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.

Fred Woods Trail

The Fred Woods Trail was created by the Camp Quehanna Young Adult Conservation Corps in the summer of 1980.

The hiking only trail was established in memory of Frederick Woods, a Forest Foreman with the Bureau of Forestry, who was fatally injured in an accident while performing his duties on State Forest Land.

Fred Woods Trail

Trail Information

The Fred Woods Trail is 4.57 miles long and marked in yellow paint. To find the trail, head west on route 555 from Driftwood and turn right onto Mason Hill Road. Go 2.75 miles on Mason Hill Road and the trail head will be on your left and the parking will be on your right.

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.

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