

Michaux State Forest at a Glance

District Office



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District Facts

- Named for French botanist Andre Michaux
- Comprised of 85,500 acres
- Found in Adams, Cumberland, and Franklin counties
- Site of Pennsylvania's first forestry school (Mont Alto)
- Northern terminus of Blue Ridge Mountains

Hiking



- Approximately 100 total miles of trails
- 36 miles of the 2100-mile Appalachian Trail bisect the forest district.
- Large trail networks accessible from Pine Grove Furnace and Caledonia State Parks
- Trail maps available at district office.

Camping

- Primitive campsites within a reasonable distance of parking area are offered (permit required).
- Backpack camping is permitted throughout the state forest (please follow Bureau of Forestry guidelines).
- Staying more than one night in one location requires a permit from district office.



Sightseeing

- 7 scenic vistas within district include Hammonds Rocks, Buzzard's Rock, Dark Hollow, and Valley View.
- Spring mountain laurel and rhododendron blooms and fall foliage attract many visitors to Michaux
- 130 miles of gravel road for scenic drives, 22-mile self-guided tour offers 13 interpretive stations



Colorful fall foliage peaks in October.

Hunting

- Big game opportunities include deer, bear, turkey.
- Small game opportunities include squirrels, rabbits, and woodcock
- Hunting permitted in district forest. Please obey all hunting regulations and avoid hunting in marked safety zones.



Fishing

- Excellent fishing opportunities throughout forest district
- Notable streams include Conococheague, Antietam, and Mountain Creeks.
- Lakes/reservoirs include Laurel and Fuller Lakes, Long Pine Run and Waynesboro Reservoirs, Carbaugh Dam.
- PA Fish and Boat Commission regulations apply.



Natural Areas

- 1,601 combined acres of Natural Areas on 4 tracts
- Meeting of the Pines Natural Area contains 5 different pine species growing together.
- Carbaugh Run Natural Area is a protected sanctuary for reptiles and amphibians.
- Mt. Cydonia Ponds and Beartown Woods Natural Areas protect seasonal ponds and mature, mixed forest.



Meeting of the Pines Natural Area

Motorized Recreation

- 132 miles of snowmobile roads and trails
- 77 designated miles of seasonal ATV trails
- ATVs must be registered with DCNR.
- Contact Michaux district office for riding maps.



Other Recreation



- 70 miles of shared-use trails for mountain biking, cross-country skiing, and horseback riding
- A picnic area is available along Old Forge Road, offering pavilions, tables, grills, bathrooms, and athletic fields.
- Canoeing/kayaking permitted on Long Pine Run Reservoir



Long Pine Run Reservoir



Historical interpretive display for WWII interrogation camp



White-tailed deer are plentiful throughout the state forest.

More Information

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