

Kennerdell Tract

The Kennerdell Tract of Clear Creek State Forest, in Venango County west of Kennerdell, is comprised of 3,243 acres. The tract has seven miles of shoreline along the Allegheny River which is part of the National Wild and Scenic River System. The forests along the river corridor have high conservation value because they provide clean water needed to sustain threatened or endangered species. A designated wild plant sanctuary provides further protection for this diverse plant community. Bullion Run and Dennison Run both contain naturally reproducing, native brook trout and Bullion Run is rated Exceptional Value. Natural resources abound, along with opportunities to explore on over 23 miles of trails. The Bullion Run Iron Furnace and the Oil Pumping Station provide a look into the history of the area. The tract also offers primitive camping options.

Trails: Hike, Bike, Horseback

There are seven miles of hiking trails that are designated for foot traffic only. This trail network is located south of Dennison Run and is marked in yellow. From the parking lot on Dewoody Road use the Kennerdell Trail to access and create multiple loop options. To the north, the Bullion Run and Overlook Trails form a 4.4 - mile loop. To the south, the Iron Furnace and South Trails form a 4.4-mile loop. Combining the two loops creates a 6.4 mile loop. The Bullion Run Iron Furnace and the Dennison Point Overlook are both a 3-mile round trip hike. Mileage is from the parking lot. The Kennerdell Tract also has a network of 16 miles of shared use trails, open to hiking, biking, and horseback riding. They are located north of Dennison Run and are marked in red. From the parking lot on Dennison Run Road, take the Pipeline Trail through the heart of the area. Many loop options exist including the 3.5-mile Fishermans Cove Trail which passes the Oil Pumping Station. The River Trail starts at the Kennerdell Bridge and it is one mile to Dennison Run and two miles to the Danner Primitive Camping Area.

Points of Interest

The Bullion Run Iron Furnace was established in 1840. The iron ore was mined in shallow pits from the surrounding hillsides. Charcoal was needed to melt the iron ore and one acre of forest was harvested every day to make it. The finished iron bars or

“pigs” were then transported down the Allegheny River to markets in Pittsburgh.

The Oil Pumping Station developed in the early 1900s is a remnant of the oil boom that flowed from “the valley that changed the world.” The site contains equipment that was used for transporting oil to market. In 2004, the Bureau of Forestry received a Historic Preservation Award from the Oil Heritage Region for restoring the engine house.



Camping Information

Only primitive camping is permitted on the Kennerdell Tract. Trailer, motorhome, pickup camper, and tent trailer camping is prohibited.

Primitive camping is permitted along all hiking and shared-use trails. Primitive 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.

The Danner Primitive Camping Area, located along the Allegheny River, is a great option for an overnight stay on the water trail. It is also available by way of shared use trails. Amenities include a picnic table, campfire ring, and a vault toilet. Primitive camping rules apply.

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

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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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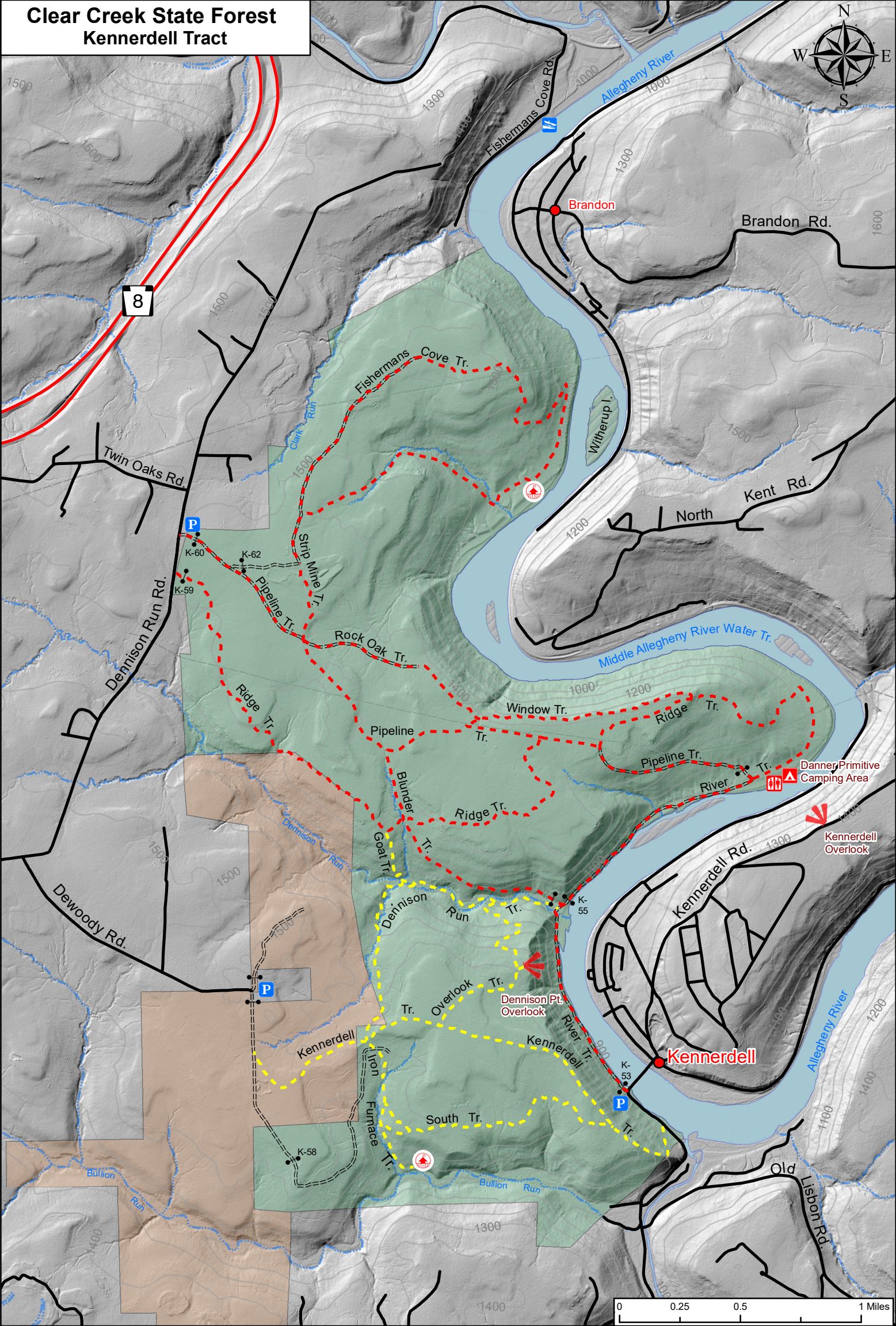


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Clear Creek State Forest comprises 16,526 acres in Clarion, Jefferson, Mercer, Forest, and Venango counties. Detailed tract maps are available for the Clear Creek and Callen Run, Maple Creek, Wolf Creek, and Clarion River tracts.



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| Clear Creek State Forest | Hiking Trail - Foot Traffic Only | Camping Area |
| State Gamelands 39 | Shared-Use Trail - Hike, Bike, Horseback | Restrooms |
| State or US Highway | Pipeline R/W | Boat Launch |
| Dirt & Paved Roads | Historic Site | Parking |
| Administrative Road | K-60 | |
| | Gate / Admin. Road # | |



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