

# Mount Davis Natural Area

## Area Facts



*Baughman Rocks*

- Area is 581 acres.
- Tract is found east of the town of Savage on Negro Mountain in Somerset County.
- Area contains Pennsylvania's highest point at 3,213 feet and is located within the Allegheny Plateau ecoregion.
- Area protects the watershed of Tub Mill Run.
- Area features the Mt. Davis State Forest Picnic Area, an observation tower, and a well-developed trail system.

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## Ecosystem/Terrain

- Area is subjected to harsh weather conditions ranging from -30°F to 95°F, with high winds, frost, ice, and snow.
- The forest is a mix of weather-stunted oaks and other deciduous species.



*Mountain laurel, the state flower.*

- Terrain is rocky, rugged, and populated by hardy species like mountain laurel, the state flower.
- Open habitat on these dry ridge-top forests provide habitat for a PA Plant Species of Concern.

## Wildlife



*The range of the rare Allegheny woodrat extends into the natural area.*

- The natural area provides critical habitat for the PA-Threatened Allegheny woodrat.
- The natural area supports many types of birds, including several warbler species.



*Hikers beware, timber rattlesnakes are found in the natural area.*

- Game species like deer, turkeys, and bears can be found in the natural area and may be hunted during appropriate seasons.

## Access

- Routes 281 and US219 are major roads in the area.
- Mt. Davis, Rock, and Camp Bucky roads access the natural area to the north.
- Christner Road provides access to the area's western border and the observation area.
- Wolf Rock Road borders the southern reaches of the natural area.



*High point observation tower*



# Mt. Davis Area

## Legend

- Administrative Road
- Improved Gravel Road
- Hard Surface Road
- Trail - Shared Use
- Trail - Foot Only
- Stream
- State Forest
- Contour Line
- Natural Area
- Restrooms
- Picnic Area
- Scenic View
- Lookout
- Tower
- Office

