

**Location:** Jay Township, Elk County; Huston Township, Clearfield County

**Size:** 1,465 acres

**Dates acquired:** 2008-2012

**Notable features:** Mixed northern hardwood forest, groves of eastern hemlock

**Recreational activities (see inside for details):** Hiking, mountain biking, wildlife watching, hunting, backcountry camping, fishing, canoeing/kayaking

**Directions:** From I-80 in DuBois, exit at Rt. 255N. Travel north to the village of Hollywood. Turn left onto 5-Points Rd. (Hollywood Rd.), and travel to the first gated road on the right.

The property also can be accessed at the end of Pine Ave., just outside the village of Force.

**Description:** Bennett Branch Forest is located within the headwaters of the Susquehanna River, which flows into the Chesapeake Bay. The property contributes to a larger forested landscape known for its wildlife and forest biodiversity. Bennett Branch Forest provides water quality protection and opportunities for low-impact recreation. In addition to implementing sustainable forestry practices, WPC is working to restore areas impacted by past coal mining activities.



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# BENNETT BRANCH FOREST



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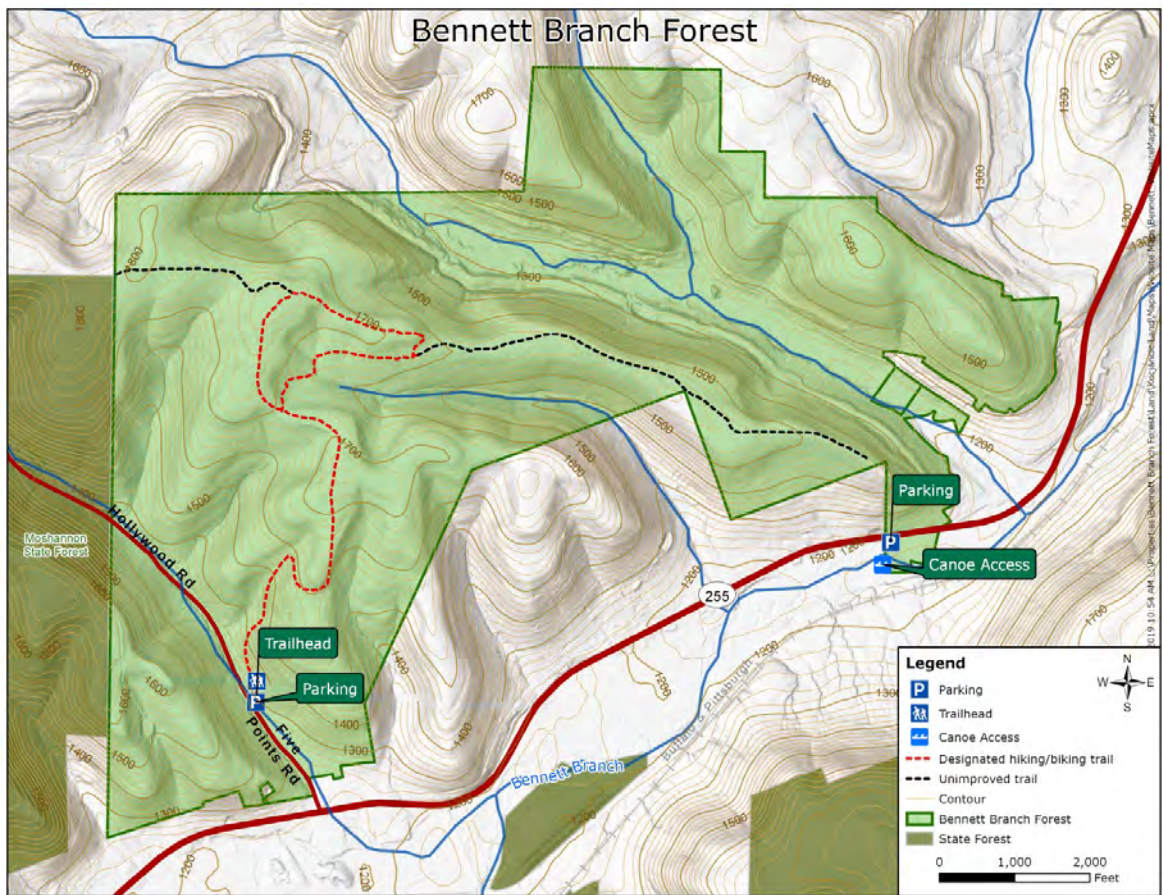


**Recreational activities:** From the parking area off 5-Points Rd. (Hollywood Rd.), a **hiking and biking trail** leads into the forest. The first 1/2 mile is very steep. Sturdy footwear is recommended.

**Backcountry camping** is permitted throughout the forest, though campfires are not allowed.

Near the village of Force, an access site has been developed for **fishing** and **paddling** in the Bennett Branch of Sinnemahoning Creek.

**Hunting** is permitted except on Sundays. Trapping is prohibited. Please exercise caution and wear blaze orange during hunting season.



As part of WPC 's original acquisition, 3,800 acres were transferred to the Bureau of Forestry as an addition to Moshannon State Forest.

Management activities at Bennett Branch Forest include sustainable timber harvest, restoring forest (including experimental American chestnut) on reclaimed strip mine, and construction of a system to treat abandoned mine drainage.

When visiting Bennett Branch Forest, please remember:

- Motorized vehicles are prohibited.
- Bicycles are permitted on designated trails only.
- Trapping is prohibited.
- All hunting is prohibited on Sundays.
- Dumping/littering is prohibited.
- Dogs must be on a leash.
- Collecting (animals, plants, rocks, etc.) without permission is prohibited.
- Certain areas may be off-limits during timber harvest activities