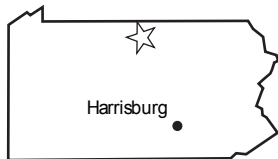


# Blue Run Rocks, Pennsylvania

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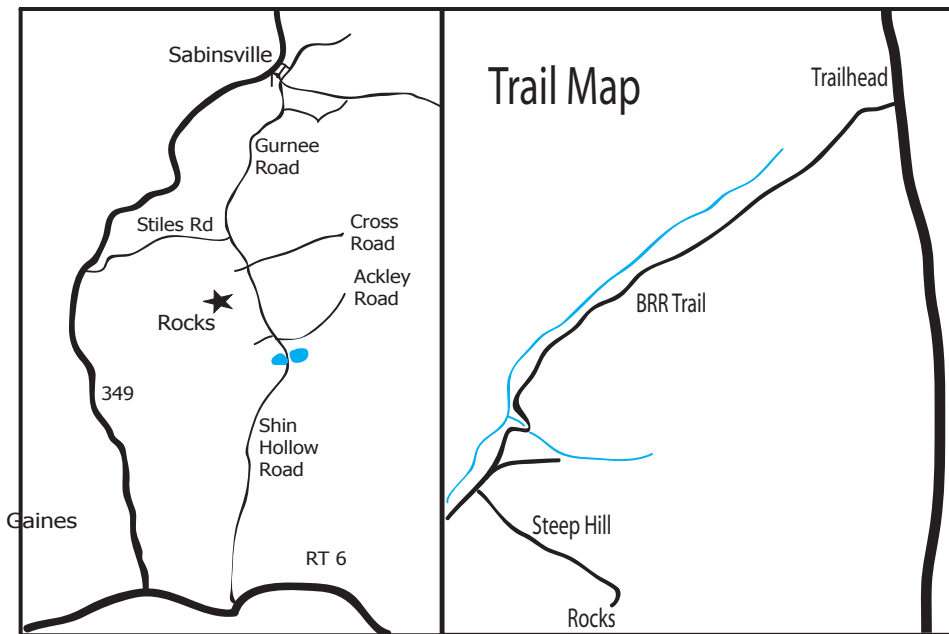
This remote climbing area is located on state forest land in north-central Pennsylvania. The rock here consists of a number of large sandstone boulders that have split off from an adjacent cliff section. Though the area is by no means large, it offers a decent variety of bouldering and short sport routes.



## Directions:

**From Westfield:** Take Route 349 South for 3.5 miles into the small town of Sabinsville. Turn left onto School Street and after 100 yards make a right onto Locust Street. You will pass a baseball field on your right. Continue for about half a mile and make a right onto Gurnee Road (just after passing over a small bridge.) Follow Gurnee Road for about 3.5 miles. You will crest a hill and there will be a large field on your right. Continue for another 1/2 a mile (entering into state forest land) and you will see the trailhead on your right.

**From Wellsboro:** Take Route 6 West towards Galeton for approximately 15 miles. Turn right onto Shin Hollow Road (This turn is easy to miss, so be alert. There is a miniature golf course/gift store on your right at this intersection called Manhattan Station.) After turning right on Shin Hollow Road drive for approximately 4 miles. The road will level out and you will pass a large field on your right. About half a mile later you will see the sign for the trailhead on your left.



**From the Trailhead:** Follow the red blazed trail into the woods. You will pass several very small streams on your way. After about 30 minutes of hiking you will cross over the stream on the trail map. Continue another 200 yards and take a left (actually the second left) heading up a steep hill. Follow the trail up over the top of the hill and to the rocks.

**When:** Climbing is good at Blue Run anytime that it is warm enough. Even in the hotter months of summer there are well shaded routes.

**Food:** The closest store to Blue Run is a General store on Main Street (349) in Sabinsville. They offer a decent selection of food including some subs.

**Camping:** Backwoods camping is allowed free of charge.

**Guidebooks:** There are no existing guidebooks that offer much more than directions to the area. To get the most up to date guides and info on Blue Run Rocks and for all of the other climbing locations around Wellsboro your best source would be to go to the new rock climbing and outdoor outfitters store in downtown Wellsboro. Stopping in the store for a chat will greatly enhance your climbing experience around the area. They can give you phone numbers of people who will happily show you around and climb with you. They also have guides to the Fork Hill bouldering area. They are located at 71 Main Street Wellsboro, PA Phone: 570-724-5155

