Quebec Run Wild Area

Pennsylvania contains about 17 million acres of forestland. Of this total, over two million acres are in the state forest system, which is publicly owned and managed by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Forestry. The Forbes State Forest comprises about 60,000 acres located in Westmoreland, Somerset, and Fayette Counties.

Camping Information

Camping in the Quebec Run Wild Area is restricted to backpack-type camping. Camping out of vehicles or campers is not permitted. Permits for camping are required only if campers stay more than one night at any campsite. All campers are encouraged to obtain a permit in case you are overdue or if someone needs to reach you. Campers must:

- Camp at least 100 feet from any stream or open water source;
- Camp at least 200 feet from and out of sight of roads and parking areas;
- Camp at least 25 feet from and out of sight of any trails;
- Keep field privies at least 200 feet from any water source;
- Pack out all trash;
- Not have campfires when wildfire danger is high.

Motorized vehicles are not permitted on any trails.

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The Quebec Run Wild Area is located along the eastern slope of Chestnut Ridge, in Fayette County. This heavily forested 7,441 acre area of land extends eastward to Big Sandy Creek. Nearly all of the Quebec Run and Tebolt Run watersheds are encompassed by the Wild Area. No development of a permanent nature will be permitted in this area, so as to retain the undeveloped 'wild' character. The general public can use this area for hiking, hunting, fishing, and the pursuit of peace and solitude. Big Sandy Creek is stocked with trout, and the lower reaches of Quebec Run and Tebolt Run contain native trout.

The forest is mixed mesophitic. Sugar and red maple, along with yellow-poplar line the moist north and east-facing slopes. Mixed oaks occupy the warmer and drier south and west sides of the hills. Rhododendron thickets share the wet creek bottoms with hemlock. Mountain laurel, dogwood, and sassafras. An area of pitch pine can be found growing in the rocky surface near Miller Trail.

This forest is mostly third growth, resulting from extensive timber harvesting by the Summit Lumber Co. of Uniontown around 1938-40. Many of the old logging roads and tram roads are in the evidence, along with dark brown sawdust piles that give mute testimony to the once active portable sawmills.

An abandoned farm field near the east end of Brocker and Tebolt Trails is reverting to brush and forestland. Several acres were planted with spruce and larch.

Parking

Please refer to the map for the location of parking areas. There are no restroom locations, and you must pack in potable water.

Trail Information

This area contains many miles of maintained trails. Combinations of these trails provide different loops to the user.

Quebec Road—This 3.7 mile road connects the north and south parking lots, and effectively bisects the Wild Area.
West Road—West Road stretches 2 miles from Hess Trail to Mill Run Trail.
Tebolt Road—This 1.2 mile connector stretches from the south parking lot to West Road.
Tebolt Trail—This 3.9 mile trail will take you from the Tebolt parking lot over to Mill Run where it joins up with the West Road.
Hess Trail—Hess Trail meanders 4.2 miles along the west side of the Wild Area, connecting the Tebolt and North parking lots.
Brocker Trail—You will cross several other roads as you travel the 2 miles along this trail from Hess Trail to its junction with Tebolt Trail.
Rankin Trail—Rankin Trail follows Quebec Run for 1.1 miles from Hess Trail to Mill Run Trail, crossing Quebec Road midway along its route.
Mill Run Trail—Starts at the Mill Run parking lot and follows Mill Run for 2.5 miles to West Road.
Grist Mill Trail—This trail connects the Mill Run parking lot and the lost near the old Summey place.
Miller Trail—Miller Trail is a 1 mile foot path from the north lot to Mill Run Trail.

For more information

Check out 'Forbes State Forest' on Facebook!

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In the event of an emergency, contact a state forest employee or dial 911.

If you become lost: stop, stay calm, stay put, & dial 911. The further you walk the longer it will take to find you.

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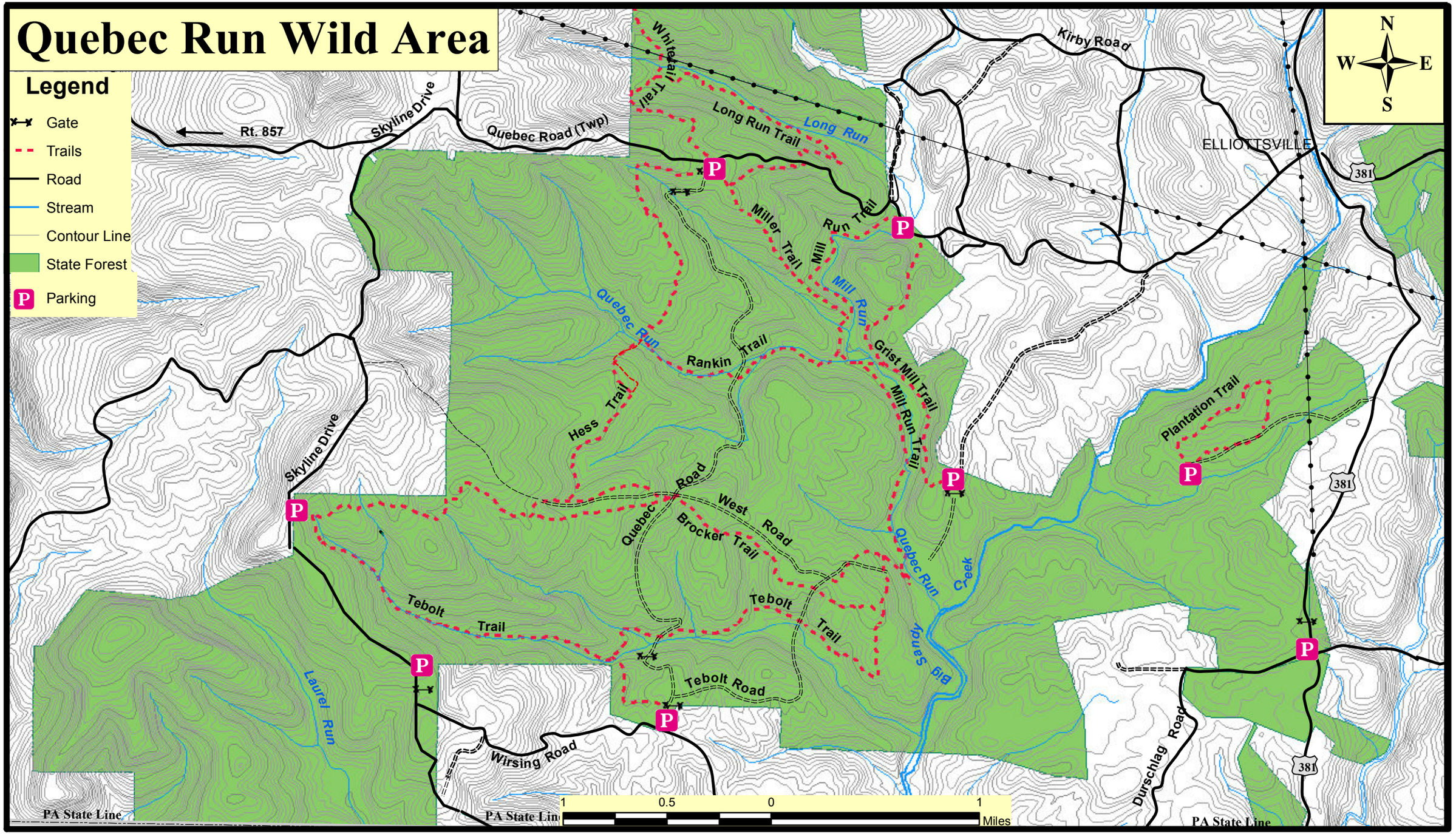
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