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 and to conserve native wild plants.

Elk State Forest comprises 200,000 acres in Cameron, Elk, Potter, McKean, Clinton, and Clearfield Counties.

Sand Springs Ski Trail

The Sand Springs Cross-Country Ski Trail is 2.3 miles long and blazed in blue. Featuring a variety of slopes and curves, the Sand Springs Cross Country Ski Trail provides an interesting experience for those who want more than just some exercise. This trail is also open to hiking.

Directions

From the intersection of Fourth Street (Pa Rt.-120) and Broad Street in Emporium, follow South Broad St. until it becomes South Mountain Road (SR 3001). Follow South Mountain Rd. to Marshall Farm Road (T-312). Follow Marshall Farm Road one and a half miles to a gated state forest road (#40) on the left. The trail begins there, makes a loop and returns.

General Information

- Please see the map for the location of parking areas.
- There are no restrooms.
- You must pack in water.
- Wear appropriate clothing. The weather is subject to change.
- Motorized vehicles are prohibited.
- Have a great time and please be respectful of our wild and wonderful state forest.
- Never ski alone.
- Let others know where you are going.
- Know your ability and endurance.
- Do not litter.
- Be tolerant and respectful of other users.
- Do not damage or deface any signs or structures.

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.

Certified “Well Managed”

Pennsylvania state forests are certified to FSC® standards. The Forest Stewardship Council® is an independent organization supporting environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial, and economically viable management of the world's forests.

iConservePA

To learn more about the state’s natural resources and what you can do to help protect and enjoy them, log onto iConservePA.org.

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