

Spruce Swamp Natural Area

Area Facts



- Total area is 70 acres.
- Found southwest of Thornhurst Tract Maintenance Headquarters in Lackawanna County.
- Area is noted for its unusual glacial bog community.
- The area is the only designated natural area in Pinchot State Forest and protects the headwaters of Sand Spring Creek, a Class A Wild Trout Stream.

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Ecosystem/Terrain

- Diverse glacial bog community includes evergreen species like red and black spruces, balsam fir, and tamarack.



Highbush blueberries can be found at Spruce Swamp.

- The open, shrub-dominated portions of this acidic wetland provide habitat for several PA Plant Species of Concern.
- Sphagnum moss and emergent wetland plants can be found at Spruce Swamp.
- A typical hardwood forest interspersed with pine and hemlock surrounds the bog.



Red Spruce

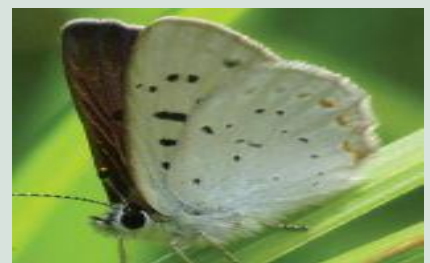
Wildlife

- The natural area and surrounding forest are known for their diversity of songbirds.



Magnolia warblers can be found in the natural area.

- Examples include many species of warblers.
- Area is important habitat for wetland butterflies like the bog copper, which relies on cranberry plants in the natural area.



Bog copper butterfly

Access

- Tannery Road accesses the southern end of the area.
- Pinchot Trail accesses the area to the north and east.
- Routes 115 and US380 are major corridors in the area.

