead:  
41.4615737822701, -77.57261892110613



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- Cross-Country Ski Trail
- Other Ski Trail (Cross-Country Skiing Promoted)
- Designated State Forest Hiking Trail (Foot Traffic Only)
- Hiking Trail (Foot Traffic Only)
- Shared-Use Trail (Cross-Country Ski, Hike, Bike, Horseback)
- Unmaintained Trail
- Joint-Use Road (Auto and Snowmobile)
- Improved Dirt Road
- Drivable Trail
- Administrative Road (Cross-country skiing is permitted on trails and unpaved roads)
- Vista
- Fire Tower
- Gate
- Parking (Winter Maintenance)
- Parking (Winter Parking May Be Limited)

