

Charles F. Lewis Natural Area

Area Facts



- Area consists of 384 acres and is part of Gallitzin State Forest, Rager Mountain Division.
- Tract is found northeast of Laurel Ridge State Park near the town of Cramer in Indiana and Cambria counties.
- Area is named after Dr. Charles F. Lewis, who headed the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy and is credited with helping to protect thousands of acres of land in western Pennsylvania.
- Area protects the watershed of the scenic Clark Run.

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Ecosystem/Terrain

- Area slopes from roughly 1300 feet up to 2400 feet elevation from the bottom of Clark Run Gorge.



- The terrain is very rocky with exposures of Loyalhanna limestone and offers some views of beautiful waterfalls along Clark Run.
- The mature deciduous forest consists of mixed oaks and other hardwoods.
- Area also is known to harbor PA Plant Species of Concern.

Wildlife



The beautiful Clark Run supports a wild population of brook trout.

- The natural area provides habitat for the state-threatened Allegheny woodrat.

- The natural area supports many colorful species of warblers.



Black bears can be 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

- US219, US322, and Route 403 are major roads in the area.
- Rager Mountain Road accesses the natural area to the north.
- Rager Mountain and Clark Run trails are two loop trails that traverse the natural area.
- Parking is available at the end of Rager Mountain Road and at the Clark Run trailhead.



Hikers beware; timber rattlesnakes are found in the natural area and favor south-facing, rocky outcrops.

