The Hickory Creek Trail - Day Hike Or Overnight Trip

The Hickory Creek Wilderness is part of the National Wilderness Preservation System which includes lands that are designated for preservation and protection of their natural condition. This System of lands provides clean air, water, recreation, and habitat critical for rare and endangered plants and animals. Visitors are encouraged to accept wilderness on its own terms, without modern facilities provided for comfort or convenience.

Certain risks, including possible dangers arising from weather conditions, physical features and other natural phenomena, are inherent in the various elements and conditions that comprise a wilderness experience.

Hickory Creek Wilderness is located on the Allegheny National Forest, Bradford Ranger District, in Warren County, Pennsylvania. Nearby towns include Warren, Sheffield and Tidioute. Primary access is from a dedicated parking area located along State Route 2002.

Hiking The Trail
Hickory Creek Trail, the only designated trail in the Wilderness, is managed for foot travel only. The rolling 12-mile loop provides for easy day hikes as well as over night backpacking opportunities along flat to moderately steep terrain.

There is only one trail-head located at the Hickory Creek parking area along State Route 2002. The trail is marked with infrequent faded yellow or white blazes painted on trees along the sides of the trail.

It is maintained to more primitive standards than other trails in order to preserve wilderness character. Small groups are encouraged and larger hiking groups should be split into smaller groups of 4-6.

The trail may be difficult to follow, especially during winter. Be prepared for the duration of your stay and always carry a map, compass, or GPS. Cell phone coverage may be unreliable as cell phone towers and services are limited in this area.

Always prepare for extreme weather, hazards and emergencies.