

## Mountain Biking

Mountain biking is a popular activity at the Moon Lake Recreation Area with over 18 miles of single track trails and 2 miles of administrative roads available to ride. The superb scenery and variable topography makes for an enjoyable excursion.

### DO'S AND DON'TS OF TRAIL RIDING

#### DO...

- Know your route and bring a map
- Tell someone where you're riding
- Avoid riding alone
- Know your physical limits
- Stay on established trails

#### DON'T...

- Build jumps, ramps, or other obstacles
- Build new trails
- Use trails when conditions aren't favorable including springtime thaw or wet weather



*Mountain biking is a great way to enjoy the beauty of the Pinchot State Forest. The variety of trails and terrain offers challenges for all skill levels.*

## For more information

**Pinchot State Forest  
Resource Management Center  
Forest District #11**

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### Dual Certified Forest

Pennsylvania's 2.2-million-acre state forest system is one of the largest dual certified forests in North America. The forest is certified under Forest Stewardship Council™ and Sustainable Forestry Initiative® standards.

The FSC® is an independent organization supporting environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial, and economically viable management of the world's forests.

SFI® certification focuses on protection of water quality, biodiversity, wildlife habitat, species at risk, and forests with exceptional conservation value. Dual certification ensures that Pennsylvania's state forests are managed to the highest third-party standards.

## Moon Lake Recreation Area



Pennsylvania's vast state forest system comprises 2.2 million acres for you to use, enjoy, and explore. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Bureau of Forestry manages these forests to ensure their long-term health and to conserve native wild plants.

Pinchot State Forest comprises 50,000 acres and serves Lackawanna, Luzerne, Susquehanna, Wyoming, and Wayne counties.



## Moon Lake Recreation Area

This roughly 700-acre gem is located in Plymouth Township, Luzerne County. Its peaceful and tranquil setting draws many visitors. Popular recreational activities include mountain biking, camping, fishing, picnicking, and bird watching. The diverse forest and field habitats are both scenic and boast an array of plant and animal life.

### Camping

There are 12 rustic campsites in the Moon Lake Recreation Area. A permit is required and is free of charge. For more information on camping visit [Pennsylvania State Parks and Forests Reservation System](#)



*All campsites contain a fire ring, picnic table, and tent pad.*

### Fishing and Boating

Fishing and ice fishing are popular on Moon Lake, which is stocked annually with trout. Boating is allowed but gas-powered motors are prohibited.

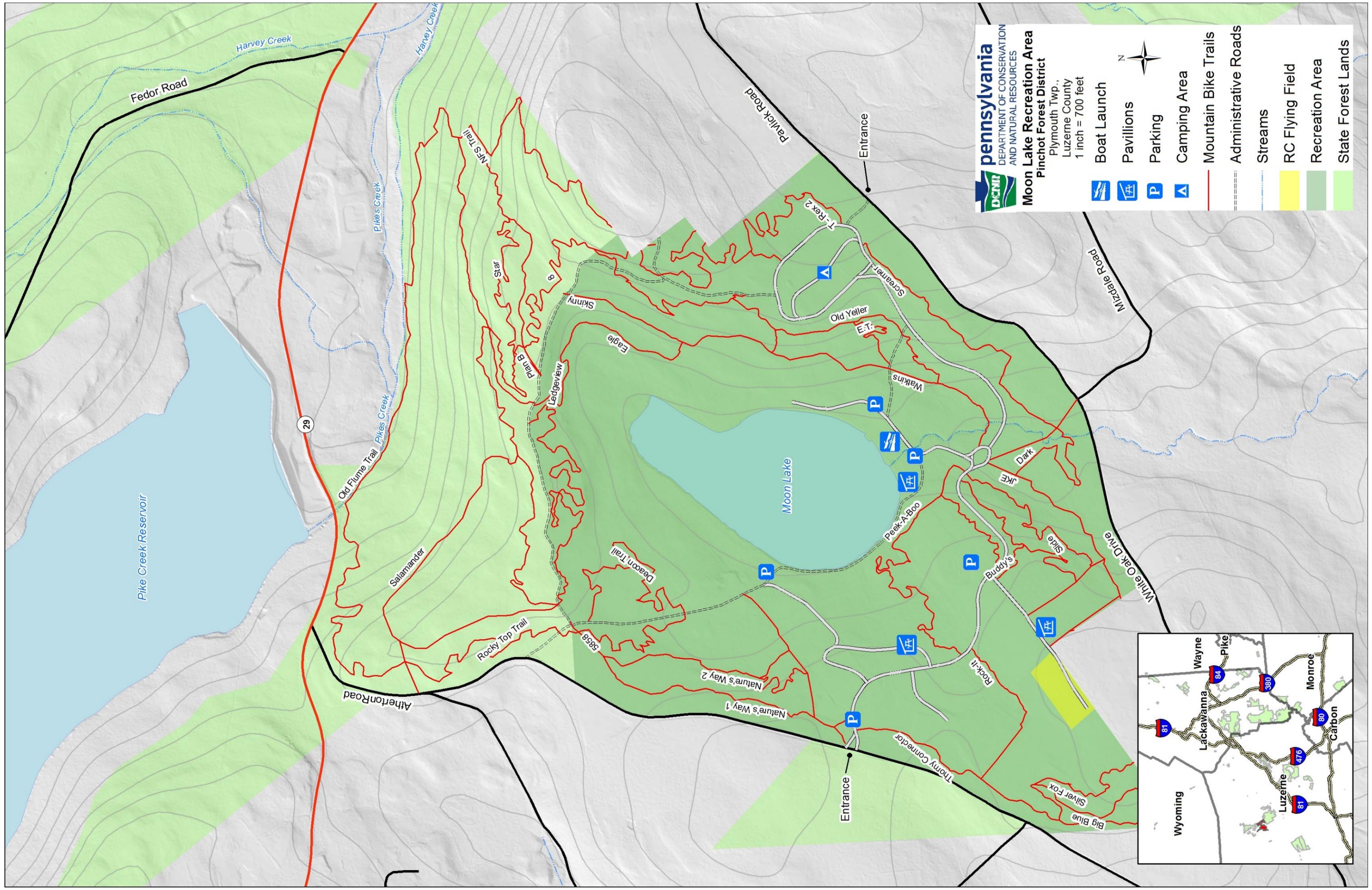
### Pinchot State Forest

All PA Fish & Boat Commission regulations apply. The Pinchot State Forest is named in honor of former PA Governor and state forester Gifford Pinchot. Pinchot was a visionary of forest management whose considerable influence on President Theodore Roosevelt helped spark a national awareness of responsible forestry practices and conservation. The district's approximately 50,000 acres blanket many of the mountains near the confluence of the Susquehanna and Lackawanna Rivers. Pinchot State Forest land is distributed over several unattached tracts including Thornhurst, Harveys's Creek, Crystal Lake, Mocanaqua, Seven Tubs, Deep Hollow, Montage, Elmhurst, and Moosic Mountain.

## State Forest Recreation Area Rules

- Camping is prohibited, except in designated campsites with a valid camping permit.
- Construction of new trails, without the authorization of the District Forester is prohibited.
- Visitors shall park only in designated parking areas.
- The use of chainsaws is prohibited.
- Fires are limited to the metal fire rings located at the campsites and pavilions.
- Removal or destruction of tables, fireplaces or any other Commonwealth property is prohibited.
- The discharge of firearms, fireworks, and explosives is prohibited.
- Hunting within Camping and Recreation Areas is prohibited.
- Damaging any tree or shrub is prohibited.
- All other DCNR Bureau of Forestry Rules and Regulations – Title 17. Pennsylvania Code, Part I. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Subpart C. State Forests, Chapter 21. General Provisions - apply within Pinchot State Forest Recreation Area and Camping Area.





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**Moon Lake Recreation Area**  
 Pinchot Forest District  
 Plymouth Twp.,  
 Luzerne County  
 1 inch = 700 feet

Boat Launch  
 Pavilions  
 Parking  
 Camping Area  
 Mountain Bike Trails  
 Administrative Roads  
 Streams  
 RC Flying Field  
 Recreation Area  
 State Forest Lands

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