

HEARTS CONTENT

CROSS-COUNTRY SKI AREA

WELCOME to the Hearts Content Cross-Country Ski Area. This 12.4 kilometer (7.8 mile) ungroomed trail utilizes old railroad grades, roads, and existing trails to form several loops for your skiing pleasure. Of significance is the old growth forest of hemlock, beech, and white pine in the Hearts Content National Scenic Area—enjoy the solitude and grandeur of these ancient trees.

FINDING THE AREA – The trailhead parking lot is located at the picnic area of the Hearts Content Recreation Area 15 miles southwest of Warren, PA. To reach Hearts Content Recreation Area, take SR 3005 from Warren or Tidioute to the junction of the Hearts Content Road. Follow TR 2002 four miles to the Hearts Content Recreation Area. From Sheffield, take the Austin Hill (Bull Hill) Road to the Hearts Content Road. Total distance is approximately 15 miles. This trail is located in the Cobham and Cherry Grove topographic quadrangle map.

SKIING THE AREA – Watch the informational signs... this trail area offers challenges to the beginning skier—the more experienced skier will find these trails offer an easy afternoon. All three loops are rated as suitable for beginners.

The **Wheeler Loop** offers an easy tour through the historic pine stands surrounding the Hearts Content Campground. Inhale the aromas. **Tom's Run Loop** offers a gradual rise in elevation as it climbs the plateau along Tom's Run. At the headwaters of Tom's Run, the trail crosses the plateau and joins with the **Ironwood Loop**. This loop offers another opportunity for beginning skiers to experience the Hearts Content Cross-Country Ski Area, park at Dunham Siding on the Hearts Content Road instead of parking at Hearts Content Recreation Area. The **Ironwood Loop** receives less use than the other two trails and for that reason offers a little more solitude.

Wildlife is abundant in this area; remember to watch for turkey, deer, squirrels, and birds, particularly as you leave the roadways. The Hickory Creek Wilderness is nearby... another area of the Allegheny National Forest to enjoy! We do not recommend the Hickory Creek Trail for skiing.

REGULATIONS – Trails are clearly marked with blue diamond-shaped markers on trees. The trails are designated as EASIEST (for warm-up and new skiers). **Please ski safely and within your limit of control.** Ski to the right when approaching other skiers or when being passed by other skiers from behind: TRACK RIGHT!

Forest trails policy prohibits the use of a saddle, pack, or draft animal on hiking or cross-country ski trails.

SAFETY – Please remember these safety tips; dress in layers and always wear hats and gloves. Carry extra wax. Ski with a friend, especially at night. Boil water for drinking. Please report any unsafe trail conditions directly to the Bradford Ranger District. Include downed trees, icy areas, missing signs and markers, and plugged culverts. We appreciate your support.

The nearest hospital is in Warren, 15 miles to the north.

VOLUNTEERS – If you, a friend, or your club are interested in volunteering to help maintain this trail, please contact the Ranger District.

CUSTOMER SERVICE – The Tidioute area offers food and gas facilities. The Warren area is a full service community.

FOR MORE INFORMATION about this and other forest activities, contact:

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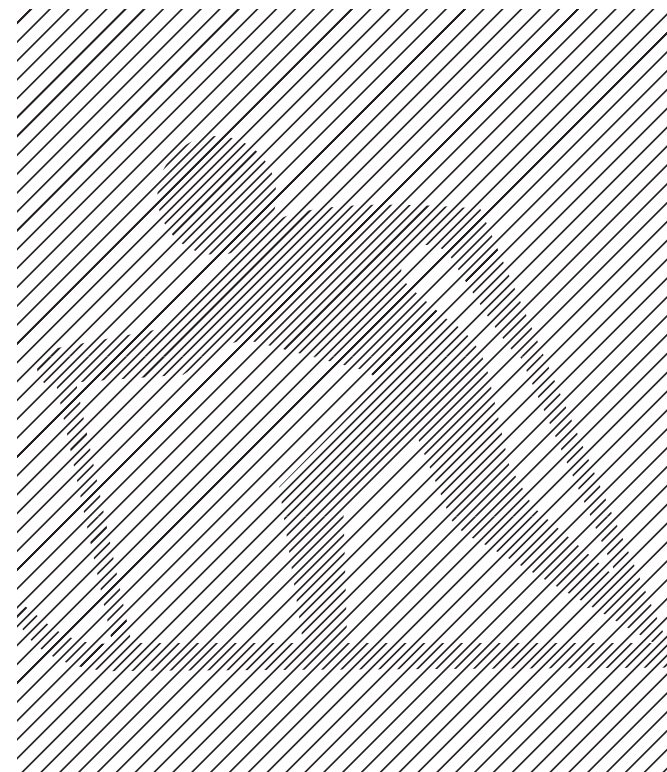
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Hearts Content X-C Ski Area



Allegheny National Forest

P Parking/Trailhead

 Wheeler Fire Tower

 Campground

 Picnic Area

 Ski Trail

 Hiking Trail

Legend

 Stream

 Bridge

 Gate

 Information Signs

 Wilderness Area Boundary

 Easiest
For warm-up and new skiers

Trail Distances

Wheeler Loop 2.0 km (1.3 mi.)

Tom's Run Loop 5.1 km (3.2 mi.)

Ironwood Loop 5.3 km (3.3 mi.)

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Hickory Creek Trail

Hearts
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Recreation
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Wheeler
Loop

Hearts Content
Scenic Area

Sheffield - 10 mi.

Ironwood
Loop

Tom's Run
Loop

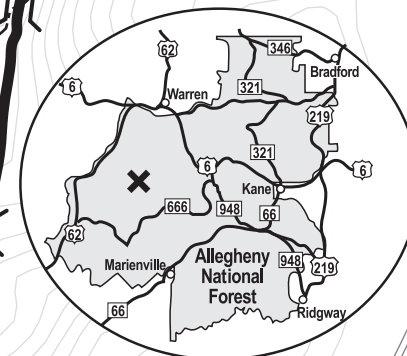
Leave No Trace!

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7 Leave No Trace Outdoor Ethics Principles

1. Plan ahead and prepare.
2. Travel and camp on durable surfaces.
3. Dispose of waste properly.
4. Leave what you find.
5. Minimize campfire impacts.
6. Respect wildlife.
7. Be considerate of other visitors.

Land stewardship ethics courtesy of Leave No Trace (www.LNT.org)



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