# WESTLINE

### **CROSS-COUNTRY SKI AREA**

**WELCOME** to the Westline Cross-Country Ski Area. This 15.6 kilometer (9.8 mile) ungroomed trail system was completed in 1991 with the use of cooperative inmate prison labor from FCI-McKean. These trails were specifically designed for the enjoyment of X-C skiers of all skill levels.

**FINDING THE AREA** – The trailhead parking lot is located 11 miles south of Bradford via US 219 and SR 59, approximately <sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub> mile off of FR 455.

**SKIING THE AREA** – The two-way trail system traverses a combination of logging trails, pipelines, and forest routes which offer challenges to a wide range of skill levels-from the novice to the most experienced skier. The Short Circuit Loop, with its gentle rolling terrain, is especially designed for the beginning skier and also provides a terrific warm-up run for anyone. Inside-Out and Boo-Boo's Delight Loops will suit more experienced schussers, who will enjoy the up and downhill grades and scenic views of the headwaters of Thundershower Run. Ledges Loop offers large rock out-croppings along the ridge, making this an enticing trail to explore. The Thundershower Trail offers the most experienced skiers a beautiful view of Thundershower Run as it flows into Westline - a small village which once supported a sawmill, a chemical wood factory, and two railroads. Wildlife is abundant in this ski area; remember to watch for turkey, deer, squirrels, and birds, especially along Thundershower Run and its headwaters.

**REGULATIONS** – These trails are for hiking, cross-country skiing, and mountain biking. Motorized vehicles, ATV's, and snowmobiles are not allowed on any of the trails. Forest trails policy prohibits the use of saddle, pack, or draft animals on hiking or cross-country ski trails.

SAFETY—Trails are clearly marked with blue diamond-shaped markers on trees. The trails are designated as EASIEST (for warm-up and new skiers), MORE DIFFICULT (for advanced beginners and intermediate skiers), and MOST DIFFICULT (for experienced skiers). The loops designated more difficult and most difficult have a few steep hills. The hills are clearly marked on the map and on the ground. 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!

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. Be aware that these trails are used by hunters in the spring and fall. It is a good idea to wear bright fluorescent colored clothing during these periods.

**EMERGENCY** – The nearest hospital is in Bradford, 11 miles northeast of the trailhead parking area. The nearest pay telephone is at the Westline Inn, Westline, PA, four miles south of the parking lot. Please report any unsafe trail conditions directly to the Bradford Ranger Station. Include downed trees, icy areas, missing signs and markers, and plugged culverts. We appreciate your support.

**VOLUNTEERS** – These trails are maintained by the Bradford Ranger District, Allegheny National Forest, in cooperation with the Kinzua Trail Club. If you, a friend, or your club are interested in volunteering to help maintain these trails (or other trails on the Forest), please contact the Ranger Station.

**CUSTOMER SERVICE** – The Westline area offers food and lodging. You'll also find food, lodging, and gasoline at Lantz's Corners.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION** on this and other ski areas in the Allegheny National Forest, contact:

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