Loyalsock State Forest at a Glance

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District Facts

- Named for Loyalsock Creek
- Totals approximately 115,000 acres of state forest land
- Part of Pennsylvania’s “Endless Mountains”
- Located in Sullivan, eastern Lycoming, and Bradford counties
- Primarily northern hardwoods forest type

Hiking

- Over 200 miles of hiking trails are found in the district forest.
- The 59-mile Loyalsock Trail is accessible via US Route 220 and Route 87.
- Old Logger’s Path stretches 27 miles through Pleasant Stream valley and the historic lumbering town of Masten.
- Maps are available at Resource Management Center and online.

Sightseeing

- Spectacular waterfalls are found throughout the district, including Haystack Rapids, Dry Run, Jacoby Run, and Angel Falls.
- Hundreds of miles of state forest roads provide wildlife and fall foliage viewing.
- Scenic vistas (many accessible from the road) include Band Rock, Sharp Top, Hillsgrove Road, Slab Run, and High Knob Overlook.

Camping

- Primitive backpack camping at undeveloped sites is permitted throughout the state forest.
- A permit is required to stay more than one night at the same location.
- Equestrian and motorized camping require a permit from the Resource Management Center or Hillsgrove Maintenance Headquarters.
- Information on campsite locations can be found on camping web page.

Hunting

- Game opportunities include deer, bear, turkeys, squirrels, rabbits, and grouse.
- Hunting is permitted throughout the forest except in safety zones; please obey all regulations.

Dry Run Falls

Black bears are plentiful.
Fishing

➢ In addition to excellent trout fishing, Loyalsock, Kettle, and Lycoming creeks feature awesome rapids and boulder fields.
➢ Native brook trout can be found in most headwaters throughout the district.
➢ Sones’ and Bear Wallow ponds offer good fishing for perch, bluegill, bass, and pickerel
➢ Pa. Fish and Boat Commission regulations apply.

Winter Recreation

➢ 146 miles of snowmobile roads/trails are offered throughout the district.
➢ Ample parking for snowmobilers and cross-country skiers is found off World’s End Road.
➢ Cross-country skiing and snowshoeing are permitted on most roads and trails in the district forest (use caution on snowmobile trails).
➢ Hawkeye and Sand Springs trails are managed for skiing.

Wild and Natural Areas

➢ The 7,500-acre McIntyre Wild Area protects watersheds of four mountain brooks.
➢ The 404-acre Devil’s Elbow Natural Area is noted for its biodiverse wetlands.
➢ The 2,600-acre Kettle Creek Wild Area features an exceptional wilderness trout stream.

Other Recreation

➢ The 52-mile Bridle Trail offers horseback riding and an equestrian campground.
➢ Picnic facilities are available at Dry Run, Sones’ Pond, and Bear Wallow Pond.
➢ Canoeing and kayaking are popular on Loyalsock Creek, with ample parking offered at Sandy Bottom.

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