Mount Broadhead Area Trails

The Mount Broadhead area offers an extensive system of trails, forest roads and old railroad grades that provide over 50 miles of interconnected trails.

The Mount Broadhead Trail is 7.8 miles long and is open only to hiking. The trail is marked with yellow 2 x 6 inch rectangles.

The northwestern quarter of the Mount Broadhead Trail and the Railroad Grade Trail follow the old Buffalo and Susquehanna Railroad. This section of the line was built in 1895 and was operational until flood waters washed it out in 1942. The Goodyear Lumber Company built the lines to harvest timber from the vast hemlock forests of Potter County. The photo below shows a locomotive on the B&S where PA Route 44 crosses the line. The present day vista at this location is known as Water Tank Hollow.

Lodging

Make a weekend of it. Information on local lodging and inns may be obtained from the Potter County Visitors Association: 1-888-POPPER-2 or www.visitpottercounty.com

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

Certified “Well Managed”

Pennsylvania state forests are certified to FSC® standards. The Forest Stewardship Council® is an independent organization supporting environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial, and economically viable management of the world’s forests.

iConservePA

To learn more about the state’s natural resources and what you can do to help protect and enjoy them, log onto www.iconservepa.org

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Trailsheads

Off road parking is available at Patterson and Cherry Springs State Parks and at reference points 60, 104 and 105 along PA Route 44, and at reference point Z along West Branch Road. These are identified on the map with a parking symbol.

Patterson State Park

This state park along PA Route 44 offers ample parking for cars, trucks and vehicles with trailers. The park features two picnic pavilions, drinking water, a small primitive campground, and a vault restroom. This campground does not take reservations. Campers, please use the honor system envelopes and pay at the registration kiosk.

Cherry Springs State Park

This state park along PA Route 44 offers ample parking for cars, trucks and vehicles with trailers. The park features a picnic pavilion, drinking water, vault restrooms, 30 campsites and a sanitary dump station. All campsites include a picnic table, lantern hanger and fire ring. Reservations are not accepted. The campground is open from the second Friday in April and closes in mid-November. Pets are prohibited in the campground.

For your Safety and Enjoyment

- Cell service is spotty, but is generally better on ridge tops.
- All trash and refuse must be carried out.
- Store rations and trash securely to protect wildlife and your food.
- Wear fluorescent orange during hunting seasons.
- Check yourself thoroughly for ticks at the end of the day.
- Leave your itinerary with a friend or the state forest office.

Mountain Bikers...

- Many of the trails shown on this map are single track so you should always anticipate another trail user around a blind curve and slow down. Prevent an unexpected encounter with a friendly greeting to alert others of your presence.
- Yield to hikers and equestrians.