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.

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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.

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Lower Jerry Run Natural Area Trail
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The Lower Jerry Run Natural Area comprises 892 acres near the Cameron/Clinton County line. This natural area is in the headwaters and drainage area of Lower Jerry Run. This Natural Area has a 32-acre stand of large, old growth white pine and hemlock. This stand is between the two forks of Lower Jerry Run. The remaining forest is comprised of mixed oak and northern hardwoods. This is a remote area where access is limited to foot traffic.

A natural area is defined as an area of unique scenic, historic, geologic, or ecological value, which will be maintained in a natural condition by allowing physical and biological processes to operate, usually without direct human intervention. These areas are set aside to provide locations for scientific observation of natural systems, to protect examples of typical and unique plant and animal communities, and to protect outstanding examples of natural interest and beauty.

This trail is 1.1 miles long and located in Cameron County, near the Clinton County line. The trail is marked in yellow and for hiking only. To locate the trail, starting from the Quehanna Boot Camp/Penn Dot Training Facility on the Quehanna Highway, precede 2.1 miles northwest, turning right onto Three Runs Road. Or start at the intersection of the Quehanna Highway and the Wykoff Run Road and proceed southeast 2.0 miles, turning left on Three Runs Road. Now proceed for 5.6 miles. Turn left and park. Follow the yellow blazed trail into the Lower Jerry Run Natural Area.