

Chaneysville Campsites

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 is 72,282 acres in Bedford, Fulton, and Franklin counties. The Chaneysville Division has 30,380 acres in Bedford County.



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Chaneysville Insights

Chaneysville Division hosts 28 miles of public roads, 94 miles of multi-use trails, 22 miles of hiking only trails including parts of the Mid State Trail, 17 miles of summer ATV trails, 23 miles of snowmobile trail, and 19 camp sites.

It includes Martin Hill Wild Area, Pine Ridge Natural Area, Sweet Root Natural Area, and two state forest picnic areas: Blankley and Sweet Root. Most of the forest in this division was cut in the late 1800’s and then sold to the Commonwealth, though the valley land was acquired latter through the Federal Resettlement Program in the 1930’s that bought out unproductive farms. Additionally, this division hosted two Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC) Camps, Martin Hill S-154 and Sweet Root S-142, that were responsible for constructing many roads, trails, and the picnic areas. This division helps to provide clean drinking water to the surrounding cities and contains wild plant sanctuaries that help preserve rare native plants.

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 or other plants.

Leave No Trace

Buchanan State Forest is managed on a leave no trace philosophy. Anything you carry in to use while camping and recreating must be carried back out with you. Depositing any refuse on state forest lands is prohibited.

All field privies (individual use or slit trench latrines) must be at least 200 feet from a lake, stream, spring, or other open water source. Self-contained portable toilets are encouraged and may be required to be used at some designated dispersed campsites.

Wash yourself, your dishes, and your clothes using a container. Washing in a spring, lake or waterway is prohibited.

When camping with horses, refrain from tying horses directly to trees. All horse manure must be removed from the campsite.

Remember its Carry in – Carry Out

Campfire Policy & Safety

Campfires are permitted inside a non-combustible fire ring less than two feet round, and in fire rings or fireplaces provided by the Department EXCEPT when the fire danger is high, very high or extreme, and from March 1 through May 25.

Fires must always be attended. A small breeze can spread fire quickly, so there should be at least one set of eyes monitoring the fire at all times.

Put your fire OUT COLD. If it is too hot to touch, then it is too hot to leave. You assume the liability for damages, extinction costs, fines, and can face criminal charges if you cause a wildfire.

Only downed and dead wood within the immediate campsite may be gathered for firewood. Collect only the amount needed for your stay. Power saws are not permitted without a Fuelwood Permit.

Only use firewood that you gather or purchase locally. Do not take firewood with you. Help save our forests from devastating insects.

Help Conserve Our Forests

Our actions as citizens help determine the future of our forests. To learn more about how you can help conserve Penn’s Woods, visit www.dcnr.pa.gov/Conservation

For more information

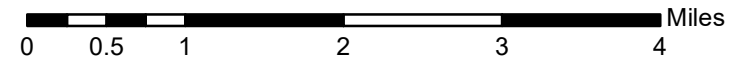
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Camping in the Buchanan State Forest - Chaneysville Designated Campsites

























Buchanan State Forest offers free primitive backpack camping for thru hikers and prepaid reservations for dispersed roadside and roadside hike in camp sites. Camping permits have a \$6.50 transaction fee plus \$15/night, or \$10/night for Pennsylvania residents. **There are no modern facilities, water, dump stations or utility hook-ups on state forest lands** but these sites offer the opportunity to experience unique ecosystems, wild landscapes, plus the peace and beauty of nature. Dispersed sites are designated by numbered posts scattered through the three maintenance divisions/loops: Bear Valley, Sideling Hill, and Chaneysville. Sites can be reserved by anyone 18+ for up to 7 days. Reservations can be made 11 months in advance to 12 noon on day of arrival. Groups over 10 must obtain a letter of authorization. Check-in and Check-out time is 3:00 pm. **Obtain your permit Monday-Saturday 7:00 am-5:00 pm eastern time by calling 1-888-727-2757 or online anytime at Pennsylvania State Parks and Forests Reservations System webpage: <https://pennsylvaniastateparks.reserveamerica.com/welcome.do>**

Name	Description
CV001 - Big Mountain Road	Located on Big Mountain Road, Clearville, 0.5 miles from Crawford Trail. Access road has some sharp turns and waterbars which may prove challenging for some trailers or large RV’s. Grass parking lot that will hold 2 camper trailers or 3 vehicles with tents. Site is not secluded.
CV002 - Big Mountain Landing	Located on Big Mountain Road, Clearville, 1.0 miles from Crawford Trail. Access road has some sharp turns and waterbars which may prove challenging for large RV’s. Grass parking lot that will hold 2 vehicles with tents. This site is not recommended for camper trailers. Site is somewhat secluded with a great view.
CV003 - Northcraft A	Located off Northcraft Road a short distance back an unnamed haul road. Access has some sharp turns and waterbars which may prove challenging for some trailers or large RV’s. Grass parking lot that will hold 1 camper trailer or 2 vehicles with tents.
CV004 - Shaffer Road	Located on Shaffer Road, Clearville, 0.31 miles from Big Mountain Road. Small grass parking lot that will hold 1 small camper trailer or 1 vehicle with tent. Easy access but not secluded.
CV006 - Tower Lot	Located on Tower Road at the Evitts Mountain Road intersection. Gravel parking lot that will hold 2 camper trailers or 3 vehicles with tents. Easy access but not secluded. Ideal for ATV riding during the summer riding season.
CV007 - Blankley Road West	Located on Blankley Road, Bedford, 0.06 miles from Rose Trail. Very small gravel parking lot that will hold a small RV or 1 vehicle with tent but is not suitable for camper trailers. Easy access but not secluded.
CV008 - Oak Trail	Located on Blankley Road, Bedford near Oak Trail, Fairview Trail, and the Martin Hill ATV Trails. Grass parking lot that will hold 3 trailer campers or 6 vehicles with tents. Easy access but not secluded. Site has a fire ring, picnic tables, and a hitching post. Potential site for equestrian use.
CV009 - Blankley Landing – HIKE-IN ONLY	Located 0.07-mile hike from Blankley Road, Bedford, 0.14 miles from Wertz Road, grass landing. This site is 300 feet from a stream.
CV010 - Wertz Landing – HIKE-IN ONLY	Located 0.07 hike from Wertz Road, Bedford, 0.29 miles from Blankley Road. Site is a grass landing suitable for several tents. This site is about 500 feet from a stream.
CV011 - Martin Hill North	Located on Wertz Road, Bedford, 0.52 miles from Blankley Road. Grass parking lot that will hold 1 camper trailer or 2 vehicles with tents. Easy access but not secluded. Site has a fire ring, picnic table, and a hitching post. Potential site for equestrian use.
CV013 - Refuge Trail ATV	Located on Blankley Road, Bedford at the Refuge Trail and Martin Hill ATV Trailhead. Gravel and grass ATV parking lot has a campsite at the back of it that will hold 1 camper trailer or 2 vehicles with tents. Easy access but not secluded. Ideal for ATV riding during the summer riding season. Site has fire ring and hitching post. Potential site for equestrian use. This site is 400 feet from a stream.
CV014 - Nester Lot	Located on Blankley Road, Bedford at the Sweet Root Trail intersection. Gravel and grass parking lot that will hold 1 camper trailer or 2 vehicles with tents. Ideal for access to Sweet Root Natural Area. This site has a picnic table.
CV016 - Mt. Zion	Located on Mount Zion Road, Clearville, 0.08 miles from Dickens Trail. Grass parking lot that will hold 1 camper trailer or 2 vehicles with tents. Easy access and somewhat secluded.
CV017 – Lawhead	Located on Robinson Road, Clearville at the Lawhead Trail intersection. Grass parking lot that will hold 1 camper trailer or 2 vehicles with tents. Easy access and somewhat secluded. This site is 600 feet from a stream.
CV018 - Scalp - HIKE-IN ONLY	Located 0.08-mile hike from Mountain Road, access is mostly flat road walking, small landing.
CV020 – Evitts	Located on Evitts Mountain Road. Bedford, 1.58 miles from Rattlesnake Road. Large grass field that will hold 5 trailer campers or 10 vehicles with tents. This site is secluded but access is slightly rough via Rattlesnake or Evitts Mountain Road. Ideal for ATV riding and camping on Martin Hill ATV Trail. This site is only accessible by ATV or hiking during the summer ATV riding season. Call for information.
CV021 - 326 Lot	Located on Route 326 at the Blankley Road intersection. Large gravel parking lot for the Martin Hill ATV and Snowmobile Trails that will hold 2 camper trailers or 4 vehicles with tents at the back of the lot. Ideal for ATV riding during the summer riding season. Easy access but not secluded.
CV022 - Cabin Trail - HIKE-IN ONLY	Located 0.23-mile hike from Blankley Road, road walking, uphill walk in, log landing.
CV023 - Northcraft B	Located on Northcraft Road, Clearville, 0.08 miles from Hook Road. Access road has some sharp turns and waterbars which may prove challenging for some trailers or large RV’s. Site is a somewhat secluded grass parking landing that will hold 1 camper trailer or 2 vehicles with tents.



Legend

Buchanan Camping

-  Roadside
-  Roadside, Hike in only
-  Buchanan RMC and HQ's
-  PicnicArea
-  Parking
-  Gates
-  Kiosk
-  TrailBridge
-  Trailhead
-  Vista
-  <all other values>
-  Forest Road
-  Highway or road ramp
-  Trails
-  State Highway
-  Township Road
-  US Highway
-  Streams
-  Islands
-  Rivers
-  Natural Area
-  Wild Area
-  Other State Forest Land
-  State Game Lands

