

Shuman Point Natural Area and Beech House Creek Wildlife Refuge Trail Map

Lake

Wallenpaupack Environmental preserve

# Welcome to Shuman Point Natural Area

This vast area of woodland is one of the last undeveloped areas around Lake Wallenpaupack. Before the lake was formed in 1926, parts of Shuman Point were farmed. Now this 300-acre woodland is a natural area set aside by PPL Corporation. It is maintained in this state for the public's enjoyment with miles of hiking trails.

The Blue Trail starts as an old road, which at one time was the main route to travel to what was then known as Wilsonville Village. The trail parallels most of the shoreline. The hiker will notice a variety of trees and wildflowers throughout the wooded area. Chestnut, oak, white pine, red maple and white oak are the common trees. American chestnut sprouts can also be found.

Shuman Point hosts a variety of wildlife. The hiker may encounter squirrels, turkey, grouse, white-tailed deer and black bear.

#### Beech House Creek Wildlife Refuge

Adjacent to Shuman Point Natural Area is the 60-acre Beech House Creek Wildlife Refuge. Here visitors may photograph some evidence of beaver activity and waterfowl. Mallards and wood ducks nest here, at nesting boxes installed by PPL. Great blue heron, hawks, mink, raccoons and otter may be seen.

## **Rules and Regulations**

For the protection of this natural area and for the safety of visitors, the following rules and regulations are in effect:

- Area is closed from dusk to dawn.
- Hunting, fishing and trapping are NOT permitted at Beech House Creek.
- Hunting is NOT permitted at Shuman Point.
- Camping, picnicking and fires are NOT permitted.
- Motorized trail bikes, ATVs, snowmobiles and other motor vehicles are NOT permitted.
- Alcoholic beverages are NOT permitted.
- Pets should be leashed. Please dispose of waste properly.
- Please do not litter.
- Please leave the plants and flowers for others to enjoy.

#### Directions

From Hawley: Follow Route 6 to Route 590 West (adjacent to the Wallenpaupack Dam). Follow Route 590 West for about 2.5 miles. The parking lot for Shuman Point Natural Area is about 100 yards past Crazy Fingers restaurant on your left.

GPS coordinates to Shuman Point Natural Area parking lot: N41 27.031 W75 12.306.

For more information, contact:

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### Location:

