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Rhododendron

Unlike early-blooming hybrids, rhododendrons in the Pocono Mountains bloom in June. They are common along creeks and streams,

where their shade helps keep the water cool and safe for trout.



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Forest Layers

There are four levels in a forest. From bottom to top, they are the herbaceous and shrub layers, the understory, and the canopy.

Lowbush Blueberry

This species of blueberry is native to Pennsylvania, and is the state fruit of Maine. This plant is a spreading deciduous shrub with glossy blue-green leaves that turn purple in the fall. The berries are a favorite food of birds and bears.



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Lichens

Lichens are actually two organisms, fungi and algae, living in symbiosis – each benefits the other. Although they often have plant-like properties, lichens are not plants. Like plants, however, they produce their own food by photosynthesis. There are over 20,000 species of lichens, and they cover about 6% of the earth's surface.



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Animals

Deer are common inhabitants of this area. Other animals include chipmunks, rabbits, and squirrels. Search for signs of animal activity, like tracks, droppings, and flattened grasses.

Mount Airy

Casino ♦ Resort

Woodland Trail



Distance - 1 mile
Time - 30 minutes
Difficulty - Easy
Open 8am-Dusk
Enjoy Your Hike!

No Fishing - No Hunting - No ATVs

An initiative by Mount Airy Casino Resort in partnership with Paradise Township and Monroe County for the visitors and residents of the Pocono Mountains

For trail information or to report trail problems, call Mount Airy Security at 570-243-4800 Gambling problem? Call 1-800-GAMBLER

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Deciduous Trees

Deciduous trees lose their leaves annually, and include maple and oak trees. You will see the telltale sign of acorns under oak trees. Other species nearby include the American beech, which has smooth, light gray bark, and birch trees, which have white bark.

Eastern Hemlock

The long-lived eastern hemlock is the state tree of Pennsylvania, with the oldest recorded tree reaching almost 1000 years old. Their bark was historically used for teas and medicine. Today, hemlocks are threatened by an invasive, destructive insect called a woolly adelgid.

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Stream Features

There are three main parts of a stream. Riffles are stream segments in which fast water flows over rocks, providing oxygen for fish and other aquatic animals. Pools are slower and deeper than riffles, and provide shelter. Runs are areas of swiftly moving water between riffles and pools. All of these areas provide food for fish.

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Forest Hills Run

The Woodland Trail runs along and over Forest Hills Run, a stream that joins Paradise Creek. Paradise Valley, located just downstream of Mount Airy Casino Resort, is home to the first licensed trout hatchery in Pennsylvania.



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Conservation

When meadows and other open spaces are undisturbed, the land protects water quality in nearby creeks and streams. They also provide habitat for wildlife, including native and migratory birds. Be a good steward of land and water!