

2014 Wild Resource Conservation Program Calendar

Discover Something New in an Old Growth Forest



The **Wild Resource Conservation Program** is Pennsylvania's biodiversity conservation program. WRCP works to conserve Pennsylvania's non-game animals, wild plants and their habitats.

We also work to educate the public and school-aged youth about the importance of Pennsylvania's species and special places.

The places on public lands featured in this calendar are known for their old growth trees—those that are large, old and unique within the state.

Get outside and check them out!

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Heart's Content Scenic Area

This 120-acre portion of the Allegheny National Forest is on the list of National Natural Landmarks. An excellent nature trail leads you through a stand of towering, 400 year old white pines and Eastern hemlocks. Younger beech trees are also very common.

Access to Heart's Content is off of Route 948 South near Sheffield, PA or Route 405 near Warren, PA in the north-west part of the state.





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Alan Seeger Natural Area

This 390-acre tract along Standing Stone Creek includes virgin white pine and Eastern hemlock that survived logging at the end of the 19th century. Many trees are more than four feet in diameter and several hundred years old. One tree may be over 1,000 years old, possibly the oldest in the state.

There is also an old growth mixed oak forest onsite, considered one of the finest in the state. You will see various oaks, red maples and conifers.





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Pine Creek Gorge Natural Area

This National Natural Landmark has several small, true old-growth stands scattered along the steep walls of the gorge. With the size of the area and the protection afforded by the Natural Area designation, this watershed is primed to become a "specimen" old-growth area over the next few centuries.

Pine Creek Gorge can be reached at the north end from Route 6 at Leonard Harrison State Park, on the east from Route 660 West in Wellsboro, and from the rail-trail in Tioga State Forest.



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Bark Cabin Natural Area

This is one of the smaller old growth areas in the state, but it is right on the Mid-State Trail, not far from Pine Creek Gorge, allowing visitors to easily see what giant Eastern hemlocks look like.

Surrounding the hemlocks is a 73-acre patch of hardwoods of impressive size and variety, including hickories, red oaks and even bigtooth aspen. You may also see white pine stumps leftover from when the British Navy felled the trees for ship masts.



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4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8	9	10
11 Mother's Day <u>Migratory Bird Day</u>	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 International Day for Biological Diversity	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31



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Tall Timbers Natural Area

This National Natural Landmark is composed of 250 acres of old growth Eastern hemlock, white pine, pitch pine and hardwoods. Some of the trees are over 150 feet high and 40 inches in diameter.

This area constitutes a picturesque remnant of the original stream bottom forest along Swift Run. Loggers passed this area by because it would have been difficult for them to move the felled trees to the nearest road. Their loss is our gain.



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Forest H. Duttlinger Natural Area

This area was set aside primarily to protect a remnant of old growth timber. It is not truly a virgin timber stand, as scattered white pine were cut around 1900. However, there are numerous large hemlocks ranging in size from 32 to 40 inches in diameter.

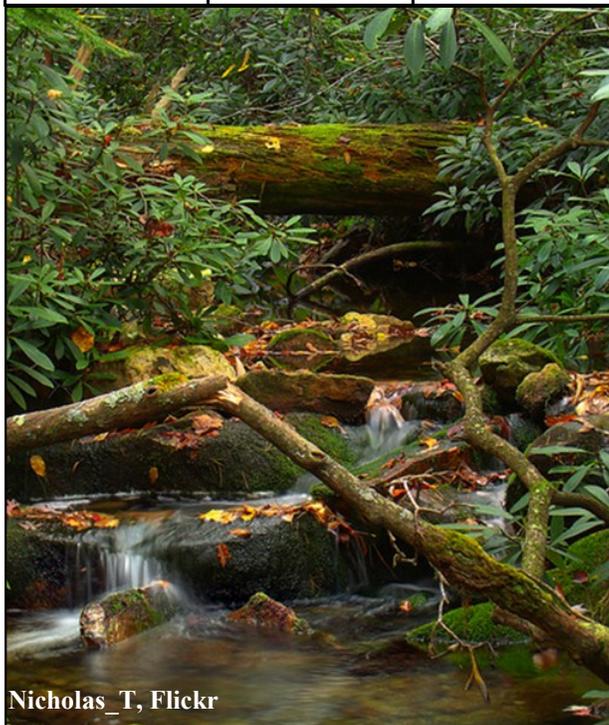
The most impressive tree in the area is a hemlock of 43 inches in diameter and 112 feet in height. This tree is located on the south side of the Beech Bottom Trail, which can be accessed approximately 4.5 miles from Cross Forks in southern Potter County.



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27	28	29	30	31	Fast Fact: The Mid-State Trail follows the stream that runs for one mile through the center of the natural area.	



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Detweiler Run Natural Area

This 463-acre area is recognized for the virgin white pine and hemlock that grow there, shading an understory of massive rhododendron that covers both sides of the Detweiler branch of Standing Stone Creek.

Additional tree species in the area include red, scarlet and chestnut oaks and red maples. To access the natural area, from State College head east on Route 322 and turn right onto Bear Meadows Road at the sign for Tussey Mountain Ski Resort. Detweiler Run is five miles down the road.



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AUGUST

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		Fast Fact: There is a historic residence on the property, built in 1841, known as the "Little Stone House."			1	2
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				<u>Smokey Bear's Birthday</u>		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30



Anders Run Natural Area

Even though this natural area is small—only 96 acres — it contains many old growth white pines, some over four feet in diameter. The original forest was logged early in the 1800s, but some trees survived. There is a two-mile walking trail system, along with a native trout stream and several fine stands of wildflowers.

To get there from Warren, take US Route 6 W to US Route 62 S. Take the first hard surfaced road right where the sign says "Buckaloons Recreation Area." Go one mile, then turn left on Dunns Eddy Road for one mile.



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SEPTEMBER

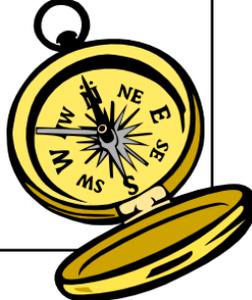
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	1 Labor Day	2	3	4 National Wildlife Day	5	6
7 Grandparents Day	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Woodsy Owl's Birthday
21	22	23 Equinox	24	25 Rosh Hashana	26	27
28	29	30	<p>Fast Fact: This is a challenging and remote area to get to. If you find yourself disoriented, go downhill. Eventually you will reach the creek valley.</p>			



Lower Jerry Run Natural Area

Named after a small stream that drains into Sinnemahoning Creek, this area not only contains a remnant stand of old growth white pine and hemlock, but it is also a reptile and amphibian protection area.

The entire area is relatively inaccessible, but the old growth is found on the northeastern slope at the south end of the watershed, accessible only on foot. Be prepared for solitude and bring a topo map and compass in case you get lost.





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5 Eid al-Adha	6	7	8	9	10	11	
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The Hook

This is the only complete watershed preserved through the Natural Areas program. The area is drained by the north branch of Buffalo Creek, a natural brook trout stream, later joining Panther Run. The Hook is located in western Union County, within Bald Eagle State Forest.

The 5,119 acres were logged off in the late 1800s and purchased by the state just 10 years later. The forest consists of 100-year old oaks, birches, white pine and red maple.

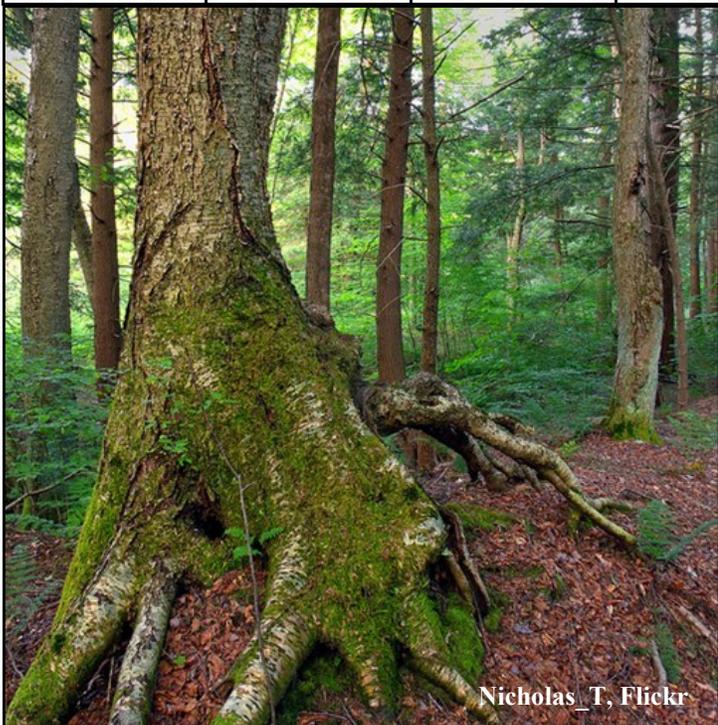




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Tionesta Scenic and Research Natural Areas

This 4,131 acre property contains two tracts of virgin hemlock-beech forest within the Allegheny National Forest. In fact, it is listed on the National Registry of Natural Landmarks as "the largest virgin forest in the hemlock-white pine region of North America.

The area was once used to produce hemlock tanbark for leather tanning, but many old growth trees remain.



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21 Winter Solstice	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa Begins	27
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	Fast Fact: The CCC taught young men valuable skills and employed them during the tough times of the Great Depression.		January Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 4 ○ 13 ○ 20 ● 26 ○

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Pennsylvania Lumber Museum

Now that you know a bit about old growth forests, why not take a trip to the [Pennsylvania Lumber Museum](#), located at 5660 US Route 6 West in Galeton. The museum showcases stories of early forest cutting, tales of the Civilian Conservation Corps, and full-size working examples of tools used to extract timber. More than 3,000 artifacts are on-site. There is also a walking tour that explains the production of products that come from our forests. The museum is closed from December through March. To find out the hours and pricing, call 814-435-2652 or visit the [website](#).