

Working Forest Interpretive Trail

The Working Forest Interpretive Trail is one mile long. Walking at a leisurely pace, you'll be on the trail for 1 to 1½ hours. You are welcome to hike, ski and snowshoe.

The trail passes through the Susquehannock State Forest, which surrounds Cherry Springs State Park. State Forests are "working forests" and this trail offers the opportunity to learn about how forestry practices sustain all the benefits we get from healthy forests.

Working forests provide us many environmental, social, and economic benefits. In every direction, you can see the benefits of the working forest. Forests build soil, filter groundwater, keep streams healthy, create oxygen, and provide shelter and food for plants and animals. They yield important resources we use every day, like lumber, firewood, and natural gas. They offer beauty, solitude, and the opportunity to recreate. When we manage forests carefully, they stay healthy and productive.

Cherry Springs State Park

The park features a picnic pavilion, drinking water, vault restrooms, 30 campsites and a sanitary dump station. All campsites include a picnic table, lantern hanger and fire ring. Reservations are not accepted. The campground is open from the second Friday in April and closes in mid-November. Pets are prohibited in the campground.

Dark Skies

Due to its exceptionally dark skies, Cherry Springs State Park is one of the best places on the eastern seaboard for stargazing and the science of astronomy. In 2007, the International Dark-Sky Association named it the second "International Dark Sky Park". The park hosts two star parties a year, which attract hundreds of astronomers. There are regular stargazing and educational programs for the public at the park. For more information: www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/findapark/cherrysprings/

Woodsmen's Show

The annual Woodsmen's Show attracts thousands of spectators annually for the early August event. The show features lumberjack contests in tree-felling, log rolling, spring board chopping, standing block chop and chain-saw events. For more information: www.woodsmenshow.com

Lodging

Make a weekend of it. Information on local lodging and inns may be obtained from the Potter County Visitors Assoc.: 888-POTTER-2 or www.visitpottercounty.com

The Pennsylvania Wilds

The Susquehannock State Forest lies within the Pennsylvania Wilds, a two-million-acre region in north-central Pennsylvania, comprising 1.5 million acres of state forest and game lands, 29 state parks, and the 500,000-acre Allegheny National Forest.

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.

Certified "Well Managed"



Pennsylvania state forests are certified to FSC® standards. The Forest Stewardship Council® is an independent organization supporting environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial, and economically viable management of the world's forests.

iConservePA

To learn more about the state's natural resources and what you can do to help protect and enjoy them, log onto iConservePA.org.



For more information

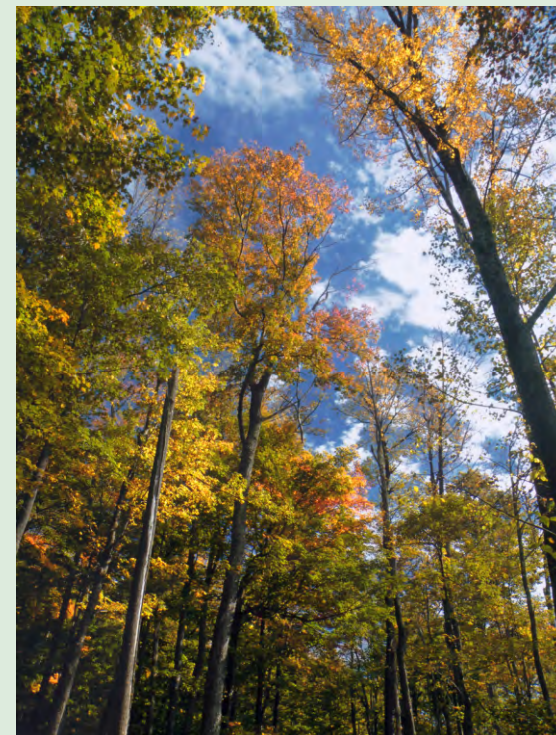
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