

Motorized Site Reservations

How can you make a reservation?

- Starting November 3, 2022 our motorized sites are reservable through ReserveAmerica.
- Through the ReserveAmerica website (pennsylvaniastateparks.reserveamerica.com) anytime with credit card.
- Through the ReserveAmerica call center 888-727-2757, Monday—Saturday 7:00AM to 5:00PM.
- Within 2 days of the reservation date—at the District Office Monday-Friday, 8:00AM to 4:00PM, with credit card, personal check, money order, or cash.

What information will you need for the reservation?

- ⇒ First and Last Name
- ⇒ Phone number
- ⇒ Physical, Mailing and Email Addresses
- ⇒ Vehicle Information

What fees will you be charged?

- Nightly fees will be \$10/night for PA residents and \$15/night for non-residents. There is a transaction fee of \$6.50 per reservation to cover the cost of operating the system.
- Cancellation fee is \$10 if cancelled >7 days prior to arrival, customer is charged one night's fee if cancelled < 7 days prior to arrival. Transaction fee is non-refundable.
- A \$10 fee is assessed for change in dates, sites, or forest districts, or shortening stay requested at call center. No fee for adding days to an existing reservation.
- Cancellations are not permitted at the call center or via internet on day of arrival or thereafter.

How far ahead can you make a reservation?

- Reservations can be made up to 11 months in advance.

Camping Defined

- **Primitive Camping**—Camping where all equipment is transported in one trip by a non-motorized methods, and where a motor vehicle is not located near or part of the camping experience.
- **Motorized Camping**—Camping at one of the designated motorized sites, where the vehicle continues to be used for storage or transportation.
- **Group Camping**—Primitive or Motorized Camping with more than ten persons. This requires written permission from the District Forester.

Areas Closed to Camping

- Roaring Run Natural Area and Mt. Davis Natural Area.
- The area east of Laurel Summit Road and north of Coxes Creek Road.
- Blue Hole, along Blue Hole Road.
- Fall Run, along Fall Run Road.
- Cole Run Falls, along Cole Run Road.
- Pine Knob overlook.
- Within 300 feet of Leased Campsites.
- Within 300 feet of a State Forest Picnic Area: Lick Hollow and Mt. Davis.
- Any other area posted against camping.

Rules and Regulations

Rules and Regulations for state forests are found in Title 17 of the PA Code—Part 1(DCNR), Subpart C (State Forests), Chapter 21 (General Provisions). They are available online, by posting, and on request.

Forbes State Forest

Pennsylvania contains about 17 million acres of forestland. Of this total, over two million acres are in the state forest system, which is publicly owned and managed by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Forestry.

The Forbes State Forest comprises over 60,000 acres located in Westmoreland, Somerset and Fayette Counties. This area within the Laurel and Chestnut Ridges is often called the Laurel Highlands.

State Forests provide clean water, recreation, habitat for plants and animals, places to enjoy the tranquility of nature, and produce some of the most valuable timber in the world.

The elevation ranges between 1,500 feet above sea level to 3,213 feet at Mt. Davis in Somerset County—the highest point in Pennsylvania. These elevation changes can cause quite different weather conditions throughout the forest. Changes can and do occur quite rapidly during the year, and forest visitors should be prepared. Higher elevations are usually snow covered by mid-November and may remain that way until April.

For More Information

Bureau of Forestry
Forbes Forest District 4
1291 Route 30, P.O. Box 519
Laughlintown, PA 15655-0519
Tele: (724) 238-1200 • Email: FD04@pa.gov
Website: <http://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateForests>

In the event of an emergency, contact a state forest employee or dial 911.
If you become lost: stop, stay calm, stay put, & dial 911.
The further you walk the longer it will take to find you.



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Camping



Motorized Camping Guidelines

- Camping is permitted at **designated sites only**—refer to the attached map.
- Camping reservation is required, the permit must be displayed at the site or be in possession at all times. See information on reservations.
- Sites available from April 2 to last day of regular rifle deer season.
- Sites can be reserved up to 7 consecutive nights, then must be vacated for 48 hours. Due to limited sites and high demand we ask you to limit permits to one per month.
- Camping ‘day’ runs from Check-in 3PM on date of arrival to Check-out 3PM the following day.
- No more than 2 vehicles, and no more than 10 people, allowed at the site.
- All trash must be removed from the Forbes State Forest.
- No facilities such as water pumps, showers, utility hookups or bathrooms are available.
- No human or animal waste is permitted in or near designated sites. All waste must be stored and removed using a holding tank, portable toilet or other means. There are no disposal sites on the Forbes State Forest.
- No nails in trees, or damage to any vegetation will be permitted.
- All strings, rope, wire, etc. must be removed prior to leaving.
- Sites are not maintained for snow removal.

Camp Fires at Motorized and Primitive Sites

- Dead and downed wood may be gathered and burned when permitted, but may not be removed from the site. Power tools and chain saws are not permitted.
- Small campfires are permitted in the designated motorized site fire ring, or in primitive sites within a fire ring 2’ or less in diameter made of non-combustible material except as noted below.
- Fires are prohibited when the forest fire danger is determined by the Department to be High, Very High, or Extreme—and from **March 1 through May 25**, without authorization from the District Forester. **This prohibition does not apply to self-contained camp stoves used in a safe manner.**
- Failure to attend a fire at all times is prohibited.
- Leaving a fire that has not been completely extinguished is prohibited.
- A person who has caused a wildfire, in addition to possible criminal penalty, is liable for damages, costs of extinction and fines.

Leave No Trace

Follow all Leave No Trace principles for camping and shared use of trails, including:

- Plan ahead and prepare
- Travel and camp on durable surfaces
- Dispose of waste properly
- Leave what you find
- Minimize campfire impacts
- Respect wildlife
- Be considerate of others.

Primitive Camping Guidelines

- Camping permit required only if staying more than one night at a site (see section on camping permits).
- Camping must be a minimum of 100 feet from any stream or open water source.
- Camp sites must be at least 200 feet from and out of sight of roads and parking areas, and 25 feet and out of site of the nearest edge of a trail.
- Field privies must be at least 200 feet from a lake, stream, spring, or other open water source—and all human waste must be buried a minimum of 6 inches.
- All trash must be carried out of the forest.
- All stone fire rings must be scattered.
- **No group camping is permitted without written permission of the District Forester.**

Horses

- Tether lines must be used when horses are kept on site. Horses may NOT be tied directly to trees or shrubs.
- Horses may not be tied in or near streams or other water sources.
- Manure must be removed from all designated Motorized Camping sites, and all parking areas.
- Manure must be scattered in the woods at least 100 feet from all Primitive Camping sites.

Primitive Camping Permits

Camping permits are free, and may be obtained from the District Office during normal working hours.

- Permits for Primitive Camping are required only for stays more than one night at any campsite. **However, all campers are encouraged to obtain a permit.** Should a camper become lost or overdue, a permit provides the district staff with a location to start looking for them. The permit also helps the district staff locate the camper in an emergency.
- Camping permits will be valid for no more than 7 consecutive nights, then the campsite must be vacated for 48 hours, and all vehicles and equipment removed from State Forest land.
- Camping permits will not be issued to anyone under the age of 18.

Locations & Addresses

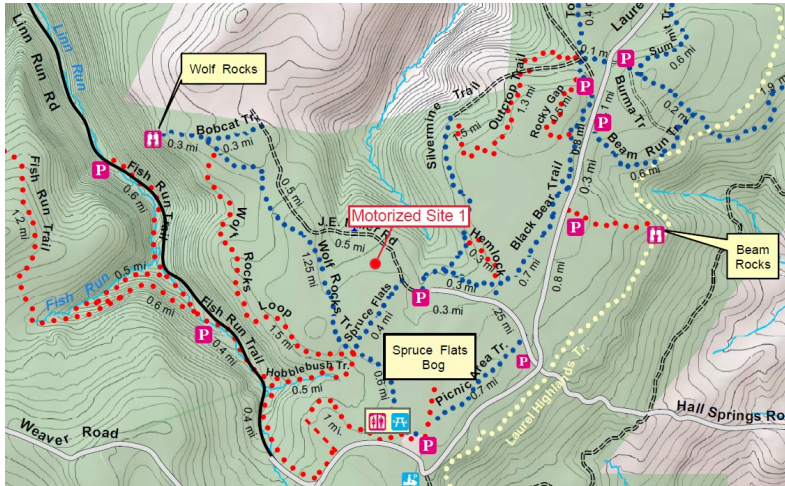
(Note: Use coordinates on Map Page for Google Maps)

- Motorized Campsite #1
409 Jacob Miller Road, Rector, PA 15677
- Motorized Campsite #2
1002 Hickory Flats Road, Somerset, PA 15501
- Motorized Campsite #3
299 Kirby Road, Farmington, PA 15437
- Motorized Campsite #4
500 Brethren Summit Road, Farmington, PA 15437
- Motorized Campsite #5
562 Cole Run Road, Rockwood, PA 15557
- Motorized Campsite #6
4743 Mount Davis Road, Meyersdale, PA 15552

SITE 1

Directions: Route 30 to Laurel Summit Road, take Laurel Summit Road 5 miles, make right turn onto JE Miller Road, proceed to gate, go through gate 4/10ths mile, site is on left side of road. **40° 7' 49.76N, 79° 10' 55.30W**

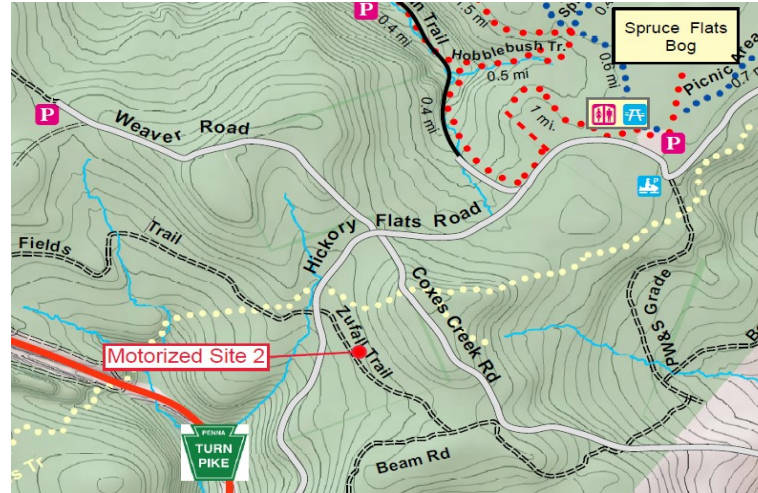
Special Instructions: The unlocked gate on JE Miller road must be closed each time you pass through.



SITE 2

Directions: Route 30 to Laurel Summit Road, take Laurel Summit Road 6 miles to Hickory Flats Road, go 1 mile to Zufall Trail, make left on Zufall Trail, site is 1/10th mile on left, just before gate. **40° 6' 29.72N, 79° 11' 43.41W**

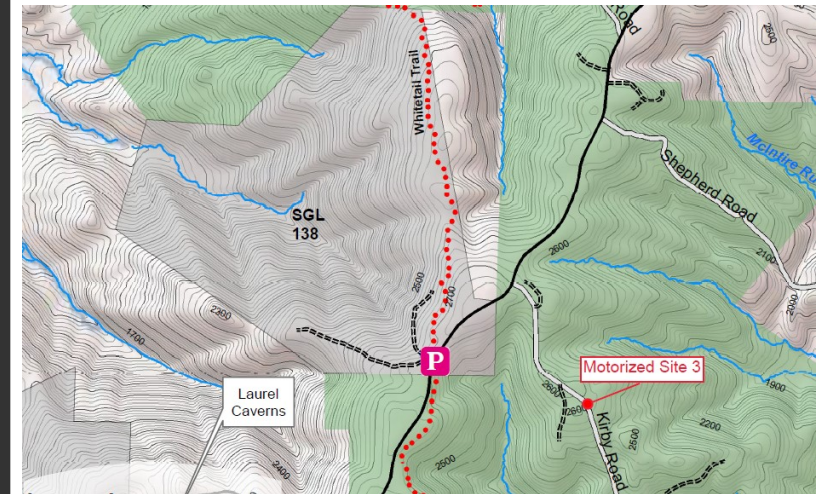
Special Instructions: Gate and trail must be unobstructed at all times.



SITE 3

Directions: Route 40 to Skyline Drive, go 3.3 miles and make left on Kirby Road, go 9/10ths mile, site is on left side of road. **39° 48' 8.03N, 79° 40' 42.58W**

Special Instructions: Kirby Road is a township road, be careful turning into and pulling out of site. Keep all vehicles off of Kirby Road.



SITE 4

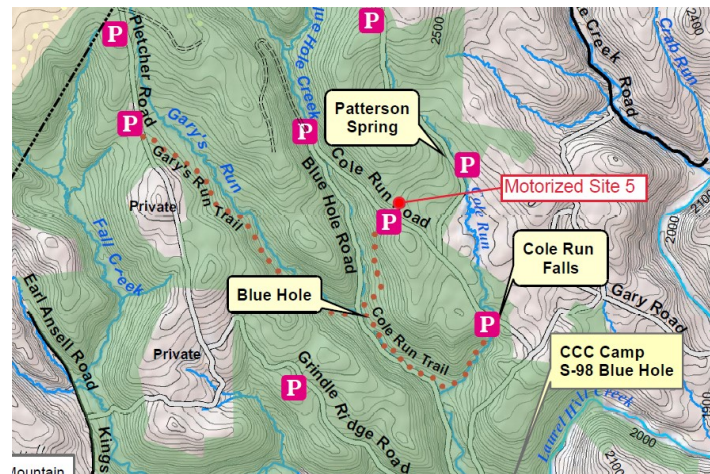
Directions: Route 40 to Wharton Furnace Road, go 2.5 miles make right on Shepard Road, go 1.5 miles make left on Brethren Summit Road, go 1.4 miles site is on your left. **39° 47' 50.19N, 79° 38' 48.95W**

Special Instructions: Brethren Summit Road is a narrow, gravel, township road. Use caution.



SITE 5

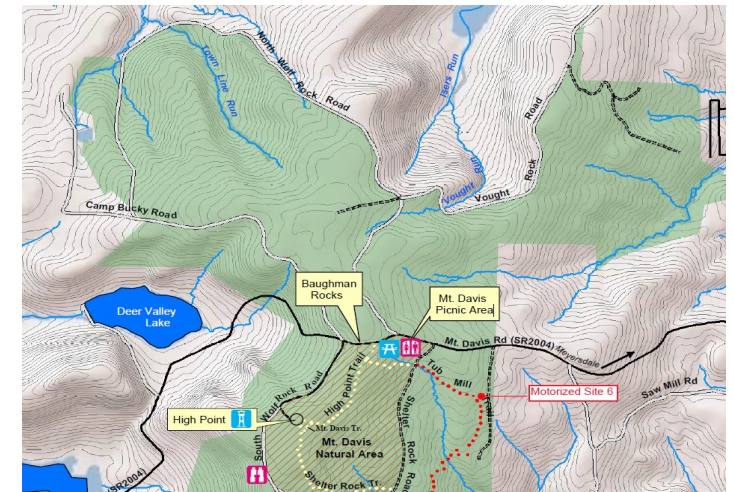
Directions: Route 31 (Bakersville), go south on Trent Road about 2.75 miles, turn right on Copper Kettle Highway, go a little over a mile to Trent and make left on Barron Church Road, go about 1.25 miles and make right on Gary Road, go 2 miles and make right on Cole Run Road, site is about 1 mile on right—1/4 mile past Glade Road. **39° 58' 52.75N, 79° 17' 38.57W**



SITE 6

Directions: From Mt. Davis Picnic Area go east on SR2004, 4/10 of a mile east of Shelter Rock Road the entrance road is on right. **39° 47' 31.98N, 79° 9' 17.43W**

Special Instructions: Road access must be unobstructed at all times.



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Designated Motorized Camping Sites

