

Top 10 Best Mountain Bike Destinations East of the Rockies

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State College, Pennsylvania



Rider: Helena Kotala. Photo: Evan Gross

Looking for a true Northeastern mountain bike destination, complete with rugged, rocky trails, endless Appalachian mountains, and deep forests? State College, Pennsylvania is your answer.

Rothrock State Forest is the closest trail system to State College, since it literally borders the town, and is also the most significant network in the area, with over 100 miles of trails to ride. Must-ride trails in this system include Tussey Ridge and Coopers Gap.

According to Singletracks writer Helena Kotala,

“About an hour south of State College is the Allegrippis Trail System, which is the complete opposite of Rothrock—fast, flowy, great for all abilities. Seasoned riders can have as much fun there as beginners and vice versa. There are about 35 miles of trails there, plus the [brand-new] skills park.”

There are at least four breweries in State College for post-ride drinks, and be sure to check out Rothrock Outfitters for all of your bike shop needs.