

# Clear Shade Wild Area

## Area Facts

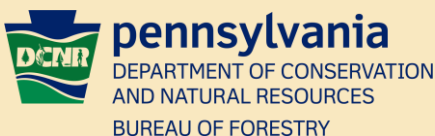


- Area is 2,791 acres.
- Located west of Ogletown in north-eastern Somerset County
- The John P. Saylor Trail traverses much of the wild area.
- Most of the tract was logged between 1897 and 1914 by the E.V. Babcock Lumber Company of Pittsburgh.

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## Ecosystem/Terrain

- Northern hardwood forest community with notable wetland component
- Terrain reaches up to 2700' elevation.
- Dominant species are maple, cherry, and beech.
- Scenic Clear Shade Creek runs through the wild area and is classified as Exceptional Value (DEP).



*Tributary of Clear Shade Creek*



*Clear Shade Creek supports wild brook and brown trout.*

- Apex predators such as black bears, coyotes, and bobcats can be found in the wild area.
- Game species like deer, turkeys, and grouse are plentiful in the wild area.



*Although much less common now due to West Nile virus, ruffed grouse can still be found in the wild area.*

## Wildlife

- The deciduous forest provides habitat for diverse songbird populations.



*The red eyed vireo prefers the northern hardwoods found in the wild area.*

## Access

- Major routes nearby include US 76 to the south and Route 56 to the north.
- The wild area is easily accessed from Crumb Road and Shade Road.
- Parking is accessible at multiple sites along Shade Road.



