

Cedar Run

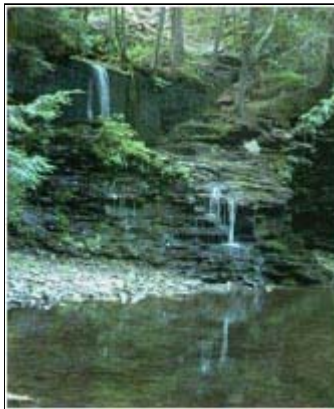
In 1984 both Slate Run and Cedar Run were removed from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's stocking list and, under the Operation Future program, managed as wild-trout fisheries. While Slate Run had been managed under special regulations for several years prior to that date, Cedar Run had been managed only under general regulations, which allow an eight-trout daily creel limit during the regular trout season. Under Operation Future, Cedar Run was designated a "trophy trout" stream for a length of 7.2 miles from its mouth upstream to Buck Run. This designation permits the use of artificial lures and flies only and restricts the daily creel limit to two trout with a minimum size of 14 inches, except from Labor Day to Opening Day, when no trout may be kept.



Cedar Run has sections with steep terrain, mossy rock walls, rock ledges, and deep runs (above) and pools that provide good holding cover for trout.

With the passing of time Cedar Run has revealed its true potential. Trout population densities have increased to a level that rivals those of Pennsylvania's better-known and more productive limestone-influenced streams. The number of larger trout has increased as well. I still consider better-than-average fish to include brookies over ten inches and browns over a foot; but larger browns are present in significantly greater numbers today than they were ten years earlier.

Cedar Run begins above Leetonia in Tioga County and flows for more than eight miles to its confluence with Pine Creek in Lycoming County. Cedar Run Road is a dirt road that parallels the stream for most of its length. Because of steep terrain, access from the road is limited for about five miles from the mouth upstream. The section of stream from the Mine Hole bridge downstream to the mouth, a distance of about four miles, has the largest pools and supports the densest populations of trout. The section from Mine Hole bridge upstream for about a mile is known as the canyon section. Above this section access to the stream is much easier; but habitat there is less conducive to supporting trout in great numbers or large sizes, though good populations of small browns and brookies can provide fun fishing.



Slate and Cedar runs are similar in character, with a diversity of water types. The steep terrain, moss-covered rock walls, rock ledges, and deep pools provide good holding cover for large browns. In addition to these streams, several other small streams in the area and the larger Pine Creek also offer good trout fishing.