

Old Mountain Trails

The area referred to as “Old Mountain” is located just west of Blackwell. This area is comprised of steep side hills and hollows. Thick mountain tops choked with Mt. Laurel and young forest are a result of the Bull Run Fire. Many trails meander through the area, some of which are not marked or maintained. Most of the trails are old hunting trails and others are located on new or old logging roads and skid trails.

Old Mt. Road is the main artery of the area. It is a drivable trail accessed from West Rim Rd. and is open year round unless active logging jobs are occurring. The trails blazed with YELLOW can be accessed from Rt. 414 south of Blackwell, West Rim Rd. and Old Mt. Rd. The multiple access points make it possible for many hiking options. With some planning various “loop” hikes can be created.

Bull Run, Woodhouse, West Rim (blazed with ORANGE, see separate map), and Schoolhouse trails lead up steep hollows from Rt. 414 to the top of the mountain.

Blackwell trail leaves the bottom of West Rim Rd. and angles up the slope eventually intersecting with Monkey and Schoolhouse trails. Monkey trail is a short trail connecting West Rim Rd. and Blackwell trail.

The Long Branch trail (see separate brochure) can also be accessed from multiple locations in this area.

The Pine Creek Rail Trail is found along the southern base of Old Mountain. This area of the trail is open to bicycle and foot traffic only. Parking areas at Rattlesnake Rock and Blackwell could be utilized to make loop hikes in conjunction with the Old Mt. Trail System and the Rail Trail.

Bull Run Fire

In April 2008 a fire called the Bull Run Fire started on Rt. 414 south of Blackwell and raced up Bull Run Hollow. It burned for a week, traveling 2.5 miles, devastating almost 4000 forested acres. Approximately 150 fire fighters battled the blaze. Air tankers helped the fire fighters contain the massive fire that had flames at times as high as 35 feet. After the fire, large scale logging efforts took place to salvage usable wood products. Today a new forest is growing rapidly, but you can still see the charred remains of what was once there. **Use caution and be aware of dead trees!**



Camping Information

The Tioga State Forest is open to camping in most areas. Camping permits are required for motorized camping, any camping within the Pine Creek Gorge, or any time you stay at one location for more than one night. Please contact the Tioga State Forest District Office for more information on regulations and areas open to camping. 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 Mar 1-May 25 and Oct 1-Dec 1 without a camping permit which specifically permits campfires.
- Primitive campsites are available just south of Blackwell along the Rail Trail at Hoffman Campground. They are available on a first come first served basis.

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.



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For more information

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Old Mountain Trail System

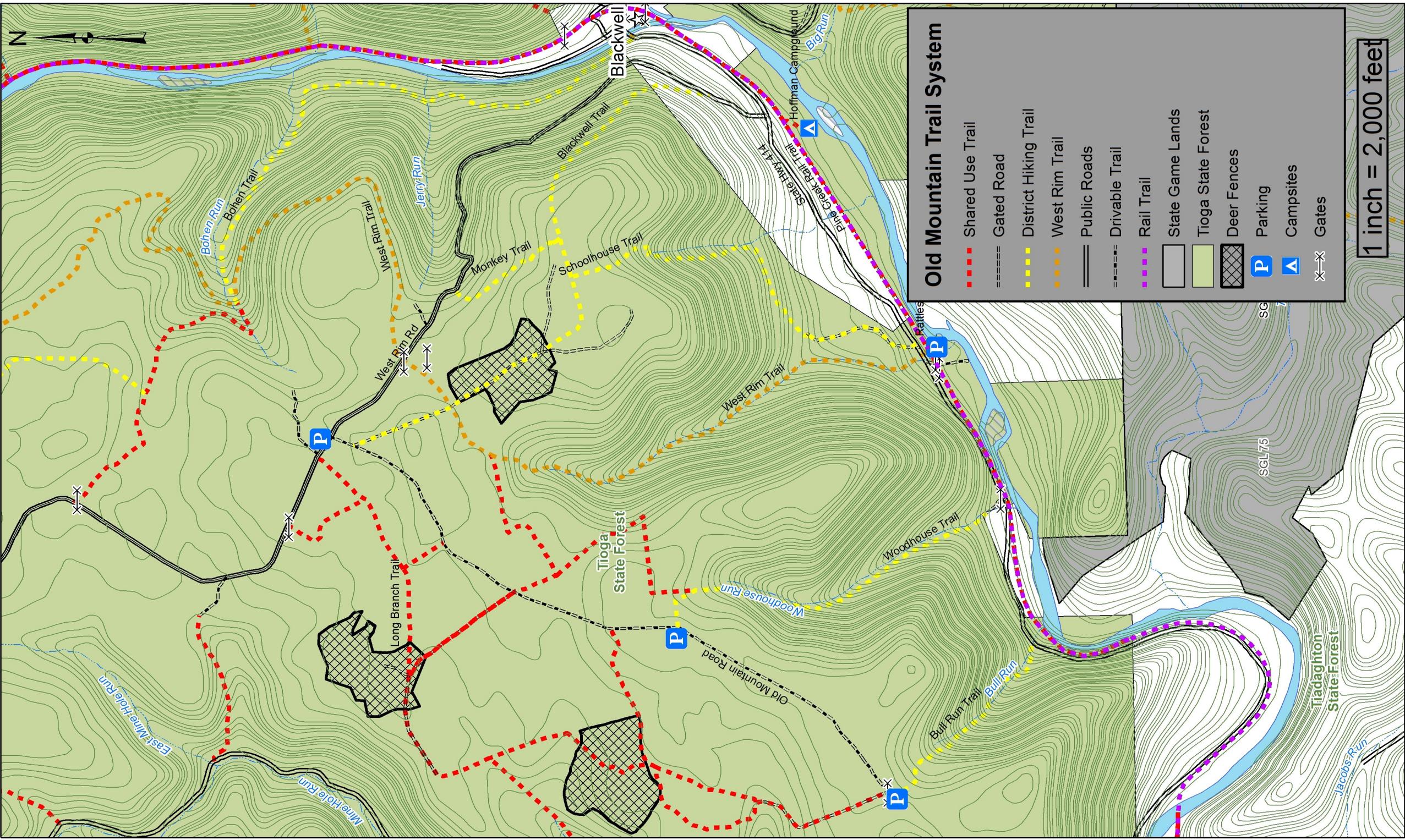
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Pennsylvania's vast state forest system comprises 2.2 million acres which is publicly owned and managed by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Forestry. The purpose of the state forests by law is “to provide a continuous supply of timber, lumber wood, and other forest products; to protect watersheds, conserve water and regulate the flow of rivers and streams of the state; and to furnish opportunities for healthful recreation to the public.”

Tioga State Forest comprises 162,000 acres in Tioga, Lycoming 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 provides detailed multiple-resources 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.





Old Mountain Trail System

	Shared Use Trail
	Gated Road
	District Hiking Trail
	West Rim Trail
	Public Roads
	Drivable Trail
	Rail Trail
	State Game Lands
	Tioga State Forest
	Deer Fences
	Parking
	Campsites
	Gates

1 inch = 2,000 feet