Denton Hill Cross-country Ski Trail

The Denton Hill Cross-country Ski Trail is a system of interconnecting loops totaling 29 miles, which includes portions of the Susquehannock (STS) and Billy Lewis Trails. The trail system utilizes old logging roads that offer gentle curves and hills.

Denton Hill, located on the Allegheny Plateau at over 2400 feet, lies at the eastern edge of the lake effect snow belt. Typical snowfall, providing over 60 days of skiing, coupled with periodic grooming (for classic style) makes this one of the best areas to cross-country ski in the region. Six to twelve inches of snow are recommended for the best skiing conditions.

The trail system is open to all non-motorized uses, which includes hiking, mountain biking, and equestrian use, but cross-country skiing is the primary use. Seven miles of this trail system is located on the STS, which is open only to hikers and cross-country skiers. The trail is marked with red 2 x 6 inch rectangles. The trails are generally rated as easy but there are some moderately difficult sections which are marked on the map.

The trails shown on this map are marked with numbered reference points at trail intersections that correspond to the You Are Here points identified on the map. The mileage between intersections is marked on the map. This map and guide will help you plan your trip and navigate the system.

Trailheads

The State Forest District Office on US Route 6 at Denton Hill offers ample parking for trucks and vehicles with trailers. A heated restroom and changing room is available from the outside of the maintenance garage. Trail and forest information is available at the District Office and is available when the office is closed. The District Office is open 8 – 4 on weekdays and 10 – 4 on weekends and holidays, except Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The trail can also be accessed at Denton Hill State Park, the Pennsylvania Lumber Museum and the Susquehannock Lodge (private).

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- Wear fluorescent orange during hunting seasons.

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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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Lodging

Make a weekend of it. Information on local lodging and inns may be obtained from the Potter County Visitors Asso.: 888-POTTER-2 or www.visitpottercounty.com

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