

Snowmobile Rules & Regulations

The intent of the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) is to provide a trail system for snowmobiles. Your cooperation is necessary to help protect state forest and park lands, the wildlife and its habitat, and to assure that other public values and recreational uses are not adversely affected. Snowmobile roads (for joint use by snowmobiles and wheeled vehicles) have been marked with caution signs at all road junctions. Snowmobile trails (for use by snowmobiles only) are marked with snowmobile trail signs at all road intersections where the trail is on state forest roads. Where the trail is on pipelines and old logging roads the trail is marked with orange diamonds. Operate your snowmobile as you would your car. Drive on the right-hand side as most snowmobile trails are two-way. To make these facilities safe and enjoyable for yourself and others, please obey the following rules:

1. Snowmobiling on state forest and state park land is restricted to trails specifically designated for such use.
2. The existing rules and regulations governing the conduct of the public on state recreation areas and state forests shall apply.
3. The DCNR's local district forester and park manager will regulate trail use.
4. Operation of a snowmobile in a reckless or negligent manner is prohibited.
5. Snowmobiles are permitted on State Forest from the day following the last day of regular or extended antlerless deer season as established by Game Commission through the following April 1, or earlier, as determined by the District Forester.
6. In the event of hazardous conditions endangering life or property, any state recreation area or facility may be closed to public use.
7. Do not remove, molest, injure or damage anything natural or physical within any state recreation area or state forest.
8. Certain areas (newly seeded or planted areas, wild and natural areas, wildlife wintering areas, etc.) are closed to snowmobiling. Preserve your sport by not entering areas closed to snowmobiles.
9. All trash and refuse must be carried out.
10. Snowmobiles are prohibited from operating on frozen water surfaces and shorelines.
11. Do not carry loaded firearms on snowmobiles.

Be informed of local weather forecasts. Dress and equip yourself appropriately. When possible, snowmobilers should use the "buddy" system and sign "in" and "out" where a register has been provided. Liability insurance is required when operating anywhere except on the owner's private property. The operator is required to carry proof of liability insurance. The PA Snowmobile Law is found in Chapter 77 of Title 75. All resident and non-resident snowmobiles must be registered. Exceptions: 1. Snowmobiles operated on the owner's own property; 2. Snowmobiles owned by non-residents and registered in a state where Pennsylvania's registration is honored.

THINK SAFETY ACT SAFELY

Snowmobile Code of Ethics

- ◆ I will be a good sportsman. I recognize that people judge all snowmobile owners by my actions. I will use my influence with other snowmobile owners to promote sportsmanlike conduct.
- ◆ I will not litter trails or camping areas. I will not pollute streams or lakes.
- ◆ I will not damage living trees, shrubs, or other natural features.
- ◆ I will respect other people's property and rights.
- ◆ I will lend a helping hand when I see someone in distress and make myself available to assist search and rescue parties.
- ◆ I will not interfere with or harass other winter sportsmen. I will respect their rights to enjoy our recreation facilities.
- ◆ I will know and obey all federal, state and local rules regulating the operation of snowmobiles in areas where I use my vehicle. I will inform public officials when using public lands.
- ◆ I will not harass wildlife. I will avoid areas posted for the protection or feeding of wildlife
- ◆ I will avoid cross-country travel unless specifically authorized

Snowmobile Information

Snowmobile Hotline: **877-SNO-MBLE**
(877-766-6253)

DCNR's Snowmobile Information Website:
<http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/forestry/recreation/snowmobile/index.htm>

Bear Valley Snowmobile Trail Directions

Keefer Road Parking Area

GPS: 40° 2' 24.9" N, 77° 47' 6.8" W

From Upper Horse Valley Road: Turn south on to Keefer Road. The parking lot is on the right in 0.83 miles

Letterkenny Tract Parking Area

GPS: 40° 0' 42.1" N, 77° 45' 42.5" W

From Fort McCord Road: Turn north on to Mountain Road. Follow to end and on to State Forest access road. The snowmobile parking lot is at the end in 0.6 miles.

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

Buchanan State Forest

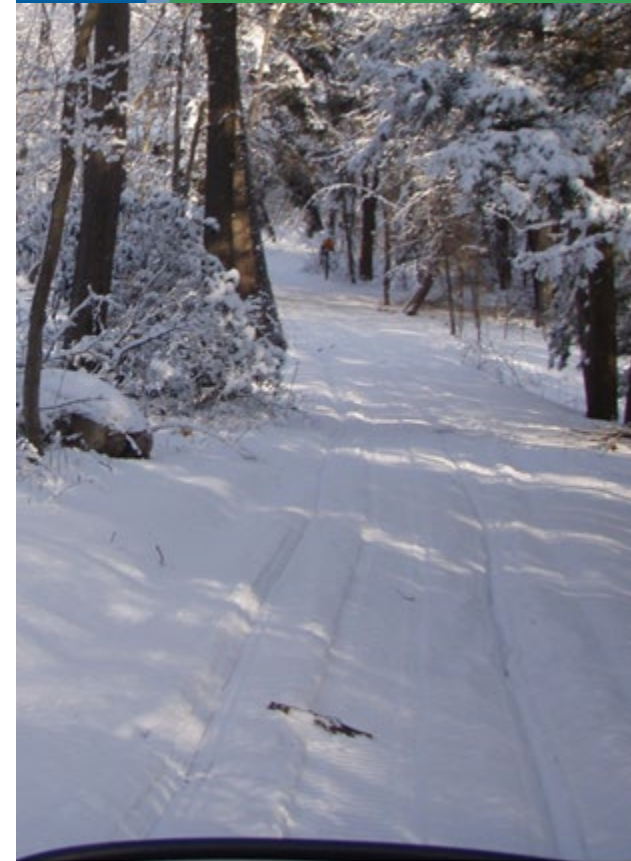
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Bear Valley Snowmobile Trail Buchanan State Forest



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 includes 71,638 acres in Bedford, Fulton and Franklin counties.

There are over 96 miles of snowmobile trails in Buchanan State Forest. The **Bear Valley Snowmobile Trail** located in Franklin County is roughly 19.6 miles most of which occupies old forest roads, trails, logging roads and skid trails. There are some steep and narrow portions of the trail which may be challenging for new riders.



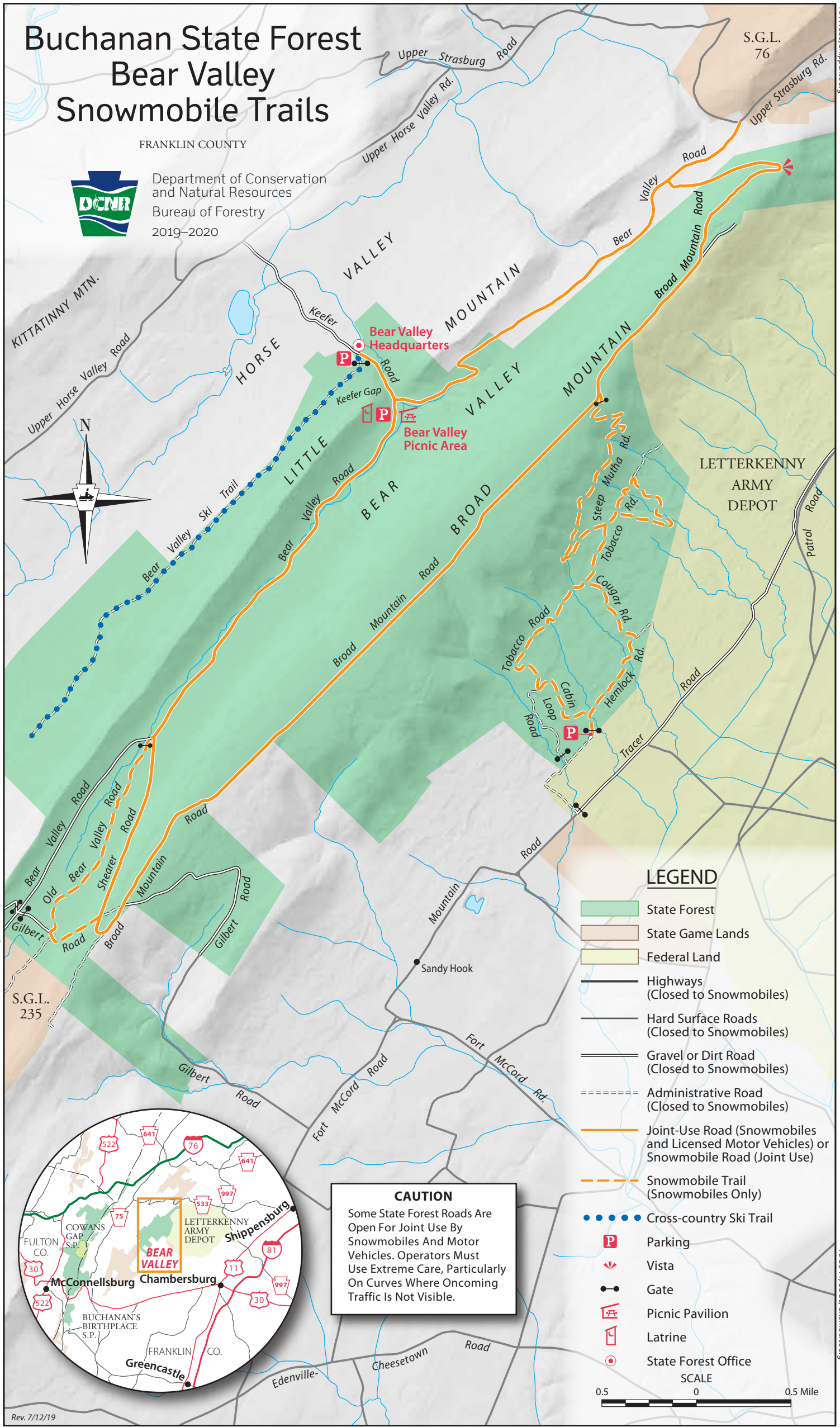
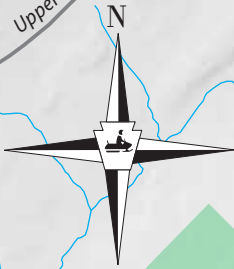
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Buchanan State Forest Bear Valley Snowmobile Trails

FRANKLIN COUNTY



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LEGEND

- State Forest
- State Game Lands
- Federal Land
- Highways (Closed to Snowmobiles)
- Hard Surface Roads (Closed to Snowmobiles)
- Gravel or Dirt Road (Closed to Snowmobiles)
- Administrative Road (Closed to Snowmobiles)
- Joint-Use Road (Snowmobiles and Licensed Motor Vehicles) or Snowmobile Road (Joint Use)
- Snowmobile Trail (Snowmobiles Only)
- Cross-country Ski Trail
- Parking
- Vista
- Gate
- Picnic Pavilion
- Latrine
- State Forest Office

CAUTION
Some State Forest Roads Are Open For Joint Use By Snowmobiles And Motor Vehicles. Operators Must Use Extreme Care, Particularly On Curves Where Oncoming Traffic Is Not Visible.

