

Acquisition History

The Knobsville Tract is a 581 acre parcel formerly owned by Glatfelter. It is located 5 miles north of McConnellsburg in the ridge and valley region of the Allegheny Mountains. The tract has access directly from US 522 and adjoins Cowans Gap State Park. The property has slopes from 0 to 60%, but most of the land is in a bottomland position. The existing forest stands include larch and pine plantations as well as hardwood stands primarily consisting of oak.

The Glatfelter Company was established in 1864 and is still headquartered in Spring Grove, PA. Since that time the company has become a worldwide producer and supplier of high quality printing papers, specialty papers and composite fiber products. Glatfelter pursued company land acquisitions from the time of the Great Depression through the end of World War II primarily focusing on lands that were marginally suitable for agricultural crops. The abandoned farms could be purchased at a reasonable cost and converted into softwood plantations to support the company's fiber requirements. Starting in about 2000, many large timber companies, including Glatfelter, began selling off company lands in an effort to improve fiscal solvency.

The Conservation Fund (TCF), a national non-profit land and water conservation organization, purchased this and several other Glatfelter properties. TCF worked with the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), the counties and the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy to identify parcels that were the highest conservation priorities. The majority of the purchases including the Knobsville Tract were transferred to the DCNR Bureau of Forestry as additions to existing state forests. This partnership was key to ensuring that these lands have permanent conservation status and will be forever open to the public. This tract will drastically improve public opportunities to limited access areas of State Forest land. There is substantial potential for non-motorized recreation.

Recreational Opportunities

The Knobsville Tract contains areas suitable for a variety of non-motorized recreation. The area east of US Route 522 is a perfect location for sportsmen wishing to harvest deer, turkey and small game. There are two safety zones bordering adjacent properties but there is still plenty of acreage on the eastern side of the roadway for sportsmen. The western side houses the Buchanan Resource Management Center, a Fitness Trail around the facility, and the Chad Strait Hiking Trail. Due to these facilities and the homes located on adjacent properties, the western side is closed to hunting but offers plenty of other outdoor opportunities. In all, over 7 miles of trails and administrative roads are available for hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, and cross-country skiing.

Other Attractions

Cowans Gap State Park is located just to the east of the Knobsville Tract. The park offers picnicking; 10 miles of hiking trails; 233 campsites and rustic cabins; and a 42-acre lake for swimming, fishing, and boating.

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.



Directions to the Knobsville Tract

From Route 30: Turn north onto US 522 for about 5 miles. You will encounter the western parking area on your left. GPS: 39° 59' 25.4" N, 77° 58' 1.9" W. Travel a short distance to the entrance of Tailgate Road on your right to access the eastern parking area. GPS: 39° 59' 26.7" N, 77° 57' 41.8" W. The entrance to the Resource Management Center (RMC) is a short distance further on your left. GPS: 39° 59' 37.7" N, 77° 57' 57.6" W.

From PA Turnpike Exit 180: Turn south onto US Route 522 for about 3.5 miles to reach the RMC entrance. To access the eastern parking area turn left into Tailgate Road. The western parking area is a short distance past Tailgate Road on your right.

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.



The mark of responsible forestry

For more information

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Buchanan 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.

Buchanan State Forest comprises 71,638 acres in Bedford, Fulton and Franklin counties. The Knobsville Tract is a 2008 addition to Buchanan State Forest that is home to the Buchanan Forest District Resource Management Center.



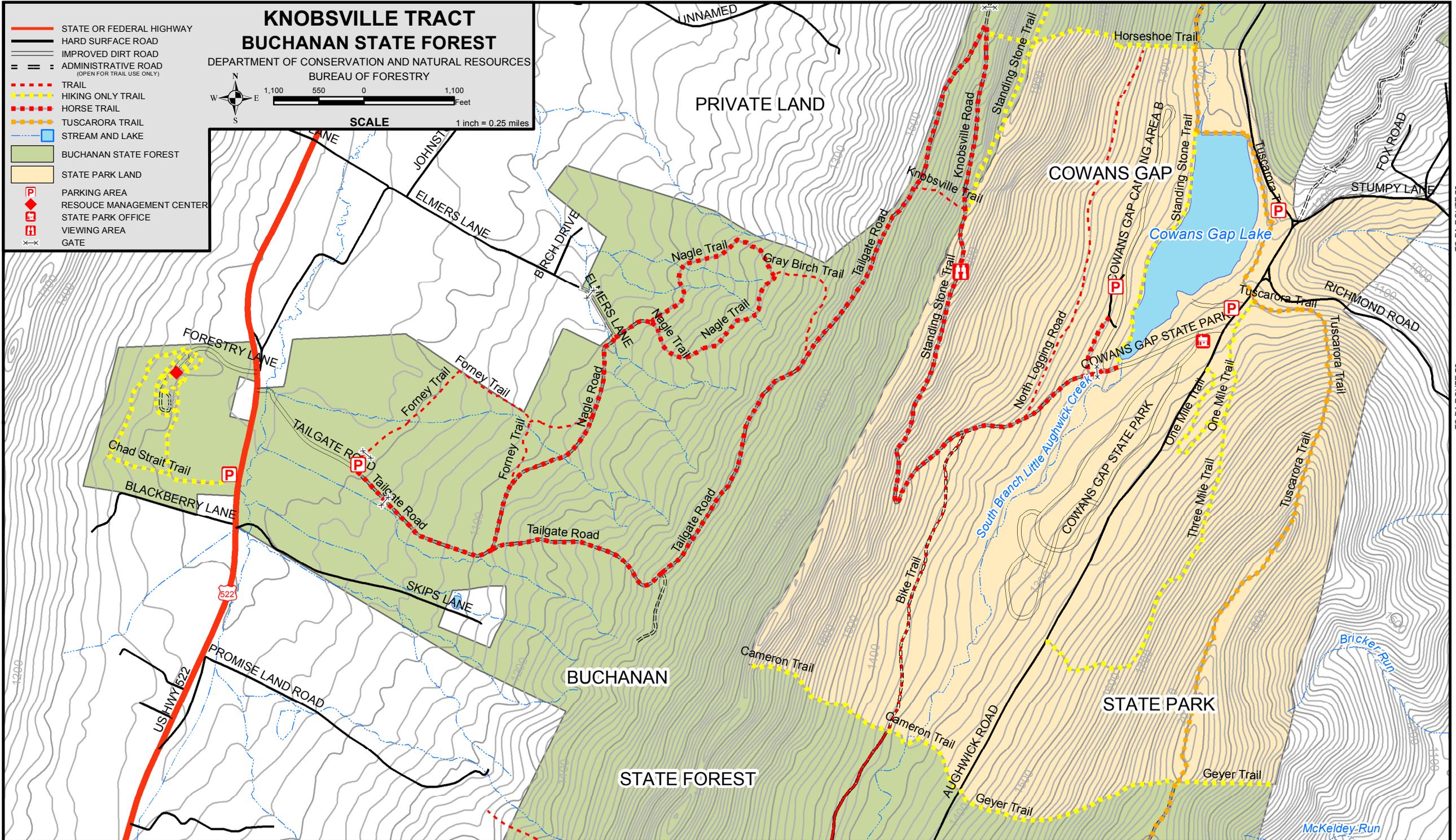
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BUREAU OF FORESTRY



SCALE 1 inch = 0.25 miles

- STATE OR FEDERAL HIGHWAY
- HARD SURFACE ROAD
- IMPROVED DIRT ROAD
- ADMINISTRATIVE ROAD (OPEN FOR TRAIL USE ONLY)
- TRAIL
- HIKING ONLY TRAIL
- HORSE TRAIL
- TUSCARORA TRAIL
- STREAM AND LAKE
- BUCHANAN STATE FOREST
- STATE PARK LAND
- PARKING AREA
- RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CENTER
- STATE PARK OFFICE
- VIEWING AREA
- GATE



PRIVATE LAND

COWANS GAP

BUCHANAN

STATE PARK

STATE FOREST