

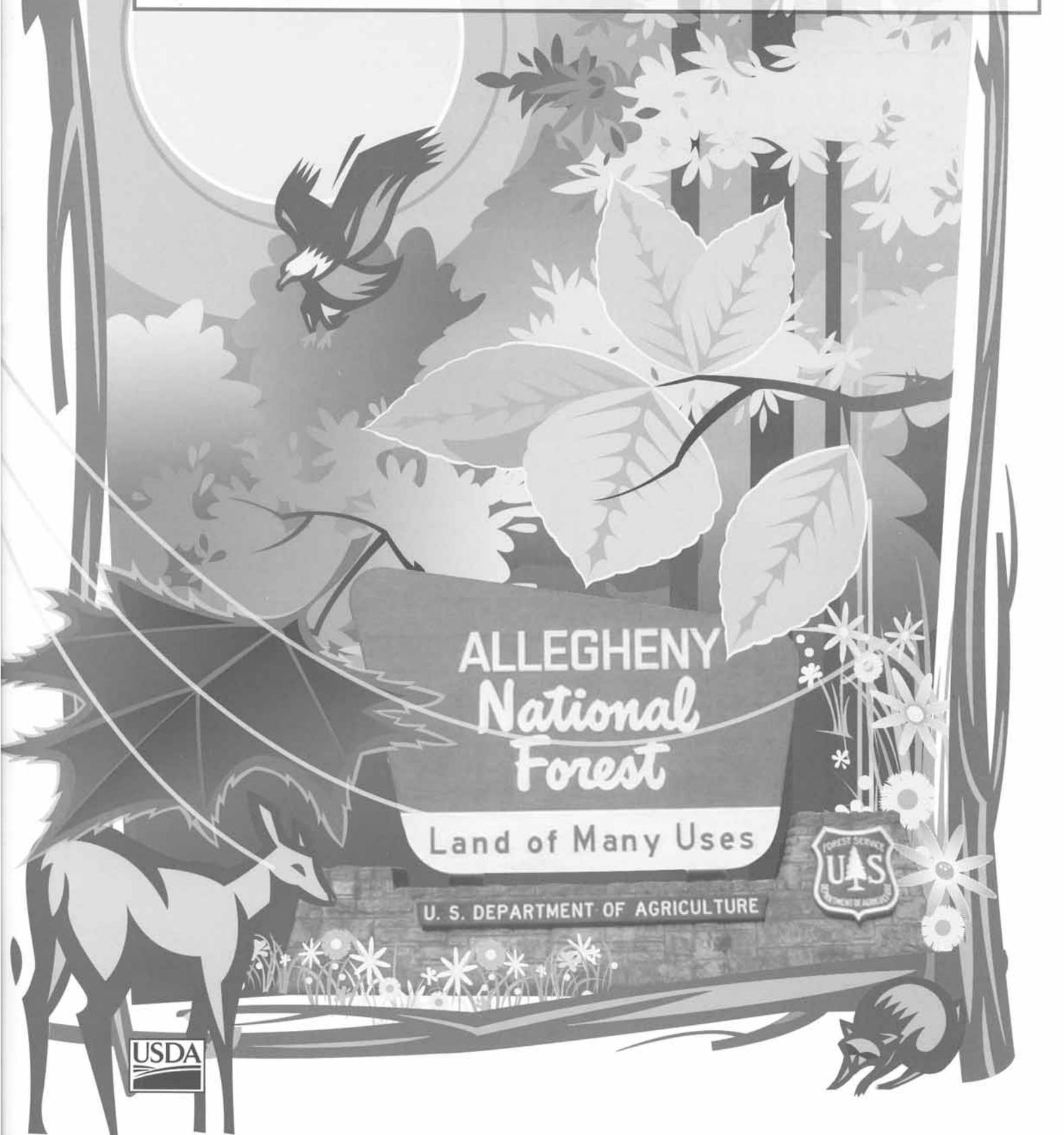


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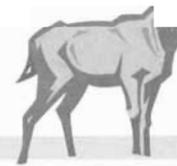
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Interpretive Trail

Timberdoodle Flats Completed



The Timberdoodle Flats Interpretive Trail was made possible by the generosity of 21 partners who contributed time, materials or money to the project. Timberdoodle Flats Interpretive trail, located on the Bradford Ranger District of the Allegheny National Forest can be reached by traveling east of Warren on State Route 59, approximately two miles past the Bradford Ranger Station in Marshburg.

This trail system covers 160 acres of the former Scott family farm, which was acquired by the Forest Service in the 1960s. Visitors to the trail can choose the 1-1/4 mile Woodcock trail that is a mowed path with 12 interpretive stops or the shorter gravel surfaced Bluebird trail with 6 interpretive stops. The Bluebird trail is suitable for wheelchairs or walking assistance equipment.



Visitors may spot a wild turkey while exploring the interpretive stops...

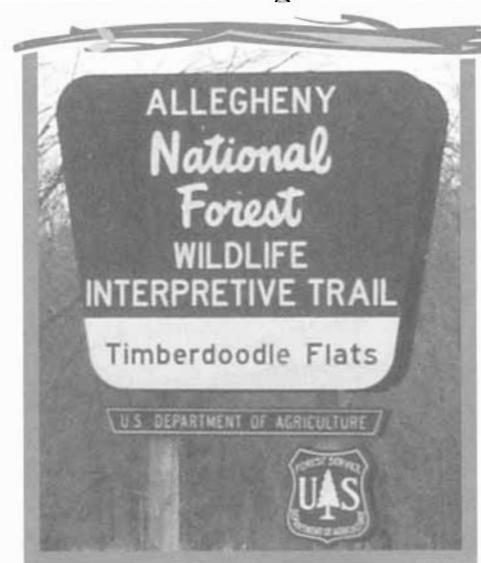
These trails were specifically designed to travel through a “mosaic” of wildlife habitats ranging from open fields to mid-level apple orchards, to tall, thick hemlock groves. Signing along the trail provides an explanation of the benefits the plant and tree layers provide to each species of wildlife found in these areas. Visitors may see a brood of young wild turkey searching for bugs in the open,

grassy fields, a beaver skimming through the pond to a nearby lodge, a turtle sunning on a turtle raft, or a family of white-tailed deer munching on wild apples. Test your listening skills for the songs of the bluebird, mourning dove, yellow warbler or robin and tracking skills in the sand pit and see how many different animal tracks you can identify!

Contributing partners are honored with a sign at the trail.



The beaver pond is home to a variety of animal species.



Welcome to Timberdoodle Flats...

Wildlife and Partners!

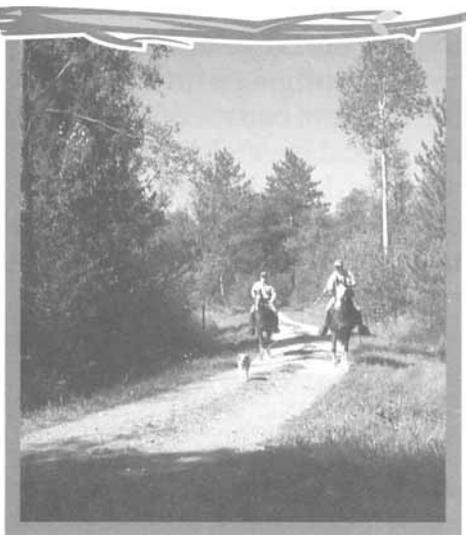


The Forest County land management office of the Pennsylvania Game Commission has been assisting with the Allegheny National Forest habitat management since the early 1960's! The Game Commission, in cooperation with the ANF, was instrumental in designing and developing

structures, raising and lowering water levels in ponds (according to schedule), cleaning outlet pipes, placing, maintaining and monitoring nest box structures (woodduck, bluebird, kestrel), soil testing, and banding geese and ducks. In addition to maintenance, the Game Commission assists with

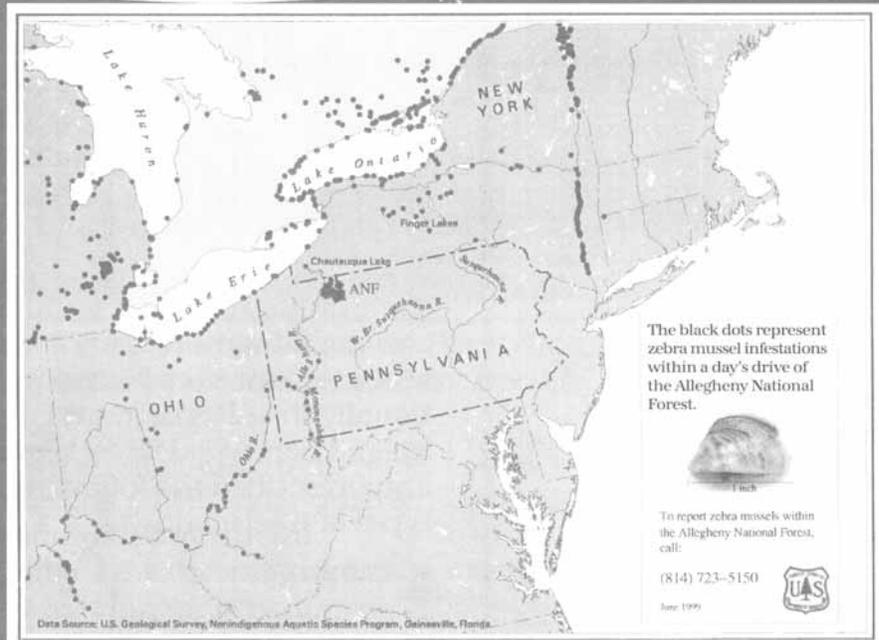
the organization and support of the annual youth field day and with prescribed burn projects.

Outside of the Buzzard Swamp complex, the Game Commission implements many of the same maintenance and enhancement activities on ANF habitat.



Horseback riding at Buzzard Swamp

the Buzzard Swamp wildlife complex. Currently the Game Commission personnel are largely responsible for the maintenance of Buzzard Swamp. Maintenance involves mowing, planting grains, fruit producing shrubs and warm season grasses, pruning fruit trees, repairing water control



You can help prevent the spread of zebra mussels. Boaters are urged to take the following steps before launching their boats, canoes, jet skis, and other watercraft in the Allegheny Reservoir or the Allegheny River:

- REMOVE all plants and animals from boats and equipment (including trailers),
- DRAIN water from watercraft (including all bilges),
- DISPOSE of unwanted live bait on land, and
- Either RINSE boat and boating equipment with high-pressure hot water (a car wash works well) or DRY watercraft and equipment for at least five days.

