Camping in the Forbes State Forest is restricted to backpack-type camping, except for several designated motorized sites. Camping out of vehicles or campers is not permitted. Permits for camping are required only if campers stay more than one night at any campsite, or camp in a designated motorized site. All campers are encouraged to obtain a permit in case you are overdue or if someone needs to reach you. Campers must:

- Camp > 100’ from streams or open water
- Camp > 200’ and out of sight of roads & parking areas;
- Camp > 25 feet from & out of sight of any trails;
- Keep field privies > 200’ from any water source;
- Pack out all trash;
- Not have campfires when wildfire danger is high.

Areas closed to camping in the Blue Hole Division include Blue Hole, Cole Run Falls, Parking

The Blue Hole Division of the Forbes State Forest is located in the heart of the Laurel Highlands. The division lies on the eastern slope of Laurel Ridge. It received its name from Blue Hole Creek, which flows through this area, on which there is a deep hole where the water has a crystal blue appearance. The division lies in Middlecreek Township, Somerset County, except for a few acres which cross the ridge into Fayette County.

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The Barron Tract was acquired by the Bureau of Forestry in 2008. It totals about 2,300 acres. This property contains a number of HQ-CWF designated use streams. They include Laurel Hill Creek and two of its direct tributaries—Sandy Run and Whipkey Run. A majority of the Sandy Run tributary is found on the property. Parts of Harbaugh Run and Flugey Hollow, tributaries to Sandy Run, are also on the property.