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

The Civilian Conservation Corps was created by President Franklin Roosevelt in response to the Great Depression with the intention of putting young men back to work and to complete valuable and much needed conservation projects. These included things like the construction of fire towers, roads, and recreational facilities, and the completion of forest improvement projects as well as the planting of billions of seedlings. The program ran from the spring of 1933 to mid-1942 when it ended with the onset of World War II.

The Days of the CCC

The CCC on the Loyalsock

There were six CCC Camps in what is now the Loyalsock State Forest, with three in Lycoming County and three in Sullivan. Much of the infrastructure you will see during your visit was constructed by the CCC including vistas, Sones and Bear Wallow Ponds, picnic areas, and some of the roads you will be driving.

Please note that the disturbance or removal of artifacts from these sites is prohibited.

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.

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.

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

For more information

Loyalsock State Forest Resource Management Center
Forest District #20
6735 Route 220
Dushore, PA 18614
(570) 946-4049
GPS Coordinates of Camps

Bodine  Lat: 41.448183  Long: -77.021383
Masten  Lat: 41.507067  Long: -76.8209  Forksville  Lat: 41.460717  Long: -76.509667
Sand Spring  Lat: 41.352083  Long: -76.795683  Loyalsock  Lat: 41.481517  Long: -76.747433

ABOVE: Camp S-128 under construction.
BELOW: CCC workers at Camp S-96.

ABOVE: Camp S-96. This is now the site of the Hillsgrove Forest Maintenance Headquarters.
BELOW: Camp S-80. Today this spot is a State Forest Camping Area.