

Tioga State Forest

Pennsylvania contains about 17 million acres of forestland. Of this total, over two million acres are in the state forest system, which is publicly owned and managed by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Forestry.

The Tioga State Forest comprises about 160,000 acres located in Tioga and Bradford Counties. The Tioga State Forest has been under formal management since 1955 with the development of a *Forest Management Plan*. The *Tioga State Forest Resources Plan* is currently under its third revision providing detailed multiple-resource management plans for water, soils, minerals, fauna, flora, timber, and recreation. It will emphasize sustainability through an ecosystem management approach, striving to conserve the biological diversity while providing both recreational opportunities and forest products.

WELCOME

The Long Branch Trail is located north and west of Pine Creek, the home of Pennsylvania's *Grand Canyon*.

The nearest towns are Cedar Run and Blackwell. This area is on the Appalachian Plateau, characterized by rolling uplands with steep, rugged valleys transecting the area.

TRAIL INFORMATION

The Long Branch Trail connects two well known trails, the West Rim and the Black Forest Trails. Although the West Rim Trail and portions of the Black Forest Trail are limited to foot traffic only, the Long Branch Trail is a multiple use trail and other types of non-motorized travel, such as horse back riding and mountain bikes, are permitted. Some sections of the trail can be very difficult for horses or mountain bikers to negotiate, so use caution where appropriate. The most difficult area is the Cedar Run valley.

Segments of several trails combine to make the "Long Branch Trail". These are Vanaines Trail, Tumbling Run Trail, Buskirk Trail, Huck Trail, Benole Trail, and Honagha Danju Gawisay Trail (Native American for "Water is Flowing Fast"). The Honagha Danju Gawisay section follows the Long Branch as it heads down into Cedar Run. The trail crosses Long Branch several times and can be difficult in high water. We recommend using the Mine Hole Road as a high water route.

The trail is marked with BLUE blazes. The total length of the trail is 8.4 miles.



MOTORIZED VEHICLES ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THIS TRAIL

Numerous volunteers have been involved with this trail project. Please contact your local State Forest District Office if you are interested being a DCNR Conservation volunteer.

CAMPING INFORMATION

The Tioga State Forest is open to backpack-type and motorized camping. Camping permits are required for motorized camping. Camping permits are only required for backpack-type camping if campers stay more than one night at any campsite. Permits are available at our District Office during business hours. All campers are encouraged to obtain a permit in case you are overdue or if someone needs to reach you. Campers must:

- ◆ Camp at least 100 feet from any stream;
- ◆ Keep field privies at least 200 feet from any water source;
- ◆ Pack out all trash;
- ◆ Not have campfires when wildfire danger is high. Campfires are prohibited from March 1 through May 25 and October 1 through December 1 without a camping permit which specifically permits campfires.

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