

Meeting of the Pines Natural Area

Area Facts



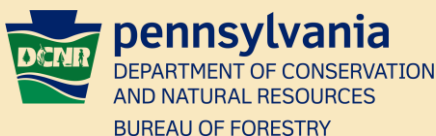
- 611-acre area
- Unique evergreen community found nowhere else in Pennsylvania
- Features a mixture of five pine species within same plant community.
- Located just south of Penn State University's Mont Alto Campus

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Pine Species

- White pine
- Pitch pine
- Virginia pine
- Table-mountain pine
- Shortleaf pine



White pine seedling

Birds

- Pine forests provide habitat for diverse songbird populations.
- Pine cone seeds provide food for finches, nuthatches, and siskins
- Pines provide excellent nesting habitat for mourning doves and cavity nesters like woodpeckers.



Pileated woodpeckers find insects in the deep crevices of pine bark.

Mammals

- Pine forests are home to a diverse mammal community.
- Red squirrels especially prefer pine forests and eat seeds of pine cones.



- Porcupines eat pine needles in winter.



Access

- Major routes nearby include 30, 997, and 233.
- White Rocks Road and Kettlesprings Road are improved, drivable roads near the natural area.
- Two administrative roads border the natural area: Bricker's Clearing Trail and Meeting of Pines Boundary Road.

