



*Looking towards the northeast from Cold Knob.*

**Description:** Owned by MeadWestvaco Corporation, this is an impressive and imposing mountain in a state known for its mountains. At 4,200 feet, Cold Knob is characterized by large rock outcrops and formations, and sweeping vista of the Allegheny Mountains and Greenbrier Valley. It is a mixed area with open, grassy meadows and thick northern hardwood forests at the summit.

**Viewing Information:** Cold Knob is located on the Allegheny Front, an important migration corridor for many birds of prey, and is one of the best places for viewing ospreys, bald eagles, golden eagles, northern harriers, and northern goshawks as they make their way from the northeastern United States and eastern Canada to southern wintering grounds.

Cold fronts often “push” migrating birds south in the fall. Watch for cold fronts—the bigger the better—coming down from Canada in September, and time your trip to Cold Knob accordingly.

Look for Cooper’s hawks, American kestrels, sharp-shinned hawks, and red-shouldered hawks year-round. White-tailed deer and black bears are also present here.

Please note that this is a natural area with no facilities. Use caution on the unpaved road to Cold Knob. Some areas are open to hunting, so check with the



**Northern Goshawk**

manager for seasons and affected area.

**Directions:** At Lewisburg, take Exit 169 off Interstate 64 onto U.S. Highway 219. Travel north for 8.7 miles to Frankford. Turn left onto County Route 17 (Williamsburg Road) and go west for 8.4 miles to Williamsburg. Turn right onto CR 9 and travel north for 3.2 miles. Then left onto CR 10 (Trout Road) and travel north for 5.9 miles. At the sign for the scenic area turn right; the parking area is 0.1 mile past the sign.

**Ownership:** MeadWestvaco Corporation (304) 392-6373

**Size:** 32 acres

**Closest Town:** Frankford

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**Golden Eagle**

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