Big Pocono Overlook, also known as Pocono Knob, is situated on the east-west ridgeline of Camelback Mountain (2,133-foot maximum elevation). It is the highest location in the area and is located on the edge of the Glaciated Pocono Plateau. The Delaware Water Gap through Kittatinny Mountain is easily seen to the east, along with more of the Ridge and Valley physiographic province. On a clear day, the Catskill Mountains of New York can be seen.

The overlook is just within the mapped boundary of the Wisconsinan glaciation, which peaked in northeastern Pennsylvania about 20,000 years ago. Bedrock at the top of the mountain consists of the Catskill Formation, Poplar Gap Member, which is a coarse-grained rock—typically gray sandstone with some conglomerate. The rocks are Late Devonian in age (over 360 million years old) and are nearly flat lying. They are part of the Appalachian Plateaus province. Their highly resistant nature accounts for the topographic “camelback” look.

Recommended Reading


Big Pocono State Park web page of DCNR.