The heavy slash resulting from logging operations provided fuel for forest fires that plagued the region for many years. A particularly severe fire in 1908 burned all the mountains from Cedar Run north to Ansonia and through the Asaph country, leaving only sand and rock. Although other fires continued to occur through the 1930's, none matched the size and severity of the 1908 fire. Following the fires, a northern hardwood

were principal employers in a timber industry that started in the 1800s and lasted for almost 70 years. White pine was the premier wood of Pennsylvania's lumber industry at its peak, and was decimated. Following white pine, hemlock was harvested for logs and bark for the tanning industry. The last of the huge hemlock stands was cut in 1902 and 1903. After elimination of hemlock, hardwoods became established over most of the area.

This region has always been a major timber-producing area. Large

sawmills located at Ansonia, Leetonia, and several other locations



maple; with oaks, sugar maple, beech, sweet birch, yellow poplar, black

The original forest consisted of white pine, hemlock, chestnut and red cherry, and cucumber magnolia in smaller quantities.

in June 1900, when 900 acres along Cedar Run, including the drainage Mountain, in the headwaters of Tioga River, was transferred from the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 1955.

holding companies. One large tract of 13,828 acres on Armenia

History Original acquisitions of land for the state forests of this region were made to protect the headwaters of Pine Creek. The first purchase was area of Red Rock Run to the mouth of Mine Hole Run, were acquired from F.E. Watrous. The majority of the lands presently comprising Tioga State Forest were previously held by large lumber and land

State Parks and Recreation Areas

Leonard Harrison State Park

Little Four-Mile Run about ³/4-mile down the trail. bottom of Pine Creek Gorge. There is a small waterfall along the path on Pine Creek is about 800 feet. The mile-long Turkey Path descends to the at the canyon rim is approximately 1,883 feet and the vertical drop to draws thousands annually, is the spectacular canyon vista. Elevation at the western terminus of Route 660. The primary attraction, which This beautiful park is located on the eastern rim of Pine Creek Gorge,

Colton Point State Park

five tent and trailer setting. Twentythis quiet, primitive and many prefer is entirely wooded, State Park. The area Leonard Harrison directly across from rim of the canyon on the western This park is located

раче рееп дечелоред spectacular vistas pue 'Suiyoiuoid area, hiking trails, group tent camping sites, an organized family camping

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is available to those for public use. Fishing Tioga State Forest.

include Marsh Creek, Asaph Run, and Four-Mile Run. bottom of the canyon by way of Turkey Path. Nearby trout streams visitors who wish to make the long, steep hike to Pine Creek at the

the paint industry was extracted. The site of the present lake was first Kelly's Swamp, where a small mine existed from which pigment for midway between Wellsboro and Mansfield. It was originally known as This 396-acre park is located in Tioga County, just north of Route 6, Hills Creek State Park

the park's 137-acre lake. Several picnic areas are available. A public boat refreshments and boat rental concession is located on the eastern shore of Family camping and cabin rental are also provided on a year-round impounded by beavers. This interesting animal is still active in the lake.

skating are popular winter pursuits. enjoy fishing for warm water game fish and panfish. Ice fishing and dock can be found along the western shoreline of the lake, where anglers is within walking distance of the camping area. A beach with nearby basis. State Game Lands 37, 13,000 acres of rough mountainous terrain,

Reynolds Spring Natural Area

hunting are popular.

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This natural area is located northwest of Cedar Run along Reynolds Spring

beaver dam. example of second-growth cherry and maple, and an old, grass-covered

Black Ash Swamp Natural Area

Roberts Branch of Right Asaph Run. The 308-acre tract has an excellent

This natural area is within Asaph Wild Area, at the headwaters of the

Road, just north of the Lycoming-Tioga County Line. This 1,302-acre area

on Pine Creek during spring. For the rest of the year, hiking, fishing, and Raffing and canoeing are popular fo stubilab sinase vaimarq att Rock Trail. Pine Creek Gorge is one of

Harrison State Park, and Barbour Colton Point State Park, Leonard Bradley Wales Picnic Area, locations along the rim including widths in excess of a mile in some with depths in excess of 1,000 feet Pine Creek Gorge is a rugged area

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Mid State Trail

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is permitted within the

southern edge of the

Area is located on the

Asaph. The Asaph Picnic

2.5 miles northwest of

the wild area is located

Comprising 2,070 acres

of rugged forest land,

Tioga County.

of northern hardwoods can be toured at the northwest corner of the

protection area and home to the rare American bittern.

Bureau of Forestry–Conserving Penn's Woods

The mission of the Bureau

of Forestry is to ensure the

long-term health, viability,

and productivity of the commonwealth's forests and

to conserve native

State Forest

Management

The bureau manages state

forests to provide a suite

of uses and values, while

character. State forests are

managed for pure water,

plant and animal habitat,

nineral resources. State

forest management is guided

by the State Forest Resource

sustainable timber, and

Management Plan.

Visitors may encounter active timber

products for society while enhancing

trees provides sustainable wood

habitat and overall forest health.

harvests on state forest land. Harvesting

The state forest system is a "working

forest." Bureau of Forestry

staff carefully manages the

forest for a variety of

uses and values,

while ensuring

sustainability.

Ecosystem

The bureau

has adopted

"ecosystem

management' as its principal

strategy for

managing state

approach seeks

to conserve natural

term sustainability.

patterns and processes

while advancing long-

management promotes

the conservation of plant and animal communities and the

needs and values of people and communities.

landscapes and habitats that support them. It also accounts for

forests. This

Ecosystem

Management

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wild plants.

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are found between Morris Run and Little Morris Run. One small stand

exists at the headwaters of Morris Run, and several oak and aspen stands

exhibits a variety of vegetative types. For example, an open pine swamp

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Asaph Wild Area

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Harrison State Park.

places. Vistas exist at various

a monument located at Leonard

National Natural Landmark with

designated in 1968 as a registered

Blackwell. Pine Creek Gorge was

outh of Ansonia 18 miles to

sides of Pine Creek from just

12,163 acres and occupies both

of Pennsylvania", this gem is

Known as the "Grand Canyon

natural areas and one wild area.

State Forest are managed as three

Nearly 17,000 acres in Tioga

latural area.

from the rim to Pine Creek and

Natural Area

and provide backcountry recreational opportunities.

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generally extensive tracts managed to protect the forest's wild character

and conserve outstanding examples of natural beauty. Wild areas are

for scenic observation, protect special plant and animal communities,

nature and direct human intervention is limited. They provide places

the state's major forest communities. Natural areas are "managed" by

natural areas set aside to protect unique or unusual biologic, geologic,

Pennsylvania's state forest system includes dozens of special wild and

work." Some of these management practices are more noticeable

than others, such as active timber harvests, deer exclosure fences,

prescribed fires, and gypsy moth spraying. Others are subtle, such

as the protection of a vernal pool, buffering a stream from timber

or protect a rare plant community. Each of these management

practices and activities play a vital role in the management and

harvesting, or designating a special area to conserve wild character

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The bureau's role in forest conservation extends beyond state-

Pennsylvania's forests from wildfire and damaging insects and

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during operations. Development of forest management and recreation facilities came in 1933 with the establishment of Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camps at Darling Run, Elk Run, Leetonia, and Dixie Run. CCC crews built roads, trails, and bridges; and created picnic areas and scenic vistas. Timber stand improvement practices were also implemented. Original mapping and timber typing of the forest began during this period. Today, recreation is an increasingly important use of Tioga State Forest, especially at Pine Creek Gorge, where thousands of annual users

Morris, and was in continuous operation until 1968. The plant used

approximately 8,000 cords of wood per year. Birch stills began processing birches to produce birch oil for use as a flavoring and pharmaceutical base during the 1940s. The effect of chemical wood

cutting is still evident on forest lands today, where some regeneration

shows a windrowing pattern resulting from harvest methods used

and those dominated by American beech, black cherry, sugar maple and yellow birch, the latter being more prevalent. Both types differ markedly from the original cover. The chemical wood industry also played a role in the development of Tioga State Forest. In 1924 a chemical wood plant was built in

around Asaph. Second-growth stands that developed following logging and fire can be classified into two major associations: those containing white pine,

some mixed oak generally became established, especially in the areas

forest of sugar maple, American beech, black cherry, hemlock, and

Sand Run Falls (northwest of Arnot), and Campbells Run (north of

Another point of interest is the Hesselgessel Mill Stone site located on

Wales. Restrooms, Bridge, and Bradley areas: Asaph, County offers three picnic Troga State Forest gristmills during the 1830s. Some partially cut stones remain. Picnic Area. James Hesselgessel cut stone from this site for local the Hesselgessel Road about four miles north of Asaph State Forest

each location; Asaph tables are present at

Bicycling is very Bicycling .II9W

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and County Bridge

grills, and picnic

Picnicking

Wellsboro Junction running 62 miles from Creek Rail Trail, popular on Pine

a pack-in, pack-out area; please help to keep it clean and beautiful. parking areas; as well as bicycle rental establishments. The entire trail is to Jersey Shore. The trail offers benches, bike racks, restrooms, and

sffils values and states.

Mountain Biking

considerably throughout the district. Rim Trail, are closed to this activity. The degree of difficulty varies areas and state forest hiking trails, including the Mid State and West Mountain bikes may be used on most roads and trails. Only natural

Nine miles of designated horseback riding trail is adjacent to Pine Creek Horseback Riding

iatural areas. Rim Trail, Pine Creek Rail Trail south of Tiadaghton, and in designated ridden on all state forest roads and trails except the Mid State Trail, West north of Route 6 along Marsh Creek Road at Ansonia. Horses may be Rail Trail from Ansonia to Tiadaghton. A parking area for trailers is just

Winter Activities

country skiing when snowfall is suitable. favorable conditions. Many additional trails are available for crossand Pine Creek Rail Trail. Some trails may have ski tracks set during and 31 miles of maintained cross-country ski trails including Sand Run Tioga state forest offers approximately 177 miles of snowmobile trails

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trail to provide hikers with views of Pine Creek Valley. Pennsylvania's Grand Canyon. Many vistas have been created along the Vest Rim Trail is a 30-mile hiking trail along the western rim of

a leisurely hike to the vista. Owassee Rapids on Pine Creek. A handicapped accessible trail provides area along Colton Road to Barbour Rock Vista, which overlooks Barbour Rock Trail provides a one-mile round trip from the parking

country skiing. The section from Ansonia south to Tiadaghton contains a Forest. The trail is used primarily for bicycling, walking, and crossmiles south from Wellsboro Junction to Jersey Shore in Tiadaghton State abandoned railroad grade that parallels Pine Creek. The trail extends 62 Pine Creek Rail Trail was developed by the Bureau of Forestry on an

Camping

horseback riding trail next to the bicycling trail.

latrines and water wells are also available at these sites. number of motor vehicle campaites with fire rings and picnic tables. Pit forest usage. Asaph and County Bridge campgrounds provide a limited obtain a free camping permit for personal safety and for use in gauging staying at one site for more than one night. Campers are encouraged to are required when camping in Pine Creek Gorge, motorized camping, or Camping is permitted on most of Tioga State Forest. Camping permits

Fishing and Boating

canoeing, and picnicking. areas offer a wide variety of recreational opportunities including fishing, are maintained at Ansonia, Blackwell, and Rattlesnake Rock. These creeks that wind through Tioga State Forest. Pine Creek access areas Cold water fishing is available during the appropriate season in several

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the state forest. zones around buildings and picnic areas, hunting is permitted throughout use of the forest during designated seasons. Other than a few safety Hunting for deer, turkeys, grouse, squirrels, and black bear is a popular

Brightseeing

Vista on West Rim Road. Tioga County, two vistas along Cedar Mountain Road, and Pine Creek most scenic vistas are Cushman Vista along Cushman Road in southwest this experience, the district maintains several lookout areas. Among the Many visitors drive state forest roads to enjoy the scenery. To enhance

falls can be found at Fallbrook in the southeast part of Tioga County, Tioga State Forest is also home to several stunning waterfalls. Beautiful

> Tioga State Forest Map and Recreation Guide

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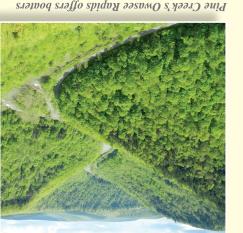


and is one of eight state forests comprising the Pennsylvania Wilds. and miles of clean, cool streams, like Cedar Run and Babbs Creek, "Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania." Tioga features awe-inspiring views reaches of Pine Creek and Pine Creek Gorge, also known as the principally in Tioga County. This forest district includes the upper river." The state forests of the Tioga district cover 161,890 acres, The name "Tioga" is from the Iroquoian phrase "at the forks of the

the predominant species in the remainder of Tioga State Forest. ash-are found on higher quality sites in western Tioga County, and hardwoods—sugar and red maple, black cherry, beech, and white district, primarily on dry ridgetops and south-facing slopes. Northern white, black, and chestnut oak dominate western portions of the cherry-northern hardwood associations. Oak species including red, range from dry oak-heath forest to northern hardwood and black 780° along Pine Creek (Lycoming County). Its diverse forest types highest of 2,543' on Cedar Mountain (Tioga County) to lowest of Plateau. A wide range in elevation exists across the district, from The rugged topography of Tioga State Forest lies on the Appalachian

percent of Pennsylvania's total forest land. are located in 50 of the commonwealth's 67 counties and comprise 13 Natural Resources (DCNR) Bureau of Forestry. Twenty state forests state forest system managed by the Department of Conservation and Tioga State Forest is part of Pennsylvania's extensive 2.2 million-acre

Pennsylvania, and are there for you to use, enjoy, and explore. foliage, and picturesque drives. These forests belong to the citizens of their extensive network of trails, awesome scenic vistas, flaming fall beauty and boundless recreational opportunities. They are known for of wildland in the eastern United States. They offer unparalleled scenic State forests are vast and remote, representing one of the largest expanses



a class II whitewater challenge between