

Hike The Alleghenies

Greenwood Furnace State Park / Rothrock State Forest

Fire Tower Loop

Fire Tower Loop (6.3 Miles)

This is a loop to the Greenwood Fire Tower on Broad Mountain. The trailhead for the Greenwood Spur (blue blazes) is near the historic blacksmith shop. Watch for house foundations and charcoal hearths along the way. The tower was erected in the 1930's, and is still used to watch for forest fires. Wildlife is abundant in the area. The alert observer may see white-tailed deer, black bear, wild turkey, ruffed grouse and many species of small game. Duck, great blue heron and occasionally osprey visit Greenwood Lake. During early evening hours in late May and June, whip-poor-will sing their unique call.

Parking: Lat 40 39 08 Lon 77 45 16

There is plenty of parking at the park office / visitor center. The entrance to the park is on PA Rt. 305, a 10-minute drive west of Belleville, PA or a 35-minute drive southeast of State College, PA. Heading east on PA Rt. 305, turn left into the park onto Broad Mountain Road. The park office / visitor center will be immediately on your left.

Trail Directions: From the park office / visitor center, hike north on the paved path along Broad Mountain Road .1 miles (moving away from PA Rt. 305) and stay on trail going across a pedestrian bridge. Immediately after the pedestrian bridge, Turn Right on the path and then an immediate left onto Broad Mountain Road. Turn Right at the Greenwood Spur Trailhead onto the blue blazed Greenwood Spur. Follow the Greenwood Spur 2.8 miles (crossing Snowmobile Trail and Seeger Road) to the fire tower at the top of the mountain. Turn Right onto the red blazed access road .4 miles to Seeger Road. Go straight across Seeger Road onto the red blazed Ruff Gap Trail 1 mile down a steep hill and Turn Right onto the red blazed Snowmobile Trail. Go 1 mile and Turn Left onto the Greenwood Spur (backtracking to the visitor center). Go .9 miles and Turn Left onto Broad Mountain Road .1 miles back to the visitor center.

Distance:

6.3 miles

Time:

4-4.5 hours

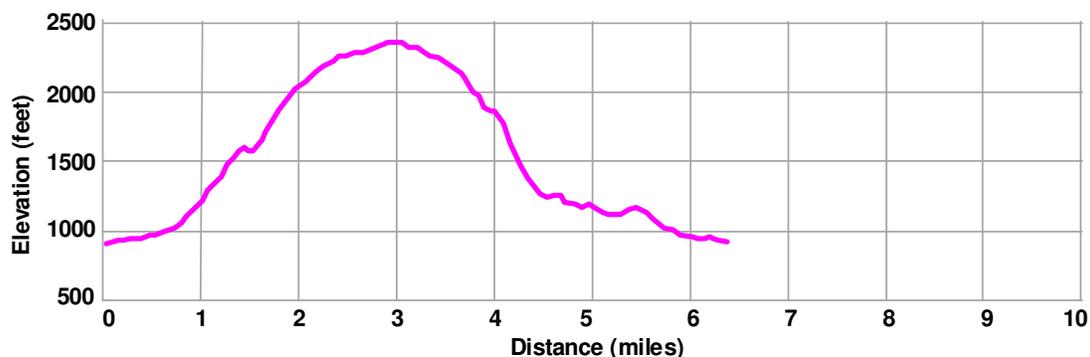
Elevation Change:

1,401 feet

Trail Loop Difficulty Rating:



Challenging terrain OR varying elevation



Amenities and more miles of trail are available in Greenwood Furnace State Park and adjacent Rothrock State Forest. See these websites for details (including physical accessibility):

www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/greenwoodfurnace.aspx

www.dcnr.state.pa.us/Forestry/stateforests/rothrock.aspx

More information on the Link Trail, including history, updates, events and tours are available from:

www.geocities.com/linktrail