

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Forestry, manages nearly two million acres of publicly owned State Forest Lands. The Tiadaghton State Forest comprises about 214,000 acres located in Lycoming, Tioga, Potter and Union Counties.

The Tiadaghton State Forest has great opportunities for cross-country skiing. Over forty miles of trails are available, not including the forty-plus miles of the Pine Creek Rail Trail, which is also open to skiers.

The Tiadaghton State Forest's cross-country ski trails were the first to be built anywhere on State Forest Land in Pennsylvania, and were largely the efforts of past DCNR employees Bob Webber and John Eastlake, who can also be credited with laying out the scenic Black Forest Trail. According to local cross-country ski enthusiasts, Webber and Eastlake were "way ahead of their time" in regards to their promoting cross-country skiing in the Commonwealth.

The first trail was built in the early 70's, and was named the George B. Will Ski Trail in honor of one of our early forest rangers. George was skiing in the Black Forest as early as 1914, and his wife Ruth "manned" the area's fire tower for over 30 years. She has a trail named in her honor as well.

The Pitch Pine Loop is a relatively easy 2.4-mile trail best skied in a clockwise direction.

It is located on a high mountaintop plateau adjacent to the four-thousand-acre Miller Run Natural Area, which is visible from the vista at the northeast section of the trail. The forest along the trail consists mainly of second growth oaks, maples, and other hardwoods, as well as the obvious dense thickets of mountain laurel, Pennsylvania's state flower. White-tailed deer, black bear, wild turkeys, ruffed grouse and bobcats inhabit this forest and seek cover in the laurel.

Ski trails are marked with blue paint.

The Parking area, shown on the map, is plowed and maintained for winter enthusiasts.

Ski conditions are available online or by calling the district office.



Use Proper Trail Etiquette

- Stay on marked trails. Ski trails are marked with blue paint.
- Never ski alone. If you do, be sure to let someone know where you are going and the time you expect to return.
- Know your ability and endurance, and ski accordingly.
- Yield to faster skiers and snow-grooming equipment.
- Descending skiers have the right-of-way.
- Do not walk on ski trails. Do not permit your dog to walk on ski trails.
- Do not litter. If you pack it in, please pack it out.
- Do not ski on snowmobile trails. Snowmobile trails are marked with orange diamonds.
- Be tolerant and respectful of other winter forest visitors.
- Do not damage or deface any sign or structure.
- Small fires for cooking or warming purposes are permitted only at places where adequate precautions are taken to prevent the spread of fire into the forest.

Have fun -ski safely



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Pitch Pine Loop Ski Touring Trail



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Pitch Pine Loop Ski Touring Trail



Lebo Road

Miller Run

Miller Run Natural Area

Vista

**Pitch Pine
Ski Touring Trail
2.4 Miles**

Rte 44

Please Sign
Trail Register



Brown's Run Road (Closed)

Rte 44
9 1/2 Miles To Waterville



1 inch equals 0.25 miles