

Mount Broadhead Area Trails

The Mount Broadhead area offers an extensive system of trails, forest roads and old railroad grades that provide over 50 miles of interconnected trails.

The Mount Broadhead Trail is 7.8 miles long and is open only to hiking. The trail is marked with yellow 2 x 6 inch rectangles. Several steep grades on this trail make this a moderately difficult hike.

The shared use trails, marked with red 2 x 6 inch rectangles, are open to mountain biking, hiking, cross-country skiing, and equestrian use. The trails are rated as easy to moderate but there are some challenging sections which are marked with a caution symbol on the map. Be aware that some of the shared use trails allow snowmobile use in the winter and forest roads may be unplowed or icy from snowmobile use. These trails cover a variety of terrain types, so users should keep their endurance and ability levels in mind.

The trails shown on this map are marked with numbered reference points at trail intersections that correspond to the You Are Here points identified on the map. The mileage between intersections is marked on the map. This map and guide will help you plan your trip and navigate the system.

Trailheads

Off road parking is available at Patterson and Cherry Springs State Parks and at reference points 60, 104 and 105 along PA Route 44, and at reference point Z along West Branch Road. These are identified on the map with a parking symbol.

Patterson State Park

This state park along PA Route 44 offers ample parking for cars, trucks and vehicles with trailers. The park features two picnic pavilions, drinking water, a small primitive campground, and a vault restroom. This campground does not take reservations. Campers, please use the honor system envelopes and pay at the registration kiosk.

Cherry Springs State Park

This state park along PA Route 44 offers ample parking for cars, trucks and vehicles with trailers. The park features a picnic pavilion, drinking water, vault restrooms, 30 campsites and a sanitary dump station. All campsites include a picnic table, lantern hanger and fire ring. Reservations are not accepted. The campground is open from the second Friday in April and closes in mid-November. Pets are prohibited in the campground.

For your Safety and Enjoyment

- Cell service is spotty, but is generally better on ridge tops.
- All trash and refuse must be carried out.
- Store rations and trash securely to protect wildlife and your food.
- Wear fluorescent orange during hunting seasons.
- Check yourself thoroughly for ticks at the end of the day.
- Leave your itinerary with a friend or the state forest office.

Mountain Bikers...

- Many of the trails shown on this map are single track so you should always anticipate another trail user around a blind curve and slow down. Prevent an unexpected encounter with a friendly greeting to alert others of your presence.
- Yield to hikers and equestrians.

- Get off the trail on the downhill side. Horses will tend to bolt uphill when spooked. Quietly greet the rider and ask if you are ok where you are.

Equestrians...

- Protect our trees by tying your horse to a highline or hitching post. Horses may not be tied to trees.
- Please do not camp in areas normally used by backpackers.

Camping

Motorized Camping is camping in or near a vehicle where the vehicle continues to be used for storage or transportation. A free permit is required.

Non-Motorized Camping is overnight camping along a trail, stream or in the forest away from your car or truck. If you are staying only one night at a site no permit is required. If you are staying more than one night at a site a free permit is required.

- Camping permits can be acquired by contacting the Forest District Office at (814) 274-3600 or emailing fd15@pa.gov.
- All motorized camping must be within 300 feet of a road open to public travel, or a trail designated for motorized use. Vehicles may not be driven more than 50 feet from the road surface.
- All motorized camping must be more than 300 feet from any building or a state forest leased campsite except with the lessee's permission.
- All motorized camping must be more than a road mile from any commercial or state park campground.
- All camping must be 100 feet from any stream or open water source unless approved by the District Forester.
- Deposit human waste in catholes dug 6 to 8 inches deep at least 200 feet from water, campsite, or trails. Cover and disguise the cathole when finished.
- Make sure your campfire is cold before you leave.
- Do not burn glass, plastic or metal in your campfire.
- All stone fire rings should be dismantled when done except at permanent campsites.
- Target shooting is not permitted unless authorized in writing by the District Forester.

History along the Trail

The northwestern quarter of the Mount Broadhead Trail and the Railroad Grade Trail follow the old Buffalo and Susquehanna Railroad. This section of the line was built in 1895 and was operational until flood waters washed it out in 1942. The Goodyear



Lumber Company built the lines to harvest timber from the vast hemlock forests of Potter County. The photo below shows a locomotive on the B&S where PA Route 44 crosses the line. The present day vista at this location is known as Water Tank Hollow.

Lodging

Make a weekend of it. Information on local lodging and inns may be obtained from the Potter County Visitors Association: 1-888-POTTER-2 or www.visitpottercounty.com

The Pennsylvania Wilds

Susquehannock State Forest lies within the Pennsylvania Wilds, a two-million-acre region in north-central Pennsylvania, comprising 1.5 million acres of state forest and game lands, 29 state parks, and the 500,000-acre Allegheny National Forest. The Susquehannock State Forest encompasses about 265,000 acres located primarily in Potter County.

The Working Forest

The Susquehannock State Forest is a "Working Forest". Working forests provide us many environmental, social, and economic benefits. In every direction, you can see the benefits of the working forest. Forests build soil, filter groundwater, keep streams healthy, create oxygen, and provide shelter and food for plants and animals. They yield important resources we use every day, like lumber, firewood, and natural gas. They offer beauty, solitude, and the opportunity to recreate. When we manage forests carefully, they stay healthy and productive.

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.

iConservePA

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



For more information

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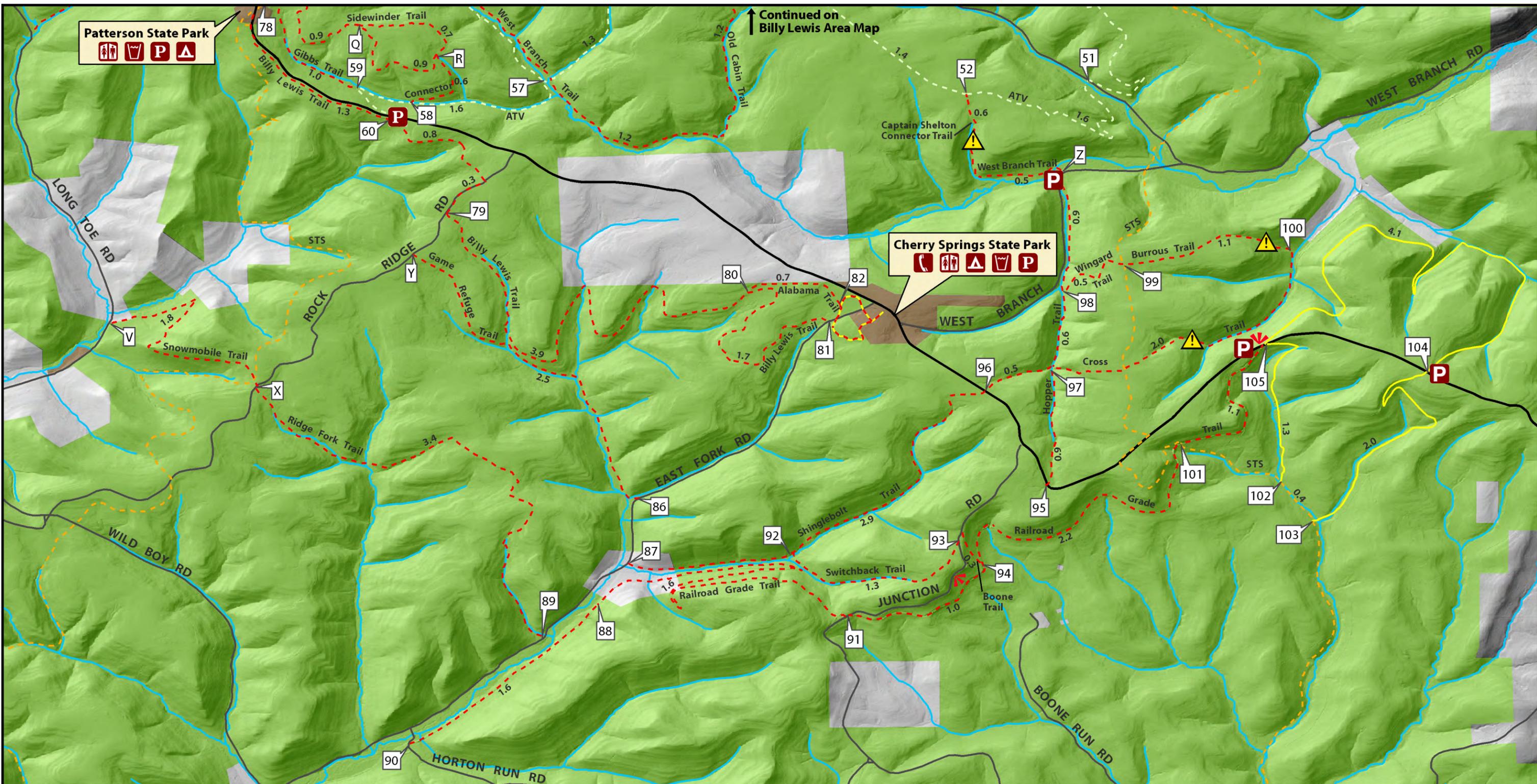
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Trails

- Mount Broadhead (miles between intersections)
- Mountain Bike
- ATV
- Susquehannock
- Cherry Springs Interpretive

Amenities

- Camping
- Drinking Water
- Parking
- Picnic Shelter
- Public Phone
- Restroom
- You Are Here
- Vista
- Caution

Roads

- State Route
- Forest Road

Land Ownership

- Private Land
- State Forest
- State Park

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Susquehannock Trail (STS)
 The STS is open to hikers and cross-country skiers. Biking, ATV and equestrian use are not permitted.

