Pennsylvania contains about 17 million acres of forestland. Of this total, over two million acres are in the state forest system, which is publicly owned and managed by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Forestry. The Forbes State Forest comprises over 60,000 acres located in Westmoreland, Somerset, and Fayette Counties.

State Forests provide clean water, recreation, habitat for plants and animals, places to enjoy the tranquility of nature, and product some of the most valuable hardwood timber on earth.

Forbes State Forest contains many miles of maintained trails, designed for a variety of recreational pursuits such as hiking, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, equestrian use, and mountain biking.

Lick Hollow State Forest Picnic Area—Beautiful picnic area located off Route 40, along Lick Run. Open Memorial Day to Labor Day, between sunrise and sunset. Features picnic tables, charcoal grills, and restrooms. The Lick Hollow Nature Trail and Pine Knob Trail are accessed from the picnic area.

Lick Hollow Nature Trail—3/4 mile long trail is a leisurely walk through the picnic area. The trail is self-guided, with 20 interpretive stops, and interpretive pamphlets can be found at the picnic area. You will learn about a few tree species native to this area, how riparian areas are important to wildlife, about insects and disease, and other topics.

Pine Knob Trail—Just 2 miles long, stretching from the picnic area to Pine Knob overlook. Parallel Lick Run for parts of its length. The elevation changes about 700 feet from its lowest point of 1,440 feet above sea level at the picnic area, to about 2,130 feet at the Pine Knob Overlook. Be prepared for a 4 hour roundtrip. Pack plenty of liquids during summer and warm clothes in the winter.

Whitetail Trail—Spans approximately 9.5 miles from Pine Knob Trail to Quebec Run Wild Area. Passes through rugged and beautiful scenery, as you traverse the Chestnut Ridge. Best access at Lick Hollow picnic area via Pine Knob Trail, Quebec Run Wild Area north gate, or midway at SGL 138 parking area along Skyline Drive. Make a challenging 11.5 mile traverse by starting at Lick Hollow using Pine Knob Trail, and end at Quebec Run.

Pine Knob Overlook—This wonderful view overlooks the area from Uniontown south to Smithfield. Access from Pine Knob Road up to the overlook has been closed to motor vehicles due to vandalism of the overlook site.

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

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In the event of an emergency, contact a state forest employee or dial 911.

If you become lost: stop, stay calm, stay put, & dial 911. The further you walk the longer it will take to find you.