

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.

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.



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.



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 three reservoirs comprise an excellent catch-and-release fishery.
- Pa. Fish and Boat Commission regulations apply.



Brown trout

Wild and Natural Areas



Eastern hemlock

- 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.

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).

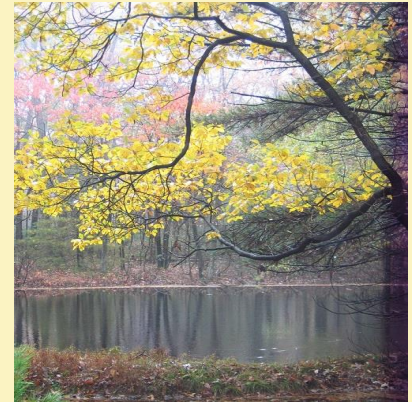


Other Recreation

- 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)



McWilliam's Reservoir



More Information

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