

Clear Creek & Callen Run Tract

The Clear Creek and Callen Run Tracts of Clear Creek State Forest, located north of Brookville in Jefferson County, are comprised of 9,876 acres. The state forest is named for the crystal-clear stream that flows through the Clear Creek Tract and Callen Run is equally remarkable. Both are designated high quality and stocked with trout. In addition to excellent fishing, the area is open to hunting and recreation enthusiasts can enjoy over 18 miles of trails. The Beartown Rocks Overlook is a popular site that offers a panoramic view of the Allegheny Plateau. Primitive and motorized camping is also available.

Trails: Hike, Bike, Horseback

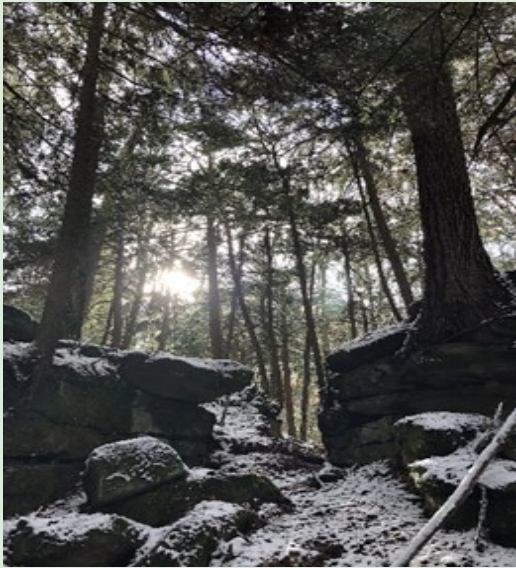
The Pine Run Loop is a two-mile trail that is limited to hiking only. It winds through unique rock formations and along a cascading stream. A one-mile loop is an option for viewing the rocks only. The Clear Creek Tract has a network of 16 miles of shared use trails that are open to hiking and biking. The Beartown Rocks trail is two miles long and it begins at the Beartown Rocks Overlook. From there it descends into the Clear Creek Valley and continues to Clear Creek State Park, Shelter #5 on Route 949. The trail also serves as a connector with other trails to create multiple loop options. To the west, the Trap Run Trail creates a 3.3-mile loop, to the north, the Clear Creek Trail forms a 4.4-mile loop, and to the east, the Laurel Trail and others make a 3.1-mile loop. There are multiple access points, but the trailhead on Corbett Road serves all three loops. Seven miles of the shared-use trails are also open to horseback riding and form a 6-mile loop with a one-mile spur. The Callen Run Tract does not have any designated trails but hiking, biking, and horseback riding is welcomed on any of the state forest administrative roads.

Points of Interest

The Beartown Rock Overlook is a "rock city with a view" and has been attracting people to explore this area for well over a century. The massive, erosion resistant sandstone boulders are from the Pennsylvanian-age Pottsville Formation, approximately 320 million years ago. An observation area perched on top of the highest rock is just a short walk from the parking lot.

The Laurel Fields was once a pioneer homestead settled by the Tillotson family in the late 1800s.

Only the cleared fields and resulting stone fence rows remain, along with a few apple trees. The fields that once provided food for the Tillotsons are now being planted with native species to promote pollinator habitat. A serpentine road provides access through the area and is open from Memorial Day through Labor Day. There is also a one-mile loop trail named after the family that travels fields and woodlands.



Camping Information

There are five designated campsites on the Callen Run Tract. A permit is required and can be obtained in advance by contacting the district office. Motor vehicle camping is not permitted anywhere else except the designated sites.

Primitive backpack camping is permitted along all hiking and shared-use trails with the exception of the Beartown Rocks Trail on the Clear Creek Tract. Primitive backpack campers staying only one night at a campsite along their journey do not need a camping permit. However, a camping permit is required if you desire an emergency contact or want to stay at a site for more than one night.

Group camping with more than 10 people requires a Letter of Authorization from the District Forester.

Please see the Clear Creek State Forest camping policy brochure for more detailed information.

Care for the Land

State forests belong to all Pennsylvanians. Take time to enjoy them, but know the rules and regulations designed to protect the forests and you. Please be careful with fire, keep our forests litter free, and don't damage trees and other plants.

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.

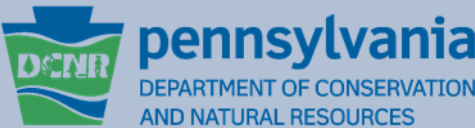


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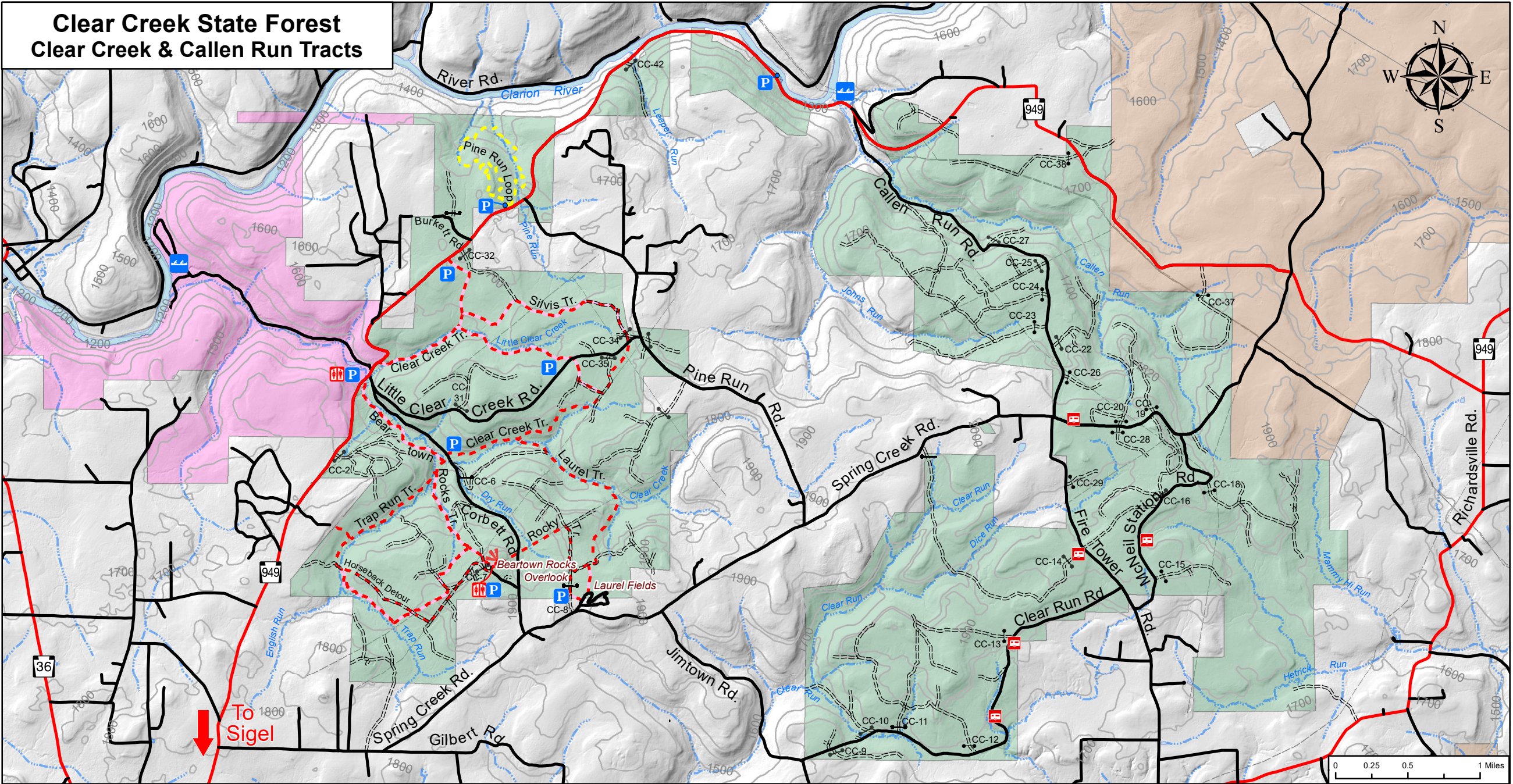


Pennsylvania's vast state forest system comprises 2.2 million acres for you to use, enjoy, and explore. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Bureau of Forestry manages these forests to ensure their long-term health, productivity, and to conserve native wild plants.

Clear Creek State Forest comprises 16,526 acres in Clarion, Jefferson, Mercer, Forest, and Venango counties. Detailed tract maps are also available for the Kennerdell, Maple Creek, Wolf Creek, and Clarion River tracts.









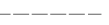

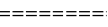





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	Clear Creek State Forest		State or US Highway		Hiking Trail - Foot Traffic Only		Campsites - Permit Required		Gate / Admin. Rd #
	Clear Creek State Park		Dirt & Paved Roads		Shared-Use Trail - Hike, Bike		Parking		Pipeline R/W
	State Gamelands 54		Administrative Road		Shared-Use Trail - Hike, Bike, Horseback		Restrooms		Canoe Launch