

## Quehanna Trail - Caledonia Pike to Saunders Rd



The most beautiful time of the year to hike the trail is early to mid-June when Mountain Laurel, Pennsylvania's state flower, are in bloom. It is indeed worthwhile any time of year as you glimpse deer and elk while following meandering creeks past scenic overlooks through stands of both deciduous and evergreen trees from start to finish!

This hike requires footwear with good grip as well as ankle support for those of you that usually need it. A hiking staff will also benefit as some of the downhill sections are quite rocky.

You'll embark on a dirt road (rough in some areas), 2 vehicle, 3 hour hike. It'll take ~1 hour to drop the 2<sup>nd</sup> vehicle at the far trailhead and get back to the starting trailhead. High clearance vehicles are not necessary; but, low clearance vehicles might definitely get some rocker panel damage when parking in the edge of the woods at the starting trailhead as there is no designated parking area.



From the Wapiti Woods home/office driveway, turn left heading west on River Road/SR 555. Go 2.2 miles and turn left onto the Caledonia Pike. Go 0.4 mile and bear left at the “Y”, continuing out over the Caledonia Pike...20 to 25 mph will be your average speed for the 7.2 mile drive to the far trailhead.

At 2.1 miles you’ll pass a Quehanna Trail marker post on your left where you’ll return to park for the start of your hike.

Go another 1.4 miles and you’ll pass a marker post for the Quehanna Cross Connector Trail that we’ll refer to later. Continue for another 0.6 miles to the junction of Saunders Road. Turn right onto Saunders Road.

Go 2 miles and bear right at the “Y”. Continue for another 1.0 mile to a gravel trailhead parking area on your right just before the new concrete bridge crossing over Laurel Run.

It’s a bit confusing at the end of the trail as there are two different trailheads within the last tenth of a mile before you park; so, we added this extra description to clarify. Just before you get to that parking area at Laurel Run you’ll have passed a Quehanna Cross Connector Trail marker



post beside a gated entrance for Camp #2928 (both on the right). This is not where you'll come out from your trail as it's a Quehanna Cross Connector Trail trailhead, not the Quehanna Trail trailhead. Continue a bit farther and you'll see your unmarked trail exit on the right and then your parking area after the bend in the road before the bridge.



Park and lock your drop vehicle...remember to take your keys with you.

Go back up Saunders Road for 3.1 miles to the Caledonia Pike. Turn left and continue for 2 miles back to the Quehanna Trail marker post on your right. Go another 500 feet to a better/dryer parking spot on the left/west side of the road.

Lock your vehicle, take your keys and head back to the marker post. Go into the woods on the south side of the Pike – across the road from the Quehanna Trail marker post - follow the tan/yellow blazes on the trees. The first blaze you'll find is at least 200 ft into the woods...it might take you a bit to see it.