TWIN LAKES HIKING TRAIL

WELCOME to the Twin Lakes Hiking Trail. This 16.3 mile trail starts at the Twin Lakes Recreation Area, on the Black Cherry Trail, and ends at the North Country National Scenic Trail in the Tionesta Scenic Area.

FINDING THE TRAIL—The Twin Lakes Trailhead is located at Twin Lakes Recreation Area, off State Route 321 between Kane and Wilcox. The trail can also be accessed at the State Route 66 and Forest Route 152 and 443 crossings. This trail can be found on the James City, Russell City, and Ludlow quadrangle maps.

HIKING THE TRAIL—The trail is marked with gray diamonds. The trail is designated MORE DIFFICULT and is best suited to hikers and backpackers. At the Twin Lakes Recreation Area, the trail climbs from Hoffman Run over the plateau and then drops into the headwaters of Wolf Run on its way to South Branch Tionesta Creek. After crossing South Branch Tionesta Creek and then Crane Run, a designated wilderness trout stream, the trail then climbs into the Tionesta Scenic Area. The Twin Lakes Trail ends at the North Country National Scenic Trail in the Tionesta Scenic Area. Hikers then have the opportunity to hike north or south on the North Country National Scenic Trail, a 96.3 mile trail on the Allegheny National Forest. The Twin Lakes Trail is the second longest hiking trail on the Allegheny, and was intended to provide more long distance, cross-country hiking opportunities.

Wolf Run, Tionesta Creek, and Crane Run are popular trout fishing streams. The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission recognizes Crane Run as a designated Wilderness Trout Stream. Portions of the trail pass through oil and gas fields and timber sale units. These activities may make the trail hard to find. Sections of the trail are at certain times of the year.

REGULATIONS—This trail is for hiking. MotORIZED vehicles, ATV's, mountain bikes, and snowmobiles are not allowed on the trail. Forest trail policy prohibits the use of saddle, or horseback travel on the Allegheny. The skill level of this trail is MORE DIFFICULT. The Allegheny National Forest has special regulations regarding the use of saddle, or horseback travel on the Allegheny. The Allegheny is a designated wilderness area. See the Allegheny National Forest regulations and map for instructions regarding horseback travel on the Allegheny National Forest.

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LEAVE NO TRACE! OUTDOOR ETHICS

1. PLAN AHEAD AND PREPARE
   - Know the regulations and special concerns for wilderness.
   - Prepare for extreme weather, hazards, and emergencies.
   - Visit in small groups. Split larger parties into groups of 4-6.

2. TRAVEL AND CAMP ON DURABLE SURFACES
   - Protect riparian areas by camping at least 100 feet from lakes and streams.
   - Concentrate use on existing trails and campsites.
   - Stick to the middle of the trail, even when mud or snow. Keep campsites small. Focus activity in areas where vegetation is abundant.
   - In pristine areas: Disperse use to prevent the creation of campsites and trails.

3. DISPOSE OF WASTE PROPERLY
   - Pack it in, pack it out. Inspect your campsite and rest areas for trash or spilled foods.
   - Pack out all trash, leftover food, and litter.
   - Deposit of solid human waste in catholes dug 6 to 8 inches deep at least 200 feet from water, camp, and trails.
   - To wash yourself or your dishes, carry water 100 feet away from streams or lakes and use small amounts of biodegradable soap.
   - Scatter strained dishwater.

4. LEAVE WHAT YOU FIND
   - Preserve the past: examine, but do not touch, cultural or historical artifacts.
   - Leave rocks, plants and other natural objects as you find them.
   - Do not build structures, furniture, or dig trenches.

5. MINIMIZE CAMPFIRE IMPACTS
   - Campfires can cause lasting impacts to the backcountry. Use a lightweight stove for cooking and enjoy a candle lantern for light.

6. RESPECT WILDLIFE
   - Observe wildlife from a distance.
   - Never feed animals. Feeding wildlife damages their health, alters natural behaviors, and exposes them to predators and other dangers.
   - Hang your food in a bear-bag to protect it and avoid habituating animals to humans as a food source.

7. BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHER VISITORS
   - Respect distance while hiking to protect the quality of their experience.
   - Let nature’s sounds prevail. Avoid loud voices and noises.

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