PENNSYLVANIA IMPORTANT MAMMAL AREA #18 1000 Steps

COUNTY(IES) Huntingdon

APPROX. SIZE 671 acres

OWNERSHIP Public (State), Private

REASON FOR SELECTION

- Supports significant populations of species or subspecies with specific habitat requirements
- Supports important core populations or population segments
- 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

Located east of Huntingdon along SR 22, this site borders the Juniata River and represents a portion of SGL 112. Dominated by mixed woodlands, there are extensive rock outcroppings. A trail up the face of Jake's Mountain (the "1000 steps" formerly used by quarry workers) provides access to the area.

MAMMAL NOTES

A dense population of Allegheny woodrats occupies the site, which provides ideal habitat for this species.

CONSERVATION NOTES

Although the hiking trail is popular, human impacts are minimal as the site is no longer quarried.