Mocanaqua Tract

The Mocanaqua Tract features a 15-mile interconnecting trail system open to non-motorized shared use recreation. There are three scenic vistas that highlight the Susquehanna Valley and the Borough of Shickshinny. While the trail system is open to hiking, biking, and horseback riding some sections are best suited for foot traffic only. The trails are organized in multiple loops marked in specific colors.

The Mocanaqua Tract has a rich history in coal mining, and visitors will see many relics as they explore. Coal was first mined along the surface starting in 1837, but these operations weren't very productive. It wasn't until 1856 that the Mocanaqua Coal Company was formed and deep mines were dug following veins of coal. This company employed up to 500 men. Later, in 1881, the Conyngham, Teasdale Company leased the land, repaired the breaker and colliery and increased the output to 800 tons per day. The breaker was eventually destroyed by fire in 1893, replaced, and burned again in 1897. A third operation began in 1932 but all operations ceased in 1959.

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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.

The Pinchot State Forest comprises almost 50,000 acres and the district serves Lackawanna, Luzerne, Susquehanna, Wayne, and Wyoming Counties.

Visitors to the Mocanaqua Tract will be greeted with many unique rock formations and old mining relics.