

Martin Hill Wild Area

Area Facts



- 11,676-acre area
- Connects Tussey and Evitts mountains
- Most of its timber is over 100 years old.
- Several miles of the scenic Mid State Trail pass through the area.
- No motorized vehicles are permitted in the interior of the wild area, preserving the area's tranquility.

Buchanan State Forest

For more information,
please contact
Buchanan State Forest at:

25185 Great Cove Road
McConnellsburg, PA
17233-8204
717-485-3148
FD02@pa.gov



pennsylvania
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
AND NATURAL RESOURCES
BUREAU OF FORESTRY

Ecosystem/Terrain

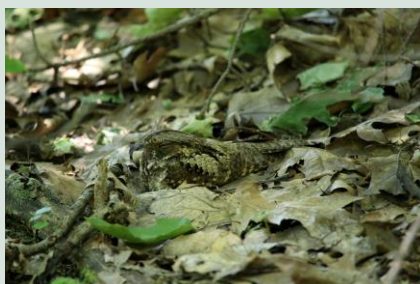
- Wild and rugged area
- Most of its terrain is at roughly 2000' elevation.
- Mixed oak species dominate overstory.
- Several ponds and seeps provide water sources for wildlife.



Interesting rock formations can be found along the Mid State Trail.

Birds

- Oak forests provide habitat for diverse songbird populations.
- Nocturnal birds of prey include barred owls and screech owls.
- Turkeys and grouse are huntable gamebirds in the wild area.
- Camouflaged woodcock and whippoorwills blend into the oak forest floor.



Whippoorwill blending with leaves.

Mammals

- Oak forests provide habitat for many mammalian species.
- Grey squirrels especially prefer oak forests for their abundant acorns.
- Deer and bears utilize fall acorns to store energy for winter.



- Small mammals like white-footed mice and chipmunks are common prey for predators like coyotes and bobcats.

Access

- Major routes nearby include US 220 and Route 326.
- Martin Hill Road is an improved dirt road accessing the wild area from the north.
- Beans Cove Road bisects the wild area between Beans Cove and Chaneyville.
- Evitts Mountain Road is a drivable trail open seasonally within the wild area.
- Parking areas can be found at Bear Gap, Tower Road, and Beans Cove Road.

