



Allegheny Brambles

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Camping in Special Management Areas on the Allegheny National Forest – Can You or Can't You?

Second article in a series about recreation on the Allegheny National Forest (NF)

Special management areas are places where the Allegheny NF applies enhanced management to camp in special areas. Let's review what campers can and can't do while enjoying the special management areas.

Camping at Designated Sites: Forest visitors are allowed to camp only in sites designated for camping.

- Clarion River along River Road in Elk and Forest Counties,
- Millstone Creek along FR 132 in Millstone Township in Elk County, and
- National Forest System lands adjacent to the Tionesta Reservoir in Forest County.

Dispersed Camping is Prohibited within 1500' of the:

- shoreline starting at the timberline around the Allegheny Reservoir,
- centerline of Longhouse Scenic Byway around the Allegheny Reservoir composed of portions of Forest Road 262, and State Routes 59 and 321, and
- centerline of State Routes 321 and 346 within the Allegheny National Recreation Area around the Allegheny Reservoir; these two state routes compose the eastern boundary of the Allegheny National Recreation Area.

Non-Camping Areas: These special management areas do not provide camping opportunities.

- Tionesta Research Natural Area in southwestern corner of McKean County,
- Heart's Content Scenic Area in Warren County,
- Jake's Rocks and Rimrock Overlooks on the Allegheny Reservoir in McKean and Warren Counties, and
- Kinzua Creek on either side of the main channel from Red Bridge upstream to Mead Run in McKean County.

Use of Motorized Equipment and Mechanical Transport is prohibited in the Hickory Creek and Allegheny Islands Wilderness.

Possession of Alcoholic Beverages is Prohibited on National Forest System lands adjacent to Tionesta Reservoir in Forest County.

All Entry is Prohibited at Buzzard Swamp Propagation Area in Forest County and at Riverview Cemetery near Willow Bay in McKean County.

Dispersed camping is allowed in many places in the Allegheny NF but if you want to visit a Special Management Area on the Allegheny NF check the regulations before you make any definite plans.

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