The Susquehannock ATV Trail is a system of interconnected trails that allow visitors to explore the forest. It is 80 miles long and provides a unique opportunity for off-road enthusiasts to experience the beauty of the forest. To use the trail, operators must have a valid ATV permit and adhere to the rules and regulations designed to protect the forests.

Rules and Regulations

1. ATV's must be titled and registered with the DCNR Snowmobile/ATV Registration Section.
2. Non-resident registration is accepted if the following apply:
   - The other state must have a registration program in effect.
   - The machine from the other state must display a current registration sticker from that state.
3. ATV's must be insured. Proof of coverage must be carried by the operator.
4. Operators of all-terrain vehicles must abide by State Forest Rules and Regulations and the ATV law.
5. ATV's are not permitted on State Forest roads.
6. Adult supervision is required for all operators age 8 to 16.
7. Persons under 8 years of age may not operate an ATV on State Forest Lands. Operators 8 and 9 years of age are restricted to an engine size of 70cc or less.
8. Persons between the ages of 8 and 16 must complete a prescribed safety course, and receive and carry the ATV training certificate to operate ATV's on State Forest Trails.
9. The operation of a vehicle in a reckless or negligent manner is totally at the operator's own risk.
10. A DOT approved helmet is required.

For your Safety and Enjoyment

- Cell service is spotty along the trail.
- Please stay on trails marked for ATV Use. There are other trails not shown on this map which are closed to ATV use.
- This is a working forest, be alert for heavy truck traffic on roads and logging operations along trails.
- There are gates on the ATV trail at all road crossings. Go slow and drive through the paved openings at the edge of the gates.
- All trash and refuse must be carried out.
- Do not harass wildlife or damage plant life.
- Be informed of local weather conditions and dress and equip yourself appropriately.
- Learn all the mechanical controls and safety devices of your ATV before you ride. Read your owner's manual.
- Wear a helmet and eye protection at all times and other protective clothing suitable to the environment when you ride.
- Only carry passengers on ATV's designed for more than one person.
- Learn proper riding skills from an instructor or qualified rider and practice such skills before riding State Forest ATV Trails.
- Use the "Buddy" system and ride with others.
- Do not modify the exhaust system.

Camping

Motorized Camping is camping in or near a vehicle where the vehicle continues to be used for storage or transportation. A free permit is required.

Non-Motorized Camping is overnight camping along a trail, stream or in the forest away from your car or truck. If you are staying only one night at a site a no permit is required. If you are staying more than one night at a site a free permit is required. Camping is permitted along the ATV trail.

- Camping permits can be acquired by contacting the Forest District Office at 814-274-3600 or emailing df15@pa.gov.
- All motorized camping must be within 300 feet of a road open to public travel, or a trail designated for motorized use. Vehicles may not be driven more than 50 feet from the road surface.
- All motorized camping must be more than 300 feet from any building or a state forest leased campsite except with the lessee's permission.
- All motorized camping must be more than a road mile from any commercial or state park campground.
- All camping must be 100 feet from any stream or open water source unless approved by the District Forester.
- Deposit human waste in catholes dug 6 to 8 inches deep at least 200 feet from water, campsite, or trails. Cover and disguise the cathole when finished.
- Make sure your campfire is cold before you leave.
- Do not burn glass, plastic or metal in your campfire.
- All stone fire rings should be dismantled when done except at permanent campgrounds.
- Target shooting is not permitted unless authorized in writing by the District Forester.

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The Pennsylvania Wilds

Susquehannock State Forest lies within the Pennsylvania Wilds, a two-million-acre region in north-central Pennsylvania, comprising 1.5 million acres of state forest and game lands, 29 state parks, and the 500,000-acre Allegheny National Forest. The Susquehannock State Forest encompasses about 265,000 acres located primarily in Potter County.

The Working Forest

The Susquehannock State Forest is a “Working Forest”. Working forests provide us many environmental, social, and economic benefits. In every direction, you can see the benefits of working forest. Forests build soil, filter groundwater, keep streams healthy, create oxygen, and provide shelter and food for plants and animals. They yield important resources we use every day, like lumber, firewood, and natural gas. They offer beauty, solitude, and the opportunity to recreate. When we manage forests carefully, they stay healthy and productive.

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 forest and you. Please be careful with fire, keep our forests litter free and don’t damage trees and other plants.

Lodging

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

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