



EAGLES MERE PATHS AND TRAILS

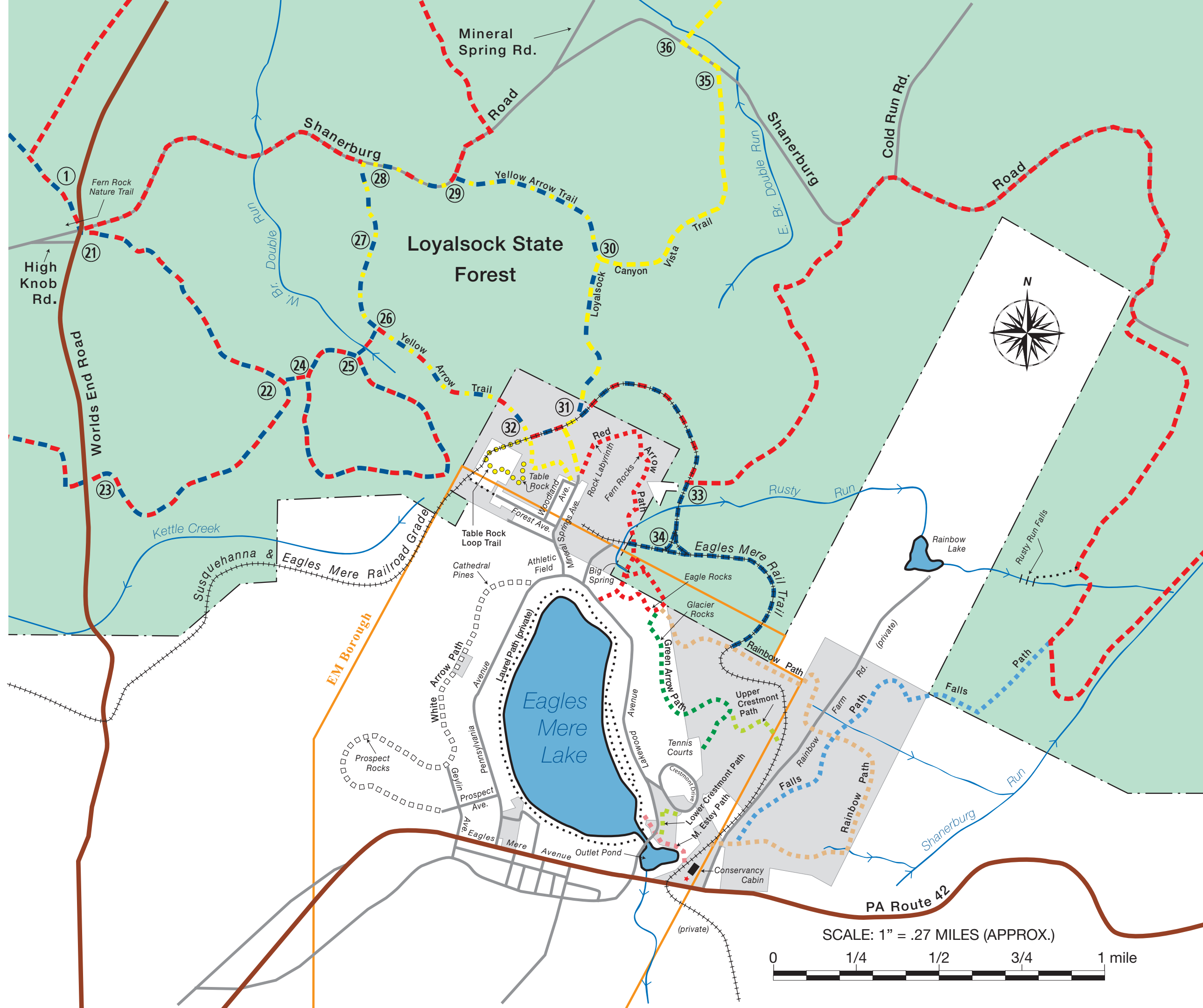
Conservancy Paths & Trails

- Green Arrow ~0.9 mi.
- Red Arrow ~1.3 mi.
- White Arrow ~1.5 mi.
- Yellow Arrow ~3.0 mi.
- Table Rock Loop ~0.7 mi.
- Margaret Estey Path ~0.2 mi.
- Rainbow Path ~1.6 mi.
- Falls Path ~1.0 mi.
- Crestmont Paths ~0.5 mi.
- Conservancy Nature Tr. ~0.75 mi. ★

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The Eagles Mere Conservancy properties are a proud part of the Eagles Mere Historic District.

Paths and Trails of the Eagles Mere Area

Walking and hiking around Eagles Mere is a wonderful experience. In the early 1900's, Horace McFarland and C. Aubrey DeLong pioneered the Red, White, and Green Arrow paths. The Yellow Arrow Trail was laid out 20 years later. The Rail Trail follows part of the Eagles Mere Railroad which operated from 1892 to 1926. Then in the 1990's the Eagles Mere Conservancy created four new paths. This map also includes some of the trails in the Loyalsock State Forest. Long and short hikes can be planned through the unspoiled forests of the area.

- Most of the trails have rectangular painted blazes.
- A double blaze (one over the other) alerts to an upcoming intersection of trails or an abrupt change of trail direction.
- Where signs are provided at trail junctions, visualize them pushed over and lying flat on the ground to determine trail directions.
- Some trails are not on public land, so no assertion can be made concerning legality or safety of passing over them.
- Bikes are permitted ONLY on the Rail Trail.
- Motorized vehicles, camping, and open fires are NOT permitted on Eagles Mere Conservancy Land.
- Hunting is NOT permitted on Eagles Mere Conservancy properties or within the Borough of Eagles Mere. Wear florescent orange during ALL hunting seasons listed at www.pgc.state.pa.us.
- PLEASE be considerate of your fellow nature lovers and do not litter or disturb the environment.

Historic Eagles Mere Paths and Trails

Green Arrow Path (green blazes ~ 0.9 mi.)

This path goes from the tennis courts and meets the Upper Crestmont Path on the right. The Green Arrow takes a left turn and passes over a rocky area before passing through Glacier Rocks and ascending to Eagle Rocks where it meets the Red Arrow Path.

Red Arrow Path (red blazes ~ 1.3 mi.)

The Red Arrow Path and Loyalsock Canyon Vista Trail (yellow blazes) begin at the north end of Mineral Springs Avenue in Eagles Mere Park. Leading left is the Loyalsock Canyon Vista Trail. The Red Arrow goes straight, passes through the Rock Labyrinth, over Fern Rocks, and crosses Rusty Run and the Eagles Mere Rail Trail. After a short walk the Red Arrow goes in two directions. Straight, the path leads to Big Spring (Wishing Well), the source for the blue iris wetlands and Rusty Run. Left, the path ascends to a right turn-off to Big Spring or continues on and meets Rainbow and Green Arrow paths. Then it turns right, passes through Eagle Rocks and meets the other path of the Red Arrow coming from Big Spring and ends at Lakewood Avenue.

White Arrow Path (white blazes ~ 1.5 mi.)

The White Arrow Path begins at the sidewalk on Pennsylvania Avenue, west of the Athletic Field, and passes through the Cathedral Pines as it goes to the end of Geylin Avenue. This path continues to its 2120' high point of Prospect Rocks, loops up to the golf course, and descends to end at Prospect Avenue.

Yellow Arrow Trail (yellow blazes ~ 3.0 mi.)

The Yellow Arrow Trail begins on the north side of a gravel road connecting the ends of Mineral Springs and Woodland avenues in Eagles Mere Park. After it crosses a drainage ditch, the Table Rock Loop Trail (see description below) heads off to the left and the Yellow Arrow continues straight and crosses the Susquehanna and Eagles Mere Railroad Grade ③②. The Yellow Arrow continues to Shanerburg Road ②⑧, turns right and follows this road for about 0.3 mi. Then it leaves the road to the right ②⑨ and follows an old logging railroad grade and woods road until it meets the Loyalsock Canyon Vista Trail ③⑩. At this junction, continuing straight leads to Shanerburg Road on the Loyalsock Canyon Vista Trail (see its description). Return to Eagles Mere by going right and following the Loyalsock Canyon Vista Trail (yellow blazes continue) to locator post ③①. Bear right, walk a short distance on the railroad grade, and turn left on a woods road to ascend to the end of Mineral Springs Avenue.

Table Rock Loop Trail (yellow circle blazes ~ 0.7 mi.)

After the Yellow Arrow Trail crosses the drainage ditch, Table Rock Loop Trail departs immediately to the left, leads to historic Table Rock, winds its way to the Susquehanna & Eagles Mere Railroad Grade, turns right and follows the railroad grade to the Yellow Arrow ③②. Turning right the Yellow Arrow returns to Eagles Mere Park and turning left it continues to Shanerburg Road.

Conservancy Paths

Margaret Estey Path (pink blazes ~ 0.2 mi.)

Beginning at the Eagles Mere Rail Trail in front of the Conservancy Cabin, this path follows along the Outlet Pond, meets the Lower Crestmont Path on the right, and crosses Lakewood Avenue leading to the lake.

Rainbow Path (buff blazes ~ 1.6 mi.)

This path leaves the Eagles Mere Rail Trail to the right, north of the Conservancy Cabin, goes east and crosses Rainbow Farm Road. At the junction with Falls Path (light blue blazes), Rainbow Path goes straight, descends and follows a small stream to a woods road where it turns left, ascends, and crosses Falls Path. Continuing uphill, it re-crosses Rainbow Farm Road, passes beside a spring and then along a high fence which encloses Rainbow Farm, originally the summer estate of Louis E. Phipps. After crossing the Eagles Mere Rail Trail, Rainbow Path passes along rock ledges to connect with the oldest arrow path, the Red Arrow, near Eagle Rocks.

Falls Path (light blue blazes ~ 1.0 mi.)

Falls Path turns left off Rainbow Path about 0.04 mi. after Rainbow Path crosses Rainbow Farm Road. Falls Path soon passes along the edge of one of the Conservancy's Woodland Restoration areas. After about 0.4 mi., Falls Path crosses the other end of Rainbow Path and continues straight to a high boundary fence of Rainbow Farm. This path goes along the fence, swings right, and goes around a knoll to the left and enters the Loyalsock State Forest. Falls Path turns left onto a woods road which leads to the Bridle Trail (red blazes). To see Rusty Run Falls, follow the Bridle Trail downhill, across Rusty Run

and on to where it makes a right hand turn. An unblazed trail on the left leads to the falls.

Crestmont Paths (lime green blazes ~ 0.5 mi.)

The **Lower Crestmont Path** begins off the Margaret Estey Path close to where the Estey Path crosses Lakewood Avenue. The Lower Crestmont Path goes uphill as it parallels Lakewood Avenue, swings right and passes through a grove of huge old spruce and pine trees, and reaches Crestmont Drive just below the first house on the right. Continue uphill on unblazed Crestmont Drive, bear right at the top, and continue to the tennis courts. Continue around the right corner of the courts to the beginning of the Green Arrow Path. Follow the Green Arrow to the junction with the **Upper Crestmont Path** on the right. The Upper Crestmont Path heads downhill, swings left, and descends past a Woodland Restoration area on the right before it connects with the Eagles Mere Rail Trail. Going right on the Rail Trail for about 0.4 mile leads to the Conservancy Cabin.

Eagles Mere Conservancy Nature Trail

Conservancy Nature Trail (green plastic squares with yellow "NT" letters ~ 0.75 mi.)

This Nature Trail, established in 2012, is a multi-generational, year-round educational adventure which begins and ends at the Conservancy Cabin. It includes interpretive signage and areas for motor skills, natural play, music, and art. Come explore, imagine, discover, create and enjoy the many wonders of nature. Maps are available at the cabin.

Railroads of Eagles Mere

Eagles Mere Rail Trail (unblazed ~1.5 mi.)

This trail runs north from PA Route 42 near the Conservancy Cabin for about 1.5 miles. Blue blazes appear where this trail enters the state forest. The Rail Trail continues to locator post ③④ and on to Eagles Mere Park where it ends.

The Rail Trail is a section of the narrow gauge Eagles Mere Railroad (1892-1926) which started from the standard gauge Williamsport & North Branch Railroad at Sonestown. It ascended the mountain along The Outlet stream bringing passengers to the lake and its hotels. It was extended to Eagles Mere Park in 1902.

A railroad turning wye is evident at locator post ③④. The wye allowed trains to turn around.

Susquehanna & Eagles Mere Railroad Grade (blue blazes)

Bearing right at the turning wye ③④, this railroad grade continues around the mountain top to the other side of the Park intersecting several other trails. Red blazes will be picked up at ③③ and yellow blazes at ③①. The blazes will end where the Table Rock Loop (yellow circle blazes) meets the grade.

Senator C. W. Sones continued this narrow gauge railroad from the wye ③④ to Sonesville, Hillsgrove, and on to meet the standard gauge Susquehanna & New York Railroad at Masten which is northwest of Eagles Mere. It operated from 1906-22. This railroad transported hemlock bark, logs and lumber for tanneries and sawmills. Old railroad grades can be found throughout the forests surrounding Eagles Mere.

Other Trails in the Area

Loyalsock Canyon Vista Trail (yellow blazes ~ 4 mi.)

Beginning at the north end of Mineral Springs Avenue in Eagles Mere Park, the Loyalsock Canyon Vista Trail departs left of the Red Arrow Path and descends to the Susquehanna & Eagles Mere Railroad Grade. After going right on the grade to locator post ③①, the trail turns left and follows a woods road to the junction with the Yellow Arrow Trail ③⑩. At this junction, the Vista Trail turns right and goes east and then north as it descends to Shanerburg Road ③⑤. After going left on this road for about 0.25 mi., the trail goes right on an old logging railroad grade ③⑥ and joins the Loyalsock Trail ③①. (At this junction, not shown on this map, you can take a short side trip to see Neeneha Falls on the East Branch of Double Run and Mineral Spring by turning left on the ③① for 0.36 mile and then return.) The Loyalsock Canyon Vista Trail follows the ③① blazes north for 1.33 mi. to the vista. Several trail choices are available here and are shown on the Worlds End State Park map.

Loyalsock Trail (yellow plastic disks with red "LT" letters ~ 59.21 mi.)

Boy Scouts made this trail in 1951. Link trails (yellow plastic disks with a red "X" letter) provide circuit hikes. Guides, maps, and patches:

Alpine Club of Williamsport, PO Box 501, Williamsport, PA 17703
• www.lycoming.org/alpine •

Loyalsock State Forest Trails

There are Public Use, Bridle Trail, and Cross Country Ski Trail maps available at the Resource Management Center:

6735 Rte. 220, Dushore, PA 18614

570-946-4049 • fd20@pa.gov

Rectangular painted blazes are shown in the legend. Trails with joint use have more than one color. White blazes identify State Forest Boundary lines. The Fern Rock Nature Trail (2 mile loop) is located at the junction of Worlds End and High Knob roads.

Worlds End State Park Trails

There are numerous beautiful and interesting trails in the Park and maps are available at the Park's Visitor Center off Rte. 154 near Forksville.

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