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Jacoby Falls Trail

This public hiking trail is located near scenic Wallis Run just northeast of Williamsport. The trailhead can be found north of State Route 973 along Wallis Run Road (State Route 1003). Beginning at the Cotner Farm this trail travels moderately steep terrain for 1.6 miles before climaxing at the beautiful Jacoby Falls. Although it is an easy hike, you should still be careful, as rocks may be slippery. A round trip can be completed easily within 3 hours even if you stop periodically to enjoy the sights.

The trail is marked with yellow rectangular blazes and follows the freestone creek of Jacoby Hollow Run. The moist mixed hardwood and conifer forest along the trail is abundant with a breathtaking display of spring wildflowers, so be sure to carry along a wildflower identification book. The final reward is Jacoby Falls, a tranquil waterfall where cold and clear mountain water falls for 29 feet before crashing on the rocks below. This waterfall is exceptionally brilliant not only in the early spring months when water is abundant, but also in the autumn when set against a background of color. A winter hike will lead you to a frozen cascade of blue ice, a sight to see. Enjoy your hike!

Please note that camping along this trail is not permitted. Camping in other locations on the State Forest is allowed, however, you must get a camping permit prior to your stay. Permits are issued free of charge at the Resource Management Center near Laporte (weekday hours 8:00am to 4:00pm), or by telephone. Please allow several days when permits are mailed.

Pink Lady Slipper Orchid

Loyalsock State Forest

The Loyalsock State Forest, located in Sullivan, Lycoming and Bradford Counties is a valuable part of Pennsylvania’s 2.2 million acre State Forest system. It receives its name from the Loyalsock Creek, which winds for over 60 miles through the forest district. The Loyalsock State Forest contains about 115,000 acres, characterized by high plateaus and ridges cut with numerous deep stream valleys. Northern hardwood tree species, such as birch, beech and maple associated with black cherry, white ash, tulip-poplar and hemlock, fill the forest. The beauty of these hardwoods, combined with the spectacular topography provides for a diversity of forest based recreational opportunities. Under the provisions of the forest’s Resource Plan, forest managers integrate this recreational potential with the increasing demand for sustained yields of high quality water, beneficial wildlife habitat, and valuable wood products. These requirements, not only depend heavily on scientific expertise, but demand the full cooperation of all forest users.

For more information

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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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