

Acquisition History

The Knobsville Tract is a 581 acre parcel that was formerly Glatfelter property. It is located 5 miles north of McConnellsburg in the ridge and valley region of the Allegheny Mountains. The tract has access directly from US 522 and adjoins Cowans Gap State Park. The property slope ranges from 0 to 60%, with the majority of the land in a bottomland position. The existing forest stands include several larch and pine plantations. There are also hardwood stands that consist of mostly oak.

The Glatfelter Company was established in 1864 and is still headquartered in Spring Grove, PA. Since that time the company has grown and evolved to become a worldwide producer and supplier of high quality printing papers, specialty papers and composite fiber products. Glatfelter aggressively pursued company land acquisitions from the time of the Great Depression through the end of World War II. The primary focus included lands that were marginally suitable for agricultural crops. The abandoned farms could be purchased at a reasonable cost and quickly converted into softwood plantations that would support the fiber requirements of their production facilities. Over the past decade, many large timber companies have been selling off company lands in an effort to improve fiscal solvency. Glatfelter followed suit and in 2000 began to divest itself of timberlands

The Conservation Fund (TCF), a national non-profit land and water conservation organization, purchased this and several other Glatfelter properties. TCF worked with the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), the counties and the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy to identify parcels that were the highest conservation priorities. The majority of the purchases including the Knobsville Tract were transferred to the DCNR Bureau of Forestry as additions to existing state forests. This partnership was key to ensuring that these lands have permanent conservation status and will be forever open to the public. This tract will drastically improve public opportunities to limited access areas of State Forest land. There is

substantial potential for the development of non-motorized recreation.

Recreational Opportunities

The Knobsville Tract is a perfect location for sportsmen wishing to harvest deer, turkey and even small game. There are two safety zones bordering adjacent properties but there is still plenty of acreage on the eastern side of the roadway for sportsmen. The western side would prove to be a more difficult area to deer hunt and is definitely better suited for small game.

The tract also contains areas suitable for a variety of non-motorized recreation. Over 7 miles of trails and administrative roads are available for hiking. These roads and trails are also open to horseback riding, mountain biking, and cross country skiing.

Other Attractions

Cowans Gap State Park is located just to the east of the Knobsville Tract. The park offers picnicking; 10 miles of hiking trails; 233 campsites and rustic cabins; and a 42-acre lake for swimming, fishing, and boating.

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.



Directions to the Knobsville Tract

From Route 30: Turn north onto Route 522 for about 5 miles. You will encounter the western parking area on your left. **GPS:** 39° 59' 26.7" N, 77° 57' 41.8" W. Travel a short distance to the entrance of Tailgate Road on your right to access the eastern parking area. **GPS:** 39° 59' 25.4" N, 77° 58' 1.9" W.

From PA Turnpike Exit 180: Turn south onto Route 522 for about 3.5 miles. To access the eastern parking area turn left into Tailgate Road. The western parking area is a short distance past Tailgate Road on your right.

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Buchanan State Forest



Pennsylvania's vast state forest system comprises 2.2 million acres for you to use, enjoy and explore. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Bureau of Forestry manages these forests to ensure their long-term health and to conserve native wild plants.

Buchanan State Forest comprises 71,638 acres in Bedford, Fulton and Franklin counties. The Knobsville Tract is a 2008 addition to the Buchanan State Forest that is located north of the McConnellsburg District Office.



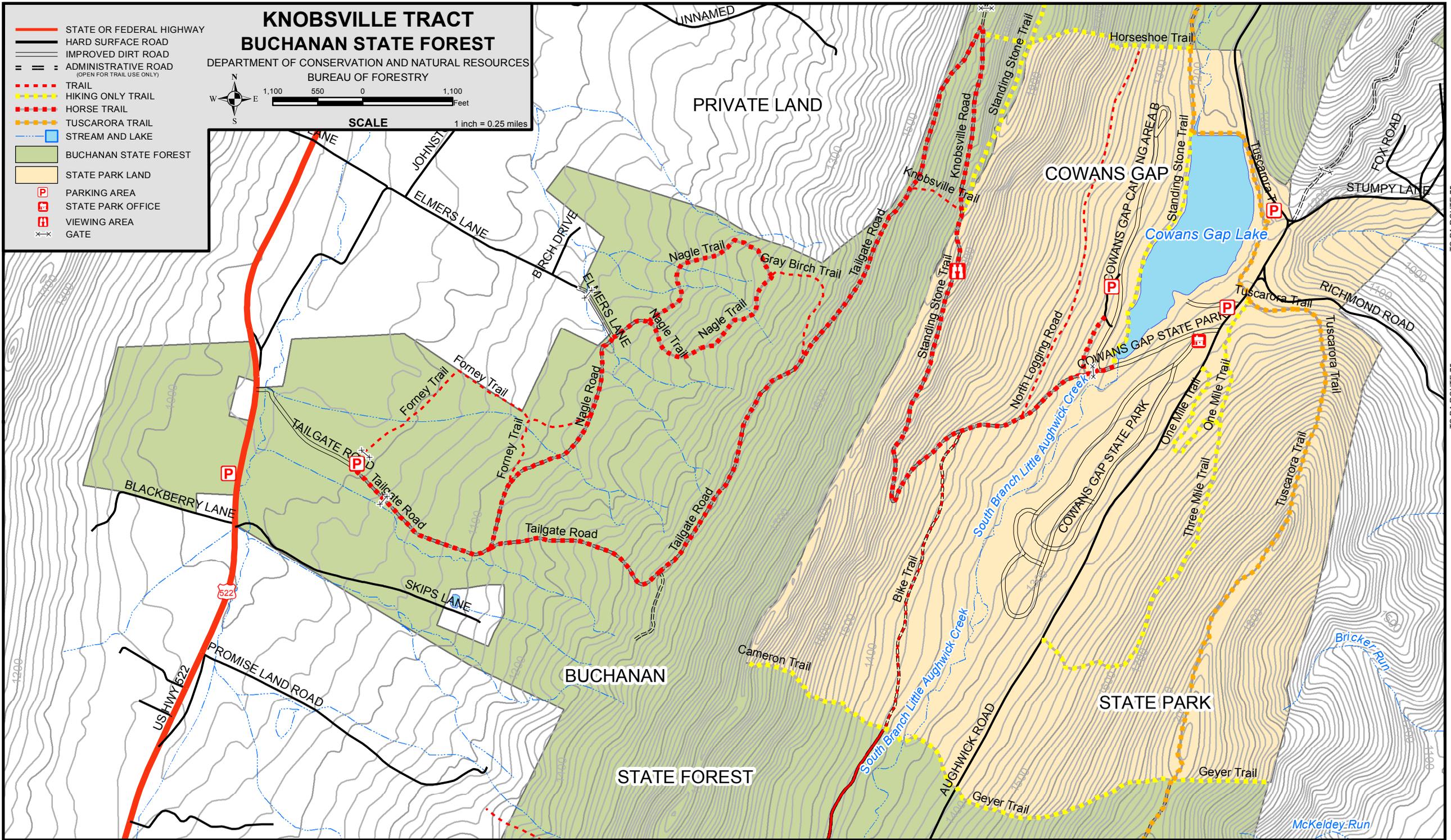
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BUREAU OF FORESTRY



SCALE 1 inch = 0.25 miles

- STATE OR FEDERAL HIGHWAY
- HARD SURFACE ROAD
- IMPROVED DIRT ROAD
- ADMINISTRATIVE ROAD (OPEN FOR TRAIL USE ONLY)
- TRAIL
- HIKING ONLY TRAIL
- HORSE TRAIL
- TUSCARORA TRAIL
- STREAM AND LAKE
- BUCHANAN STATE FOREST
- STATE PARK LAND
- PARKING AREA
- STATE PARK OFFICE
- VIEWING AREA
- GATE



PRIVATE LAND

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Cowans Gap Lake

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STATE PARK

STATE FOREST