

## LAUREL HIGHLANDS TRAIL SYSTEM

Pennsylvania contains about 17 million acres of forestland. Of this total, over two million acres are in the state forest system. The Forbes State Forest comprises over 60,000 acres in Westmoreland, Somerset, and Fayette Counties. The Forbes provides a unique opportunity for a wide variety of dispersed low-density recreation pursuits. It is our goal to minimize conflicts amongst these sometime competing experiences and expectations.

State Forests provide clean water, recreation, habitat for plants and animals, places to enjoy the tranquility of nature, and produce some of the most valuable hardwood timber in the world.

### TRAIL INFORMATION/BLAZES

This area contains many miles of maintained trails designed for low-density recreation. The Laurel Highlands Hiking Trail is restricted to foot traffic only. Administrative (gated) roads shown on the map are open to non-motorized use, unless posted otherwise, and unless posted as snowmobile trails during the snowmobile season.



**Blue**—shared-use trails that are maintained with a wider corridor and flatter tread for cross-country skiing. Open to non-motorized use.

**Red**—shared-use trails, usually with a narrower corridor and rockier tread. Open to non-motorized use.

**Yellow**—trails open to **foot traffic ONLY** such as hiking, backpacking, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing.

**Orange**—designated trails **open to snowmobiles ONLY during snowmobile season, no other use.** See the *Laurel Highlands Snowmobile System Map*.

#### CAUTION

**LAUREL SUMMIT, HICKORY FLAT, AND LINN RUN ROADS ARE OPEN FOR USE BY MOTOR VEHICLES AND SNOWMOBILES. EXERCISE CAUTION WHEN USING THESE ROADS.**

## SUMMER RECREATION



The most common recreational use of this area spring through fall is for hiking, mountain biking, hunting, exploration, and some equestrian use. Please note that

tether lines must be used when horses are kept on site, and they may not be tied directly to trees or shrubs. Manure must be removed from all parking areas, and all designated motorized sites.

## WINTER RECREATION

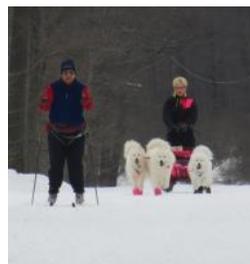
Winter enthusiasts come to the Forbes State Forest to hike, cross-country ski, snowmobile, snow shoe, and even dog sled.



A warming hut is located along Laurel Summit Road, which contains a wood stove and picnic tables so you may dry out, warm up, eat lunch, or take a break. Overnight use of the warming hut is prohibited. It is open year-round.

### WINTER TRAIL ETIQUETTE

- Do not walk on ski trails or permit pets to walk on trails.
- Snowmobiles only on snowmobile trails, for the safety of all users.
- Be tolerant and respectful of other winter recreationists.
- Yield to faster skiers and snow-grooming equipment.



## PARKING/RESTROOMS

Please see the map for the location of parking areas, they are plowed in the winter. Rest room facilities can be found at the warming hut along Laurel Summit Road. You must pack in potable water.

## CAMPING INFORMATION

Camping in Forbes State Forest is restricted to backpack-type camping, except for several designated motorized sites. Camping out of vehicles or campers is not permitted. Permits for camping are required only if campers stay more than one night at any campsite, or camp in a motorized site. All campers are encouraged to obtain a permit in case you are overdue or someone needs to reach you.

- Camp at least 100 feet from any stream or open water source;
- Camp at least 200 feet from and out of sight of roads and parking areas;
- Camp at least 25 feet from and out of sight of any trails;
- Keep field privies at least 200 feet from any water source;
- Pack out all trash;
- Not have campfires when wildfire danger is high.

**Area closed to camping in the Laurel Mountain Division: The area east of Laurel Summit Road, and north of Coxes Creek Road.**

### For more information



Check out 'Forbes State Forest' on Facebook!

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**In the event of an emergency, contact a state forest employee or dial 911.**

**If you become lost: stop, stay calm, stay put, & dial 911. The further you walk the longer it will take to find you.**



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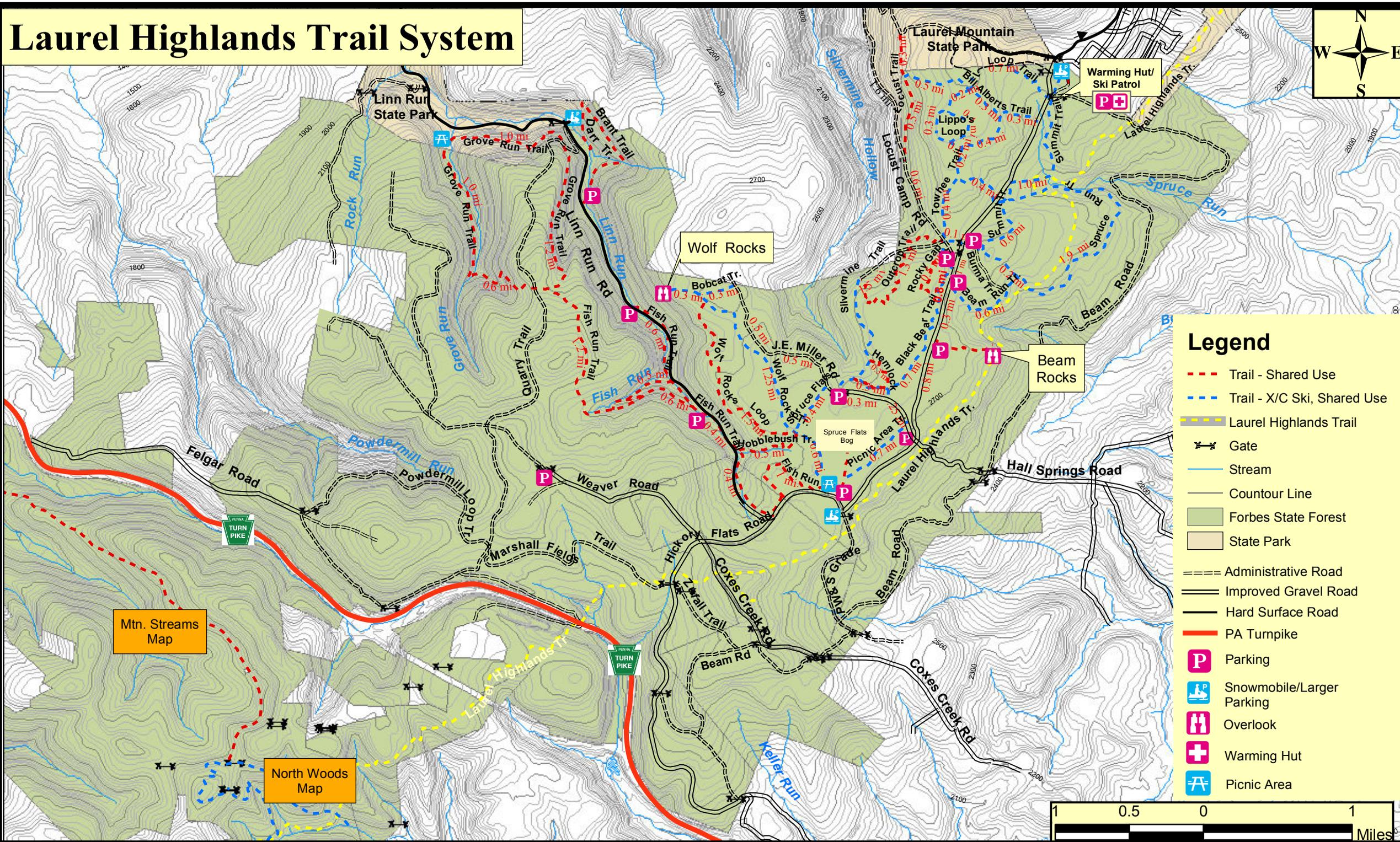
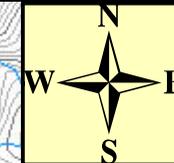
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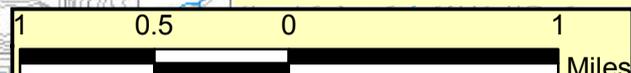


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## Legend

- - - Trail - Shared Use
- - - Trail - X/C Ski, Shared Use
- - - Laurel Highlands Trail
- Gate
- Stream
- Contour Line
- Forbes State Forest
- State Park
- Administrative Road
- Improved Gravel Road
- Hard Surface Road
- PA Turnpike
- P Parking
- Snowmobile/Larger Parking
- H Overlook
- + Warming Hut
- A Picnic Area



Mtn. Streams Map

North Woods Map