

# Pine Ridge Natural Area

## Area Facts



- 568-acre area
- Located one mile south-east of Chaneyville, Bedford County
- Site is former resettlement land purchased by the US government to encourage Depression era farmers to move to more productive agricultural lands.
- Old granaries, cemeteries, foundations, and orchards are still evident.

## Buchanan State Forest

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## Ecosystem/Terrain

- Terrain ranges from 1200' to 1400' elevation with moderate slopes.
- Pine plantings and natural Virginia pine dominate.
- Oaks and hickories occupy the area, contributing to a mixed forest type.



*Pink ladies slipper wildflowers appear in early spring.*

## Birds

- The mixed forest provides habitat for diverse songbird populations, including forest interior birds which require contiguous forest.
- Birds of prey include sharp-shinned hawks and great horned owls.
- Turkeys and ruffed grouse inhabit the natural area.



*Great horned owl*

## Mammals

- The mixed forest in the natural area provides habitat for many mammal species.
- Deer and black bears are big game species found in the natural area.



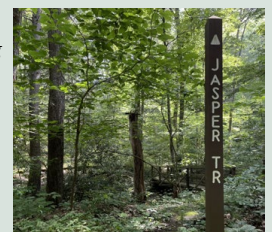
*White-tailed deer are common in the natural area.*

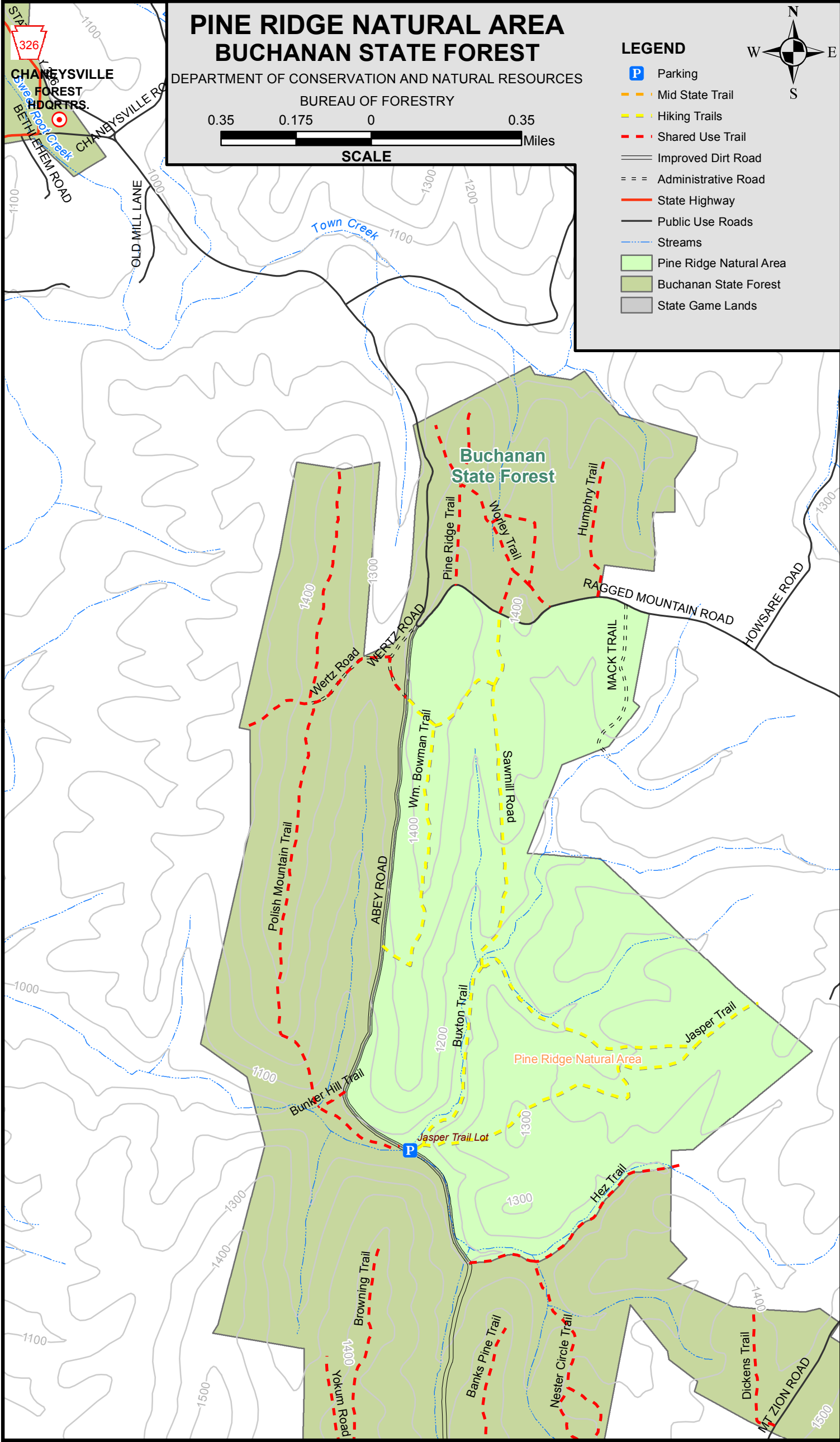
- Small mammals like white-footed mice and chipmunks are common prey for predators like coyotes, fishers, and bobcats.

## Access

- Major routes nearby include routes 26 and 326.
- Ragged Mountain Road accesses the natural area from the north.
- Abey Road accesses the natural area to the west and south.
- William Bowman, Mack, Buxton, and Jasper trails traverse the natural area.

*Numerous hiking trails cross the Pine Ridge Natural Area.*





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## LEGEND

- Parking
- Mid State Trail
- Hiking Trails
- Shared Use Trail
- Improved Dirt Road
- Administrative Road
- State Highway
- Public Use Roads
- Streams
- Pine Ridge Natural Area
- Buchanan State Forest
- State Game Lands

