

PENNSYLVANIA IMPORTANT MAMMAL AREA #13 Allegheny Mountain
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COUNTY(IES) Somerset

APPROX. SIZE 49,812 acres

OWNERSHIP Public (State)

REASON FOR SELECTION

- Supports significant populations of species or subspecies with specific habitat requirements
- Contains a rare, threatened, or unique habitat type important to mammals
- Sustains a confirmed viable local population of a Species of Greatest Conservation Need and the species or subspecies regularly occurs at the site during one or more seasons

DESCRIPTION

This site is an abandoned railroad tunnel that dates back to the 1890's. The entrance is surrounded by a forested ridge and the nearby Juniata River provides a water source.

MAMMAL NOTES

All six colonial hibernating bat species have been recorded at this site: eastern small-footed myotis, little brown myotis, northern myotis, Indiana myotis, tri-colored bat (formerly eastern pipistrelle), big brown bat.

CONSERVATION NOTES

The site is relatively undisturbed and semi-protected by the Turnpike Commission. White Nose Syndrome threatens resident bats.