The Bucktail Path Trail is 34 miles long and blazed in orange. It is a hiking only trail. It begins near Sizerville State Park and ends in the village of Sinnemahoning. This is not a loop trail. The trail passes scenic overlooks, fire towers, timbering, streams, wildlife, and more.

Hunts Run Road to Whitehead Road 4.9 miles and an elevation change of 760 feet. The trail starts at Moore Draft, 4.75 miles from Route 120 on Hunts Run Road. The trail climbs steeply up Moore Draft, cuts across a flat and drops slowly down Rock Run. You will pass some small waterfalls in Rock Run as you descend. You will cross Whitehead Road.

Whitehead to Stillhouse Road 3.6 miles and an elevation change of 1200 feet. This section of the trail starts near the intersection of Hunts Run Road and Whitehead Road. You will again pass a camp lease. You will notice the mountain laurel getting denser. If you hike the trail in mid-June, the laurel will be in bloom. You will intersect with Stillhouse Road and Ridge Road.

Stillhouse to Brooks Run Road at Ridge Road 2.9 miles with an elevation change of 240 feet. Along this section of trail, you will pass the Brooks Run Fire Tower and cabin. The tower is gated for safety.

Brooks Run to Pepper Hill Trail 2.3 miles with an elevation change of 290 feet. Approximately halfway along this section you will go through an area that was clear-cut in 1970. Most of the trees in this area were killed by the Oak Leaf Roller. This area is now covered with mountain laurel, blueberries and ferns.

Pepper Hill Trail to Sinnemahoning 6.6 miles with an elevation change of 1200 feet. This section of the trail will take you along a high ridge top where you can see miles, both up and down. The trail passes scenic overlooks and waterfalls in Rock Run. You will pass some small waterfalls in Rock Run as you descend. You will cross Whitehead Road.

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