Welcome to DCR’s Manuel Correllus State Forest

The Heath Hen Sculpture at Manuel Correllus State Forest

The Heath Hen was once plentiful along the eastern coast. By 1870, due to over-hunting and habitat loss, the last few hundred Heath Hens in the world were limited to Martha’s Vineyard. Although efforts to save the species were unsuccessful, they paved the way for modern-day conservation. Manuel F. Correllus State Forest is the lasting legacy of the once plentiful Heath Hen.

The Heath Hen statue, sculpted by Todd McGrain, can be found by taking a five to ten-minute walk into the forest from Gate 18 or Gate 19 on the West Tisbury-Edgartown Road. Visitors will learn more about ‘Booming Ben’ and the important conservation message contained in the story of the Heath Hen.

TRAIL USE GUIDELINES

- Stay on designated trails and roads.
- Observe all posted rules and regulations.
- Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) use prohibited.
- Be alert for other trail users:
  - Hikers: Allow bicyclists and equestrians to pass.
  - Bicyclists: Control your bike–do not skid.
  - Avoid startling horses and hikers–announce your presence.
  - Equestrians: Control your horse.
- Be aware of hunting seasons and wear blaze orange when appropriate.
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LEGEND

- Park Area
- Paved Road
- Unpaved Road
- Bicycle Trail
- Bridle Trail
- Parking
- Forest Headquarters
- Closed Gate
- Town Boundary
- Pond
- Contour Line (10' Interval)

* Gates are in place to discourage motor vehicle use. All other trail users are welcome to travel beyond gate.