

Fact Sheet

Overview of the Allegheny National Forest

INTRODUCTION: The Allegheny National Forest covers more than 513,000 acres, and is defined by three unique features: a well-developed trail system for Off Highway Vehicle recreation; world class stands of sustainable hardwoods for saw timber; and relatively intensive oil and gas extraction. The Forest offers numerous recreational opportunities.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- ***Ninety-three percent*** of the sub-surface mineral rights are privately-owned.
- The forest provides ***one-third*** of the world's annual production of black cherry logs of veneer quality.
- ***National Wild and Scenic Rivers:*** the Allegheny, with 87 miles of recreational designation; and the Clarion, with 52 miles of both scenic and recreational designation.
- ***Specially designated areas:***
 - the Hickory Creek Wilderness (8,663 acres)
 - the Allegheny River Islands Wilderness (368 acres)
 - Tionesta National Scenic Area (2,018 acres)
 - Tionesta Research Natural Area (2,113 acres)
 - Allegheny National Recreation Area (23,100 acres)
 - Kane Experimental Forest (1,650 acres).
- ***Recreation***
 - 12,080-acre Allegheny Reservoir
 - 700 miles streams for trout fishing,
 - more than 200 miles of hiking trails,
 - wildlife viewing, with more than 300 species, including the Bald Eagle
 - numerous picnic areas and beaches.
 - outstanding deer and small game hunting,
- ***Kane Experimental Forest*** benefits the Allegheny and state and private forest managers throughout the Northeastern U.S. by carrying out an extensive research program on various types of hardwood forest and natural forest research in the Tionesta Research Natural Area. The Forestry Sciences Laboratory at Irvine, Northeastern Research Station, manages the forest.