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Re: Penns Creek Access at Coburn

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Quote:

LimestoneSpecial wrote:

The area where the cabins are, on the same side of the creek continuing past the parking area is all state ground. Correct me if I'm wrong but, there is no way they can legally keep you from accessing that area. They most likely all have state lease cabins. They may not like you walking through, but you have every right to.

It's not state land. Those are not state lease cabins. It's private property.

If you download the Bald Eagle State Forest map, and zoom in, you will see the correct boundaries.

The boundaries are incorrectly shown on Google Maps and AcmeMapper.

Even the little parking area is privately owned, not state land.

Regarding the other post saying that the railroad grade is open to the public. That would be a matter for a judge to decide.

It is not the case that in general the public has a right of access to abandoned rr grades. Each case is different, and if you don't know the details, you should not advise people that they have a legal right to walk through there.

It depends on the original legal agreements made back in the day. In many cases when a rr grade is no longer used by a rr company, all rights revert to the landowner, per the original contract.

I'm not a lawyer and haven't researched the deeds, legal agreements, etc. but based on what I read in a newspaper article in the local paper, I think it is very likely that the public does NOT have a legal right to go through there.

It is best not to cross through the no trespassing signs. Because trespassing might lead to other landowners posting, and make it difficult for the state to try to reach access easement agreements etc. in the future. There is nothing to be gained by mistreating private landowners in this area, and much to be lost.