

Blessing Mountain

On the network of trails upon Blessing Mountain, hikers will experience an array of environments as they venture on different trails, from wild settings walking amongst a sea of mountain laurel to passing through towering conifers on the initial ascent of the Matt Mertes Trail. Serene springs and small brooks offer beauty in spring and rock slopes challenge hikers any time of year. These trails can be used to form various day hikes and can be connected with the trails of Rider Park.

Boundary Trail

This .4 mile trail runs adjacent to the State Forest Boundary.

Cheryl's Trail

Cheryl's Trail is marked in blue and is for the experienced hiker. It follows Cold Run and passes over Blessing Mountain for 3.4 miles before hitting the State Forest Boundary. *There is no bridge where Cheryl's Trail crosses Wallis Run.*

Lance Trail

This yellow blazed trail connects The Matt Mertes Trail to Cheryl's Trail at one mile in length.

Middle Point Trail

This .48 mile trail connects the Weitzel Hollow Trail with Rider Park.

Matt Mertes Memorial Trail

This 2.2 mile trail is marked with blue disks and was named in memory of a local Boy Scout.

Walled-Up-Springs Trail

This 1.3 mile trail descends from Blessing Mtn. and follows a hollow to Caleb's Creek continuing down to the Rider Park boundary.

Weitzel Hollow Trail

This 2 mile yellow trail follows Weitzel Hollow Run then continues on to Cheryl's Trail. It briefly follows the Matt Mertes Trail.

Rider Park

Owned by FCFPA Properties Inc. and managed by the First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania, the 867 acre park was a gift of the late Thomas J. Rider to the people of Lycoming County. This scenic treasure offers a variety of low impact recreational activities in a natural setting. A portion of the park rests a top Katy Jane Mountain which is part of the Allegheny Front that separates the Ridge and Valley Province from the Allegheny Plateau.

For more information on Rider Park visit <http://www.wfoundation.org/rider-park> or call 570-601-3377 or 1-877-480-3377.

Allegheny Ridge Trail

This brown blazed trail climbs Katy Jane Mountain from Yeagle Road. It is .6 mile long.

Cheryl's Trail

This 3.6 mile trail is a continuation of the trail from state forest land. As it continues onto Rider Park it features a guide to tree identification.

Francis X. Kennedy

This easy .5 mile hike features Doe Pen Vista. The trail is marked in green.

Katy Jane Trail

This trail is 2.6 miles and is blazed in yellow. Its highlights include two scenic vistas, one of which looks east toward the Loysock Valley. The other provides distant views of the Bald Eagle Mountains south of Williamsport.

Loop Trail

This red blazed side trail makes a .6 mile loop.

Saddle Trail

This red blazed trail is .4 mile long and offers a shortcut for those wanting a shorter hike on The Katy Jane Trail.

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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iConservePA

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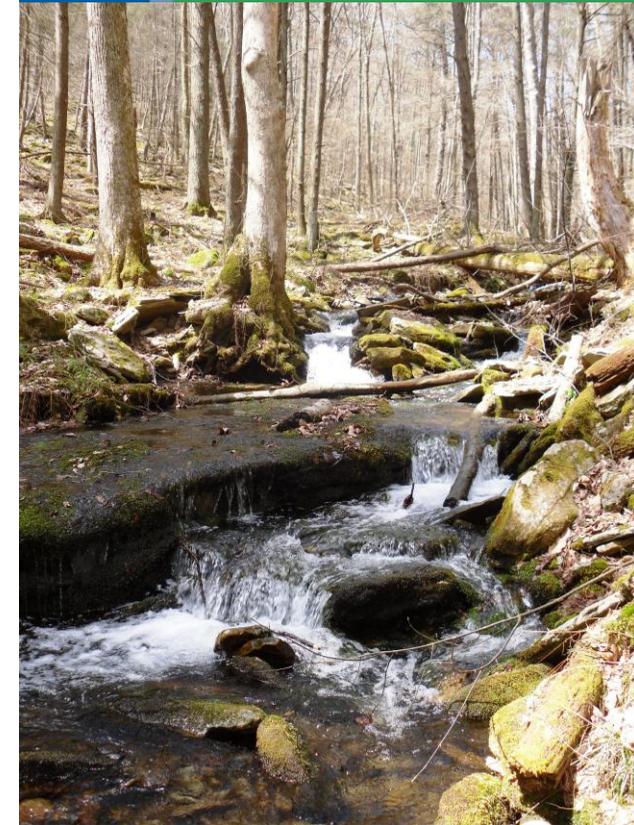
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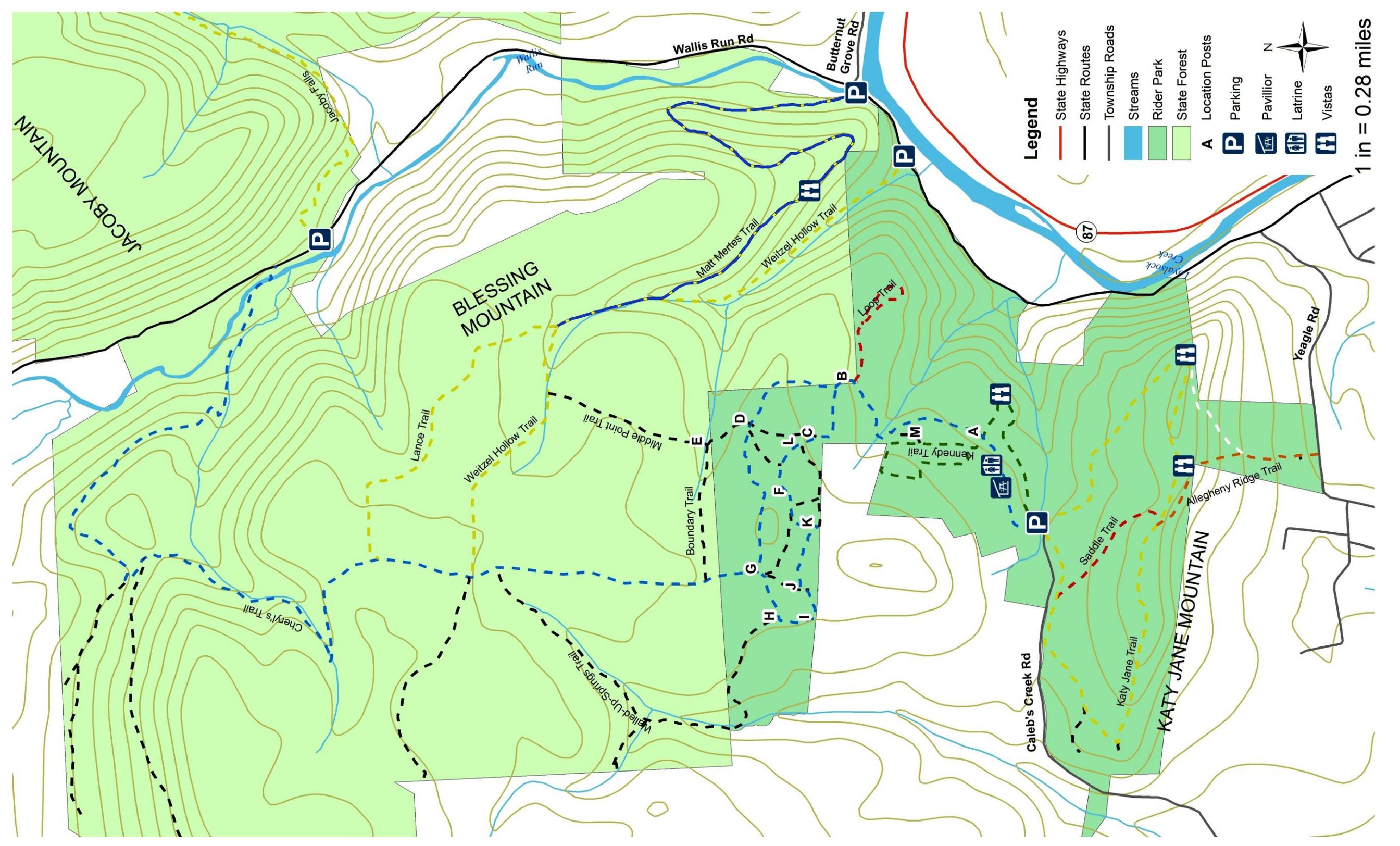
Loysock State Forest and Rider Park



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.

The Loysock State Forest comprises 115,000 acres in Bradford, Lycoming and Sullivan counties.





Legend

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- State Routes
- Township Roads
- Streams
- Rider Park
- State Forest
- A** Location Posts
- P** Parking
- Pavilion
- Latrine
- Vistas

1 in = 0.28 miles