

Think Before You Sink

Bikes should only ride on groomed trails. If you are leaving ruts, the trail is either too soft or your tire pressure is too high. Trail rutting creates a safety hazard for winter recreation users. A minimum tire width of 3.8 inches with a recommended tire pressure of 1-5 PSI is recommended on groomed trails.



Credit: US Forest Service

Hikers sinking into the trail, commonly known as postholing, should consider snowshoes on groomed trails. Hikers should avoid hiking on unpacked snow without snowshoes. Both Hikers and Bikers should avoid cross country ski tracks where possible.

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 and other plants.

Dual Certified Forest

Pennsylvania's 2.2-million-acre state forest system is one of the largest dual certified forests in North America. The forest is certified under Forest Stewardship Council™ and Sustainable Forestry Initiative® standards.

The FSC® is an independent organization supporting environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial, and economically viable management of the world's forests.

SFI® certification focuses on protection of water quality, biodiversity, wildlife habitat, species at risk, and forests with exceptional conservation value. Dual certification ensures that Pennsylvania's state forests are managed to the highest third-party standards.



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Winter Trail Etiquette Pinchot State Forest



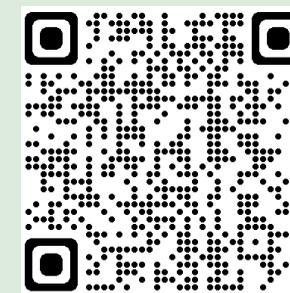
The Pinchot State Forest provides an extensive 28 mile trail system that is groomed for winter recreation activities.

These activities range from cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, and mountain biking. With the wide variety of recreational pursuits comes a diverse set of experiences and expectations that sometimes conflict.



28 Miles of Groomed Trails

The well-marked, 28 miles of snowmobile trails opens the day after regular rifle deer season closes. Snowmobile off-loading areas are located at the Manny Gordon Recreation Area and in the parking area at the intersection of Pittston Road and Bear Lake Road on the Thornhurst Tract. Additional Parking for non-motorized trail users is located at the intersection of the western entrance of Tannery Road and Bear Lake Road. These multiple-use winter recreation trail system is open until March 31st as conditions permit. Trail conditions are updated every other day for the duration of the season and can be found by scanning the QR code below.



Pennsylvania Trail Conditions

Be Nice, Say Hi

All winter recreation trail users must yield to the trail groomer. Non-motorized users are asked to yield to motorized users.



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