

Lick Hollow Area

The Forbes State Forest contains many miles of maintained trails, designed for a variety of recreational pursuits. Trails are designed for hiking, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, equestrian use, and mountain biking. Some are for a specific use, while others may be used for several activities. All hiking trails are marked with red rectangles, while ski trails are marked with blue rectangles.

Lick Hollow State Forest Picnic Area—This beautiful picnic area is located off Route 40, along Lick Run. It is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day, 11 AM to dusk. It is closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during this time. This area features picnic tables, charcoal grills, drinking water, and restrooms for public use. The Lick Hollow Nature Trail and Pine Knob Trail are accessed from the picnic area.

Lick Hollow Nature Trail—This 3/4 mile long trail is a leisurely walk through the picnic area. The trail is self-guided, and interpretive pamphlets can be found at the picnic area. It will take about an hour to walk to trail to stop at each of the 20 interpretive stops. Along the way, you will learn about a few of the tree species native to this area, how riparian areas are important to wildlife, about insects and disease, and other pertinent topics.

Pine Knob Trail—This trail is just 2 miles long, and stretches from the Lick Hollow picnic area to the Pine Knob overlook. Pine Knob trail parallels Lick Run for parts of its length, but it is a rugged trail for the most part. The elevation of this trail changes 1,600 vertical feet from its lowest point of 1,440 feet above sea level at the picnic area, to 3,040 feet at the Pine Knob Overlook. When hiking this trail be prepared for a 4 hour roundtrip. Pack plenty of liquids during the summer and warm clothes in the winter.

Whitetail Trail—The Whitetail Trail spans approximately 9.5 miles from Pine Knob Trail in the north, to the Quebec Run Wild Area in the south. Along this route, you will pass through some rugged and beautiful scenery, as you traverse the Chestnut Ridge. Best access is at the Lick Hollow picnic area via Pine Knob Trail, Quebec Run Wild Area north gate, or midway at SGL 138 parking area along Skyline Drive. You can make a challenging 11.5 miles traverse, by starting at Lick Hollow and incorporating Pine Knob Trail, and ending at Quebec Run.

Pine Knob Overlook—This scenic view overlooks the area from Uniontown south to Smithfield. **The access from Pine Knob Road to the overlook is closed.**

Trail Information

Blue—shared-use trails that are maintained with a wider corridor and flatter tread for cross-country skiing. Open to non-motorized use.

Red—shared-use trails, usually with a narrower corridor and rockier tread. Open to non-motorized.

Yellow—trails open to **foot traffic ONLY** such as hiking, backpacking, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing.

Motorized vehicles are not permitted on the trails.

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.

Camping Information

Camping in the Forbes State Forest is restricted to backpack-type camping, except for several designated motorized sites. Camping out of vehicles or campers is not permitted. Permits for camping are required only if campers stay at a designated motorized site. 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 or open water source;
- Camp at least 200 feet from and out of sight of roads and parking areas;
- Camp at least 25 feet from and out of sight of any trails;
- Keep field privies at least 200 feet from any water source;
- Pack out all trash;
- Not have campfires when wildfire danger is high.

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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 about 60,000 acres located in Westmoreland, Somerset, and Fayette Counties.

Locations & Addresses

- Lick Hollow Picnic Area
1526 National Pike, Hopwood, PA 15445
- Pondfield Maintenance Shop
1200 Skyline Dr, Farmington, PA 15437
- Motorized Campsite #3
299 Kirby Rd, Farmington, PA 15437
- Motorized Campsite #4
500 Brethren Summit Rd, Farmington, PA 15437

For More Information

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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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