town of Jones Mills.

mile delayed-harvest area has been established on Indian Creek near the Roaring Run, Camp Run, Laurel Hill Creek, and Indian Creek. A 1.6-Blue Hole Creek, Jones Mill Run, Mill Run, Quebec Run, Linn Run, forest streams including

on state forest lands.

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wildlife habitat. growth and excellent areas of lush forest of Forestry can create conducted by the Bureau management activities the state forest. Timber permitted throughout

and trapping are picnic areas, hunting around buildings and a few safety zones seasons. Other than

forest during designat a popular use of the

Hunting for deer, turkey, grouse, squirrels, rabbits, and black bear is Punting and Trapping

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for a camping permit for these sites can be submitted online. The or download the camping brochure from the website. An application vehicle is near the campsite. Contact the district office for regulations, designated motorized campsites. These sites are set up so a camper's Visitors looking for developed campaites can camp at one of the six

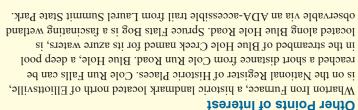
at undeveloped sites.

backpack camping. Primitive backpack campers are those who camp Except for a few areas, Forbes State Forest is open to primitive **Bridms**

ceautiful area is open Memorial Day to Labor Day.

picnic tables, grills, and latrines, in a tranquil state forest setting. This Picnic Area, located along Route 40 near Hopwood, visitors will find latrines, and stone and modern grills. At Lick Hollow State Forest point observation tower. Facilities include a pavilion, picnic tables, Forest Picnic Area is located along Route 2004, northeast of the high Two picnic areas are found in Forbes State Forest. The Mt. Davis State Picnicking

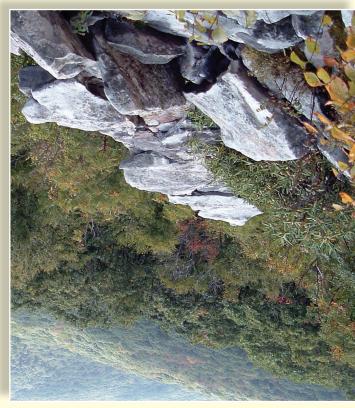
dictates that snowshoers do not walk directly in cross-country ski tracks. To ensure safety, please stay off the snowmobile trails. Trail etiquette Snowshoers can travel the many trails in the forest or walk overland. Snowshoeing is becoming increasingly popular in Forbes State Forest. **B**nisodewon**B**



at Beam Rocks and Wolf Rocks, which are both accessible via trails.

feet above sea level), is located on Mount Davis. Other vistas are located Point Observation Tower, at the highest point in Pennsylvania (3,213 spectacular view of High Point Lake and surrounding countryside. High Virginia to Pittsburgh. High Point Overlook (ADA accessible) offers a Pine Knob offers a sweeping view of Uniontown and points from West

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streams and scenic vistas, and ever-changing colors attract many visitors. the winter. The beauty and solitude of the forest, its tumbling mountain trails. Use caution when traveling state forest roads, especially during wildflowers. Forest roads also offer access to scenic vistas and hiking Forest provides opportunities to see a variety of wildlife, trees, and The network of dirt, gravel, and paved roads that traverses Forbes State **Brightseeing**

Bureau of Forestry–Conserving Penn's Woods

The mission of the Bureau of Forestry is to ensure the long-term health, viability, and productivity of the commonwealth's forests; and

The bureau manages state forests to provide a suite of uses and values, while naintaining their wild character. State forests are managed for pure water, recreation, scenic beauty, plant and animal habitat, sustainable timber, and mineral resources. State forest management is guided by the State Forest Resource Management Plan.

The bureau has adopted ecosystem management as its principal strategy for managing state forests. This approach seeks to conserve natural patterns and processes while advancing long-term sustainability. Ecosystem management promotes the conservation of plant and animal communities and the landscapes and habitats that support them. It also accounts for needs and values of people and

A Working Forest

As you travel throughout at work." Some of these nanagement practices others, such as active timber harvests, deer exclosure

Mountain Laurel Pennsylvania's State Flower

gypsy moth spraying. Others are subtle, such as protecting a vernal pool, buffering a stream from timber harvesting, or designating a special area to conserve its wild character or protect a rare plant community Each of these management

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.

Forest Conservation

The bureau's role in forest conservation extends beyond stateowned lands. The agency is charged with protecting all of Pennsylvania's forests from wildfire and damaging insects and diseases, and conserving and managing the state's native, wild plant communities. The bureau, as the state's lead forest conservation agency, promotes knowledge of forestry and forest stewardship to other government agencies, communities, landowners, forest industries, and the general public.

Help Conserve our Forests

As citizens, our actions help determine the future of our forests. To learn more about how you can help conserve Penn's Woods, visit www.dcnr.pa.gov/forestry.

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raffing in the eastern Unites States, as well as spectacular scenery. the Youghiogheny River Gorge provide some of the best whitewater

the southern gateway to the Laurel Highlands. The rushing waters of

Ohiopyle State Park's 20,320 acres of rugged, natural beauty serve as

forest. Grove Run and Rock Run join to make Linn Run, an excellent

parking and trail access to Spruce Flats Bog and Wolf Rocks Trail in

point on Laurel Ridge at 2,739 feet above sea level. This park offers

Laurel Summit State Park is a 4.5-acre park located near the highest

and beautiful views of the rolling countryside of Ligonier Valley.

High atop Laurel Ridge at close to 3,000 feet in elevation, Laurel

which provides a semi-wilderness backpacking and day hiking

feature of the park is the 70-mile Laurel Highlands Hiking Trail,

River at Ohiopyle to the Conemaugh Gorge near Johnstown. A main

Mountain State Park features a family-oriented downhill skiing area

picnic tables, a pavilion, water, and a restroom. It also provides

cabin rentals within 612 acres of mixed hardwood and evergreen

Linn Run State Park is a scenic place for picnicking, hiking, and

Ohiopyle State Park

Linn Run State Park

the surrounding state forest.

Laurel Summit State Park

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trout stream featuring the lovely Adams Falls.

group camps, and a 1,300-foot hiking trails, family camp sites, Laurel Hill offers many fine is a focal point of the park. The 63-acre Laurel Hill Lake terrain in Somerset County. of 3,867 acres of mountainous Laurel Hill State Park consists Laurel Hill State Park

picturesque Youghiogheny

includes 14,567 acres along

Laurel Ridge State Park

Laurel Mountain, from the

Laurel Ridge State Park

beach on a 4-acre lake.

areas, and a 400-foot swimming trailer camping sites, picnic of Somerset. It offers tent and acre tract off Route 31, west Kooser State Park is a 250-Kooser State Park

State Parks and Recreation Areas

includes dozens of special wild

and natural areas designated to

geologic, scenic, and historical

communities. Natural areas are

managed" by nature and direct

numan intervention is limited.

They provide places for scenic

and animal communities, and

of natural beauty. Wild areas

are generally extensive tracts

recreational opportunities.

This 3,532-acre section of the

west slope of Laurel Ridge in

southeastern Westmoreland County

encompasses the upper Roaring Run

watershed. From numerous springs

elevation over a length of five miles.

Acquired by the commonwealth in

1975, the area offers hiking, cross-

country skiing, hunting, and fishing

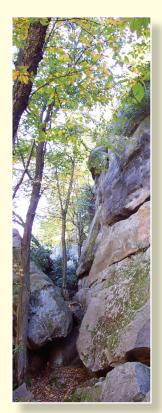
near the summit of Laurel Ridge,

the stream drops 1,220 feet in

by foot access only.

conserve outstanding examples

Wild and Natural Areas



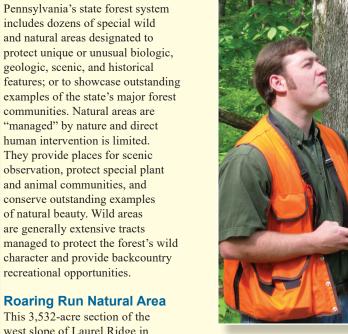
Sandstone outcrops 60 to 90 feet tall form Beam Rocks vista, accessed by a broad gravel trail from Laurel Summit Road.

Mt. Davis Natural Area

The 599-acre Mt. Davis Natural Area surrounds the summit of Negro Mountain in Somerset County. This rocky ridge rises 3,213 feet above sea level, making it the highest point in Pennsylvania. Its trees are sculpted by strong winds and winter ice storms. Frost heaving arranges loose rocks into striking polygonal patterns 25 to 30 feet in diameter, as seen from the observation tower. Hiking trails connect Mt. Davis State Forest Picnic Area with the high point and to lower elevations of the natural area.

Quebec Run Wild Area

With 6,094 acres to explore on the eastern slope of Chestnut Ridge, Fayette County, and miles of interconnecting trails, Quebec Run Wild Area is a favorite of visitors to Forbes State Forest. Hiking, hunting, fishing, and the pursuit of peace and solitude can be enjoyed. Many old logging roads and dark-brown sawdust piles are still visible, giving mute testimony to the onceactive sawmills in the area.



The state forest system is a "working forest." Bureau of Forestry staff carefully manages the forest for a variety of uses and values, while ensuring its sustainability.



Ecosystem Management

communities.

the state forest, you'll see examples of our forests are more noticeable than











History

and railroad ties.

eliminated the original forest.

old grades of the PW&S railway.

Mount Davis divisions remain.

of the state forest.

fences, prescribed fires, and



State Forest Management

to conserve native wild plants.

service. If possible, move to higher ground to





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the rules and regulations designed to protect the

Rules and Regulations, contact the district office

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Call 911 for police, fire, ambulance and search

and rescue. Be aware that the remote nature of

state forests often precludes good cellular phone

For Your Safety State forests belong to the people of

or visit our website.

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Large amounts of wood fueled the Wharton Iron Furnace from 1839 to 1873. It is now on the National Register of Historic Places.

Early homesteaders in southwest Pennsylvania used timber for home-

building and fuel, but most of the original forest fell to the crosscut

saw of the commercial lumberman, rather than the ax of the pioneer

settler. Trees were cut for charcoal, lumber, mine props, fence posts,

Large volumes of wood were converted to charcoal to fuel iron

furnaces. One of the furnaces, Wharton Iron Furnace in southern

Fayette County, has been preserved and is open to visitors. By the early

1900s, the demand for charcoal, lumber, and mine timbers had virtually

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania made its first purchase of forest

land in the Ohio River watershed from Byers Allen Lumber Company

Division and included an easement to the Pittsburgh, Westmoreland and

Somerset (PW&S) Railroad. Today visitors hike, bike, and drive on the

Three Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camps were established in

Forbes State Forest in the 1930s. CCC teams developed Kooser State

picnic areas and the observation tower on the high point of Mt. Davis.

A few buildings and foundations from the camps in the Blue Hole and

Forbes State Forest today is heavily forested with high quality

oak, cherry, and other species. Because of its proximity to large

population centers, there is continuous and heavy recreational use

Park and lake, built forest roads, bridges and trails, and constructed

in 1909. This purchase occurred in the present Laurel Mountain



Mountain Biking he district office. roads. For more information, see the equestrian brochure available in rocky terrain. Riders are generally directed to gated dirt and gravel trails are not suitable for riding due to limited clearance and steep or designated natural areas and the Laurel Highlands Hiking Trail. Some Horses may be ridden on most of the state forest roads and trails, except Horseback Riding



Mountain bikes may be used on most roads and trails in Forbes State





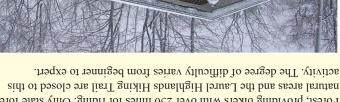




activity. The degree of difficulty varies from beginner to expert.

natural areas and the Laurel Highlands Hiking Trail are closed to this

Forest, providing bikers with over 250 miles for riding. Only state forest







tables and a wood store. A warming hut can be found in each trail system, complete with picnic while the Laurel Mountain Trail System has narrower, winding trails. trails. The North Woods Trail System has more open and groomed trails Winter Activities Cross-country skiing is a favorite winter activity in Forbes State Forest.

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Laurel Highlands Snowmobile Trail System map showing designated

and trails for snowmobiling. Contact the district office for a copy of the

Forbes State Forest opens over 115 miles of groomed state forest roads

Cross-Country Skiing

These trails generally are wider and have smoother terrain than other Blue-blazed trails in Forbes State Forest are maintained for skiing.

trails, or download a map from:

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Above: Over 250 miles of

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Hole Division of Forbes State Forest.

Right: Cole Run Falls is found in the Blue

camping and other activities are available on the

highlight management areas, and brochures on

Snowmobile Trail System, hunting maps that

to wider and gated administrative roads. Maps

winding single-tracks to wider trail corridors

ecosystem. Trails vary from narrow, rocky, and

outdoor recreation. Dispersed forest recreation

provides many opportunities for low-density,

Pennsylvania State Forest System 🔲

The large land area of Forbes State Forest

is compatible with conserving the forest

with smoother tread surface managed for skiing;

of local trail systems, the Laurel Highlands

district website or at the district office.

.nwotendol but miles between Ohiopyle Scenic Trail) stretches 70 (classified as a National Highlands Hiking Trail State Forest. The Laurel hiking wind through Forbes trails and roads suitable for More than 250 miles of

> Welcome to Forbes State Forest Recreation



Forbes State Forest

Map and Recreation Guide

enjoy, and explore.

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belong to the citizens of Pennsylvania, and are there for you to use,

They are known for their extensive network of trails, awesome scenic

unparalleled scenic beauty and boundless recreational opportunities.

vistas, flaming fall foliage, and picturesque drives. These forests

expanses of wildland in the eastern United States. They offer

percent of Pennsylvania's total forest land.

Pennsylvania's State Forest System

State forests are vast and remote, representing one of the largest

located in 50 of the commonwealth's 67 counties and comprise 13

Natural Resources Bureau of Forestry. Twenty state forests are

forest system managed by the Department of Conservation and

Forbes is part of Pennsylvania's extensive 2.2 million-acre state

the Laurel Highlands, including the 3,213-foot Mt. Davis, the highest

Forest is comprised of over 60,000 acres spread across the ridges of

Washington, Fayette, Westmoreland, and Somerset counties, all the

Mountains and built a series of fortifications including Fort Ligonier

Fort Duquesne in 1758. General Forbes cut a road over the Allegheny of the successful British expedition against the French and Indians at

Forbes State Forest was named for General John Forbes, commander

district's state forest land is found in the latter three. Forbes State

Although Forbes Forest District encompasses Allegheny, Greene,