The Loyalsock Trail

The Loyalsock Trail, or LT for short, is a rugged wilderness footpath that was originally laid out in 1951 by Explorer Scouts of Post 110, Boy Scouts of America and led by Howard Ulman, Jr. The Alpine Club of Williamsport was organized in 1953 to maintain the original 30.4 mile trail. In the early 1960’s, the trail was expanded to its current length of 59.2 miles. The Alpine Club continues to be the primary maintainer of the trail and produces a detailed Guide to the Loyalsock Trail and Side Trails which is available through the club, at several DCNR offices and at retail locations in the area.

The Loyalsock Trail travels over many logging roads and railroad grades, remnants of the Pennsylvania lumber boom of the early 1900’s. One segment of the LT follows the Native American Towanda Path which predates European settlement. The trail visits a vast array of highlights on the Loyalsock State Forest including a historic CCC Camp, scenic vistas and cascading waterfalls.

This general map is not intended for hiking use; it is not nearly detailed enough. If you plan to hike the Loyalsock Trail, or portions of the trail system, please obtain a copy of the Guide.

Camping is permitted in most areas of the Loyalsock State Forest. For a copy of our camping guidelines and a free permit, contact the Resource Management Center.

Alpine Club members donate their valuable time to keep the trail in pristine condition. If you are a hiking enthusiast or simply love the outdoors please consider joining this fine organization.

The Loyalsock State Forest

The Loyalsock State Forest, located in Sullivan, Lycoming and Bradford Counties is a valuable part of Pennsylvania’s 2.2 million acre State Forest system. It receives its name from the Loyalsock Creek, which winds for over 60 miles through the forest district.

The Loyalsock State Forest contains about 115,000 acres, characterized by high plateaus and ridges cut with numerous deep stream valleys. Northern hardwood tree species, such as birch, beech and maple associated with black cherry, white ash, tulip-poplar and hemlock, fill the forest. The beauty of these hardwoods, combined with the spectacular topography provides for a diversity of forest based recreational opportunities. Under the provisions of the forest’s Resource Plan, forest managers integrate this recreational potential with the increasing demand for sustained yields of high quality water, beneficial wildlife habitat, and valuable wood products. These requirements, not only depend heavily on scientific expertise, but demand the full cooperation of all forest users.

Pennsylvania’s vast state forest system comprises 2.2 million acres for you to use, enjoy and explore. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources’ Bureau of Forestry manages these forests to ensure their long-term health and to conserve native wild plants.

The Loyalsock State Forest comprises 115,000 acres in Bradford, Lycoming and Sullivan counties.

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.

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

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