

Stairway Wild Area

Area Facts



Red spruce is a common evergreen in the wild area.

- Area is 2,882 acres.
- Located in Pike County
- Contains a historically significant bluestone quarry dating to the 1840s.
- Features the 12-acre Stairway Lake
- Borders the Delaware River to the northeast.
- Part of Bushkill Creek, a PA Fish and Boat Commission approved trout stream, flows through the wild area.

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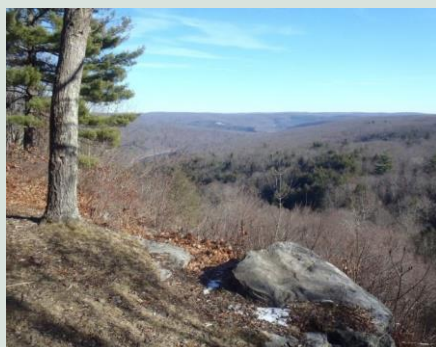
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Ecosystem/Terrain

- Remote wilderness known for abundant wetlands
- Spruces and tamaracks are relatively common
- Upland deciduous trees include mixed oaks and norther hardwoods.
- Elevation reaches approximately 1100 feet
- Area is home to rare plants like sundew and pitcher plant.



The Stairway Vista overlooks the Delaware River.

Wildlife

- The wild area is known for abundant waterfowl and amphibians.
- Other game animals like white-tailed deer, bears, and turkeys are common.
- Top predators such as coyotes, bobcats, and fishers can be found in the wild area.
- The wild area also provides good habitat for many species of songbirds.



Scarlet tanagers can be found in the wild area in breeding season.

Access

- US6, US84, and US209 are major routes passing south of the wild area.
- Cummings Hill Road and Bluestone Boulevard access the wild area's southeastern border.
- Firetower Road accesses the wild area's southwestern border.
- Shared-use trails in the wild area include Lost Camp, Boundary, Cut, Stairway Lake, Falls, and Track trails.



Beautiful cascades of ice can be found in the wild area in winter.

