

Billy Lewis Trail System

The Billy Lewis Trail is a system of interconnected loops and forest roads that provide over 80 miles of shared use trail for mountain biking, hiking, cross-country skiing, and horse riding. Mountain biking is the primary use. The trail is marked with red 2 x 6 rectangles and is rated at a Moderate to Strenuous Difficulty Level. The trail covers a variety of terrain types, so users should keep their endurance and ability levels in mind.

The spine of the Billy Lewis Trail runs from the District Office on Denton Hill to Cherry Springs State Park on PA Route 44. The Denton Hill Ski Trail (marked in red 2 x 6 rectangles) and ATV Trail (marked with green diamonds) intersect the Billy Lewis Trail, which opens an extensive network of interconnected shared use trails. Be aware that the ATV Trail is heavily used on summer weekends and holidays.



The Sidewinder Loop is a popular cross-country ski trail that intersects the Billy Lewis Trail east of Patterson State Park.

The trail crosses the Susquehannock Trail (STS) in several places. The STS, marked with orange rectangles, is open to hiking and skiing only.

The trail is marked with numbered reference points that correspond to the You Are Here points identified on the map.

Trailheads

Forest District Office on US Route 6 at Denton Hill

This trailhead offers ample parking for cars, trucks and vehicles with trailers. A flush restroom is available from the outside of the maintenance garage. Trail and forest information is available at the District Office and on the porch when the office is closed. The District Office is open 8 – 4 on weekdays and 10 – 4 on weekends and holidays, except Thanksgiving and Christmas.

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 in the registration kiosk.

Route 44 Trailhead

This trailhead along PA Route 44 offers ample parking for cars, trucks and vehicles with trailers. This trailhead offers no amenities other than parking.

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 along the trail.
- 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...

- Much of the Billy Lewis Trail is 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 is permitted along the ATV trail.

- 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.

Lodging

Make a weekend of it. Information on local lodging and inns may be obtained from the Potter County Visitors Association: 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 iConservePA.org.



For more information

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Trails

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-  Denton Hill Ski Trail
-  Susquehannock Trail
-  ATV Trail
-  Cherry Springs Trail

 You Are Here

Amenities

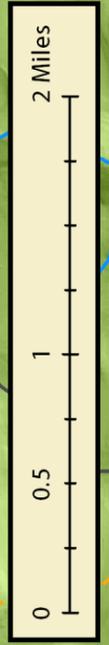
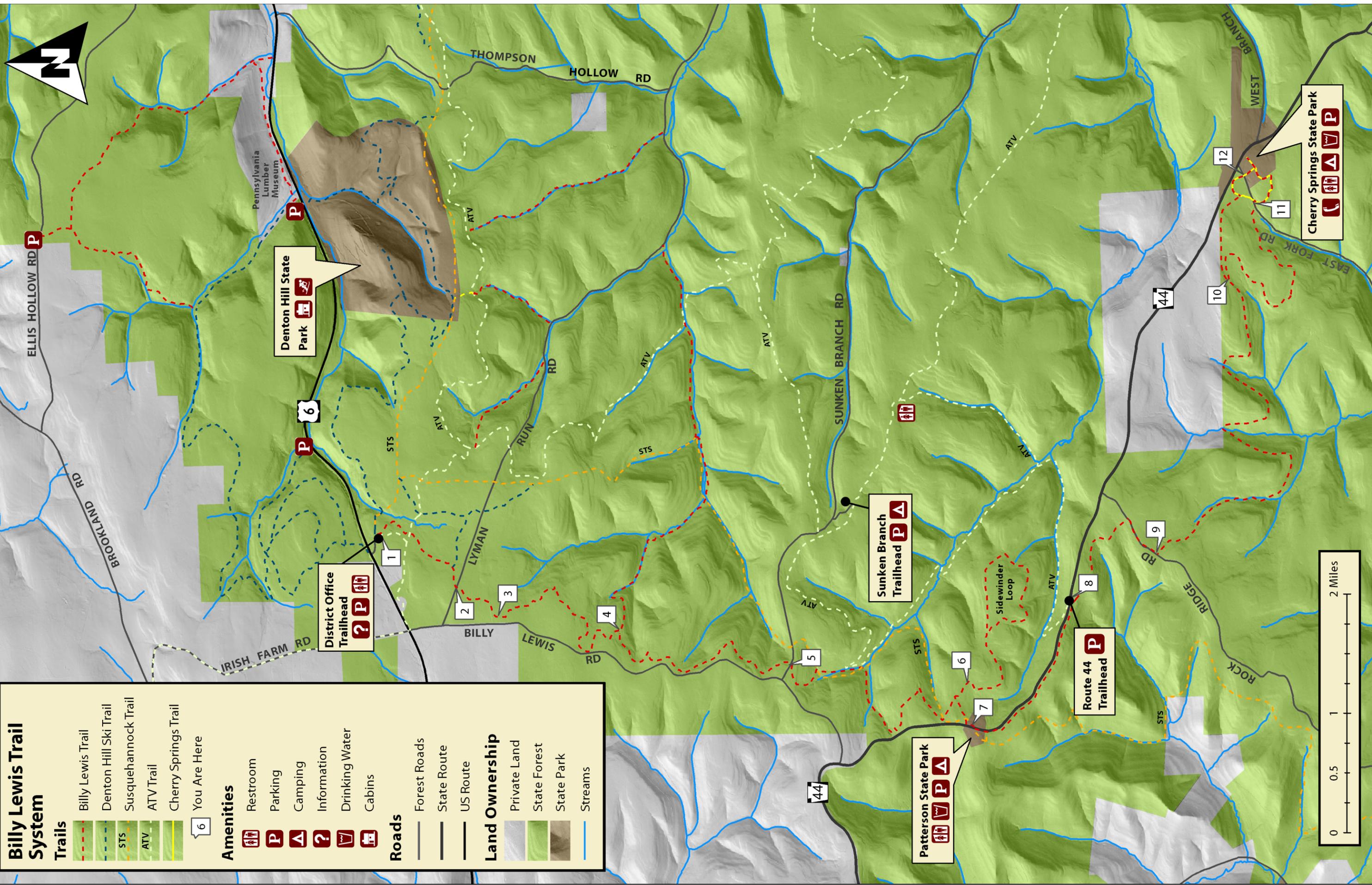
-  Restroom
-  Parking
-  Camping
-  Information
-  Drinking Water
-  Cabins

Roads

-  Forest Roads
-  State Route
-  US Route

Land Ownership

-  Private Land
-  State Forest
-  State Park
-  Streams



Denton Hill State Park

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District Office Trailhead

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Sunken Branch Trailhead

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Route 44 Trailhead

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Patterson State Park

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Cherry Springs State Park

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