Bald Eagle State Forest at a Glance

District Office

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District Facts

➢ Named for Native American Chief Bald Eagle
➢ Comprised of 193,424 acres
➢ Found in Snyder, Union, Centre, Mifflin, Lycoming, and Clinton counties
➢ Part of Pennsylvania’s Ridge and Valley Province

Hiking

➢ 320 miles of trails
➢ 261-mile Mid State Trail
➢ Central Mountains Shared-Use Trail
➢ Snyder-Middleswarth Trail
➢ Ryan’s Loop

Maps are available at district office.

Sightseeing

➢ 26 vistas within district
➢ 3 scenic vistas found within short distance on Poe Paddy Dr. above Penns Creek Wild Area
➢ Vista on Thick Mountain overlooks massive Brush Valley

Colorful fall foliage peaks in October.

Camping

➢ Motorized camping available at approximately 40 locations throughout Bald Eagle State Forest
➢ Group camping north of Livonia along Route 477
➢ Backpack/primitive camping is permitted throughout Bald Eagle State Forest (please follow Bureau of Forestry guidelines)

Hunting

➢ Big game opportunities include deer, bear, turkey.
➢ Small game opportunities include grouse, squirrels, rabbits.
➢ Hunting is permitted throughout forest.
➢ Obey all hunting regulations, avoid hunting in marked safety zones.
Fishing
➢ Excellent fishing opportunities on 14 streams
➢ Acclaimed streams are Penns Creek and White Deer Creek.
➢ Trophy trout management on a section of Penns Creek
➢ PA Fish and Boat Commission regulations apply

Motorized Recreation
➢ East Kettle Trail offers summer and winter ATV riding
➢ Dual sport motorcycle (licensed and registered) trail located south of Penns Creek
➢ Off-highway motorcycle trail on Shade Mountain
➢ 270 miles of snowmobile trails

Wild and Natural Areas
➢ 1,781 combined acres of old-growth white pine and hemlock forest on Bear Run, Mt. Logan, Snyder-Middleswarth, and Tall Timbers Natural Areas
➢ Rosecrans Bog Natural Area features a cranberry, mountain holly, and highbush blueberry plant community.
➢ Hook Natural Area and Penns Creek Wild Area protect 11,119 acres of valuable watersheds.

Other Recreation
➢ Mountain biking is permitted on most roads and trails
➢ Central Mountains Shared-Use Trail designated for mountain bikes, hikers, and horses
➢ 10-mile Halfway Cross-Country Ski Trail at R.B. Winter State Park
➢ 4 picnic areas found at Rock Springs, Snyder-Middleswarth, Bear Gap, and Hairy Johns

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