Weiser State Forest at a Glance

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District Facts

➢ Named in honor of colonial-era diplomat Conrad Weiser
➢ Consists of over 30,000 acres of state forest land on 16 different tracts
➢ Located in Pennsylvania’s Ridge and Valley region
➢ Found in Carbon, Columbia, Dauphin, Lebanon, Montour, Northumberland, and Schuylkill counties
➢ Primarily mixed oak forest type

Hiking

➢ 33 miles of shared-use trails are found in the forest.
➢ Marked trails exist on Haldeman, Greenland, and Roaring Creek tracts.
➢ Four miles of the Appalachian Trail pass through Weiser State Forest land along the ridgetop of Blue Mountain.
➢ Maps are available at district office and online.

Sightseeing

➢ Dark sky viewing areas for optimum stargazing can be accessed off Greenland Road on Peters Mountain and on the Rim Trail, Haldeman Tract.
➢ The district’s 27 miles of state forest roads provide excellent wildlife and fall foliage viewing opportunities.
➢ A scenic vista overlooks the Susquehanna Valley at the Hang Gliding Launch Site on the Haldeman Tract.

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.
➢ The district’s 20 roadside campsites (equipped with parking pad, picnic table, and fire ring) are available by permit only.

View from Blue Mountain

Hunting

➢ Game opportunities include deer, bear, squirrels, rabbits, and grouse.
➢ Hunting is permitted throughout state forest except in posted safety zones; please obey all regulations.
Fishing

➢ The Susquehanna River offers excellent fishing for smallmouth bass and catfish.
➢ The West Branch Rattling Creek and Rattling Run are designated *exceptional value* cold-water fisheries.
➢ Roaring Creek and its associated reservoirs comprise an excellent catch-and-release fishery.
➢ Pa. Fish and Boat Commission regulations apply.

Winter Recreation

➢ Snowmobiling is offered on 20.5 miles of shared-use trails and 20 miles of joint-use roads on Port Clinton, Haldeman, and Greenland tracts.
➢ Snowmobile trails open the day after the closing of regular firearms deer season.
➢ Cross-country skiing and snowshoeing are permitted on most roads and trails in the district forest (use caution on snowmobile trails).

Other Recreation

➢ Electric and non-motorized boats are permitted on McWilliam’s and Kline’s reservoirs.
➢ Water trails for canoeing and kayaking have been developed on the Schuylkill and Susquehanna rivers.
➢ Horseback riding and mountain biking are allowed on most state forest roads and trails.
➢ A hang gliding launch site is available on the Haldeman tract (proper helmet sticker required)

Wild and Natural Areas

➢ The 70-acre Sheets Island Archipelago Natural Area on the Susquehanna River provides important habitat for waterfowl.
➢ The 59-acre Jakey Hollow Natural Area, located north of Bloomsburg, contains a mature forest of oaks, hemlocks, pines, and other hardwoods.

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