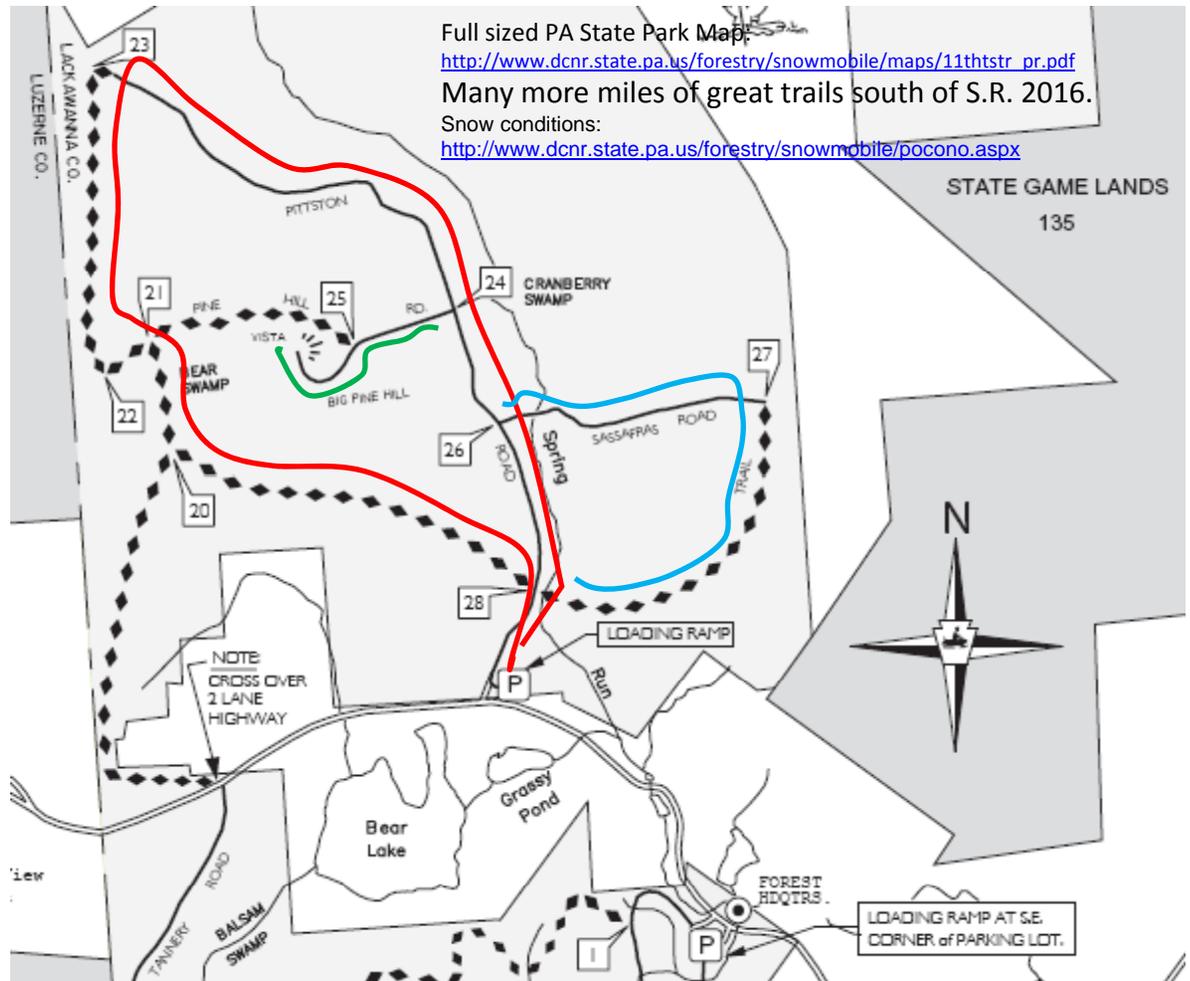


Lackawanna State Forest Ski Trip

This is a great day trip and often has snow when it's lacking elsewhere. There's a large plowed parking lot [P] right off the road (S.R.2016). Head out on the snowmobile trail (red) on a gradual incline, past the first trail intersection and the first right to Marker 24. At this point, you can take the left up to the scenic Pine Hill vista and the fast run back to the trail (green). Continue on the main trail to Marker 23 and make a left into a quiet wooded trail to Marker 22 and 21 and make a right. Make a left at Marker 20 then enjoy a gentle downslope for about a mile to Marker 28. You can head back to the car or continue on through the intersection for a bonus loop (blue). This is a snowmobile trail so it's usually well packed (for skating or striding) but you will see them occasionally so get well off the trail and let them pass. The red trail is about 7-8 miles and the loops add a couple more, but it's a nice 2-4 hour trip. No big hills except for the vista loop; no bathroom so stop at the gas stations near the turnpike exit. Best time to go 9:00am to 1:00 pm when the snow is cold. Pack lunch.



Directions: Take the PA Turnpike Northeast Extension to the first exit above the Pocono exit (Rt 115 – Wilkes Barre). Make a right on Rt 115 south for 5-6 miles to a light at Meadow Run Rd road. Turn left and proceed about 5-6 miles, and make a left into the large parking lot. Its about 1¾ hours from the Mid –County toll booths The lot can also be reached from Rt 940 (Pocono exit) - east to Thornhurst turnoff (Rt 215), right on River Rd in Thornhurst for ~1 miles, left on S.R. 2016 to the lot (4-5 mi).