

Tuckahoe FAQs

Where is the Tuckahoe property located?

The Tuckahoe Tract is located near Dillsburg, PA, on Tuckahoe Road.

How large is it?

909 acres

What is the history of the site?

Most of the land of the Tuckahoe Tract was formerly held by the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). The land is close to the Appalachian Trail, as well as state game lands. The scout camp is still operational today.

How will DCNR acquire these lands?

The BSA sold the tract to the Central PA Conservancy (CPC). The CPC held the land for a short period and plans to transfer ownership to the DCNR.

Who are the stakeholders who are funding this acquisition?

The acquisition of this property will be made possible by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Keystone Recreation Park and Conservation Fund, Cumberland County (American Rescue Plan funds), York County Open Space and Land Preservation Program, The Nature Conservancy, and the Appalachian Trail Conservancy Wild East Action Fund.

Who are the other stakeholders with a current or potential interest in the Tuckahoe Tract?

Central PA Conservancy

PA Parks and Forests Foundation

Boy Scouts of America

PA Game Commission

Appalachian Trail Conservancy

Friends of Michaux State Forest

South Mountain Partnership

Franklin Township (York County)

South Middleton Township (Cumberland County)

Who will manage it?

As a future part of Michaux State Forest, the DCNR Bureau of Forestry- Michaux State Forest will manage the Tuckahoe Tract.

What recreational activities will be permitted on the property?

Hiking, hunting, biking

Where and how can the property be accessed?

Access is currently very limited to a small parking area for a few cars on Tuckahoe Road. The bureau plans to erect signage for this area, and is working to expand access. Please note, the parking area at the Camp Tuckahoe scout area is private and not open to the public.

Are the Tuckahoe Boy Scout camp facility and parking lot part of the new lands under management by DCNR?

No. The Tuckahoe Boy Scout camp facility and lot will continue to be private.

When will the property be open for public use?

The bureau is aiming for official opening in the fall of 2025.

Will there be a long-range plan for development and recreation at the site?

The bureau intends to solicit input from the public to gauge recreation priorities of prospective users. This process will guide recreational development plans. In the meantime, initial steps will include boundary marking, natural inventories, and work to improve access and signage.

Does this land connect to the Appalachian Trail?

Not directly. Private landowners and the PA Game Commission (Game Lands 305) hold property between the Tuckahoe Tract and the trail.

Does this land have any special conservation value?

Forest lands are under evaluation. This property, which includes the headwaters of Dogwood Run, provides critical habitat for wildlife such as forest interior dwelling bird species, amphibians and reptiles, provides migratory corridors for many native species, and provides a core conserved forested area within South Mountain.

Will local people have the chance to give input on, steward, and volunteer on the land?

Yes. The bureau intends to direct interested locals and community members through the official Conservation Volunteer channel, and possibly form a stewardship committee.

<https://www.pa.gov/services/dcnr/become-a-dcnr-conservation-volunteer>

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