

## Haldeman Tract

The Weiser State Forest, Haldeman tract is located in northeastern Dauphin County. This tract, which contains about 5,355 acres, is located on the Broad Mountain south of Elizabethville Borough in Jackson and Jefferson Townships.

In 1897 the Pennsylvania legislature passed an act authorizing the purchase of unseated lands for forest reservations. This was the beginning of the State Forest system. In 1902, 3,353 acres was acquired, which established the first tract of State Forest in Dauphin County. The cost of this first parcel was \$5,030. Other parcels totaling 2002 acres were acquired and added to this tract in 1917, 1953 and 1982. This tract was named for Pennsylvania Congressman Richard J. Haldeman. Representative Haldeman served in congress from 1871 to 1875. He was credited with introducing a bill to retain at least 10% of the state in timber. Although the Committee on Agriculture reported favorably on it; the bill failed to pass.

## Recreation

Recreational activities include: wildlife watching, nature study, hiking, hunting, fishing, mountain biking, backpacking, roadside campsites, cross-country skiing and horseback riding. Snowmobiling is permitted on trails designated for this use. Copies of the District snowmobile map can be obtained from our Website or by contacting the Weiser Forest District Office.

The following is a list of unique features.

**Haldeman Field Headquarters** – Near the north entrance of White Oak Road. This was the former officer’s headquarters for CCC camp 123-PA.

**Rowland Picnic Area** – Located on White Oak Road across from the Haldeman Field Headquarters.

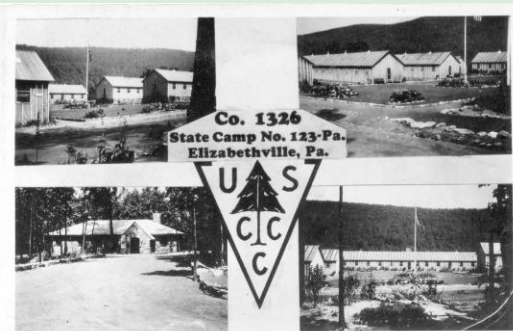
**Minnich’s Hit Picnic Area** – Located south of Lykens Road on White Oak Road. Split Rock Trail is located here with a short section designed to accommodate persons with disabilities. A hitching post for horses is also located here.

**Luke’s Trail** – Forest visitors possessing a valid “persons-with-disabilities” permit issued from DCNR or the PA Game Commission may access this gated road for hunting and other recreational pursuits. Two observation platforms accessible to persons with disabilities are located along this trail.

**Hang Glider Launch Site and Vista** – Located at the end of Wolf Pond Road.

**Roadside Campsites** – Four single and one group campsite are available; a camping permit is required at no cost. Picnic tables and campfire rings are provided. No other facilities or conveniences are available.

**Forest Demonstration Area** – a self guided interpretive trail demonstrating various forest management practices. Located on White Oak Road approximately ¼ mile south of the Weiser Field Headquarters.



## 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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Weiser State Forest



Pennsylvania’s vast state forest system comprises 2.2 million acres for you to use, enjoy and explore. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources’ Bureau of Forestry manages these forests to ensure their long-term health and to conserve native wild plants.

Weiser State Forest comprises 30,000 acres in Carbon, Columbia, Dauphin, Lebanon, Montour, Northumberland and Schuylkill counties.



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