

Hiking Rules and Guidelines

- **Mountain biking, snowmobiling, and ATVs** are not permitted in Pine Grove Furnace. Contact Michaux Forest for more information. In the park, **road biking** is permitted only on the Hiker Biker Trail and park roads.
- **Appalachian Trail overnight parking** is available in the Furnace Stack Day Use Area. Parking maximum is 2 weeks. Vehicle must be registered at the park office. Forms are available to the left of the park office door.
- **Trail camping** is permitted along the Appalachian Trail as long as hikers are 1 mile outside of any state park boundary. There is a limit of 1 night per camping location. Camp sites in the park are all reservable. Call 1-888-PA-PARKS.
- Dead and downed branches may be used for **fire making**. Depending on weather conditions, fires may not be allowed in Michaux Forest Between March 1 and May 25. Contact Michaux Forest for fire questions.
- For **rock climbing, repelling and hiking with groups** of 10 or more, contact Michaux Forest to get a letter of authorization.
- While hiking, **collection of nuts, berries, and fungus** is allowed for personal consumption. No live plants or parts are collectable.
- When **hiking in hunting season**, please wear fluorescent orange for your safety. For hunting seasons and information, contact the PA Game Commission.
- Please leave the trail better than you found it; practice leave no trace.

For a safe hike: Wear sturdy shoes to protect your feet. Stay on the trail to prevent from getting lost or damaging fragile habitats. Carry drinking water or water treatment. Check the weather before you hike. Tell someone where you are going and when you will return. A cell phone can be useful for calling for help, but many sections of the park do not have cell phone coverage.

Michaux State Forest—Phone # 717-352-2211



American Black Bear—Ursus americanus

Be careful when hiking in the park and the forest. Some animal encounters can become negative experiences, if you are not prepared.

Watch out for these less friendly animals that call the forest home.

- American Black Bear
- Timber Rattlesnake
- Northern Copperhead
- Deer Ticks and other tick species

For More Information

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Pine Grove Furnace State Park Hiking Guide



Take a hike and explore the scenic Pine Grove Furnace State Park and the surrounding Michaux State Forest

Easy Family Friendly Hikes

Creek Trail: 0.5 mile, yellow blazes

Begin hiking at the amphitheater off of Bendersville Rd. The trail circles the family campground and ends at the organized group tenting area. Hike uphill on the road or backtrack on the trail to get back to the amphitheater, or continue through the group tenting area to the Brickyard Trail.

Brickyard Trail: 0.25 mile, yellow blazes

This short trail connects the Brickyard Area near Fuller Lake to the organized group tenting area.

Koppenhaver Trail: 1.25 mile, yellow blazes

From the Fuller Lake bathhouse, follow the paved/gravel trail around the hill behind the bathhouse. On the left before crossing the creek, is a grassy area. The trailhead is in the middle of the tree line parallel to the gravel path. There is a wooden sign at the entrance to the bridge. Follow the trail in a loop.

Hiker Biker Trail: 3 miles, not blazed

Begin at the yellow gate in the Furnace Stack Area. Follow the white blazes through the Fuller Lake Area towards Laurel Lake. On the right between the lakes, is the Swamp Trail. At the yellow gate, the trail merges with Old Railroad Bed Road (not blazed) and continues towards Laurel Lake. Return back to the Furnace Stack Area for a 6 mile loop.

Swamp Trail: 0.25 mile, yellow blazes

Find the trailhead to the Swamp Trail from the Hiker Biker Trail between the two lakes. The trail is a small loop through a swamp near Fuller Lake.

Mountain Creek Trail: 1.5 miles, yellow blazes

The trailhead to the trail is on the Laurel Lake side of the yellow gate on the Hiker Biker Trail or at the end of Icehouse Road across the bridge from Old Railroad Bed Road. Follow Railroad Bed Road back to the trailhead for a **3 mile loop**.

Moderate Hikes

Pole Steeple Trail: 0.75 mile, blue blazes

From the Pole Steeple Parking Lot on the back side of Laurel Lake, cross the road to the trail head in Michaux State Forest. 2/3 of the way up the 500 ft climb, there are switchbacks for an easier climb to the top. For a **5 mile loop** combine this trail with the Appalachian Trail and the Mountain Creek Trail or Old Railroad Bed Road.

Appalachian Trail: white blazes

The Appalachian Trail enters the park from the south by the Ironmaster's Mansion and leaves the park going north at the end of the Hiker Biker Trail halfway between the lakes. Following the Appalachian Trail to the north, 1.5 miles outside of the park, there are blue blazes to the left that lead to the Pole Steeple overlook. Taking the Appalachian Trail to the south, can lead to the Sunset Rocks Trail, Tom's Run Shelter, or the halfway marker of the AT.

To Tom's Run Shelter: white blazes

Park at the intersection of Michaux Rd and Bunkerhill Rd. Follow the Appalachian Trail south (to the left) for 1.5 miles. From the Appalachian Trail Museum, hike south on the AT for 3.5 miles, crossing over Rt 233, Old Shippensburg Rd and Michaux Rd.

Leaf Trail: 1.5 miles, blue blazes

From the parking lot on Rt 233 north, enter the forest to the right of the Buck Ridge. Hike across a creek and along an old road before coming to a "Y". Follow the Leaf Trail to the right to go towards Laurel Lake. Follow the trail to the left, to make a **3 mile loop** with Leper Farm Rd and the Buck Ridge Trail. Follow the blue blazes on the Buck Ridge Trail to the left to loop back to the parking lot. Follow blue blazes to the right to go to Kings Gap Environmental Education Center 5 miles away.

Difficult Hikes

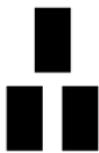
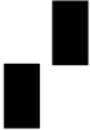
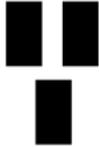
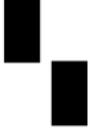
Sunset Rocks Trail: 1.75 miles, blue blazes

From the parking lot at the end of Old Shippensburg Rd, follow the blue blazes to the overlook. The trail continues on to meet the AT near the Tom's Run Shelter. This trail can be combined with the AT (white blazes) heading north and Old Shippensburg Rd to make a **3.25 mile loop** back to the park lot.

Buck Ridge Trail: 6 miles, blue blazes

From the parking lot on Rt 233 north, follow the sign for the Buck Ridge Trail. Follow the blue blazes to Kings Gap Environmental Center. The trail will cross over a creek, follow some logging roads and end at the Scenic Vista Parking Lot. Hike back to Pine Grove Furnace for a total of 12 miles. Buck Ridge Trail maps are available at the park office at Kings Gap or Pine Grove Furnace.

Following Trail Blazes

CONTINUE STRAIGHT 	START OF TRAIL 	RIGHT TURN 
SPUR LEADING TO A DIFFERENT TRAIL 	END OF TRAIL 	LEFT TURN 

White Blazes = Appalachian Trail
Yellow Blazes = Park Trail
Blue Blazes = Forest Trail