Sideling Hill History Trail

The Sideling Hill History Trail in Buchanan State Forest is a two-mile loop trail that visits sites of historical importance in the area around the CCC Camp located on Oregon Road. This trail is blazed with red paint.

Dates of Interest

1884-1885: South Penn Railroad is under construction. Sideling Hill and Ray's Hill tunnels are started but not completed.

1909-1922: Reichley Brothers operated a railroad to haul timber in the valley. Timber was cut from Enid Road to Crystal Springs. Remains of the rail bed and trestle can still be found in the forest.

June 5, 1933 - June 30, 1937: CCC Camp S-52 also known as the Wells Valley camp.



1939-1940: The camp was used by PA Turnpike construction workers. The Turnpike follows the South Penn Rail Bed.

October 1, 1941 - September 9, 1944: CPS Camp #20. All costs and administration were covered by the Peace churches.

May 1945 - March 1946: German POW Camp a satellite camp of Fort Indiantown Gap.

1950: Most camp buildings were removed by the Department of Forests and Waters

Present: The area is used for recreation and the old Turnpike is now a bike trail.



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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Buchanan State Forest comprises 71,638 acres in Bedford, Fulton and Franklin counties. This history trail is located just east of Breezewood, PA off US Route 30.



