

Long Branch Trail

The Long Branch Trail is located north and west of Pine Creek, the home of *Pennsylvania's Grand Canyon*.

The nearest towns are Cedar Run and Blackwell. This area is on the Appalachian Plateau, characterized by rolling uplands with steep, rugged valleys transecting the area.

The Long Branch Trail connects two well known trails, the West Rim and the Black Forest Trails. Although the West Rim Trail and portions of the Black Forest Trail are limited to foot traffic only, the Long Branch Trail is a multiple use trail and other types of non-motorized travel, such as horseback riding and mountain bikes, are permitted. Some sections of the trail can be very difficult for horses or mountain bikers to negotiate, so use caution where appropriate. The most difficult area is the Cedar Run valley.

Segments of several trails combine to make the "Long Branch Trail". These are Vanaines Trail, Tumbling Run Trail, Buskirk Trail, Huck Trail, Benole Trail, and Honagha Danju Gawisay Trail (Native American for "Water is Flowing Fast"). The Honagha Danju Gawisay section follows the Long Branch as it heads down into Cedar Run. The trail crosses Long Branch several times and can be difficult in high water. We recommend using the Mine Hole Road as a high water route.

The trail is marked with RED blazes. The total length of the trail is 8.4 miles.

Volunteering

Numerous volunteers were involved with the creation of this trail as it was an Eagle Scout project. Please contact your local State Forest District Office or check out the Volunteer information on the DCNR website if you are interested in becoming a DCNR Conservation Volunteer. To apply to become a volunteer, go to: www.volunteers.dcnr.state.pa.us

Camping Information

The Tioga State Forest is open to camping in most areas. Camping permits are required for motorized camping, any camping within the Pine Creek Gorge, or any time you stay at one location for more than one night. Please contact the Tioga State Forest District Office for more information on regulations and areas open to camping. All campers are encouraged to obtain a permit in case you are overdue or if someone needs to reach you. Campers must:

- Camp at least 100 feet from any stream;
- Keep field privies at least 200 feet from any water source;
- Pack out all trash;
- Not have campfires when wildfire danger is high. Campfires are prohibited from Mar 1-May 25 and Oct 1-Dec 1 without a camping permit which specifically permits campfires.



IMPORTANT NOTICE!

The Old Mountain Road area experienced a large wildfire in the spring of 2008. Portions of the eastern end of the Long Branch Trail were damaged by the fire. A salvage timber sale is being conducted to remove dead or dying trees. There are many dead snags and hazardous trees in this area.
PLEASE USE CAUTION!

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.



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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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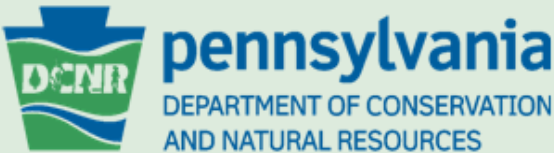


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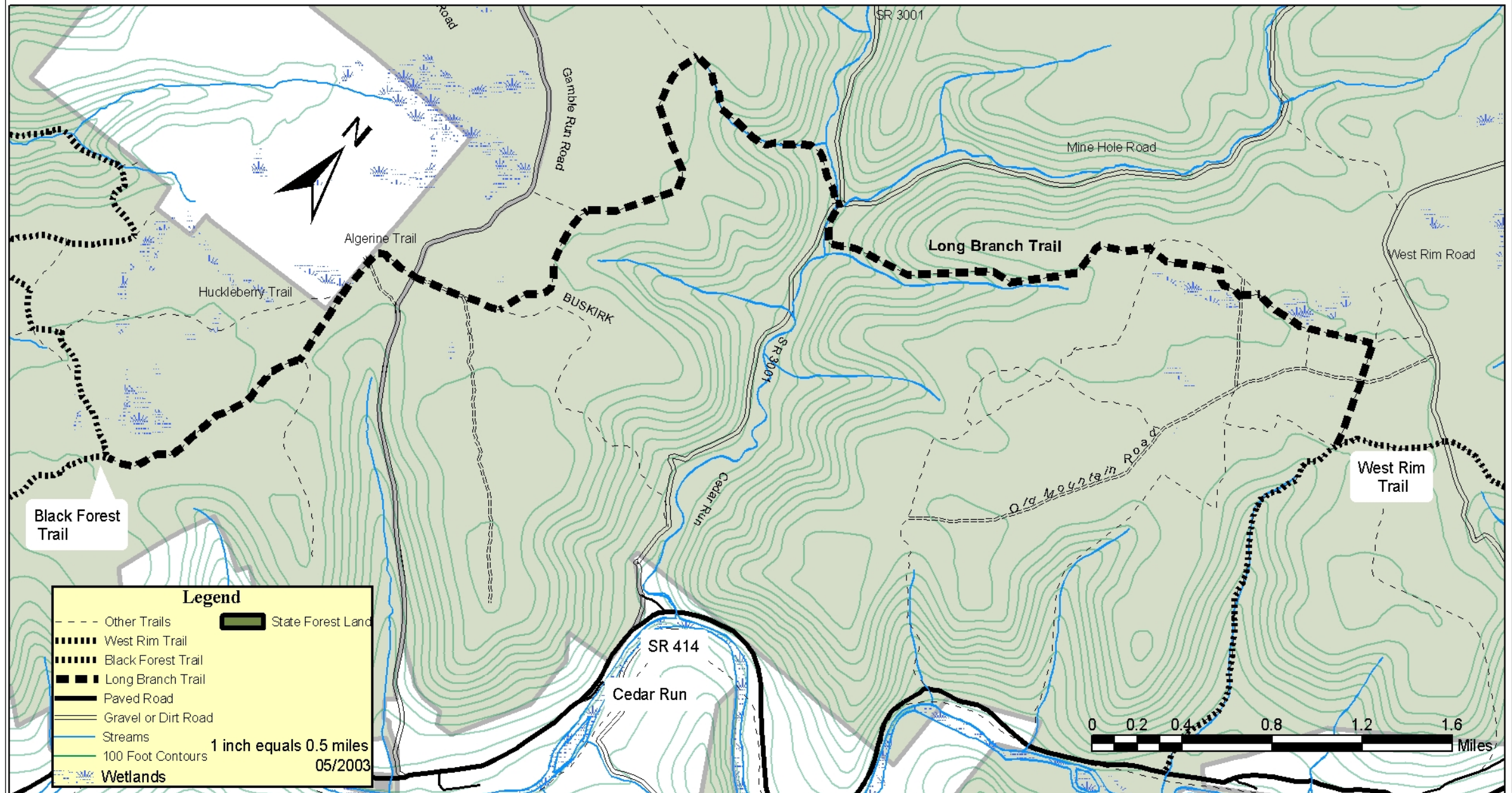


Pennsylvania's vast state forest system comprises 2.2 million acres which is publicly owned and managed by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Forestry. The purpose of the state forests by law is "to provide a continuous supply of timber, lumber wood, and other forest products; to protect watersheds, conserve water and regulate the flow of rivers and streams of the state; and to furnish opportunities for healthful recreation to the public."

Tioga State Forest comprises 162,000 acres in Tioga, Lycoming and Bradford counties. The Tioga State Forest has been under formal management since 1955 with the development of a Forest Management Plan. The Tioga State Forest Resources Plan provides detailed multiple-resources management plans for water, soils, minerals, fauna, flora, timber, and recreation. It will emphasize sustainability through an ecosystem management approach, striving to conserve the biological diversity while providing both recreational opportunities and forest products.



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Legend

- Other Trails
 - West Rim Trail
 - Black Forest Trail
 - Long Branch Trail
 - Paved Road
 - Gravel or Dirt Road
 - Streams
 - 100 Foot Contours
 - Wetlands
 - State Forest Land
- 1 inch equals 0.5 miles
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