

# Pine Creek Gorge Natural Area

## Area Facts



- Area is over 12,000 acres.
- Tract ranges 18 miles from Ansonia to Blackwell.
- Registered in 1968 as National Natural Landmark.
- Known as the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon.
- Features the Pine Creek Rail Trail, popular among bicyclists, hikers, horseback riders, and fishermen.
- Pine Creek is a renowned fishery for warm and cold-water species.

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## Ecosystem/Terrain

- Mature northern hardwood and mixed oak forest.
- Valleys are interspersed with major evergreen component (hemlock and white pine)
- Surrounding terrain is rocky, scenic, and rugged.



*White oak acorns are a major food source for wildlife in the natural area.*

## Wildlife

- The natural area and surrounding forests are known for their diversity of songbirds.
- Examples include many species of warblers.



*Cerulean warblers prefer mature oak forests and can be found in the natural area.*

- The natural area harbors top predators like black bears, coyotes, bobcats, and timber rattlesnakes.



*The natural area provides good habitat for rattlesnakes.*

## Access

- Routes 6, 362, and 414 are major corridors that lead to the area.
- Colton Road accesses the natural area to the north.
- Painter Leetonia Road and West Rim Road access the area on its western border.
- Clay Mine Road accesses some of the eastern border.
- Parking is found at the Robert McCullough Jr. and Bradley Wales Picnic areas, Darling Run, and Leonard Harrison and Colton Point State parks.



*View of the Pine Creek Rail Trail from Colton Point.*

