

Location:

State Roads 16 and 21 borders the area to the east and State Road 31 is about ½ to mile west of the area boundary. State Road 16 and 21 are in poor condition and passenger vehicles are not recommended on these roads. Four-wheel drive, high-clearance vehicles are strongly encouraged. Nearby communities include Neola, about 8 miles to the southeast, and Droop, 7 miles to the northwest.

Area Rules:

- Groups over 10 persons are prohibited in the Wilderness.
- Mountain bikes and mechanical devices such as carts are not allowed on Wilderness trails.
- Removal of plants, stone or moss is prohibited.
- Pets must be under your control at all times.
- Motor vehicles are restricted to roads and parking areas.
- Camp at least 200 feet from roads, streams and trails.
- Follow Leave No Trace ethics. More information can be found at www.lnt.org.

History:

The Public Lands Management Act of 2009 (PL 111-11) was signed by President Obama March 30, 2009. This Public Law included the Wild Monongahela Act which designated the Spice Run Wilderness.

Wildlife:

The area provides habitat for a diversity of wildlife species. Species within the area include whitetail deer, black bear, grouse, cottontail rabbit, wild turkey and a variety of birds and reptiles.



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What is Wilderness?

The National Wilderness Preservation System (NWPS) was created in 1964 with the passage of the Wilderness Act. The Wilderness Act was passed to preserve natural conditions and provide opportunities for solitude. The Forest manages wilderness to offer visitors challenge, discovery, and self-reliance. We believe that these are the key to the "wilderness experience." We therefore, manage these areas for the protection of the resource, not for visitor comfort or convenience. This enables you to meet nature on its terms, not modify it to suit your own. If you choose to enter one of our Wilderness areas, here are some things to keep in mind:

- Motorized and mechanical equipment, including but not limited to chainsaws, mountain bikes and deer carts are not permitted within the Wilderness.
- Horses and other stock are permitted, but are not recommended in the Spice Run Wilderness because there are no marked, constructed, or maintained trails. In these conditions, heavy stock animals create a lot of damage to soft soils or can harm themselves on the rocks. We suggest hiking in the Wilderness areas and riding in other places on the Forest.
- The Spice Run Wilderness does not have any marked, constructed, or maintained trails. Plan ahead. Have a map before you come. Topographic maps are more useful than simple line-drawn maps. A compass should be considered a necessity.

- Search and rescue is not initiated unless threat to life exists. In most cases, you will have to get yourself out of whatever predicament you get yourself into. Remember to plan your trip and make decisions during the trip that will make search and rescue unnecessary. Be smart; these areas seem small, but you can be injured or killed if you make poor decisions.

Trail System:

The Spice Run Wilderness does not have any marked, constructed or maintained trails. Visitors are welcome, but will be dependent on their own skills to find their way around. According to the Wilderness Act of 1964, "A wilderness, in contrast with those areas where man and his own works dominate the landscape, is hereby recognized as an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain. An area of wilderness is further defined to mean in this Act an area of undeveloped Federal land retaining its primeval character and influence, without permanent improvements or human habitation, which is protected and managed so as to preserve its natural conditions and which (1) generally appears to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature, with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable; (2) has outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation...." Managing the Spice Run Wilderness as a trail-less area provides greater opportunities for self-reliance and perpetuating the intent behind the Wilderness Act.



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Spice Run Wilderness



Description: The 6,030 acre Spice Run Wilderness is located south of Calvin Price State Forest. The area is about 2 miles in length and 3.5 miles wide and is found within portions of the Alvon, Anthony, Denmar, and Droop USGS quadrangle maps. There are no system trails within Spice Run Wilderness. Vegetation consists of oak, hickory, maple and some pockets of hemlock with an understory of rhododendron, mixed shrubs, grasses and ferns. The elevations range from 2,000 feet along the Greenbrier River to over 2,800 feet throughout interior portions of the area.

