

# Roaring Run Natural Area

## Area Facts



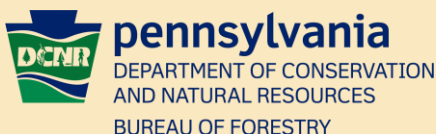
- Area is 3,593 acres.
- Located on western slope of Laurel Ridge in Westmoreland County.
- Much of its timber is over 100 years old.
- Many maintained hiking trails cross the natural area (see map on back).
- Protects the entire watershed of Roaring Run, an Exceptional Value Stream (DEP).

## Forbes State Forest

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## Ecosystem/Terrain

- Rugged area along the Allegheny Mountains
- Terrain reaches up to 2750' elevation.
- Forest consists of northern hardwoods and red oak communities.



*Mixed hardwoods of the natural area provide serene settings.*

## Wildlife

- The natural area is a Reptile and Amphibian Special Protection Area.



*Rattlesnakes are completely protected from harvest in the natural area.*

- Mixed-deciduous forests provide habitat for diverse songbird populations.
- Wild turkeys and grouse are huntable gamebirds in the natural area.



*The unique Louisiana waterthrush can be found at Roaring Run.*

- Apex predators such as black bears, coyotes, and bobcats can be found in the natural area.
- The red spotted newt is a common salamander in the natural area.



*The clean, cold headwaters of Roaring Run are home to many brook trout, our state fish.*

## Access

- Major routes nearby include routes 31, 381, 711, and US 76.
- Parking is accessible via County Line, Fire Tower, and Painter Rock roads.





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