

BRUSH HOLLOW TRAIL
Allegheny National Forest, Elk County
(Bike)

Description: This trail system is comprised of three trails developed by the Allegheny National Forest for hikers, cross-county skiers and mountain bikers. All of the trails are relatively easy and have a triple-track, grass covered surface.

Distance: 6.4 miles

Time: 1¼ hours

Trail Type: Grass-covered triple-track

Comments: This is one of the few trails in the National Forest designated for mountain bikes. The trails are wide to accommodate cross-country skiers so are not challenging but are enjoyable.

In order to accommodate all levels of riders and skiers, the trail system is divided into three loops. In order of increasing difficulty, they are Brushy Gap, Elli, and Challenger. Each is approximately three miles long. For a family with young, less aggressive riders, the beginning of the trail system makes a perfect outing.

To make the mileage log less confusing, only the 6.4-mile outer section of the trail system, which begins at Brushy Hollow Trail and includes parts of all three loops, is covered. However, you can easily ride any loop in any order; just follow the blue tags.

Access: From Ridgway, take Route PA948 10 miles north. There is a parking lot on the right-hand side of the road with a sign that reads Brush Hollow Trail. The trailhead starts at the parking lot.

Mileage Log:

0 Begin by following the blue markers north along Big Mill Creek. Within 1/10 of a mile you will notice a trail off to the right. This is part of the Twin Lakes Trail. Although it is open to mountain biking and looks tempting, the majority of this trail is too rough to ride.

.5 The Challenger Loop cuts off to the left but continue straight.

1.1 The trail intersects with the Brushy Gap trail. Again, continue straight.

1.4 You will start to climb a slight hill. To the extreme left is a ¼ mile trail to an overlook. If you've got the time, check it out. At the Y in the trail stay left and continue to follow the blue trail markers.

1.8 Stay left at the Y in the trail and continue to follow the blue markers.

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- 3.6 The Elli Loop intersects the Brushy Gap Loop. To follow this log, which describes only the outer fringe of the trail system, turn right and follow the Bushy Gap Loop.
- 3.8 There is a gas well in front of you and a road to the right. Make a slight left turn here but be careful, as the trail is not well marked.
- 4.2 The Challenger Loop intersects the Brushy Gap Loop. Turn right and follow the Challenger Loop.
- 4.5 Make a left turn where the trail comes to a Y and follow the road that heads uphill.
- 5.9 The Challenger Loop intersects the trail system's main artery. Turn right to continue back to your vehicle, or turn left to finish sections of the loops you bypassed.
- 6.4 You're finished.

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