What to Do While You’re Here

State Parks

The 14,205-acre Pine Creek State Forest is located in the Allegheny Highland region on the northern edge of the Allegheny Plateau, a rugged region deeply carved by stream valleys. Tiadaghton State Forest, the southernmost region of the Allegheny Highland region, is a continuous forest of white pine, red pine and maple that has been named a Natural Treasure.

The Pine Creek Gorge Natural Area, also known as the Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania, is a special area designated by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. The Pine Creek Gorge Natural Area is located near the town of Blackwell. Known as “the wildest trail in Pennsylvania,” the 42-mile Black Forest Trail is a challenging trek for would-be adventurers.

The Pine Creek Rail Trail

A gently graded gravel path that runs through the middle of the Pine Creek basin, the Pine Creek Rail Trail is a beautiful route for cyclists, hikers, and nature lovers. It’s a great place to enjoy a leisurely ride or hike, or to explore the nearby Pine Creek Gorge Natural Area.

Biking & Horseback Riding

The Pine Creek Rail Trail is a great place to bike or hike, and the surrounding area offers plenty of opportunities for outdoor recreation. The rail trail is a great place to stop and explore the Pine Creek Gorge Natural Area, which offers some of the most stunning views in Pennsylvania.

Hiking

Lay off the rails once the train is finally entering the Pine Creek Gorge Natural Area. The trail continues through the gorge, providing beautiful views of the surrounding landscape.

Camping

Primitive camping near the rail trail is permitted at Black Walnut Bottom Camping Area (2 miles south of Blackwell), and Primitive camping near the rail trail is also allowed at Bonnell Flat, Tiadaghton State Forest.

For Your Safety

Please remember that the state forest is a public place, and to keep our forests safe and beautiful for everyone, please do not litter, and please keep your campfires small.

Contact Info

For more information about the Pine Creek Rail Trail, please visit PAwilds.com or call 1-800-577-2029.