

MINISTER CREEK HIKING TRAIL

WELCOME to the Minister Creek Trail. This 10 mile (11.43 kilometer) trail begins at the Minister Creek Campground and forms a loop through the Minister Creek Wilderness Study Area north of SR 666.

FINDING THE TRAIL – The trailhead parking lot is located on SR 666 west of Minister Creek Campground, 14.7 miles southwest of Sheffield, PA. Minister Creek Campground offers six campsites, each containing a picnic table and a fire ring. Vault toilets and hand-pumped water are available. This trail can be found on the Cherry Grove USGS quadrangle map.

HIKING THE TRAIL – The trail is marked with gray diamonds. Watch the informational signs... this trail offers challenges to a wide range of skill levels as it climbs to the plateau within the Minister Creek Wilderness Study Area. The Minister Creek Trail joins the North Country National Scenic Trail (marked with blue diamonds) along the most northerly segment. The North Country National Scenic Trail then continues and the Minister Creek Trail turns south back towards the campground.

Fishing for small native brook trout can be done in Minister Creek. Enjoy the wildlife viewing as you hike. The vegetation found in the Minister Creek Area supports wildlife typically associated with older trees and decaying vegetation. Part of the Minister Creek Trail is located on old railroad grades used in early logging efforts.

Camp overnight as you enjoy the Minister Creek Trail or make a leisurely day trip through the Minister Creek Wilderness Study Area.

REGULATIONS – This trail is for hiking and cross-country skiing. Mountain bikes, motorized vehicles, ATVs, and snowmobiles are not allowed on any of the trail. Forest trails policy prohibits the use of saddle, pack, or draft animals on hiking or cross-country ski trails. If you are hunting in the area, please make sure you are outside the Minister Creek Campground boundary.

SAFETY – The skill level of this trail is MORE DIFFICULT and you should be in good health to enjoy it. We encourage you to hike with at least one other person and to leave your itinerary with friends so they'll know where to look if you don't return on time or need assistance.

This trail is open for winter hiking. Remember to dress in layers appropriate for the weather conditions. Be aware that this trail is used heavily in the late fall and spring by hunters. It is a good idea to wear bright fluorescent colored clothing if hiking during these time periods. Practice **Leave No Trace Outdoor Ethics**. The pump water

in the Minister Creek Campground is safe for drinking. Water from any other sources should be boiled before consumption. For sanitary disposal of wastes, dig a pit on flat ground at least 6 inches deep and at least 200 feet from water.

EMERGENCY – CALL 911. The nearest hospital is located north of the trailhead in Warren. Be aware that cell phone service is limited to nonexistent throughout the Forest—please plan accordingly.

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

CUSTOMER SERVICE – The Sheffield area offers food and gas facilities. Warren is a full service community. We would like to hear about your trail experience. Please report any unsafe trail conditions. We appreciate your support.

FOR MORE INFORMATION about this and other trail opportunities, contact:

Bradford Ranger District

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(814) 362-4613

www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/alleghey

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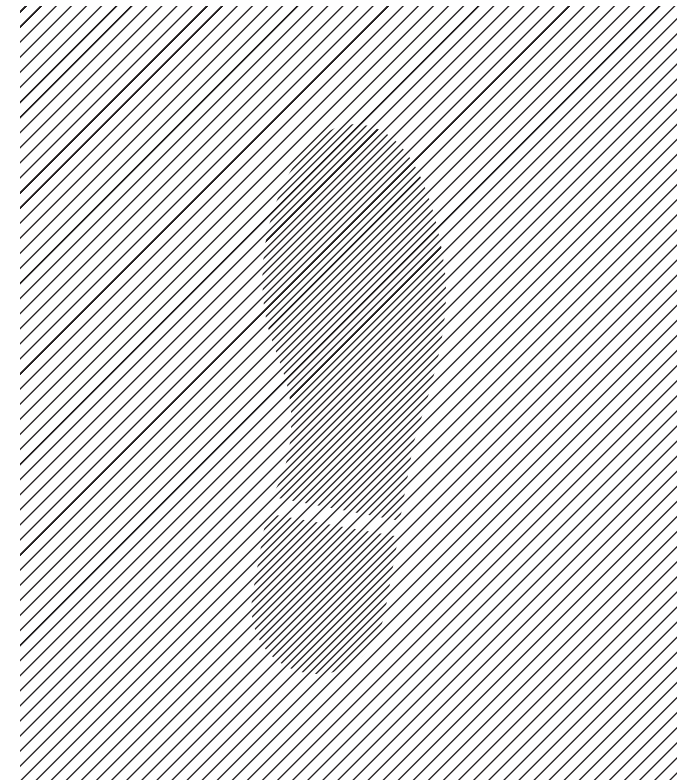


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Legend

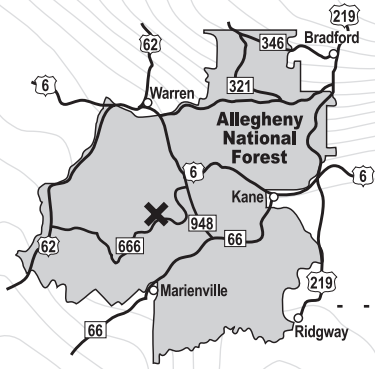
- Parking/Trailhead
- Campsite
- Water
- Trail
- Information
- Stream
- Rocks
- Bridge

Trail Distance:

North Loop = 6.0 mi.
 Middle Loop = 2.0 mi.
 South Loop = 2.0 mi.

Difficulty: Moderate

Trailhead Elevation = 1300'
 Elevation Range = 1300' - 1690'



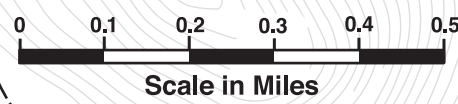
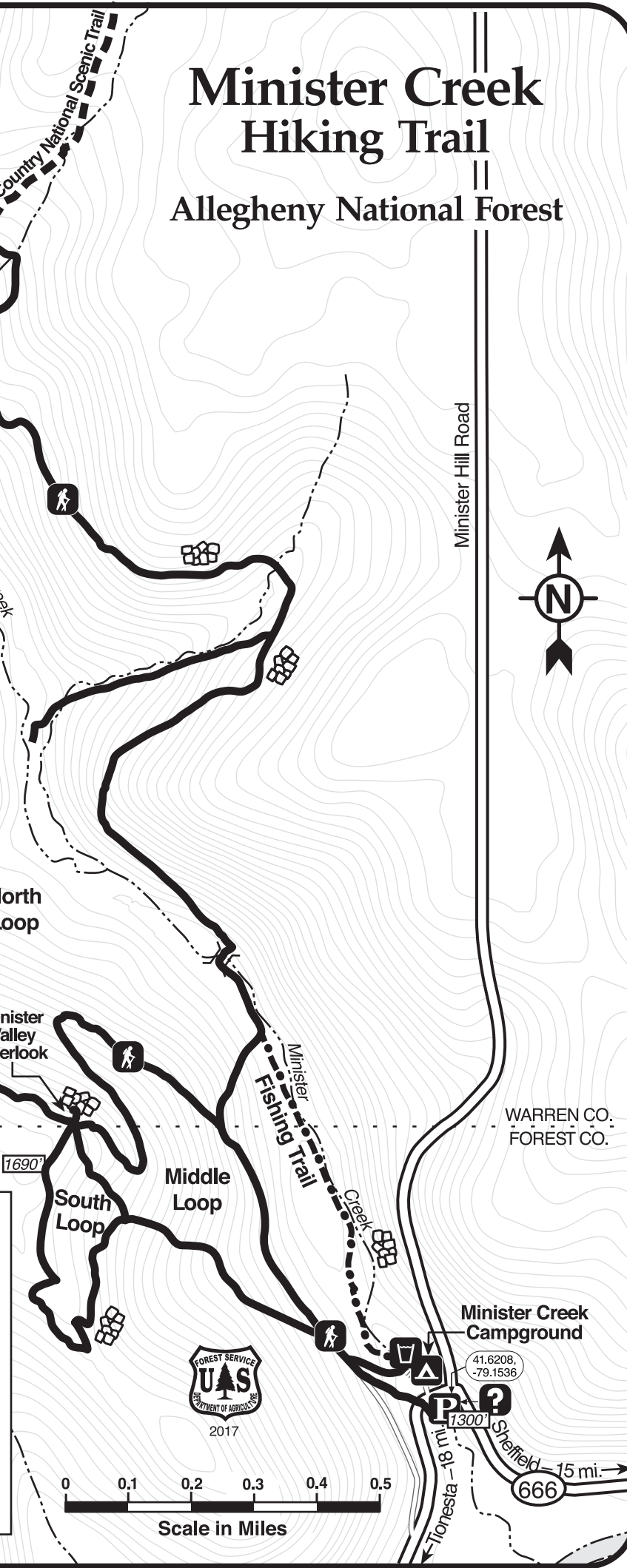
Leave No Trace!

Leave No Trace is a National non-profit organization that unites public and private partners to teach minimum impact skills and ethics to all outdoor enthusiasts.

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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Minister Creek Campground

41.6208, -79.1536

1300'

18 mi. → Tonesta

15 mi. → Sheffield

666

Minister Hill Road

North Loop

Minister Valley Overlook

South Loop

Middle Loop

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