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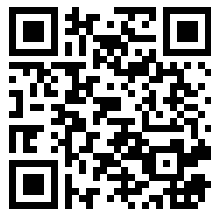
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Being one with nature isn't just a distant wish; here, it's reality. A getaway brimming with lush mountains, accompanied by the melody of rushing waterfalls, awaits. And that's just the beginning. West Virginia's state parks and forests will impress, amaze and, most importantly, allow you to disconnect.

The state park system is home to 35 state parks, nine state forests, three rail trails and countless adventures. Follow West Virginia's rich history through the expansive network of historic sites, ski and snow sports hubs, stocked streams and so much more. Escape the hustle and bustle in a rustic cabin, embrace a blissful getaway at a mountain resort or book a one-of-a-kind stay in a yurt or fire tower.

Flip through the pages of this guide to uncover travel tips, park features and lodging amenities. Bring your guide on your stay and unearth the spirit of the outdoors as you follow along with the seasonal checklists. Be sure to use your phone to unlock exclusive interactive content. Discover Almost Heaven in the pages of this interactive guide as you plan your stay at a West Virginia state park or forest.

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Featuring 164,000 acres of public lands, ten lodges, more than 350 cabins and 1,500 campsites, West Virginia's state parks and forests offer a variety of recreational, educational and inspiring travel opportunities to more than seven million visitors each year. A true four-season destination, each park provides a unique experience and will leave you yearning to explore more.



Coopers Rock State Forest

GO ONLINE

To learn more about West Virginia's state parks and forests or to book your stay, visit WVstateparks.com.

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West Virginia's state parks and forests were made for social distancing. With miles of scenic hiking trails, flowing fishing streams and endless amounts of wide-open spaces, in Almost Heaven it's easy to discover and explore with plenty of room to roam.



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Planning an upcoming trip to Almost Heaven? Travelers are encouraged to check the status of any upcoming reservation, special event and operations of individual businesses before embarking on their trip.

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AN INTERACTIVE GUIDE

The distant echo of rushing water, the delicate smell of new blooms, the soft breeze wrapped around you — a visit to West Virginia's state parks and forests is sure to delight your senses. While it's impossible to capture all of these inspiring moments in print, we've crafted an experience that provides a glimpse of what makes West Virginia's state parks and forests unforgettable.

As you flip through the pages of this guide, simply hover your camera over the QR codes to unlock exclusive content. With a quick scan, watch the pages come alive and view West Virginia's state parks and forests through a unique interactive experience.

Over time these experiences may be updated for seasonal or special events, so check back often!



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SPRING FEVER

Experience the Season of Awakening

The sweet smell of blooming flowers and the melodic tunes of songbirds usher in a new season. West Virginia's state parks and forests blossom with activity when spring comes to life. Savor the seasonal awakening and set out on a trail to rediscover nature with an outdoor adventure.

SPRING CHECKLIST

- CAST A LINE**
Ease into spring adventure and cast a line with a guided trout fishing trip at **Pipstem Resort State Park**.
- PITCH A TENT**
Find a much-needed dose of nature's therapy and enjoy a one-of-a-kind lakefront camping experience at **Beech Fork State Park**.
- SET OUT ON A WILDFLOWER HIKE**
Discover the wide variety of wildflowers that grace the trails throughout West Virginia's state parks and forests. Attracting outdoor enthusiasts of all kinds, be sure to enjoy a guided wildflower hike at **Chief Logan State Park, Kanawha State Forest** and **Blackwater Falls State Park**.
- TAKE IN THE VIEW**
Observe the full spring awakening from one of the many overlooks in West Virginia's state parks and forests. Hike to a panoramic view at Cranny Crow overlook in **Lost River State Park**, which boasts a glimpse of the five surrounding counties.
- DISCOVER HIDDEN WATERFALLS**
Enchanting in any season, waterfalls are at their peak in early spring when the falls flow with snowmelt and rainfall from spring showers. Savor the season with the blue waters of Campbell and Mash Fork falls at **Camp Creek State Park and Forest**.

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ENDLESS SUMMER

Bask in the Sunlight

Marked by glowing sunshine, long shadows along the trails and a warmth that settles into the valleys, the summer season in West Virginia's state parks and forests is nothing short of heavenly. Tempt your senses with the soft chirping of birds and the sweet scents of wildflowers in this season full of exploration and discovery. Summer is the ideal time to step outside and experience one-of-a-kind adventures and create timeless memories along the way.

SUMMER CHECKLIST

- TEE UP IN ALMOST HEAVEN**
Practice your swing at **Cacapon Resort, Pipestem Resort and Twin Falls Resort state parks'** golf courses. Designed by renowned architects, both beginners and avid players can enjoy a game on these greens.
- FIND PEACE ON THE WATER**
Kayak the serene waters at **Tygart Lake State Park**.
- TAKE AN UNEXPECTED ADVENTURE**
Soar through the treetops on a zipline tour or jump to new heights at the adventure lake and splash park at **Pipestem Resort State Park**.
- STARGAZE ON A WARM SUMMER NIGHT**
Bask in the breathtaking starry night show at **Watoga State Park**.
- HIKE TO A SCENIC OVERLOOK**
Follow the path to **Hawks Nest State Park** Overlook for a panoramic view of the New River, the Hawks Nest Tunnel area and surrounding mountains.

FALL FAVORITES

Follow the Turning Leaves

Fiery colors and falling leaves mark the beginning of autumn. Brilliant fall foliage makes West Virginia's state parks and forests some of the most popular autumn travel destinations on the East Coast. With drastic elevation differences from park to park, you can admire vibrant hues all season long. Visit during peak foliage times or travel the state chasing the fall glow as it spreads from the highlands in the north to the valleys of the southern coalfields. This lively season begs for outdoor excursions as you watch the colors change before your eyes.

FALL CHECKLIST

- DISCOVER AN AUTUMN ESCAPE**
Cozy cabins tucked away in a hillside forest, beautiful fall hikes and stunning waterfalls await at **Twin Falls Resort State Park**.
- TAKE A FALL FOLIAGE TOUR**
Start in **Canaan Valley Resort State Park**, continue through the mountains at **Cass Scenic Railroad State Park** and end at **Hawks Nest State Park** as autumn culminates for a stunning fall foliage tour.
- SEE THE SIGHTS**
Catch a glimpse of iconic locations like Blackwater Falls at **Blackwater Falls State Park** or the Glade Creek Grist Mill at **Babcock State Park**. These brilliantly painted autumn scenes only come once a year.
- HIKE TO HEAVENLY AUTUMN VIEWS**
Vibrant fall foliage and crisp mountain air are hallmarks of an autumn hike in West Virginia. Be at one with nature while journeying to breathtaking overlooks at **Coopers Rock State Forest**.
- FIND A COLORFUL FALL WATERFALL**
Explore beautiful forests and see rushing waterfalls at **Holly River State Park** or **Valley Falls State Park**.

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WINTER WONDERLAND

Embrace the Snow Days

When the temperatures drop and snow begins to blanket the mountaintops, a new life comes to West Virginia's state parks and forests. Familiar landscapes and trails become enchanting paths to explore, leading to a winter wonderland. Revel in the warmth of reliving childhood memories and create new traditions as you explore West Virginia's state parks and forests in the winter.

WINTER CHECKLIST



GET OUTSIDE

Bundle up, step outside and enjoy the crisp temperatures as you discover world-class snow recreation. Try snowboarding, skiing, sledding, ice skating and tubing at **Canaan Valley Resort State Park**.

TAKE A THRILLING SLED RIDE

Take an exhilarating ride down the **Blackwater Falls State Park** sled run, which has the longest magic carpet on the East Coast.

EXPLORE THE TRAILS

Glide through a winter wonderland on cross-country skiing trails along the **Greenbrier River Trail** or at **Pipestem Resort State Park**.

DISCOVER NEW HOLIDAY TRADITIONS

Brisk winter months welcome warm holiday traditions. Spend time celebrating with family while observing the gleaming holiday lights at **Chief Logan State Park**.

GET COZY IN A WINTER CABIN

Let the warmth and enchantment of a cozy cabin wrap around you. Select a cabin set against a snowy wooded background at **North Bend State Park** or escape to a charming cottage at **Stonewall Resort State Park**.

AERIAL TOURS

Experience Almost Heaven from new heights as you soar above the trees on an aerial adventure at West Virginia's state parks and forests. Discover a newfound sense of adventure and experience the thrill of a lifetime on the Pipestem Peaks zipline tour at **Pipestem Resort State Park**. One of the most extensive zipline systems in the East, the Pipestem Peaks zipline tour measures more than 300 feet off the ground with speeds up to 50 mph and includes nine zips, a cable bridge and an epic belay. While zipping through the treetops, take in the stunning panoramic views of the dense West Virginia forest and the iconic Bluestone River Gorge.

If high adventure isn't your style, admire West Virginia's iconic scenery on an aerial tram tour. The aerial tramway at **Hawks Nest State Park** takes visitors on a tranquil ride from the peak of the New River Gorge Canyon to the marina at the bottom where more adventure awaits.

Seeking more stunning mountain views? The tramway at **Pipestem Resort** leads you through lush treetops before descending the Bluestone River Gorge, where you'll discover more cozy mountain accommodations and fine dining.

From exciting high-line thrills to tranquil tram rides, your version of aerial heaven awaits at West Virginia's state parks and forests.

Explore more at WVstateparks.com/aerialtours.





North Bend State Park

BOATING

Boating is one of the best ways to experience the scenic beauty found at West Virginia's state parks and forests. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon river cruise or take the family out for an escape on the cool, tranquil waters. Whether you opt for a motorized adventure or a paddle-guided glide, West Virginia's waters are the place to launch your adventure.

Take a journey and explore **Beech Fork State Park's** sprawling lake. With 31 miles of shoreline to explore, you can rent canoes, kayaks, jon boats, paddleboats and stand up paddle boards at the park's boat dock for your float adventure.

Known for its peaceful setting and breathtaking views, **Tygart Lake State Park** is a relaxing getaway. Thanks to the park's 1,750-acre lake, it is a popular destination for boating, fishing and watersports.

If you are looking for a spot to drop a line, head to **North Bend State Park** in the Mid-Ohio Valley. The stunning beauty of the park is rivaled only by the excellent fishing it provides. Seasoned anglers love this spot stocked with bass, crappie, catfish and muskie.

A tranquil environment and calming waters await at **Stonewall Resort State Park**. The park's beautiful natural setting creates the perfect backdrop for outdoor recreation that ranges from boating to golf.

There's just something about spending time on the water that feels like heaven. Breathe in the sights and sounds and sail away at West Virginia's state parks and forests.

Learn more at WVstateparks.com/boating.



Camp Creek State Park and Forest



Stonewall Resort State Park

CAMPING

Escape to the secluded peace of lush forests, breathtaking sunrises and brilliant starry skies. Delight in roasting gooey s'mores, telling stories around a warm campfire and cuddling up in cozy blankets. With more than 1,500 campsites at 27 different state parks and forests, discover why camping in Almost Heaven is a favorite activity at West Virginia's state parks and forests.

From remote retreats to convenient locations near the park's main amenities, each campground is truly unique. Campsites across the park system offer a wide range of hookups and accessibility options, all of which are available to book online.

Enjoy the peaceful sounds of the lake as you pitch a tent at **Bluestone State Park**. Settle in near patches of blooming rhododendron and native brook trout streams at **Kumbrabow State Forest**, the perfect spot for a hiking and fishing escape. Or stay at **Beech Fork State Park**, an outdoor haven known for its scenic lakeside camping. No matter the park, there's a campsite for you.

Visit Blackwater Falls State Park, Cacapon Resort State Park, Coopers Rock State Forest, Hawks Nest State Park and Lost River State Park for Tentrr campsites. At each, you'll find Tentrr campsites located near awe-inspiring views and mountain adventures.

Camping at West Virginia's state parks and forests is an ideal way to connect with nature and experience the majestic beauty of this piece of heaven. When camping at West Virginia's state parks and forests, remember to create lasting memories and to leave no trace behind in Almost Heaven.

For a full list of campsites and amenities and to plan your trip, visit WVstateparks.com/camping.



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GEOCACHING

Geocaching is an activity that welcomes the thrill of discovery. Embark on a modern-day treasure hunt in the depths of West Virginia's state parks and forests. Fire up your GPS and begin your search for geocaches stashed throughout more than 30 state parks and forests.

At **Canaan Valley Resort State Park**, explore miles of trails during your geocaching expedition or set out on a treasure quest as you wind through the boulders of **Coopers Rock State Forest**. With 14 cache sites, the forest offers a wide array of rewards for the lucky finder. Complete with scenic overlooks, this geocaching favorite is full of beauty and delight. Be sure to switch your smartphone to camera mode when you arrive to find treasures.

Hunt for prized caches and take in the sights at the picturesque **Twin Falls Resort State Park**. As you search, be sure to stop and bask in stunning mountain views, trickling streams, gorgeous waterfalls and lush forests found throughout your geocaching adventure.

Indulge your sense of wonder and embrace the views along the way as you geocache through West Virginia's state parks and forests.

Learn more at WVstateparks.com/geocaching.



Pipestem Resort State Park



Stonewall Resort State Park



Cacapon Resort State Park



Twin Falls Resort State Park

GOLF

At West Virginia's state parks and forests, take a swing on golf courses surrounded by majestic mountain views, lush forests and the subtle sounds of nature. The meticulously manicured courses have been expertly designed by legendary course architects. Tee off and experience the greens in Almost Heaven.

Cacapon Resort State Park is home to a Robert Trent Jones masterpiece. This course features 73 well-placed sand bunkers and a pro-favorite challenging double green that is more than 100 yards wide. Golfers seeking sweeping gorge views should look no further than the championship 18-hole course at **Pipestem Resort State Park**. The stunning course was designed by the renowned Geoffrey Cornish.

Open year-round, try your hand at the picturesque **Twin Falls Resort State Park** 18-hole course. Set in the park's tranquil landscape, the course was co-designed by Geoffrey Cornish and George Cobb and presents a challenge for all skill levels.

An Arnold Palmer Signature Course, the Palmer Course at **Stonewall Resort State Park** offers multiple tee selections, rolling hills and the calm beauty of a 2,600 acre lake. Or reserve a tee time at **Canaan Valley Resort State Parks'** 18-hole, par-72 golf course settled in a quiet valley with towering mountain views. Designed by Geoffrey Cornish, the course features 65 sand bunkers and eight water hazards.

Whether you're looking to add a round of golf to your mountain adventure or enjoy a full golf getaway, let West Virginia's state parks be at the heart of your game.

Learn more at WVstateparks.com/golf.

HIKING TRAILS

Home to incredible hiking trails and iconic views, West Virginia is a hiker's paradise. From easy loops to challenging climbs, trails in West Virginia's state parks and forests lead you through majestic woodlands and mountains, providing an enchanting view of Appalachian wonder.

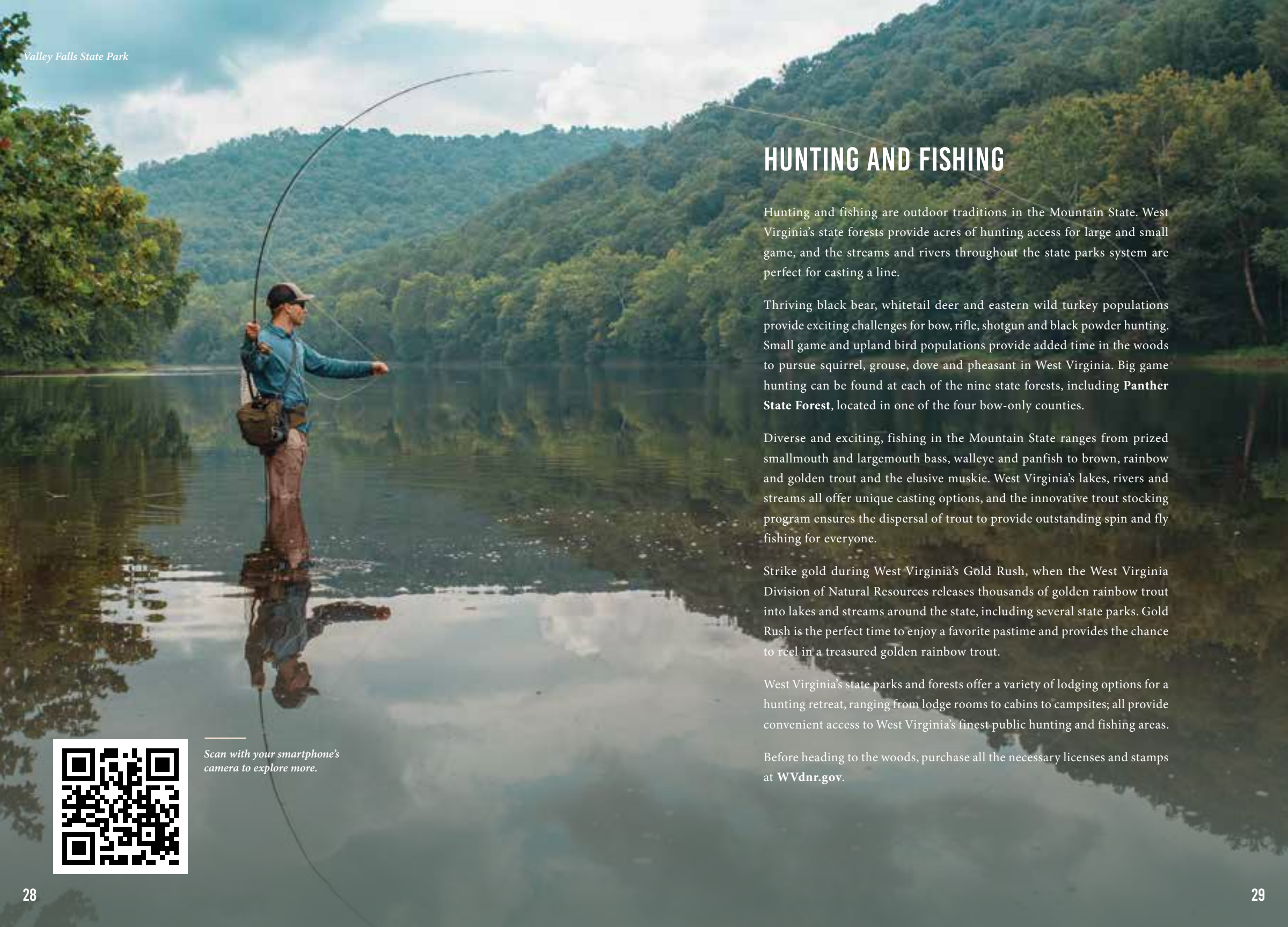
The Lindy Point Trail at **Blackwater Falls State Park** is a short hike that leads to a towering rock formation and overlook that sits 3,000 feet above the gorgeous Blackwater Canyon. This west-facing vista is the perfect spot to watch golden sunsets settle into the canyon.

Looking for more heavenly mountain views? Hike the Island-in-the-Sky Trail at **Babcock State Park**. This trail passes by the historic Glade Creek Grist Mill. Watch the water cascade over the rocks at this photographer's dream location or opt for adventure along the steeper parts of the trail.

With so many winding paths, no hike in West Virginia is the same. Grab your favorite boots, get ready to explore and always remember to leave no trace.

Learn more at WVstateparks.com/hike.





HUNTING AND FISHING

Hunting and fishing are outdoor traditions in the Mountain State. West Virginia's state forests provide acres of hunting access for large and small game, and the streams and rivers throughout the state parks system are perfect for casting a line.

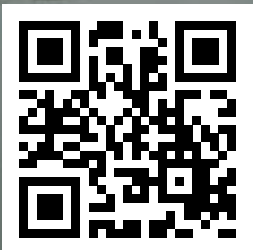
Thriving black bear, whitetail deer and eastern wild turkey populations provide exciting challenges for bow, rifle, shotgun and black powder hunting. Small game and upland bird populations provide added time in the woods to pursue squirrel, grouse, dove and pheasant in West Virginia. Big game hunting can be found at each of the nine state forests, including **Panther State Forest**, located in one of the four bow-only counties.

Diverse and exciting, fishing in the Mountain State ranges from prized smallmouth and largemouth bass, walleye and panfish to brown, rainbow and golden trout and the elusive muskie. West Virginia's lakes, rivers and streams all offer unique casting options, and the innovative trout stocking program ensures the dispersal of trout to provide outstanding spin and fly fishing for everyone.

Strike gold during West Virginia's Gold Rush, when the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources releases thousands of golden rainbow trout into lakes and streams around the state, including several state parks. Gold Rush is the perfect time to enjoy a favorite pastime and provides the chance to reel in a treasured golden rainbow trout.

West Virginia's state parks and forests offer a variety of lodging options for a hunting retreat, ranging from lodge rooms to cabins to campsites; all provide convenient access to West Virginia's finest public hunting and fishing areas.

Before heading to the woods, purchase all the necessary licenses and stamps at WVdnr.gov.



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MOUNTAIN BIKING

Take a ride through beautiful ridges and breathtaking landscapes as you explore hundreds of trails perfect for all levels of bikers. West Virginia's state parks and forests offer everything from screaming downhillers to gentle rail trails to suit riders from beginner to expert.

If you're new to mountain biking, **North Bend State Park** and the nearby **North Bend Rail Trail** offer ideal, gentle flow recreational trails. The Quest outdoor adventure program on site at the park provides an introduction to mountain biking, which includes one-on-one instruction for beginners and intermediates.

Tucked away just twenty minutes from the capital city of Charleston, **Kanawha State Forest** has ideal terrain for expert mountain bike adventurers. Try out the mile-long steep and challenging Black Bear trail or the more classic Middle Ridge trail with its lush tree-lined 8-mile stretch. If you are still seeking more trails, travel south to bike along the **Greenbrier River Trail**.

Coopers Rock State Forest, just off I-68 outside Morgantown, has more than 50 miles of trails — many with spectacular views of the Cheat River Canyon. Wind through rhododendron tunnels and magnificent rock formations on the Rock City trail or follow Clay Run to discover Henry Clay Furnace, a towering stone structure built in the mid-1800s to smelt iron ore extracted from the area.

Explore more at WVstateparks.com/bike.



Prickett's Fort State Park



Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park



32 *Blennerhassett Island Historical State Park*

MUSEUMS AND HISTORICAL SITES

Step into the past and uncover the fascinating history of West Virginia at the various museums and historical sites across the state park and forest system. Many of West Virginia's state parks and forests were designated as such because of the history surrounding the area. Explore on-site exhibits and artifacts at **Droop Mountain Battlefield**, **Fairfax Stone**, **Carnifex Ferry Battlefield**, **Prickett's Fort**, **Tu-Endie-Wei**, **Watters Smith Memorial** and **Blennerhassett Island Historical state parks**. Many of the park museums are open to visitors during the warmer months.

Immerse yourself in living history at **Prickett's Fort State Park**, where visitors can enjoy a guided tour through the reconstructed fort, which served as a place of refuge during colonial times. Or escape to **Blennerhassett Island Historical State Park** and be whisked away in a horse-drawn carriage around the island. Admire the grand Palladian mansion, a focal point of the park, which once served as the headquarters for Aaron Burr's military expedition in the early 1800s.

See history come to life at **Droop Mountain Battlefield** and **Carnifex Ferry Battlefield state parks**. In the autumn of years ending in even numbers, the parks host Civil War reenactments to act out the living history for which they are named.

Learn more at WVstateparks.com/museums.



OFF-ROADING

West Virginia's mountainous terrain and rolling hills provide for world-class ATV rides that unleash fun and adventure for beginners and experts alike. Home to one of the most extensive ATV trail networks in the country, the Mountain State offers hundreds of miles of rugged backcountry trails — many of which are easily accessed at a nearby state park or forest.

The Hatfield-McCoy Trail System includes more than 700 miles of trails that wind through the mountains of southern West Virginia. Located near the trailheads of the Hatfield-McCoy Trail System, **Chief Logan, Little Beaver and Twin Falls Resort state parks** provide convenient mountain accommodations that are ideal for an overnight stay after a long day on the trails.

Discover more ATV adventures at Mountwood ATV Park, where riders can explore 25 miles of easy-to-difficult winding trails leading to spectacular views. Located nearby, **North Bend State Park** is a peaceful retreat surrounded by quiet rolling hills, serene lakes and tranquil streams. After an ATV adventure, North Bend's vacation cabins and lodge provide cozy accommodations for an evening of relaxation.

Nearly 100 miles of trails perfect for all-terrain, off-road and utility vehicles are also waiting to be explored at **Cabwaylingo State Forest** along the Cabwaylingo Trail, part of Hatfield-McCoy Trails.

West Virginia's state parks and forests provide easy access and accommodations no matter what type of ATV adventure you seek. Find a trail and an adventure with a mountain view is yours to discover.

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SCENIC TRAIN RIDES

Experience the beauty of Almost Heaven on the rails with a train ride at **Cass Scenic Railroad State Park**. These excursions preserve a booming era in West Virginia history when steam-driven locomotives were an essential part of everyday life. Listen to the sound of the engines chug along through the mountains as you admire the stunning views.

Hop aboard as a historic steam-powered locomotive transports you on either a 2-hour trip to Whittaker Station or a 4.5-hour round trip to Bald Knob, one of the highest peaks in West Virginia. Witness breathtaking views and learn more about the rich history that filled the mountains on the Bald Knob excursion, a visitor favorite.

Make a stop at the Cass Company Store gift shop, open daily, grab a bite at The Last Run Restaurant and Soda Fountain, and wind down with an overnight stay at one of the historic company houses.

Train rides depart seasonally Tuesdays through Sundays, along with several other special events throughout the year.

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SNOW SPORTS

The mountains are majestic year-round, but they shine a little brighter as white snow blankets the peaks in winter. Cooler temperatures bring a new season of adventure in West Virginia's state parks and forests, which host some of the best snow recreation in the region.

Hit the slopes at **Canaan Valley Resort State Park**. Ski, snowboard or tube the snow-covered mountains for a full day of family fun. Sharpen your skates at the outdoor ice rink or glide through the winter wilderness with cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.

Enjoy a unique adventure as you race down more than a quarter-mile of fresh mountain powder at **Blackwater Falls State Park's** sled run. Or experience more winter fun at **Pipestem Resort State Park**, where guests can rent a sled from the park or bring their own to slide down the resort's gentle slopes.

Warm up after a day of outdoor excitement with a cozy mountain lodge stay. Cuddle up next to a fire and enjoy the pristine view of the frosty season at West Virginia's state parks and forests.

Explore more at [WVstateparks.com/snowsports](https://www.wvstateparks.com/snowsports).

SWIMMING

Dive into fun at West Virginia's state parks and forests' pools, splash parks and nature-made swimming holes.

Splash and play all day at **Pipestem Resort State Park's** adventure lake and splash park. With 18 different water features — including dumping buckets and spraying flowers — the splash park is full of fun for the little ones. For a bit more action, check out the adventure lake where inflatable mountains, slides, trampolines and more await as well as a beach area with lounge chairs to relax and catch some rays.

Visit the adventure lake at **Tygart Lake State Park**, which features twenty-five giant inflatables and a sandy beach area with lounge chairs. Whether you want to catch some rays or jump right in the water this is a perfect place for families to enjoy summertime fun.

There is no better way to cool down after a day of outdoor adventure than by taking a dip in a pool at a state park or forest. Visit **Berkeley Springs, Chief Logan, Cedar Creek, Hawks Nest and Tomlinson Run state parks** for fun in the sun all summer long.

Savor the free-flowing streams and rivers and peaceful lakes and beaches of various state parks. Relax in the sand at **Tygart Lake** and **Cacapon Resort state parks** or enjoy boating at **Watoga** or **Bluestone state parks**, both of which offer daily rentals. Cool off in the crystal clear waters of **Audra State Park** or take a brisk hike to a quaint swimming hole at Shupe's Chute in **Holly River State Park**.

For a full list of parks and forests that offer swimming adventures, visit WVstateparks.com/swimming.



An aerial photograph of a yellow raft with several people inside, navigating through turbulent white-water rapids on a river. The water is churning and foamy, creating a stark contrast with the dark, rocky riverbed. The raft is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the frame, moving towards the center. The overall scene conveys a sense of adventure and the raw power of nature.

WHITEWATER RAFTING

Feel the rush of the wild waters of West Virginia when you embark on a whitewater rafting trip at select West Virginia state parks.

Perfect for families and friends, **Pipestem Resort State Park** offers guided rafting trips on the New and Bluestone rivers ranging from a short float trip through mild rapids to a full day of class I-V rapid adventures. Whitewater rafting trips at **Pipestem Resort State Park** lead to awe-inspiring views including those of the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve. The New River Gorge National Park and Preserve encompasses over 70,000 acres of land along 53 miles of the New River from Bluestone Dam to Hawk's Nest Lake.

Discover the thrill of rafting the New and Gauley rivers when visiting nearby **Babcock** or **Hawks Nest state parks**, or enjoy a swift trip down the Cheat River near **Blackwater Falls** and **Canaan Valley Resort state parks**.

Find more adventures at WVstateparks.com/raft.



LODGE PARKS AND RESORTS

Retreat to peaceful comfort. Rest your head, delight in a warm meal and appreciate the amenities offered at West Virginia's ten lodge parks.

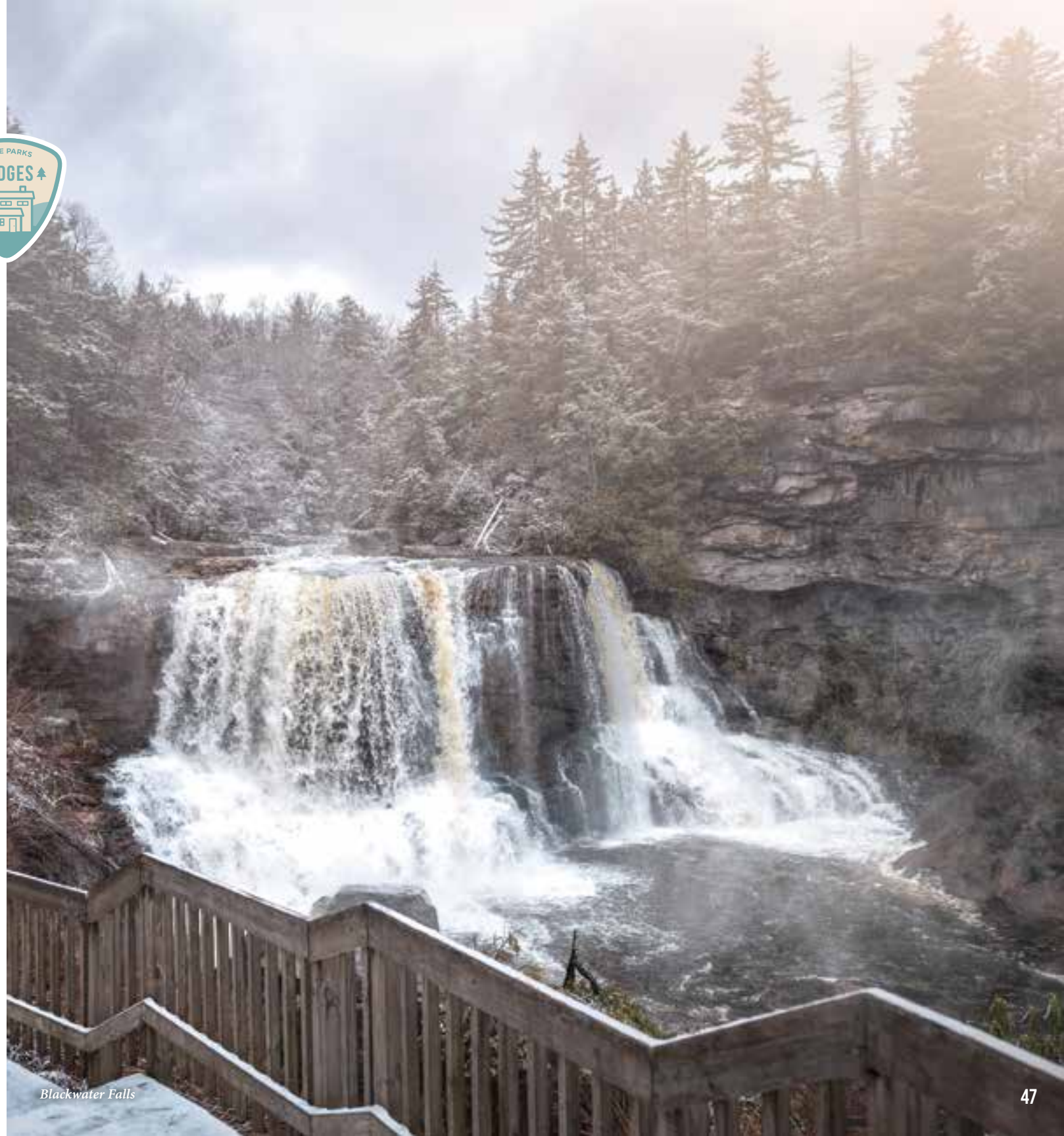
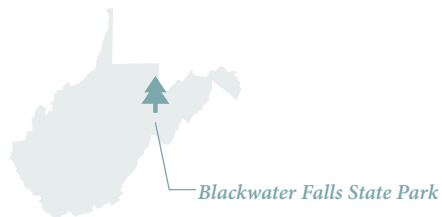
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BLACKWATER FALLS STATE PARK

Davis, WV

Take in a spectacular scene at **Blackwater Falls State Park**, located in the Allegheny Mountains of Tucker County. Tinted by the tannic acid of fallen hemlock and red spruce needles, Blackwater Falls, the 57-foot cascade from which the park draws its name, is a sight to behold. The falls, along with a few of the park's other features like Elakala Falls, Lindy Point and Pendleton Point Overlook, are some of the state's most photographed spots. Visitors can enjoy the scenic views year-round by taking the steps to the falls or using the viewing platforms. Stay overnight at the park's comfortable lodge, in a cozy cabin nestled in the woods or at a campsite under the stars.



Blackwater Falls

HISTORY AND ACTIVITIES

A favorite destination for adventurers since the 1800s, Blackwater Falls State Park was established as a state park in 1937. Over the years, the park has expanded its accommodations and recreational opportunities to include a lodge, cabins, fishing, 20 miles of hiking trails, the longest sledding magic carpet on the East Coast and more.



Boating



Fishing



Geocaching



Hiking



Outdoor Games



Snow Sports



Swimming

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SLEDDING & CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

The sled run at Blackwater Falls is a one-of-a-kind winter attraction that delights visitors of all ages. Open mid-December through March, the sled run is the epitome of family-friendly fun. It provides an exhilarating rush of cold mountain air with a brisk ride down a quarter-mile of fresh powder surrounded by frosted evergreens.

Add more winter adventure by renting cross-country skis or snowshoes and tackling some of Blackwater Falls' snow-covered trails. The park has more than 20 miles of hiking trails and ten miles of cross-country skiing trails.



ACCOMMODATIONS



LODGE

Perched on Blackwater Canyon's south rim, the park's newly renovated lodge provides a sweeping view of the gorge and features a restaurant, conference center, pool and game room.



CABINS

Blackwater Falls has 39 fully-furnished cabins set in a wooded area near the lodge. Each is equipped with Wi-Fi, a flat-screen television and bath with shower.



CAMPING

Blackwater Falls offers a 65-unit tent and trailer campground, open late April through October 31, with individual sites, a bathhouse, laundromat and a dumping station.

Blackwater Falls offers five Tentrr campsites, which come fully set up and are located near beautiful views and mountain adventures.

INSIDER TIPS



POST-RAINFALL WONDER

Head to the falls after a heavy rain to delight in the surge of water and see these natural wonders in all of their glory.



FUN IN THE SUN

Open Memorial Day to Labor Day, Pendleton Lake is perfect for splashing around and fun in the sun. Rent kayaks, canoes, paddleboats and stand up paddle boards. After Labor Day, boat rentals are only available on weekends.



FISHING

Blackwater Falls is a perfect place for a fishing trip. Anglers can catch bass, bluegill, catfish and trout at Pendleton Lake.

TOP TRAILS

ELAKALA TRAIL

This trail starts at the south end of Blackwater Lodge, continues along the canyon rim and ends at the main park road access across from Balanced Rock Trail.

Distance: 0.5 miles **Difficulty:** Moderate

LINDY POINT TRAIL

Located one mile past the sled run parking area, this trail sits at 3,000 feet overlooking the lush Blackwater Canyon. In the winter, skiers can cross-country ski to the scenic overlook.

Distance: 0.3 miles **Difficulty:** Moderate

PASE POINT TRAIL

An extension of the Dobbin House Trail, this path runs through hardwoods and rhododendron to Pase Point, overlooking the north fork of the Blackwater River.

Distance: 0.7 miles **Difficulty:** Difficult

CACAPON RESORT STATE PARK

Berkeley Springs, WV



Positioned in the shadow of a folded mountain ridge in West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle **Cacapon Resort State Park** is a 6,000-acre, year-round destination. The park is frequented by both nature lovers and adventure seekers from around the state, as well as nearby cities such as Baltimore and Washington, D.C. Cacapon Resort is also a draw for history buffs due to its proximity to the historic town of Berkeley Springs and Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. Extend your stay by booking a room at the park's recently renovated lodge — the newest in the state park system — in a cabin or the restored Old Inn.



HISTORY AND ACTIVITIES

Based on a Shawnee word meaning “medicine waters,” Cacapon Resort State Park’s name refers to the area’s mineral springs and their supposed healing powers. The park opened in 1937 and has grown into a resort park with ample outdoor adventures including a variety of hiking trails, charming vacation cabins, a restaurant and golfing.



Biking



Fishing



Geocaching



Golf



Hiking



Horseback Riding



Outdoor Games



Spa



Swimming

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THE OLD INN

The Old Inn at Cacapon Resort provides a unique lodging experience. This impressive inn was the first lodge in the West Virginia state parks and forests system. Admire the hand-hewn log beams and tongue and groove walls of wormy chestnut and knotty pine. Featuring 12 bedrooms with 8.5 baths, the Old Inn is great for groups and reunions and can accommodate up to 32 people. It also comes with a fully-equipped kitchen and dining area, cable in the common rooms and Wi-Fi.

ACCOMMODATIONS



LODGE

The newest lodge in the West Virginia State Parks system, Cacapon Resort’s 124-room luxury lodge sits at the foot of Cacapon Mountain. With indoor and outdoor dining, a full spa and a view of the park’s golf course, it is the perfect place for adventurers to wind down.



CABINS

Customize your cozy retreat by choosing one of Cacapon Resort’s four cabin options.



CAMPING

Cacapon Resort offers nine Tentrr campsites, which come fully set up and are located near beautiful views and mountain adventures.

TOP TRAILS

▲ ZILER LOOP

This trail starts at the Batt Picnic Area but moves to a higher elevation of about 2,200 feet as you head toward the top of Cacapon Mountain, the tallest mountain in the Eastern Panhandle.

Distance: 5 miles

Difficulty: Moderate

▲ RIDGE TRAIL

Starting at the bathhouse or the bridge near Cacapon Lake, this trail leads past Oriskany Sandstone outcroppings and provides a scenic view from the top of the ridge. Elevations range from 900 to 1,080 feet.

Distance: 1.5 miles

Difficulty: Moderate

▲ PINEY RIDGE TRAIL

This short but scenic trail, ranging in elevation from 950 to 1,100 feet, leads through pine and mixed oak forest.

Distance: 1-mile loop **Difficulty:** Easy

INSIDER TIPS



IT’S TEE TIME

Hit the links at Cacapon Resort. The park features a beautiful golf course designed by Robert Trent Jones and is a perfect course for any golfer. The course offers private lessons for beginner golfers and those looking to brush up on their golf skills.



PAMPER YOURSELF

Plan a spa day at Cacapon Resort’s Healing Waters Spa, which offers massages, facials, waxing and nail services and more.



MOUNTAIN BIKING

Grab your gear and head out on the trails at Cacapon Resort State Park. Here, you’ll find 26 miles of trails perfect for mountain biking and exploring the parks scenic terrain.

CANAAN VALLEY RESORT STATE PARK

Davis, WV



Located on a high plateau in the Allegheny Mountains, in an area with unique tundra-like wetlands, **Canaan Valley Resort State Park** is known for its unparalleled natural beauty and winter recreational activities. Hit the slopes for a full day of skiing or tubing. More than just a one-season wonder, the park also has plenty to keep you entertained in the spring, summer and fall — from hiking and mountain biking to fishing and golf. Lace up your boots and tackle the trails in the morning, and then spend the afternoon being pampered at the spa. It's the best of both worlds. Canaan Valley offers a quiet, peaceful setting for you to unwind and refresh your mind and body.



*Canaan Valley
Resort State Park*



Bald Knob Trail

HISTORY AND ACTIVITIES

As one of the state's largest parks and first ski resort, Canaan Valley Resort State Park sparked a new industry in West Virginia. It is the kind of mountain retreat you never have to leave. With endless outdoor activities and high-end resort amenities, every day at the park brings something new.



Biking



Fishing



Geocaching



Golf



Hiking



Outdoor Games



Snow Sports



Spa



Swimming

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SKI AND WINTER ACTIVITIES

Due to its high elevation and annual snowfall of about 180 inches, Canaan Valley Resort has a lengthy season for snow sports and recreation. The park has 47 trails for downhill skiers and snowboarders of all skill sets as well as cross-country skiing and snowshoeing, making it a great place for beginners and families to enjoy the wintry weather. And if you aren't ready for the slopes, Canaan Valley Resort has a popular tubing park and covered ice skating rink.

ACCOMMODATIONS



LODGE

Canaan Valley Resort features a luxurious 160-room lodge with a restaurant, lounge, cafe, pools, fitness center and health spa, an ideal spot to take it easy after a long day of outdoor thrills.



CABINS

Spend the night in one of Canaan Valley Resort's 23 comfortable cabins and immerse yourself in the park's beautiful surroundings. Cabin guests have access to all lodge amenities.



CAMPING

Pitch a tent or bring your trailer to Canaan Valley Resort's campground and get closer to nature. The campground, open spring through fall, has 34 access sites with full hookups.

TOP TRAILS

▲ BALD KNOB TRAIL

Starting at the top of the chair lift or ski area overflow parking area, this trail ascends through meadows of birds and butterflies to the top of Bald Knob — offering a view of Canaan Valley from 4,308 feet.

Distance: 2.5 miles **Difficulty:** Difficult

▲ BLACKWATER RIVER TRAIL

This trail begins at the golf course parking lot and follows the Blackwater River as it passes through mixed northern hardwood stands and some of the largest big-toothed aspen in the park.

Distance: 1-mile loop **Difficulty:** Easy

▲ MIDDLE RIDGE TRAIL

Beginning at Balsam Swamp Overlook, this trail features open meadows and goes along the forest edge. It offers good spots for bird and wildlife watching.

Distance: 2.5-mile loop **Difficulty:** More Difficult

INSIDER TIPS



TEE UP

The 18-hole, par-72 course designed by Geoffrey Cornish at Canaan Valley Resort is an ideal location for a golf outing. Both experienced and novice golfers alike will enjoy this beautiful course, which is open April through November.



BIKE THE TRAILS

Beginner and intermediate riders will enjoy Canaan Valley Resort's 6.2-mile, NICA certified multi-use mountain bike trail, built to IMBA standards.



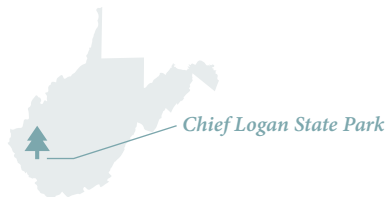
CELEBRATE AT CANAAN

Canaan Valley Resort features multiple on-site restaurants. Whether you're in the mood for a quick bite or full family meal, one of the park's dining options is sure to satisfy your appetite.

CHIEF LOGAN STATE PARK

Logan, WV

The scenic views and winding country roads at **Chief Logan State Park** let you know you are headed to a place where you belong. Surrounded by the beautiful mountains of southern West Virginia, Chief Logan is a 4,000-acre haven where you can comfortably kick back and relax after a rousing day of hiking on the park's open trails, fishing for trout and catfish at Chief Logan Lake and off-roading on the nearby Hatfield-McCoy Trails. Add in beautiful spring wildflowers, seasonal theatre performances and an annual holiday light display, and there's no wonder why it is one of West Virginia's most visited parks.



HISTORY AND ACTIVITIES

Like the town and county in which it's located, Chief Logan State Park's namesake is Chief Logan, a Native American Mingo tribe leader who settled in the area in the 1700s. For an interesting piece of park history, visitors can check out the Kanawha 2700 Class locomotive, donated by C&O Railroad, on display.



Biking



Fishing



Geocaching



Hiking



Museums & Historical Sites



Outdoor Games



Swimming



Wildlife Viewing

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WILDLIFE VIEWING

Elk Tours

After more than a 100-year absence from the Mountain State, elk are making a comeback in West Virginia. Take the chance to see these incredible creatures up-close and in their home habitat during an unforgettable elk tour at Chief Logan. It is a unique experience you don't want to miss. Tours are offered twice daily in the fall. Tour and lodging packages are available.

ACCOMMODATIONS



LODGE

Chief Logan has a 75-room modern lodge with a full-service restaurant and all the amenities you need. Overnight guests have access to the Recreational Center.



CABINS

Chief Logan's newly built, four-room cabins are decorated with West Virginia artwork and have porches where you can enjoy spectacular views while sipping your morning coffee.



CAMPING

Set up camp at one of Chief Logan's 26 sites — 14 of which have full water, sewer and electric hookups — and surround yourself with the park's beautiful scenery.

TOP TRAILS

CLIFFSIDE TRAIL

This trail starts near the park office and includes a short climb before leveling off. It has beautiful wildflowers in the spring and opportunities for bird watching.

Distance: 1.1 miles **Difficulty:** Easy

GUYANDOTTE BEAUTY TRAIL

Sights on this trail, which begins at Mud Lick Hollow, include an abandoned coal mine and the Guyandotte Beauty, an endangered wildflower species that blooms in May.

Distance: 1.1 miles **Difficulty:** Difficult

LAKE SHORE TRAIL

This trail starts at the lower end of the lake, where you can cast a line and see many spring wildflowers along the path when they are in bloom.

Distance: 1.1 miles **Difficulty:** Easy

INSIDER TIPS



OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Experience a one-of-a-kind ATV adventure on the Hatfield-McCoy Trails system. After your day on the trails, relax and unwind at beautiful Chief Logan Lodge, which is located near the Bearwallow Trailhead.



CATCH A SHOW

Enjoy summer theater performances — arranged by The Aracoma Story, Inc. — at the park's Liz Spurlock Amphitheater.

For tickets and showtimes, call 304-752-0253.



HOLIDAY GATHERINGS

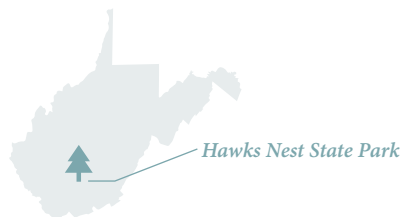
Chief Logan's new four-room cabins are perfect for holiday gatherings. Start a new tradition and visit during the annual "Christmas in the Park" drive-through holiday light display.

HAWKS NEST STATE PARK

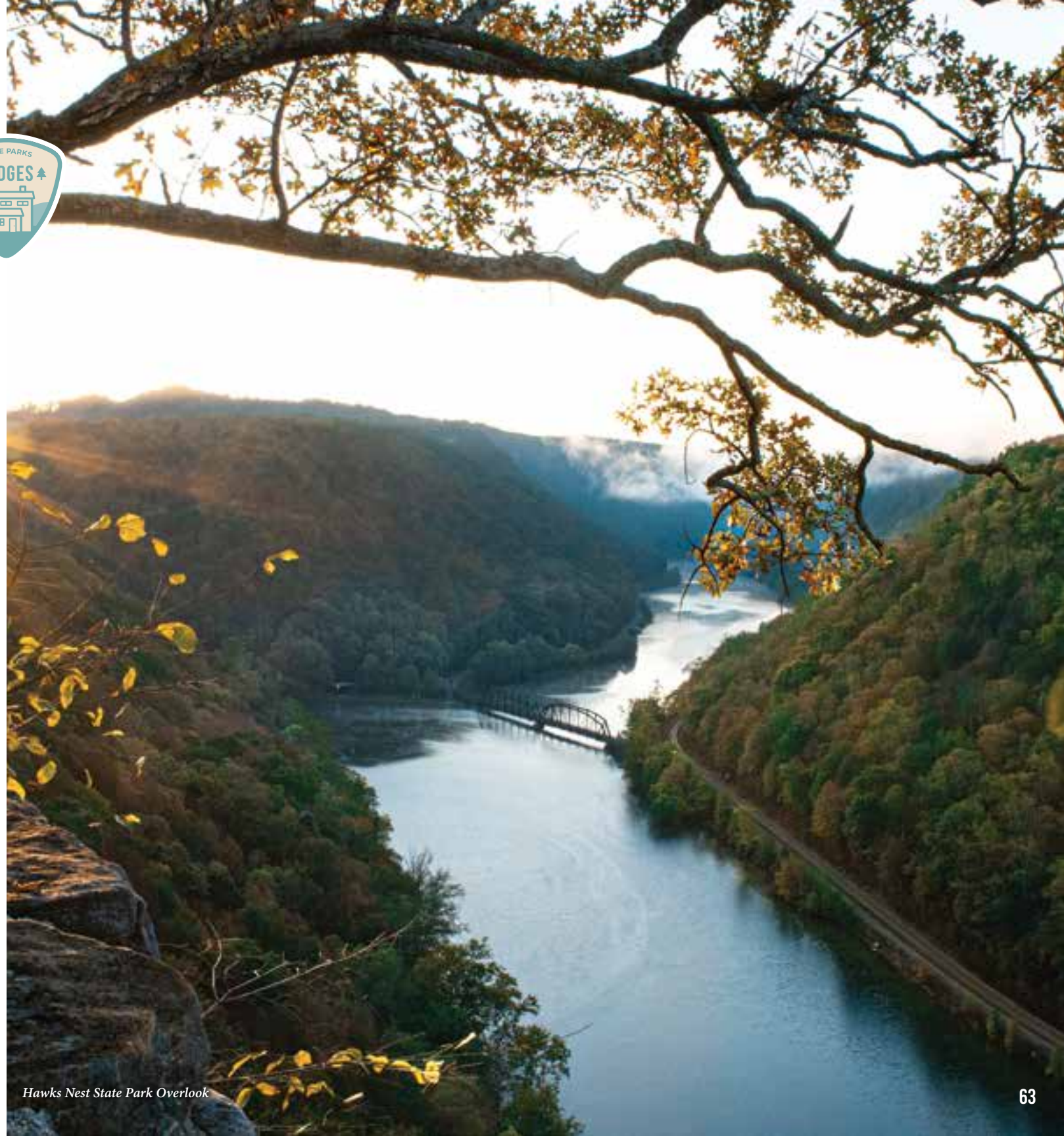
Ansted, WV



Nestled in the heart of rafting country, the spectacular views and endless opportunities for outdoor recreation make **Hawks Nest State Park** a favorite among visitors traveling to the New River Gorge. The park is only 10 miles from the famous New River Gorge Bridge and offers easy access to the region's whitewater rapids, rock climbing and scenic hiking trails. Ride the river on a jet boat, savor the scenery from the aerial tram or explore your surroundings on a hike.



Hawks Nest State Park



Hawks Nest State Park Overlook

HISTORY AND ACTIVITIES

Long before Hawks Nest State Park became a park, the area was a nesting ground for osprey and a pass-through for the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway. Today, you can still see birds of prey soar overhead at the scenic overlooks. Even the occasional train passes through, connecting you to bygone times.



Aerial Tours



Boating



Fishing



Hiking



Outdoor Games



Swimming

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TRAM AND JET BOAT RIDES

With so much to do in the New River Gorge, it can be a challenge to fit it all in, but make sure you plan time for adventuring at Hawks Nest. The park's top attraction is the aerial tramway. Offering stunning views all summer long, enjoy a special trip in October when the tram reopens for the spectacular fall foliage season. The scenic lift is open daily — except Wednesdays — and takes visitors from the top of the New River Gorge canyon located at the park's lodge down to the marina. From there, you can take a jet boat ride on the New River. As part of the ride you'll be able to see the majestic New River Gorge Bridge from the water below. Purchase tram tickets online at WVstateparks.com.

ACCOMMODATIONS



LODGE

Hawks Nest's newly renovated 31-room lodge is located on the rim of the New River Gorge, allowing guests to be close to the action but also offering a restful retreat after an exciting day. Appreciate the panoramic views, including the New River Gorge Bridge, from an intimate, private balcony of the restaurant.



CAMPING

Hawks Nest offers nine Tentrr campsites, which come fully set up and are located near beautiful views and mountain adventures.

INSIDER TIPS



WHITewater RAFTING

Try a new adventure while at Hawks Nest. Nestled in the heart of West Virginia's whitewater rafting country, the park's lodge is conveniently located near several whitewater rafting outfitters.



GORGEOUS SUNRISES AND SUNSETS

Watch the sunrise at the park's main overlook or view the sunset from your lodge room's private balcony.



NEW RIVER GORGE NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE

Hawks Nest is located just minutes from the awe-inspiring New River Gorge National Park and Preserve, which encompasses over 70,000 acres of land along the New River.

TOP TRAILS

↑ FISHERMAN'S TRAIL

Reachable from the lower tram area, the Fisherman's Trail follows the lake past the Hawks Nest Dam to Cotton Hill. It offers a great view of the Hawks Nest Tunnel gates.

Distance: 2.5 miles **Difficulty:** Easy

↑ HAWKS NEST RAIL TRAIL

Best accessed by the tram, this trail starts behind the nature center, follows Mill Creek and ends near Ansted. It features two bridges, waterfalls, the remains of a coal mine and access to the creek for fishing.

Distance: 1.8 miles **Difficulty:** Easy

↑ CLIFFSIDE TRAIL

This is an excellent trail for viewing the geology of the New River Gorge, high Nutall sandstone cliffs and the waterfall of Turkey Creek. Starting behind the Midland Trail shelter, near the lodge, it ends near the main overlook on Rt. 60.

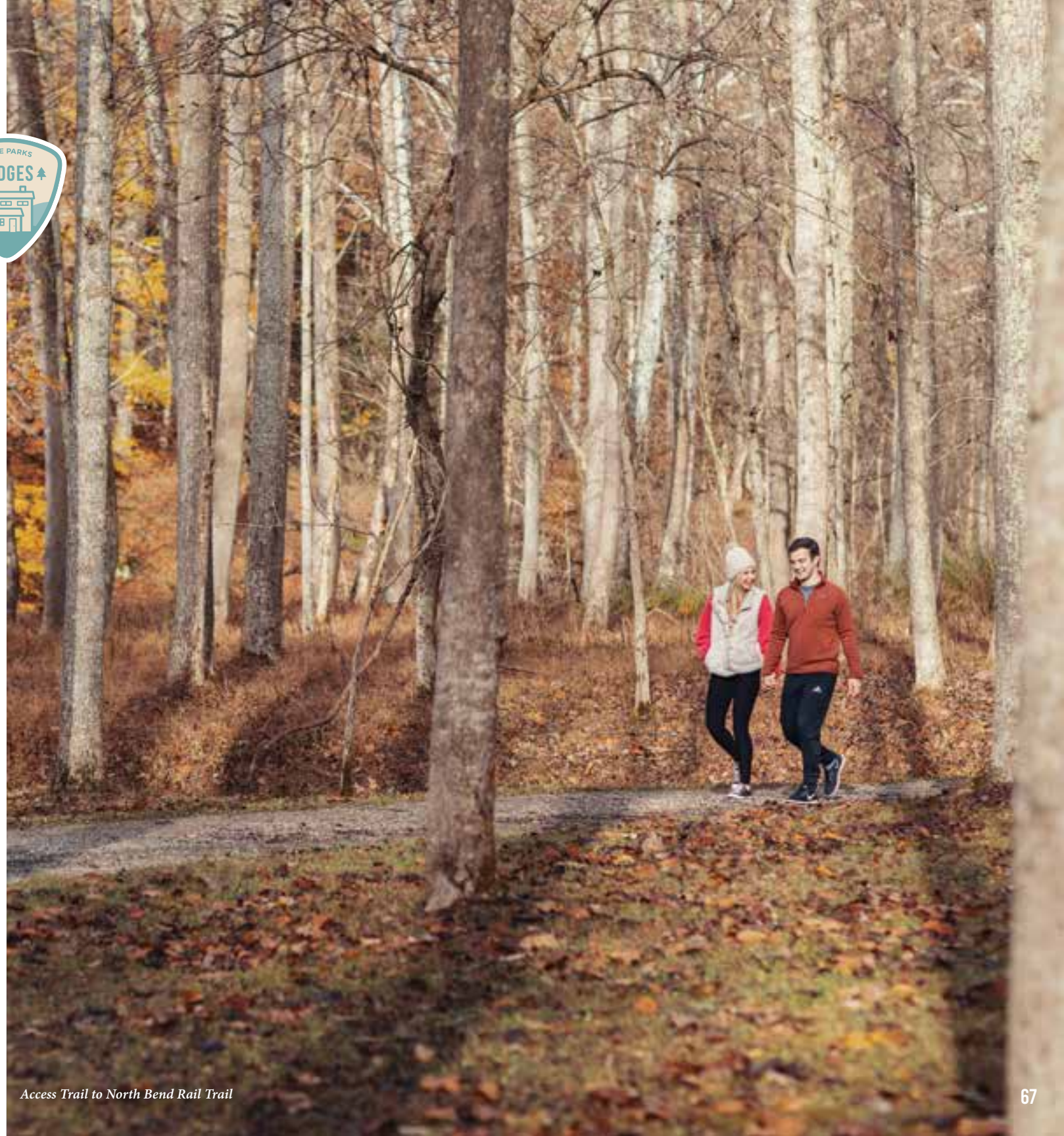
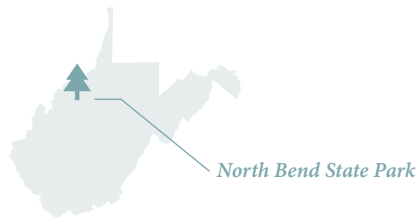
Distance: 1.7 miles **Difficulty:** Moderate to Difficult

NORTH BEND STATE PARK

Cairo, WV



Found among the Mid-Ohio Valley's rolling hills, lakes and streams, **North Bend State Park** offers a multitude of recreational facilities in a beautiful scenic setting. Named for the horseshoe curve of the North Fork of the Hughes River, this year-round park is home to miles of beautiful hiking trails and abundant wildlife. North Bend is located near Cairo and Harrisville and is best known for the 72-mile North Bend Rail Trail, which follows a railbanked B&O Railroad corridor with several tunnels along the way. Visitors may also still observe a few of the old wells present in the park.



HISTORY AND ACTIVITIES

Enjoying nature has never been more accessible. North Bend State Park has everything needed for an exciting adventure. Experience the outdoors by hiking the trails or try something new through the popular North Bend Quest program.



Biking



Boating



Fishing



Geocaching



Hiking



Horseback Riding



Outdoor Games



Swimming

Explore these activities and more at WVstateparks.com/northbend →



QUEST PROGRAM

Want to learn a different outdoor activity but don't know where to start? Through North Bend's Quest program, you can customize a guided adventure — learn to backpack, canoe and kayak, mountain bike, navigate and geocache. You can also learn yoga and about nature interpretation. Mountain lodging and dining are available at the park to round out your adventure experience.

ACCOMMODATIONS



LODGE

North Bend's newly renovated 29-room lodge sits atop a breezy ridge, overlooking a woodland river valley and includes a full-service restaurant, meeting space, conference rooms and gift shop.



CABINS

Take forest retreats to the next level. Nestled on a secluded ridge in a white pine forest, North Bend's nine cozy cabins are constructed out of solid cedar and are available year-round.



CAMPING

North Bend has two campgrounds available for visitors. River Run has 49 sites, 26 with electric hookups, and Cokeley has 28 sites with electric and water hookups.

TOP TRAILS

▲ NORTH BEND RAIL TRAIL ACCESS

North Bend State Park is the halfway point on the North Bend Rail Trail, which is 72 miles long. An access trail from the park is located near Shelter #3. The path is perfect for hiking, biking and horseback riding.

Distance: 0.8 miles **Difficulty:** Moderate

▲ FISHERMAN TRAIL

Starting at Cokeley Recreation Area boat dock and running along the lakeshore to the Jughandle Day-Use Area, this trail provides plenty of spots to cast a line.

Distance: 1.3 miles **Difficulty:** Easy

▲ NATURE TRAIL

One of the park's longest trails, the loop begins and ends near the pond area and leads the way through various habitats. Features include fern beds, fungi and rocky outcrops.

Distance: 4 miles **Difficulty:** Moderate to Difficult

INSIDER TIPS



BLANNERHASSETT ISLAND HISTORICAL STATE PARK

Visit nearby Blennerhassett Island Historical State Park and make North Bend your home base during a summer tour of the Mid-Ohio Valley.



ATV ADVENTURE

Located near North Bend, Mountwood ATV Park is home to 25 miles of varying ATV trails. After experiencing an incredible off-road adventure, rest and relax at North Bend's beautiful lodge or cozy cabins.



A DAY ON THE LAKE

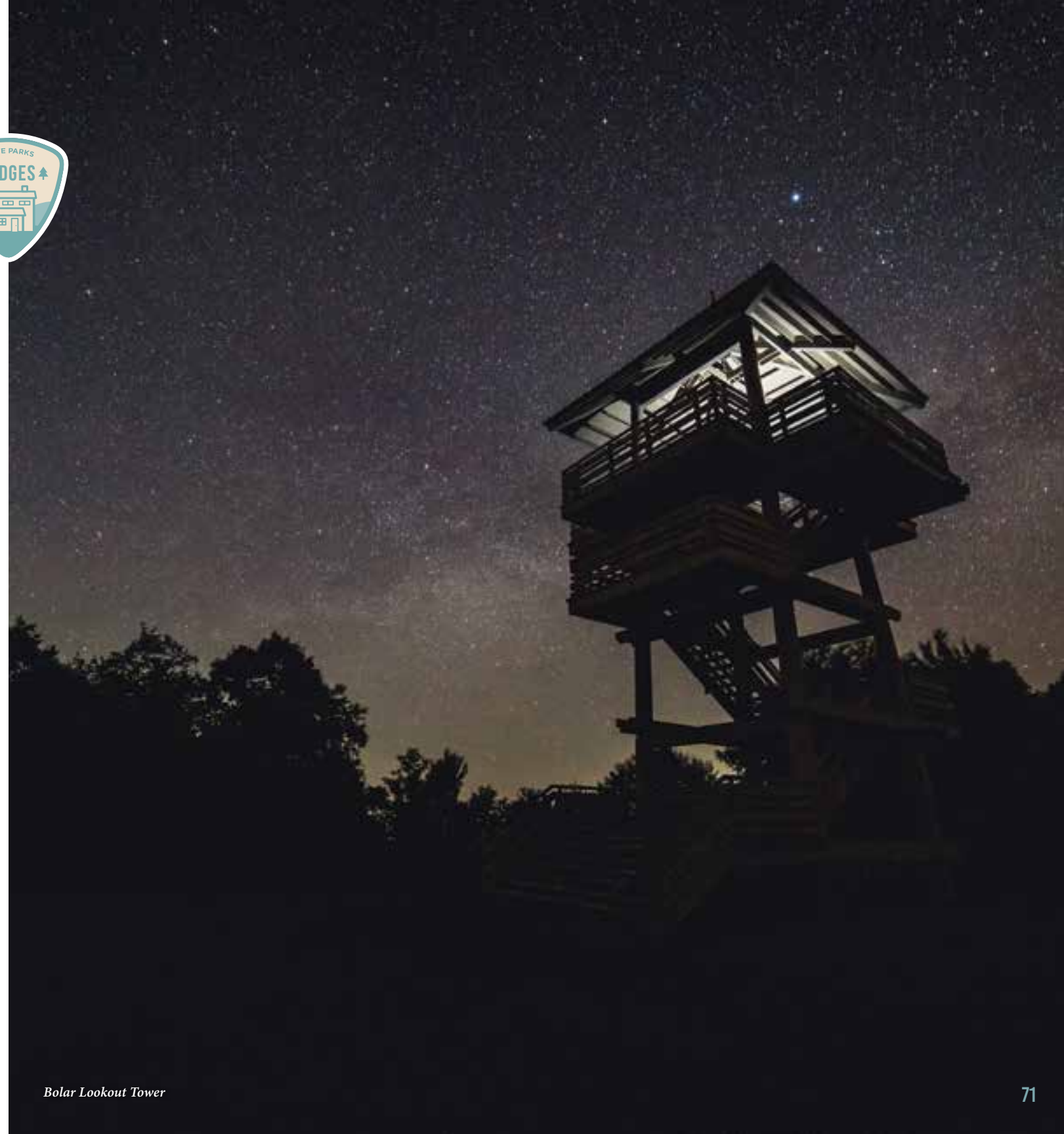
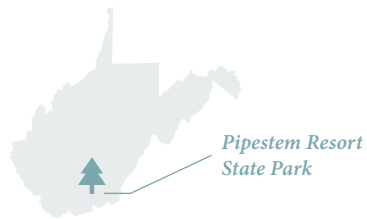
Explore the 305-acre lake at North Bend. Boat rentals are available through North Bend Outfitters.

PIPESTEM RESORT STATE PARK

Pipestem, WV



Sitting on the east rim of the Bluestone River Gorge, on the border of Summers and Mercer counties, **Pipestem Resort State Park** offers exhilarating zipline tours, guided trout fishing trips, mountain bike excursions, rock climbing and more. Spend some time on the water at the adventure lake and splash park or set out on a kayaking and stand up paddle board tour, tubing or whitewater excursion on the Bluestone River. Experience stunning mountain views and countless moments to make cherished memories at Pipestem Resort.



HISTORY AND ACTIVITIES

The sprawling 4,050-acre Pipestem Resort State Park gets its name from the native pipestem or meadowsweet plant that Native Americans and early pioneers used for tobacco pipes. Since opening in 1970, it has become West Virginia's premier family adventure resort, providing hiking, biking, fishing, golf and other outdoor recreational opportunities.



Aerial Tours



Biking



Fishing



Geocaching



Golf



Hiking



Horseback Riding



Outdoor Games



Snow Sports



Spa



Swimming

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PIPESTEM PEAKS ZIPLINE

Take to the skies and get a little closer to Almost Heaven on your aerial tour through the majestic Bluestone River Gorge. The Pipestem Peaks zipline tour, perfect for beginners and enthusiasts alike, is a thrilling way to experience the beauty of Pipestem Resort. A guide will lead you along the course, which will have you crossing a cable bridge, belaying and soaring through the treetops on nine zips, flying as high as 300 feet off the ground and going up to 50 mph. Witness awe-inspiring panoramic views of dense forests and the rushing river below during this unforgettable nature experience. Pipestem Peaks zipline tours are available to book online at WVstateparks.com.

ACCOMMODATIONS



LODGE

Pipestem Resort has two newly renovated lodges, the 113-room McKeever Lodge and the 30-room Mountain Creek Lodge. Both lodges include full-service restaurants, meeting spaces and conference rooms.



CABINS

Spend the night at one of the park's 26 cozy cabins, which are fully equipped and ideally suited for a family vacation or getaway to this adventure resort.



CAMPING

Pipestem Resort's 82 campsites are open year-round and 31 of them are equipped with full hookups. Nineteen sites are electric only.

TOP TRAILS

↑ RIVER TRAIL

This trail begins at McKeever Lodge and descends the Bluestone River Gorge through a series of switchbacks. After wading the river, the trail leads to Mountain Creek Lodge and connects downstream with Bluestone Turnpike Trail.

Distance: 5.25 miles **Difficulty:** Moderate to Difficult

↑ BLUESTONE TURNPIKE TRAIL

Great for mountain biking, this trail follows the Bluestone River and connects Pipestem Resort to nearby Bluestone State Park. To access the beginning of the trail, follow River Trail downstream from Mountain Creek Lodge.

Distance: 8.5 miles **Difficulty:** Easy

↑ CANYON RIM TRAIL

Starting near the parking area at Canyon Rim Center, this steep trail descends 500 feet to Heritage Point, a massive sandstone outcropping that overlooks the Bluestone River Gorge and Mountain Creek Lodge.

Distance: 0.7 miles **Difficulty:** Moderate

INSIDER TIPS



TAKE THE TRAM

Ride the aerial tram to Mountain Creek Lodge during the summer and enjoy a meal at Mountain Creek Dining Room. Purchase tram tickets online at WVstateparks.com.



PIPESTEM ADVENTURE ZONE

The Pipestem Adventure Zone features an array of activities including axe throwing, 3D archery, miniature golf, disc golf, remote-controlled cars and trucks, drone flying, laser tag, skeet shooting and motor assisted mountain bikes.



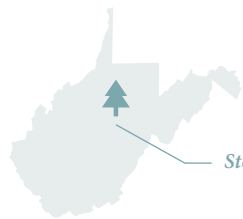
SOAK UP THE FUN!

Adults and kids alike can make a splash at the onsite waterpark, which features giant inflatable mountains, slides and trampolines.

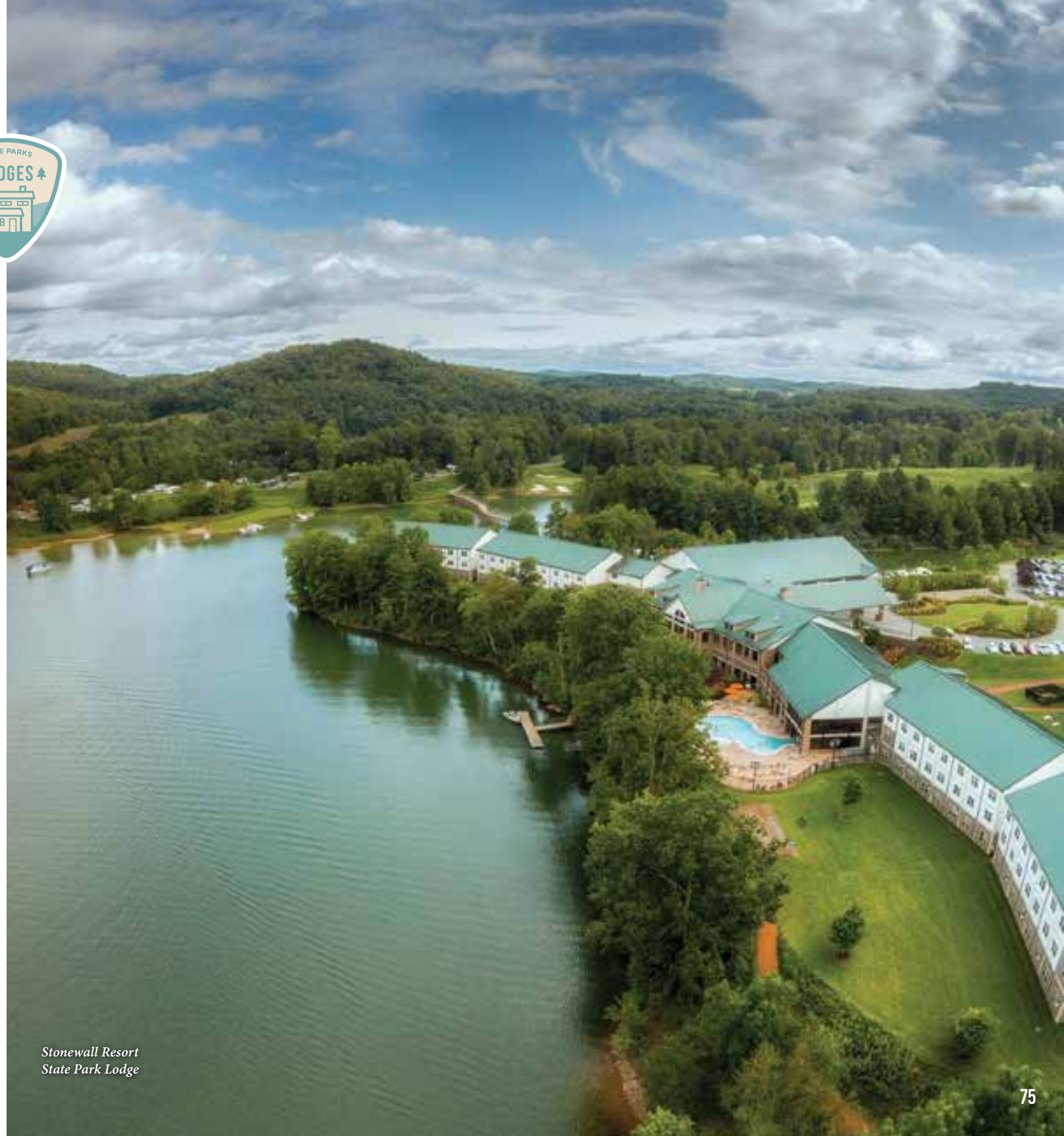
STONEWALL RESORT STATE PARK

Roanoke, WV

With its rolling hills, peaceful lake scenes and 1,900-acres of picture-perfect forest, **Stonewall Resort State Park** is a place of serenity. The park is located just minutes from I-79, but its natural setting and Adirondack-style lodge and cottages make it easy to disconnect and feel like you've left the cares of the world behind. Add in first-class resort amenities and boundless outdoor recreation, and Stonewall Resort is a perfect destination for any type of trip.



Stonewall Resort State Park



*Stonewall Resort
State Park Lodge*

HISTORY AND ACTIVITIES

One of the state's newest parks, Stonewall Resort State Park offers a secluded retreat surrounded by rolling hills. It has everything visitors need for a fun and restful vacation in the mountains of West Virginia, including overnight accommodations, three restaurants, a spa and a variety of activities that range from boating to golf.



Biking



Boating



Fishing



Golf



Hiking



Outdoor Games



Spa



Swimming

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STONEWALL LAKE

You'll want to spend plenty of time on the water during your visit to Stonewall Resort. With the mountains of West Virginia as your backdrop, take a short cruise around Stonewall Lake on a boat or paddle the peaceful waters in a kayak or canoe. Cast a line and reel in a trophy bass or muskie. The lake has a marina where you can rent a pontoon or CraigCat or launch your own boat. You can also rent kayaks, canoes, stand up paddle boards, paddleboats and aqua cycles for an active time on the water.

ACCOMMODATIONS



LODGE

Stonewall Resort's Adirondack-style lodge reflects 1920s architecture with modern amenities. The guest rooms offer breathtaking views of the lake and surrounding rolling hills.



COTTAGES

Stonewall Resort's selection of classic and luxury cottages provide all the comforts of home, and guests have full access to all resort amenities.



CAMPING

Open year-round, Briar Point Campground is a favorite West Virginia camping spot. It offers lakeside RV and tent campsites with all the amenities you'll need to enjoy nature.

TOP TRAILS

▲ LAKESIDE NATURE TRAIL

This trail is a gentle loop that starts at the lodge and follows the lake before crossing the park road and meandering up and back along Carrion Bay. It offers scenic views of the lake and remote areas of the park.

Distance: 3.2 miles **Difficulty:** Easy

▲ HEAVENER'S ORCHARD TRAIL

Beginning near Stonewall Resort's welcome center, this trail ascends 200 feet and winds around a meadow where you can see wildflowers and plenty of wildlife.

Distance: 3.2 miles **Difficulty:** Moderate

▲ AUTUMN LAUREL BROOK TRAIL

This trail starts near the cottages and follows the lakeshore, passing through natural habitats for deer, turkey, squirrels, chipmunks, birds and box turtles, until it ascends to Chipmunk Point.

Distance: 1.5 miles **Difficulty:** Moderate

INSIDER TIPS



OUTFITTERS PASS

Purchase an Outfitters Pass, a special day pass, to enjoy unlimited access to kayaks, canoes, stand up paddle boards, paddleboats, aqua cycles and more.



RELAX AND UNWIND

Surrounded by stunning natural beauty, the Mtn. Laurel Spa at Stonewall Resort is perfect for relaxation and rest. The Mtn. Laurel Spa offers incredible massages, facials and body treatments.



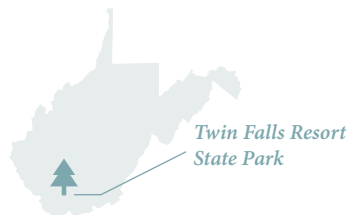
RESORT DINING

Stonewall Resort's three restaurants provide tasty bites and savory sips. Whether you choose to dine indoors or outside, breathtaking views and delicious meals await you.

TWIN FALLS RESORT STATE PARK

Mullens, WV

Set on a high, wooded ridge in the rugged mountains of Wyoming County in southern West Virginia, **Twin Falls Resort State Park's** woodland streams, pristine waterfalls and lush forests carpeted with ferns, moss and thickets of rhododendron and mountain laurel are a sight to behold. The tall trees and the verdant undergrowth create an enchanted forest. The park has more than 3,000 acres to explore, so hit the trails, enjoy a relaxing round of golf, visit the Pioneer Farm or take a break in the lodge. Find the rural peacefulness you've been searching for and experience the joys of being surrounded by nature at Twin Falls Resort.



*Twin Falls Resort
State Park*



Pioneer Farm

HISTORY AND ACTIVITIES

Two waterfalls, Marsh Fork and Black Fork Falls, were the inspiration behind Twin Falls Resort State Park's name. Over the years the park has added an 18-hole golf course, cabins, swimming pool, lodge, 25 miles of hiking and biking trails and other features. A reconstructed pioneer homestead is Twin Falls Resort's crown jewel.



Biking



Geocaching



Golf



Hiking



Museums & Historical Sites



Outdoor Games



Swimming

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PIONEER FARM

Get a glimpse of what life was like on the frontier by visiting Twin Falls Resort's authentic Pioneer Farm. One of the park's most popular attractions, Pioneer Farm is fully-functional and a piece of living history. It was reconstructed during the park's development in the 1970s and is maintained by live-in caretakers. Although Pioneer Farm is a private residence, interpretive public programs are offered. Visit early in the morning or late in the evening when the animals are most active to capture an iconic picture.

ACCOMMODATIONS



LODGE

Settle in for a cozy stay at Twin Falls Resort's 47-room lodge with swimming pool. A full-service restaurant, conference spaces and a gift shop are all on site for your convenience.



CABINS

Perched on a forested hilltop, Twin Falls Resort has 14 secluded cabins ideal for summer vacations, winter retreats, family reunions and weekend getaways in the spring and fall.



CAMPING

Get a little closer to nature and pitch your tent at one of Twin Falls Resort's 50 campsites, 25 of which have electric hookups.

TOP TRAILS

↑ FALLS TRAIL

This rolling trail leads to two waterfalls, Marsh Fork and Black Fork Falls. Be mindful; the terrain varies from paved to rocky.

Distance: 1.25 miles **Difficulty:** Moderate

↑ CLIFFSIDE TRAIL

Though this trail begins with a gentle slope along a ridgetop, it becomes rocky and strenuous at an outer loop that goes through a rhododendron thicket. Two prominent vistas can be seen on the outer loop.

Distance: 3.5 miles **Difficulty:** Moderate to Difficult

↑ HEMLOCK TRAIL

The trail starts at the campground and gradually descends on a path dominated by hemlock and rhododendron. Following a stream, it ends at an intersection of the Nature and Falls trails.

Distance: 1.25 miles **Difficulty:** Easy

INSIDER TIPS



OFF-ROAD ADVENTURE

Twin Falls Resort is located near the Pinnacle Creek Trailhead of the Hatfield-McCoy Trails system. After a day on the trails, relax and unwind at Twin Falls Resort's beautiful mountaintop lodge.



VIEW THE FALLS

Marsh Fork and Black Fork Falls are best viewed in the spring or after a rainstorm when the waterfalls are at peak flow.



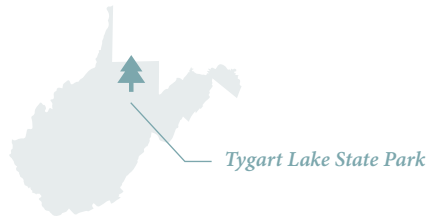
HIT THE LINKS

Play a round of golf on Twin Falls' 18-hole course. Equipment rentals are available, in case you don't have your own clubs, and the course is open year-round, weather permitting.

TYGART LAKE STATE PARK

Grafton, WV

Located in the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains in scenic north-central West Virginia, **Tygart Lake State Park** is one of the Mountain State's premier lakefront destinations. A quiet vacation spot with plenty of activities — both on and off the water — the park makes for a perfect alternative to a typical summer beach trip. In addition to its crystalline lake, the park is surrounded by inspiring mountain views and has lakeside lodging that allows for relaxation and unwinding after a full day of play.



Tygart Lake State Park



Tygart Lake

HISTORY AND ACTIVITIES

Only four miles south of Grafton, Tygart Lake State Park offers a beautiful beachfront experience. One of the first state parks to allow camping, it has since expanded its accommodations to allow more visitors to stay and enjoy water activities like boating, swimming, fishing and kayaking on its gorgeous lake.



Boating



Fishing



Geocaching



Hiking



Swimming

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ADVENTURE LAKE

Cool off at Tygart Lake State Park's adventure lake. The adventure lake at Tygart Lake State Park features twenty-five giant inflatables and a sandy beach area with lounge chairs. Whether you want to catch some rays or jump right in the water this is the perfect place for families to enjoy summer fun. The adventure lake is open mid-May to early September. All day and half day session passes are available to purchase online at WVstateparks.com.

ACCOMMODATIONS



LODGE

A peaceful retreat, the park's newly renovated 20-room lakeside lodge sits on a high peninsula overlooking the serene water below. The lodge also includes a full-service restaurant.



CABINS

Tygart Lake has 11 cabins, six of which overlook the park's stunning blue lake. These cabins are a cozy, quiet destination for couples and families who enjoy boating and water activities.



CAMPING

Tygart Lake's scenic campground has 36 sites, ten with electric and 26 standard, that are open spring through fall, weather permitting. Full hookup sites are not available.

TOP TRAILS

LAKE TRAIL

Beginning at Picnic Area 3, this hilly trail follows a small stream to Tygart Lake.

Distance: 0.5 miles **Difficulty:** Easy to Moderate

TYGART DAM TRAIL

This trail, which has a few hills, starts near the lodge and follows along the lakeshore before ending at Tygart Dam.

Distance: 0.75 miles **Difficulty:** Easy to Moderate

DOGWOOD TRAIL

Start opposite Tygart Dam Trail, near the lodge, and pass through a forest of dogwood trees before climbing to a higher elevation above the lodge, following a ridge top and descending back on the park road from the dam.

Distance: 2 miles **Difficulty:** Moderate

INSIDER TIPS



TYGART LAKE

There's no better way to enjoy a warm day than by soaking up some sun and spending time on the water. Whether you go fishing, take a lake cruise or go for a swim, Tygart Lake will keep you busy for hours. Boat, cruise and slip rentals are available at the Tygart lake Marina, which is open seasonally, from mid-May through mid-September, depending on water conditions.



TAKE A SIDE TRIP

For even more outdoor adventures and a peek at one of West Virginia's most popular waterfalls, take a drive to nearby Valley Falls State Park.



LAKE CRUISE

Climb aboard the Princess, a two-deck tour boat at Tygart Lake Marina, for an 11-mile water cruise that is great for parties, weddings and family gatherings.



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BABCOCK STATE PARK

Clifftop, WV

Discover one of West Virginia's most iconic scenes at **Babcock State Park**, located 20 miles southeast of the New River Gorge Bridge. The park is most known for the Glade Creek Grist Mill, a fully functional replica of the original Cooper's Mill, which once stood on the grounds. Babcock offers a variety of cozy cabins and beautiful campsites for guests who want to stay at the park. Other park activities include hiking, fishing and mountain biking, as well as whitewater rafting nearby in the New River Gorge.



Babcock State Park

Activities



Biking



Boating



Fishing



Geocaching



Hiking



Outdoor Games



Park Feature

GLADE CREEK GRIST MILL

The Glade Creek Grist Mill at Babcock is a popular spot for photographers and artists who want to capture a stunning setting in Almost Heaven. Fully operable, the mill was created by combining pieces from three mills which once dotted the state. It is a living monument to more than 500 mills that thrived in West Virginia at the turn of the century. The Glade Creek Grist Mill produces freshly ground cornmeal, which park guests may purchase depending on availability and stream conditions.

PARK ACCOMMODATIONS

CABINS

Babcock offers 28 peaceful cabins for vacation rentals. The first 13 are located along Glade Creek close to the famous Glade Creek Grist Mill. The other 15 cabins are located deeper in the park.

CAMPING

Babcock's 52-unit campground has 28 sites with electric hookups and 24 non-electric sites. The campground can accommodate tents or trailers and has a central bathhouse with coin-operated laundry. Firewood and ice are available for purchase.

INSIDER TIPS



FISHING AT BOLEY LAKE

If you like fishing, bring your rod to Boley Lake. There's a good chance you'll reel in some largemouth bass, bluegill, trout or channel catfish.



ISLAND-IN-THE-SKY TRAIL

The Island-in-the-Sky trail boasts stunning vistas and high cliffs. Featuring some rocky and steep sections, the half-mile long hike is beautiful year-round.



SWINGING BRIDGE

Babcock has a small swinging bridge that connects the park's cabin areas on each side of Glade Creek. Look for the unique bridge near Cabins 6 and 7.



BEECH FORK STATE PARK

Barboursville, WV

Located in the hills of southern West Virginia, only 12 miles from Huntington, **Beech Fork State Park** is a 3,144-acre retreat with hundreds of campsites, six luxury cabins, miles of hiking trails and a sprawling 720-acre lake. Cast a line along the park's 31 miles of shoreline, or rent a boat or kayak for more water fun. Hit the trails on a mountain bike or take a dip in the pool before retiring for the evening.



Beech Fork State Park

Activities



Biking



Boating



Fishing



Geocaching



Hiking



Outdoor Games



Swimming



Park Feature

BEECH FORK LAKE

Spend a day on the water. Enjoy recreational boating, fishing and wildlife watching at Beech Fork Lake. Canoes, kayaks, jon boats, paddleboats and stand up paddle boards are available to rent at the park's boat dock, which is open from Memorial Day through Labor Day from noon to 8 p.m. Life jackets are required and provided with rentals. Or, bring your own boat. Beech Fork Lake's paved boat launch is open from April to November.

PARK ACCOMMODATIONS

CABINS

Beech Fork has six fully equipped vacation cabins with Wi-Fi that sit on the ridgeline with a beautiful view of the lake below. Enjoy gas fireplaces, open-truss ceilings, large decks and much more.

CAMPING

Beech Fork offers 275 campsites in four distinct areas, 99 of which are lakefront. All campsites have a paved parking pad, grill and picnic table. There is a seasonally operated Camper Corner Store, and Wi-Fi is available at park headquarters and Old Orchard Campground.

INSIDER TIPS



OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Beech Fork has more than 14 miles of hiking and biking trails to enjoy. Discover beautiful, scenic views along the way.



GO FOR A SWIM

Visitors can escape the summer heat at the park's swimming pool. Cool off and have fun in the water.



BIRDWATCHING

Beech Fork is a popular spot for birdwatchers. You're likely to catch sight of migratory waterfowl or neo-tropical songbirds.



BLUESTONE STATE PARK

Hinton, WV

Named after the Bluestone National Scenic River, **Bluestone State Park** is the quintessential lakeside retreat in southern West Virginia. This wilderness park, located five miles south of Hinton, is full of outdoor activities, including boating and fishing opportunities. Enjoy camping by the water or take in stunning views of the lake from your cabin's porch.

Bluestone is only 20 minutes away from Pipestem Resort State Park, which offers ziplining, horseback riding and even more adventures for visitors.



Bluestone State Park

Activities



Boating



Fishing



Hiking



Outdoor Games



Swimming



Park Feature

BLUESTONE LAKE

Bluestone's signature lake was created by the Bluestone Dam to control flooding in the area. Authorized by presidential proclamation and approved by an act of Congress in the 1930s, Bluestone Lake went through several phases of construction before, during and after World War II. Today, the park's glimmering 2,040-acre lake is the state's third largest body of water, and visitors can enjoy all sorts of aquatic activities. Bring your own boat and utilize the public boat launches or rent one of the fishing or pontoon boats, kayaks or canoes available at Bluestone Lake Marina.

PARK ACCOMMODATIONS

CABINS

Rent one of Bluestone's 26 cabins. All cabins have stone fireplaces and fully equipped kitchens and three also have picturesque views of the lake.

CAMPING

Bluestone is home to four distinct campgrounds, with a combined total of 120 campsites. Choose from water and electric sites to primitive sites that are only accessible via boat.

INSIDER TIPS



FISHING

Bluestone Lake is a prime bass, catfish, crappie and bluegill fishing location. A fishing license is required to cast a line in the lake. Licenses can be purchased online at WVDnr.gov.



TRAILS

Bluestone has seven hiking trails with scenic surroundings. Take the Overlook Trail, which ascends to a beautiful vista.



BLUESTONE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

Set adjacent to Bluestone Lake, Bluestone Wildlife Management Area is also a popular fishing spot, with access to boating and stocked trout fishing in Indian Creek.



CABWAYLINGO STATE FOREST

Dunlow, WV

Found in the Hatfield-McCoy Mountains region of southern West Virginia, **Cabwaylingo State Forest** gets its unique name from four surrounding counties: Cabell, Wayne, Lincoln and Mingo. The forest was established in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps in an effort to rebuild wooded land in southern West Virginia. Today, with more than 8,000 acres of forest to explore, visitors can unplug and unwind with a distraction-free getaway surrounded by the beauty of Almost Heaven.

Activities



ATV



Biking



Fishing



Hiking



Hunting



Outdoor Games



Forest Feature

HISTORICAL STRUCTURES

A living part of history, the cabins, forest headquarters and picnic shelters at Cabwaylingo were built by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), a voluntary public work relief program of young men that operated during the Great Depression. Between 1935 and 1939, two CCC companies occupied Camp Anthony Wayne (now known as Cabwaylingo), where they surveyed timber and game, fought forest fires, cleared trails and built log cabins. These legacy cabins are still used today and feature a cozy wood frame or stone construction.

FOREST ACCOMMODATIONS

CABINS

There are 13 legacy cabins and one vacation cabin located near the center of the forest that are available from mid-April through late October. Five cabins are pet-friendly and two are wheelchair accessible.

CAMPING

Additionally, the forest welcomes group campers. Group camp facilities include two 50-person sleeping quarters and a heated and air-conditioned, fully equipped kitchen/dining facility.

INSIDER TIPS



ATV ADVENTURES

Designed for all-terrain, off-road and utility vehicles, the Cabwaylingo Trail System, part of Hatfield-McCoy Trails spans nearly 100 miles of new trails and includes a trailhead facility with trail permits.



CAST YOUR LINE

Visitors who enjoy fishing should get some bites at the park. Fresh trout are stocked monthly, from February to May, in the west fork of Twelvetree Creek.



BLAZE A TRAIL

Take a forest hike and see many varieties of wildflowers and trees, along with the overhanging rock cliffs that once provided shelter for the area's early settlers.



CASS SCENIC RAILROAD STATE PARK

Cass, WV

Cass Scenic Railroad State Park offers excursions that take you back in time to when steam-driven locomotives were an essential part of everyday life. Go on a 4.5-hour scenic train ride to the overlook at Bald Knob, one of the highest points in West Virginia, and experience a spectacular view at 4,842 feet. Or take a scenic train ride to Whitaker Station, the location of an authentic logging camp. The park also features the Cass Company Store gift shop, a restaurant, an artisans co-op, the Cass Historic Theater and the Cass Historical Museum.



Activities



Biking



Fishing



Geocaching



Hiking



Museums & Historical Sites



Outdoor Games



Scenic Train Rides



Swimming



Park Feature

BALD KNOB

Learn about the area's rich history and experience the sights and sounds of an original lumbering town at Cass. Climb aboard a steam-powered train for an unforgettable journey. At an elevation of 4,842 feet, Bald Knob is the third highest point in the state and has spectacular views of two states and the valley below. Train tickets are available to purchase at mountainrailwv.com.

PARK ACCOMMODATIONS



COMPANY HOUSES

Experience the charm of historic Cass by staying in one of the restored company houses. They can accommodate 2 to 14 people and are available year-round.

INSIDER TIPS



HISTORIC CHARM

There's so much to see and do at Cass. Visit the Cass Historic Theater or take part in a tour of the Train Shop, Cass Company Store and the Town of Cass. For tour schedules, visit WVstateparks.com.



AUTUMN BEAUTY

In the fall, Cass comes alive with vibrant autumn leaves, which put on a stunning show for visitors.



LAST RUN RESTAURANT

Enjoy home cooking at the Last Run Restaurant operated by the Bodkin Sisters. The Last Run Restaurant is regularly open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Winter hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday–Saturday and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday–Wednesday.



GREENBRIER STATE FOREST

Caldwell, WV

Covering 5,200 acres in southeastern West Virginia, **Greenbrier State Forest** delivers secluded natural beauty with a wide range of recreational options like fishing, swimming, hiking and mountain biking. The forest is just a stone's throw away from the charming and historic towns of White Sulphur Springs and Lewisburg, so visitors can enjoy a day of solitude communing with nature, then venture out for shopping, dining and the arts. With cabins and camping, Greenbrier State Forest is also an ideal base camp for bicyclists on the neighboring Greenbrier River Trail.



Greenbrier State Forest

Activities



Biking



Hiking



Hunting



Outdoor Games



Swimming



Forest Feature

MOUNTAIN BIKING TRAILS

Escape to the beautiful Greenbrier Valley for a ride into nature with 19 miles of single-track mountain biking trails at Greenbrier State Forest. Crisscrossing through the woods, these trails reveal scenic views and high prospects for wildlife watching. Trails range from beginner-style mountain bike loops to full-blast, downhill descents. Gravity features such as machine-built berms and tabletops can also be found. The biking trails at the forest are great for exercise, fresh air and enjoying the beauty of Almost Heaven.

FOREST ACCOMMODATIONS

CABINS

Greenbrier State Forest offers 14 cabins in three different styles: legacy, classic and vacation. These cabins have plenty of room for the whole family, and the forest provides acres upon acres of rugged woodland for adventure.

CAMPING

Greenbrier State Forest has a 16-unit campground suitable for both tents and trailers. All sites feature electric hookups, picnic tables and fire rings. There is also a central bathhouse.

INSIDER TIPS



GREENBRIER RIVER TRAIL

A favorite of hikers, bikers, cross-country skiers, anglers and horseback riders, this 78-mile rail trail closely follows the Greenbrier River.



KATE'S MOUNTAIN

Divided by the 3,280-foot tall Kate's Mountain, Greenbrier State Forest is the perfect place for a challenging hike, like the 7.8-mile Kate's Mountain Loop.



SWIM IT OUT

The Greenbrier State Forest pool, open from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day, is an ideal spot to relax during your getaway.



HOLLY RIVER STATE PARK

Hacker Valley, WV

Step into a wooded wonderland at the scenic **Holly River State Park**. Located in a narrow valley in the Mountain Lakes region, the park is surrounded by heavily forested mountains, some reaching more than 2,800 feet in height. Park amenities include picnic shelters, the Holly River Restaurant and corrals for campers with horses. Holly River is known for its wide range of flora, including wildflowers and ferns, and the park's natural setting is ideal for camping, hiking, biking, swimming, fishing and other outdoor activities.



Holly River State Park

Activities



Biking



Fishing



Geocaching



Hiking



Horseback Riding



Outdoor Games



Swimming



Park Feature

NATURAL WONDERS

Located deep in the forest, Holly River State Park has some of the most beautiful landscapes in the state, including five waterfalls — Tecumseh Falls, Tenskwatawa Falls, Upper Falls, Shupe's Chute and Lower Falls. These falls can be accessed by either road or trail. Visitors can enjoy the view or even cool off in the water at the popular natural swimming hole at Shupe's Chute. Find the peace and quiet that only nature can provide at Holly River.

PARK ACCOMMODATIONS

CABINS

Holly River offers ten picturesque cabins constructed of natural stone and logs. These cabins can accommodate either two or four people. Cabins 1 through 9 are available from April through November, and Cabin 10 is available year-round. Cabins 6, 9 and 10 are pet-friendly.

CAMPING

Campers will find 88 sites at Holly River. All units have electric hookups, picnic tables and cooking grills. A dumping station and four centralized bathhouses are available as well as two coin-operated washers and dryers.

INSIDER TIPS



HOLLY RIVER RESTAURANT

Holly River Restaurant is open daily from Memorial Day to Labor Day and on weekends in April, May, September and October.



SWISS HISTORY

Swiss immigrants settled in the area now known as Holly River around 1870. In 1938, Holly River was designated a wildlife refuge and opened as an official state park.



HOST A PICNIC

Rent a pavilion for the day or reserve a shelter up to a year in advance. Holly River offers two pavilions which are perfect spots for picnics and family gatherings. Pavilions can be booked online at WVstateparks.com.



KUMBRABOW STATE FOREST

Huttonsville, WV

Kumbrabow State Forest is situated on top of Rich Mountain along the Western edge of the Allegheny Highlands in Randolph County. Made up of 9,474 acres at an elevation of more than 3,000 feet above sea level, it is West Virginia's highest state forest. The distinctive name "Kumbrabow" comes from the surnames of the park's earliest supporters: Governor Herman G. Kump, Spates Brady and Hubert Bowers. Kumbrabow's hiking trails, fishing streams and natural beauty make this forest an amazing mountain getaway.



Kumbrabow State Forest

Activities



Fishing



Geocaching



Hiking



Hunting



Forest Feature

HIKE THE POTATO HOLE TRAIL

Kumbrabow has a variety of scenic trails that lead to awe-inspiring overlooks of the surrounding terrain. Potato Hole Trail leads to an observation tower, offering panoramic views of the Rich Mountain area. It is a perfect place to watch stunning sunrises and sunsets.

FOREST ACCOMMODATIONS

CABINS

Open April through the first week of December, Kumbrabow's six rustic cabins do not have electricity or running water but offer gas lighting and fully equipped kitchens. One cabin is wheelchair accessible, and all cabins are pet-friendly.

CAMPING

Open spring through fall, Kumbrabow's campground offers 13 primitive sites and one large RV site in a pristine setting near patches of rhododendron and a native brook trout stream. Campers will enjoy easy access to fire pits and picnic tables. Laundry and shower facilities are also available.

INSIDER TIPS



MILL CREEK

Cast a line at Kumbrabow's Mill Creek, a native brook trout stream. Kumbrabow's cool, mountain waters are shaded by the forest, making them an ideal habitat for trout.



UNPLUG AND UNWIND

Disconnect from the day-to-day at Kumbrabow. The park's history-rich CCC-era cabins and serene natural beauty create the perfect setting to relax and reset.



HUNTING & FISHING

Fishing and hunting, with a proper license, are permitted in the forest. Anglers can try to reel in catch-and-release brook trout while hunters may spot deer, bear, turkey, bobcat and ruffed grouse. Visit WVdnr.gov for rules and regulations.



LOST RIVER STATE PARK

Mathias, WV

Tucked away in the wooded mountains of Hardy County in West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle, **Lost River State Park** is comprised of 3,934 quiet acres, making it an ideal getaway for nature lovers and those looking to take a break from the daily grind. Visitors are drawn to the park's secluded lodging, historical ties to the Civil War and abundance of trails — one of which leads to the iconic Cranny Crow overlook on Big Ridge Mountain.



Lost River State Park

Activities



Biking



Geocaching



Hiking



Horseback Riding



Museums & Historical Sites



Outdoor Games



Swimming



Park Feature

HIKE TO CRANNY CROW

With an elevation of 3,200 feet, Cranny Crow offers an open 270-degree panoramic view of five surrounding counties. The steep trek to the top is more suited for moderate hikers than beginners, but the view that awaits is worth every drop of sweat. To reach Cranny Crow, hikers can start on the White Oak trail (1.5 miles) and connect to Miller's Rock (less than .25 mile). At the overlook, visitors will find a small stone structure to rest and take in the scenery before making their descent.

PARK ACCOMMODATIONS

CABINS

Lost River has 26 cozy cabins with modern amenities available for guests. Classic and vacation cabins are available all year, and legacy cabins are available from April through October.

CAMPING

The park has two primitive campsites including one horse-friendly site. There are also three additional campsites near the upper shelter No. 2 area. These sites have restrooms located nearby and showers available but only during select hours. Lost River offers ten Tentr campsites, which come fully set up and are located near beautiful views and mountain adventures.

INSIDER TIPS



HORSEBACK RIDING

See Lost River from a new perspective with a guided horseback ride. Guided rides are offered from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Private riding is available year-round after registering at the park office.



CIVIL WAR HISTORY

Lost River is home to the Lee Cabin, home of Henry "Lighthouse Harry" Lee, a Revolutionary War general and father of Civil War General Robert E. Lee.



HIT THE TRAILS

There are 19 hiking trails at Lost River, including nine horse-friendly trails for visitors who would like to bring their steeds along with them.



SENECA STATE FOREST

Dunmore, WV

West Virginia's oldest and largest state forest, **Seneca State Forest** is located in rugged Pocahontas County with 12,884 acres of lush woodlands to explore. Recreational opportunities include boating in Seneca Lake or the nearby Greenbrier River or hiking or biking 23 miles of trails. Relax in a rustic cabin or campsite. Seneca is perhaps best known for the Thorny Mountain Fire Tower, which provides sweeping panoramas and is available to book for overnight stays.



Activities



Biking



Fishing



Hiking



Hunting



Outdoor Games



Forest Feature

STAY IN A FIRE TOWER

The Thorny Mountain Fire Tower is one of West Virginia's state parks and forests' most iconic attractions. The 65-foot tower provides 360-degree views of the forest and an unobstructed outlook of the night sky. Visitors will climb three flights of stairs to a 14x14 cab, which includes a catwalk around the outside. The tower may be reserved for overnight stays between May and October. It has two cots but can accommodate up to four guests. To enjoy this unique stay, guests are encouraged to make reservations up to a year in advance because the tower books up fast.

FOREST ACCOMMODATIONS

CABINS

Open April through October, Seneca's eight rustic cabins do not have electricity or running water but offer gas lighting and fully equipped kitchens. A central bathhouse, shower and laundry facilities are located near the office.

CAMPING

Seneca offers 10 large, secluded campsites with level tent and trailer pads, picnic tables and fireplaces. Coin-operated laundry machines and free showers are available at the office.

INSIDER TIPS



HUNT & FISH

Fishing and hunting, with a proper license, are permitted in the forest. Deer, bear, turkey and small game animals are popular, and Seneca Lake is stocked with trout in the spring and fall. Licenses can be purchased online at WVdnr.gov.



RIDE THE RAILS

Visitors can take a day trip over to nearby Cass Scenic Railroad State Park for scenic train rides and a look back at West Virginia's timber history.



HIT THE TRAILS

Seneca has 12 challenging hiking trails and is also close to the Allegheny and Greenbrier River trails for explorers that want a longer trek.



WATOGA STATE PARK

Marlinton, WV

Watoga State Park opened to the public in July 1937 and is West Virginia's largest state park. With over 10,000 acres of sprawling forest, Watoga has endless recreational activities and some of the most popular campgrounds and cabins in the state. Visitors can enjoy the park's 11-acre lake or take a hike on 40 miles of trails. Watoga also has an outdoor swimming pool with solar heating that is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day.



Activities



Biking



Boating



Fishing



Geocaching



Hiking



Outdoor Games



Swimming



Park Feature

WATOGA LAKE

Built in 1933 and formerly known as Lake Killibuck, Watoga Lake is 11 acres of pure bliss. For those looking to cast a line, Watoga Lake has plenty of largemouth bass, channel catfish, bluegill and trout. Or, for a little more action, visitors can rent paddleboats, row boats, canoes and kayaks for a nominal fee between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Personal boats are permitted on Watoga Lake, but motors are restricted to electric, trolling motors only.

PARK ACCOMMODATIONS

CABINS

Nestled into a gorgeous backdrop, Watoga's classic and vacation cabins are open year-round, and legacy cabins are available from April through October. Depending on standard or modern type, the cabins can accommodate between two and eight people.

CAMPING

Watoga has two campgrounds available. The Beaver Creek Campground has 38 units, including 12 electric hookups. The Riverside Campground has 50 units with 38 electric hookups. A central bathhouse and coin-operated laundry is also available to campers.

INSIDER TIPS



BROOKS MEMORIAL ARBORETUM

The 400-acre Brooks Memorial Arboretum at Watoga includes 6.5 miles of interconnected trails and signs along the way, which identify the trees, plants and shrubs found there.



EXPLORE THE AREA

For more mountain adventure, visit one of the several nearby state parks and forests. Explore ancient rock formations at Beartown State Park or hike the 78-mile Greenbrier River Trail.



GAME COURT AND PLAYGROUNDS

Watoga's game court features tennis, basketball, volleyball, horseshoes and disc golf. There is also playground equipment at the recreation building and campgrounds.

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AUDRA STATE PARK

Buckhannon, WV

For families and nature lovers in need of an escape, **Audra State Park** is a peaceful retreat in the hills of Barbour and Upshur counties. The dense forest and awe-inspiring rock formations provide a sense of solitude and make the park one of West Virginia's most beloved scenic wonders. With its riverside camping, Alum Cave rock overhang and Middle Fork River access, Audra is great for summer vacations and weekend getaways.

Activities



Biking



Boating



Fishing



Geocaching



Hiking



Swimming

Park Accommodations

CAMPING

Audra has 65 campsites, many of which are located on the Middle Fork River. The campground store has supplies, snacks and firewood, and there are bathhouses and laundry machines on site.

Fishing

The Middle Fork River is a popular spot for trout fishing, and nearby Teter Creek Lake offers trout, bass and bluegill fishing.



Audra State Park



CAMP CREEK STATE PARK AND FOREST

Camp Creek, WV

Nearly 6,000 acres of woodland, beautiful waterfalls, 35 miles of trails and seven miles of seasonally stocked trout streams set **Camp Creek State Park and Forest** apart. The pristine area was officially named a state park in 1987 after 550 acres were marked off from the Camp Creek State Forest. Located off I-77 in Mercer County, the park is great for family trips and stop-overs during a scenic drive through southern West Virginia.

Activities



Biking



Fishing



Geocaching



Hiking



Horseback Riding



Hunting



Outdoor Games

Park Accommodations

CAMPING

Camp Creek has four campgrounds. Mash Fork Campground contains 26 trailer/tent sites with hookups. Blue Jay Campground and Double C Horse and Rider Campground are non-electric. The Pack It In - Pack It Out Campground has sites for campers who want to travel away from the mainstream facilities.

CAMPER CABIN

The Ranger Outpost Cabin is accessed via a 3.3-mile hike and features a studio-style interior with four bunk-style beds and a loft with a twin bed.



Camp Creek State Park and Forest



CEDAR CREEK STATE PARK

Glenville, WV

Set on 2,588 wooded acres near the center of West Virginia in Glenville, **Cedar Creek State Park's** rolling hills and wide valleys are the perfect backdrop for recreational activities. The park is home to three lakes, 14 miles of hiking trails, a miniature golf course, an outdoor pool and more. A reconstructed one-room schoolhouse and restored log cabin are two of the park's unique features.

Activities



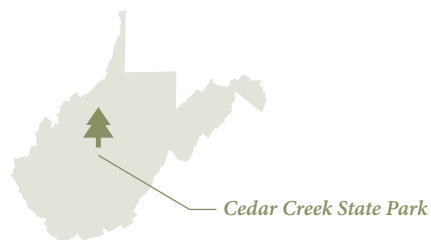
Park Accommodations

CAMPING

Cedar Creek's campground is open from spring through fall. It offers 66 regular campsites and ten group campsites, all of which have water hookup, 30 amp electric, a fire ring, a grill and a picnic table.

Fishing

The three lakes at Cedar Creek are seasonally stocked. Trout are stocked in January and March, and catfish are stocked in May.



Cedar Creek State Park



COOPERS ROCK STATE FOREST

Bruceton Mills, WV

A wilderness wonderland, **Coopers Rock State Forest** was established in 1936 and boasts some of the most iconic views in Almost Heaven. Located just off I-68, about 13 miles from Morgantown, the park features canyon overlooks, historical sites, picnic shelters, 50 miles of hiking and biking trails, sandstone cliffs for climbing and bouldering, cross-country ski terrain, a lake perfect for reeling in trout and a nearby river for rafting.

Activities



Forest Accommodations

CAMPING

Campsites are available from spring through fall. McCollum Campground offers 25 sites, all with electrical hookups, and Rhododendron Campground offers 25 primitive campsites. Coopers Rock offers nine Tenttr campsites, which come fully set up and are located near beautiful views and mountain adventures.

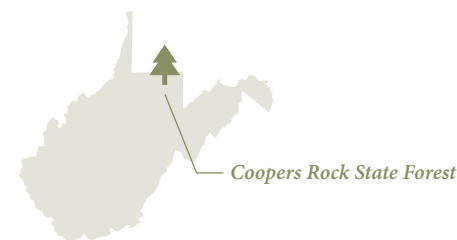
Hunting & Fishing

HUNTING PROSPECTS

Hunting available in specified areas.

FISHING PROSPECTS

Cast a line at Messinger Lake.



Coopers Rock State Forest



KANAWHA STATE FOREST

Charleston, WV

Kanawha State Forest, with more than 25 miles of hiking and biking trails, sits seven miles from the state capital of Charleston. The forest is a popular picnic area, and its diverse wildflower, tree and bird populations are a draw for naturalists. The forest has multiple playgrounds, campsites and a shooting range that is free for public use during daylight hours. In-season hunting is also welcome in specified areas with proper licenses.

Activities



Biking



Fishing



Geocaching



Hiking



Hunting



Outdoor Games

Forest Accommodations

CAMPING

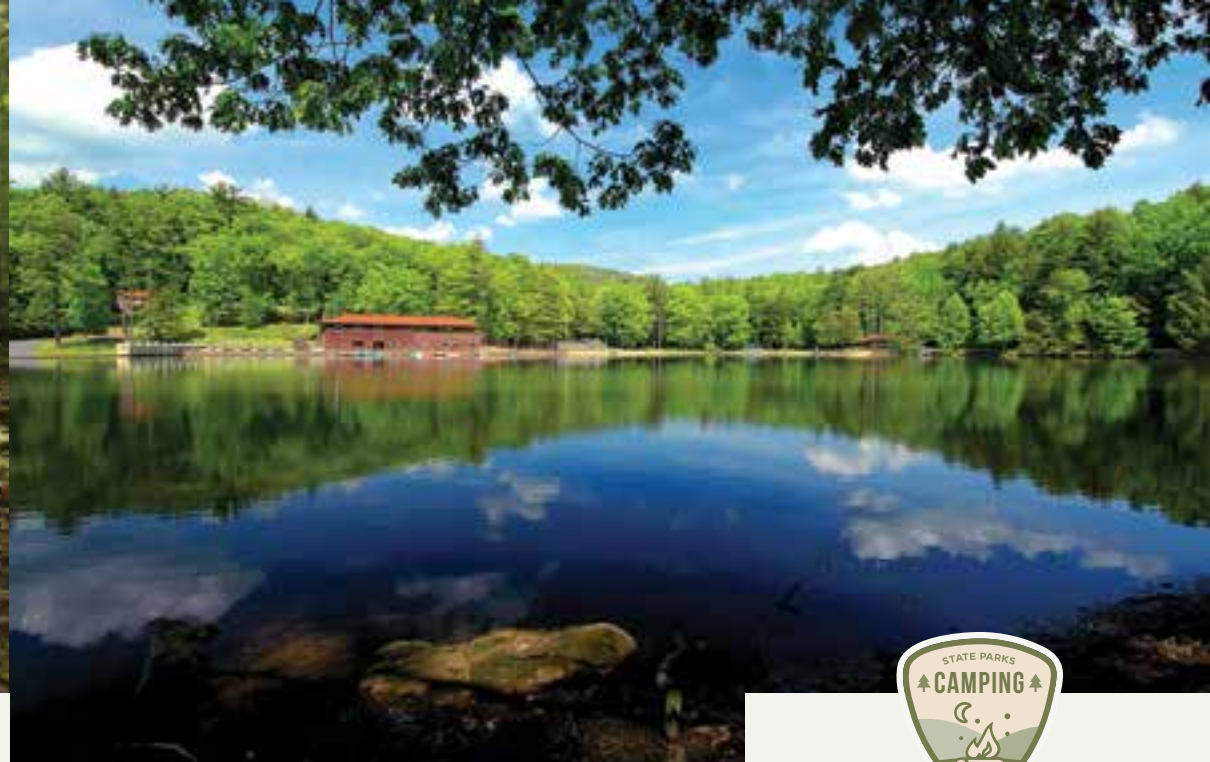
Open April to December, Kanawha State Forest's campground includes 44 sites, 25 of which have electricity and water hookups. The campground also has two bathhouses and a coin-operated laundry.

Hunting

Hunting opportunities are available in specified areas within Kanawha State Forest.



Kanawha State Forest



LITTLE BEAVER STATE PARK

Beaver, WV

With 562 acres, **Little Beaver State Park** offers family fun, beautiful scenery and incredible outdoor recreation. The park features nearly 20 miles of trails to explore and an 18-acre lake where anglers may fish year-round. Stand up paddle board, kayak, canoe and paddleboat rentals are available seasonally. Park visitors can also enjoy biking, picnicking and camping at Little Beaver.

Activities



Biking



Boating



Fishing



Hiking



Outdoor Games

Park Accommodations

CAMPING

The campground at Little Beaver is open spring through fall. There are 16 sites with water hookups and 30 sites with electric and water.

CAMPER CABIN

The camping cabin at Little Beaver sleeps up to four people and includes one bedroom with a full-size bed, loft area that sleeps two people, living area and a dining room that can seat four people.



Little Beaver State Park



Activities



Park Accommodations

CAMPING

Moncove Lake has 48 tent and trailer sites, 34 of which have electric hookups. Campground amenities include picnic tables, a central bathhouse and more.

Hunting & Fishing

HUNTING PROSPECTS

Hunting is available at nearby Moncove Lake Wildlife Management Area.

FISHING PROSPECTS

Moncove Lake's 144 acres are an angler's paradise. Fish for largemouth bass, bluegill, trout, catfish, walleye and yellow perch.

MONCOVE LAKE STATE PARK

Gap Mills, WV

A peaceful 250-acre park with a 500-acre wildlife management area, **Moncove Lake State Park** is a favorite setting for outdoor gatherings, camping and water recreation. The park has excellent fishing opportunities and offers seasonal rowboat, kayak and paddleboat rentals. Its proximity to Peter's Mountain and the ridge-and-valley section of the Appalachian Mountains make Moncove Lake a birding hot spot — more than 160 species can be seen in the area.



Moncove Lake State Park



Activities



Forest Accommodations

CAMPING

Panther has six campsites along Panther Creek with electric hookups, fire rings and picnic tables. A group camp consisting of a 60-person barracks-style house is also available.

Hunting & Fishing

HUNTING PROSPECTS

Panther has hunting in specified areas within the forest.

FISHING PROSPECTS

Visitors can enjoy fishing at Panther. In the spring, a four-mile section of Panther Creek is stocked with fresh trout.

PANTHER STATE FOREST

Panther, WV

Almost Heaven's southernmost state forest, **Panther State Forest** occupies 7,810 rugged acres, and its heavily wooded surroundings offer a range of outdoor amenities. During the summer, visitors can cool off in the swimming pool or watch little ones splash in the wading pool. Picnic shelters are available for rent. Panther Creek is stocked with fresh trout, and in-season hunting is welcome in designated areas with proper licensing.



Panther State Forest



TOMLINSON RUN STATE PARK

New Manchester, WV

Known as West Virginia's "top" state park, **Tomlinson Run State Park** lies along the Ohio River, near the tip of the Northern Panhandle. The park spans 1,398 acres and is divided between a wilderness area with heavily forested hills and overhanging cliffs and a developed section with traditional park activities, including hiking, fishing, boating and swimming. Tomlinson Run also offers unique camping experiences with its yurt and camper cabin rentals.



Activities



Boating



Fishing



Geocaching



Hiking



Outdoor Games



Swimming

Park Accommodations

CAMPING

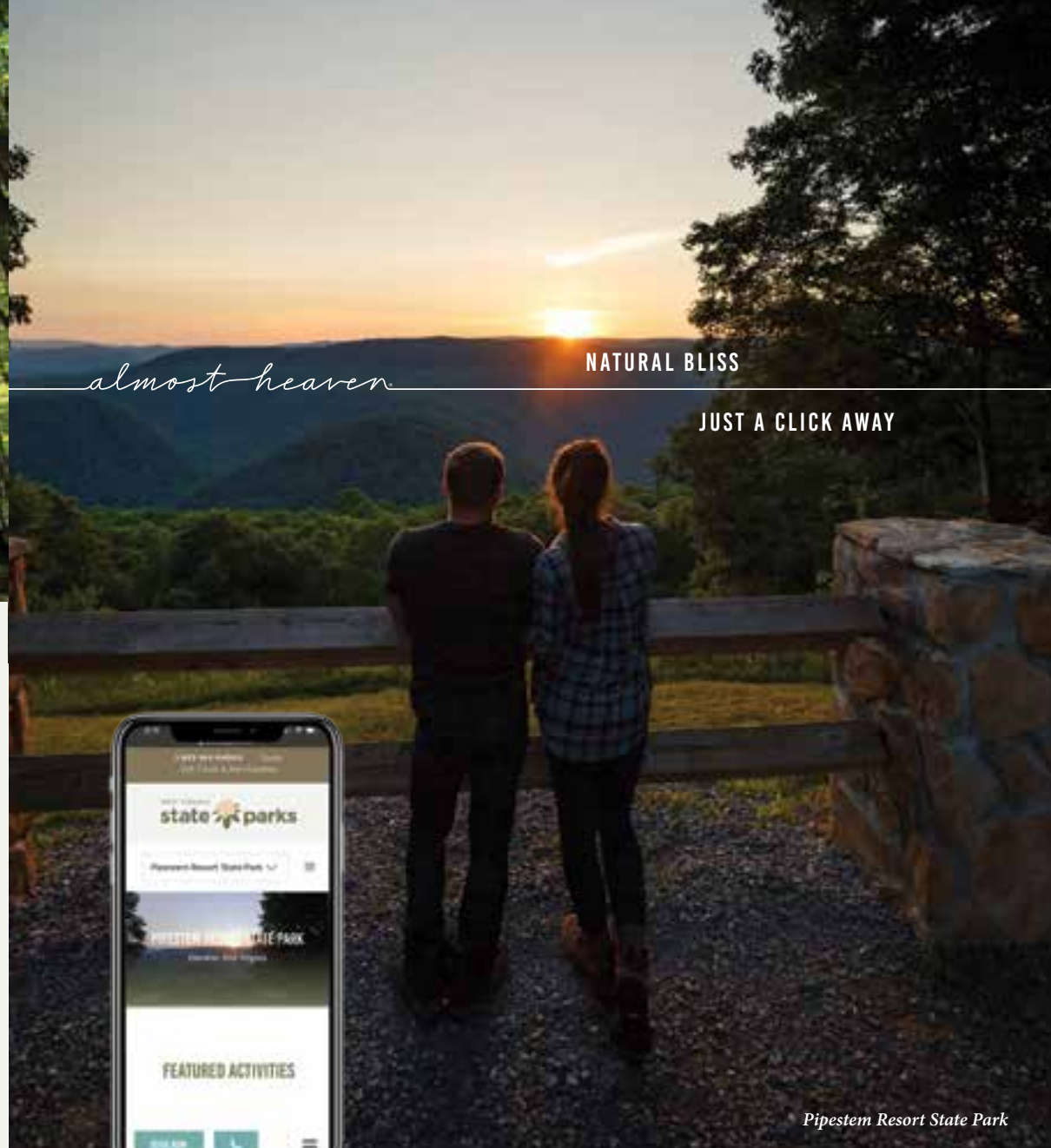
This 55-site campground is open from spring through fall, and has a convenience store, dump station and two bathhouses.

CAMPER CABINS

There are three camper cabins available to rent between April–October. Two sites have electricity, and the third has electricity and water.

YURTS

Visitors may rent a five-person yurt, complete with a cooler, propane stove, lantern, picnic table, cookware and a set of bunk beds.



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BEARTOWN STATE PARK

Hillsboro, WV

Beartown State Park is a 110-acre natural area located on the eastern summit of Droop Mountain in northern Greenbrier County and a small portion of Pocahontas County. The park is known for its unusual rocky formations, massive boulders, overhanging cliffs and deep crevices. The park's main attraction is a half-mile boardwalk, which showcases these spectacular sights. The park is open April through October.

Activities



Geocaching



Hiking

Nearby Accommodations

WATOGA STATE PARK

Drive to nearby Watoga State Park for cozy cabins and scenic campsites.

Special Features

Let the boardwalk at Beartown guide you on a beautiful tour. Discover awe-inspiring sights and capture scenic photos along the way.



CALVIN PRICE STATE FOREST

Marlinton, WV

Calvin Price State Forest, located in eastern Pocahontas and Greenbrier counties, is covered in mixed hardwoods and pine. The forest is named in honor of the late Calvin W. Price, a Marlinton newspaper editor who advocated for the purchase and designation of this area as a state forest. Uniquely, the park is rather undeveloped and instead relies on nearby Watoga State Park, West Virginia's largest park, for lodging and other activities.

Activities



Fishing



Hiking



Hunting

Nearby Accommodations

AREA STATE PARKS AND FORESTS

Cozy cabins and peaceful campsites await at nearby Watoga State Park and Seneca State Forest.

Hunting & Fishing

HUNTING PROSPECTS

Calvin Price has hunting opportunities in specified areas. You may spot bear, deer, grouse, squirrel and turkey.

FISHING PROSPECTS

Visitors to Calvin Price can enjoy in-season fishing.





CATHEDRAL STATE PARK

Aurora, WV

Cathedral State Park is the state's largest old-growth forest and contains one of the largest stands of virgin hemlock in West Virginia. Designated a National Natural Landmark, this 133-acre state park offers a sanctuary for these ancient trees, as well as 170 additional species of trees, ferns and wildflowers. During the spring and summer, Cathedral offers excellent hiking and photography opportunities.

Activities



Geocaching



Hiking

Nearby Accommodations

BLACKWATER FALLS STATE PARK

After a day of exploring, rest up at nearby Blackwater Falls State Park.

Special Features

Cathedral is filled with eastern hemlocks that are older than the state of West Virginia. Many scenic hiking trails wind through this majestically forested state park.



Cathedral State Park



PINNACLE ROCK STATE PARK

Bramwell, WV

Pinnacle Rock State Park is known for the 3,100-foot sandstone formation that gives the park its name. The park, located on U.S. Route 52 near Bramwell in Mercer County, includes a wooded area with picnic facilities, hiking trails and a fishing lake. An overlook from atop Pinnacle Rock is a popular destination and favorite photo spot for park visitors.

Activities



Fishing



Geocaching



Hiking



Outdoor Games

Nearby Accommodations

PIPESTEM RESORT STATE PARK

Check in to nearby Pipestem Resort State Park for cozy mountain lodging.

Fishing

Seasonally stocked with trout, nearby Jimmy Lewis Lake is a perfect spot for all anglers.

Special Features

Pinnacle Rock offers more than six miles of hiking trails.



Pinnacle Rock State Park



VALLEY FALLS STATE PARK

Fairmont, WV

Once the site of a lumber and grist mill community, **Valley Falls State Park** is a place of scenic beauty and historical significance. A series of four picturesque falls created by the dark, rushing waters of the Tygart Valley River distinguish this 1,145-acre park. In addition to its scenic charm, Valley Falls offers miles of hiking and biking trails and fishing.

Activities



Biking



Fishing



Geocaching



Hiking

Nearby Accommodations

TYGART LAKE STATE PARK

Enjoy peace and quiet at nearby Tygart Lake State Park's cabins or mountain lodge.

Fishing

Anglers can enjoy fishing on the Tygart Valley River.

Special Features

Valley Falls is known for its half-mile long set of cascades, outdoor recreation and stunning scenery.



Valley Falls State Park



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BERKELEY SPRINGS STATE PARK

Berkeley Springs, WV

Located in the center of the charming and historic small town of Berkeley Springs, **Berkeley Springs State Park** is home to a mineral spa that has been in use since Colonial times. The park is known for its warm spring water, which flows at a constant temperature of 74.3 degrees, and Old Roman and Main bathhouses that offer a wide selection of spa services, including massages, saunas, baths and showers.

Activities



Nearby Accommodations

CACAPON RESORT STATE PARK
Overnight lodge and cabin accommodations are available at nearby Cacapon Resort State Park.

Special Features

Experience the park's warm spring water or get a massage, body treatment or other spa service at the park's Main Bathhouse or Old Roman Bathhouse. For more information on available spa treatments, visit WVstateparks.com. While here, don't forget to stop by George Washington's bathtub.



BLENNERHASSETT ISLAND HISTORICAL STATE PARK

Parkersburg, WV

Situated on a small island in the Ohio River, **Blennerhassett Island Historical State Park** can be accessed by a quick ride on the renowned Island Belle Sternwheeler. Settled by Irish aristocrats Harman and Margaret Blennerhassett, the estate was the headquarters of Aaron Burr's military expedition to the Southwest. Visitors may enjoy tours of the grounds and the grand Palladian mansion or take a horse-drawn carriage ride around the island.

Activities



Nearby Accommodations

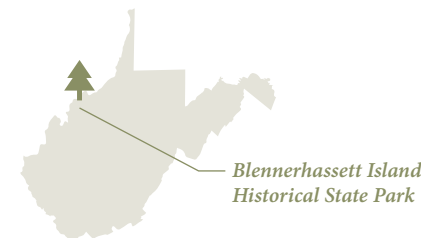
NORTH BEND STATE PARK
Overnight accommodations and additional activities are available just a short drive away at North Bend State Park.

Fishing

Fishing is permitted from the banks of the island with proper licenses.

Special Features

Blennerhassett Island offers mansion candlelight tours, and the Blennerhassett Museum of Regional History is located just off the island in Parkersburg.





CARNIFEX FERRY BATTLEFIELD STATE PARK

Summersville, WV

Set on the rim of the Gauley River Canyon, **Carnifex Ferry Battlefield State Park** is one of the oldest state parks in the United States. It is part of the Civil War Discovery Trail, which links more than 300 historical sites in 16 states. Popular for its reenactments, the park commemorates the 1861 Battle of Carnifex Ferry, a major Union victory that led to the eventual Confederate withdrawal from western Virginia.

Activities



Nearby Accommodations

AREA STATE PARKS

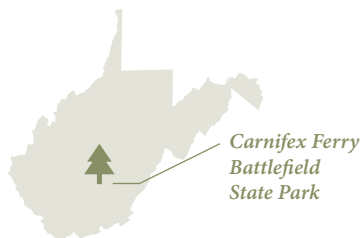
After a day of history and exploration, relax and unwind at nearby Hawks Nest or Babcock state parks.

Fishing

Hike park trails to the Gauley River for fishing opportunities or drive to nearby Boley Lake in Babcock State Park. It is a popular fishing spot for largemouth bass, bluegill and channel catfish.

Special Features

Take in gorgeous views 700 feet above the Gauley River at Carnifex Ferry Battlefield.



Carnifex Ferry Battlefield State Park



DROOP MOUNTAIN BATTLEFIELD STATE PARK

Hillsboro, WV

Located in the Greenbrier River Valley, **Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park** is part of the Civil War Discovery Trail. Dedicated in 1928 as West Virginia's first state park, Droop Mountain is known for its reenactments of the Battle of Droop Mountain, the last major American Civil War conflict in West Virginia. The park has hiking trails, picnic shelters and play areas available for year-round use.

Activities



Nearby Accommodations

WATOGA STATE PARK

Overnight accommodations are just a short drive away at neighboring Watoga State Park.

Special Features

Enjoy beautiful views from the observation tower at Droop Mountain Battlefield, learn about the history of the Battle of Droop Mountain at the on-site museum and discover Civil War trenches.



Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park



FAIRFAX STONE STATE PARK

Fairfax, WV

Fairfax Stone State Park is comprised of four acres and named after the Fairfax Stone, a surveyor's marker and boundary stone used in the 1700s to settle a dispute over land in the English colonies of Maryland and Virginia. One of the oldest markers in the United States, the stone rests at the junction of Tucker, Grant and Preston counties and marks the boundary between Maryland and West Virginia.

Activities



Geocaching



Museums &
Historical Sites

Nearby Accommodations

BLACKWATER FALLS STATE PARK

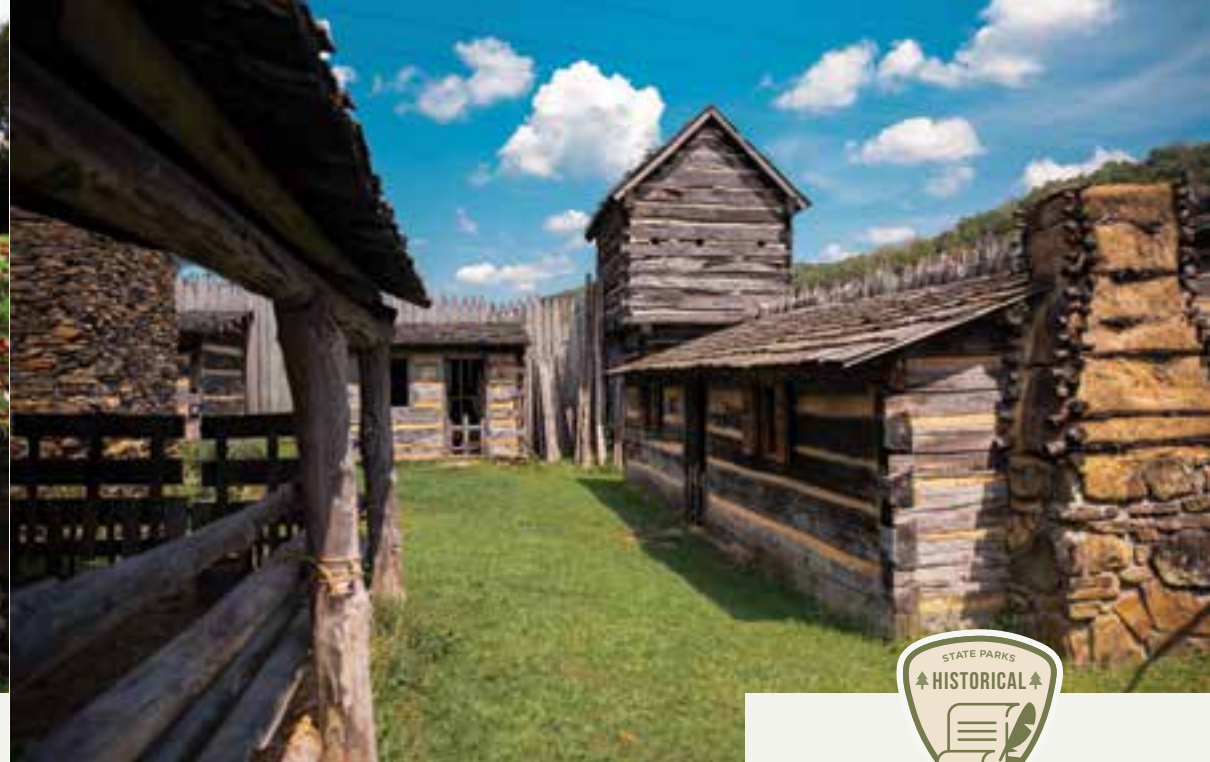
Discover additional outdoor adventures and beautiful overnight accommodations just a short drive away at Blackwater Falls State Park.

Special Features

The park is home to a spring that is the headwaters of the North Branch of the Potomac River.



Fairfax Stone State Park



PRICKETT'S FORT STATE PARK

Fairmont, WV

Prickett's Fort State Park, located five miles north of Fairmont in Marion County, features a reconstruction of the original Prickett's Fort, which served as a place of refuge during colonial times. This historical park, open mid-April through the end of October, commemorates late 18th-century life on the Virginia frontier. After Labor Day, several attractions are closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. Visitors may enter the park for free; however, some activities, such as fort tours, have an admission charge.

Activities



Biking



Boating



Fishing



Hiking



Museums &
Historical Sites

Nearby Accommodations

TYGART LAKE STATE PARK

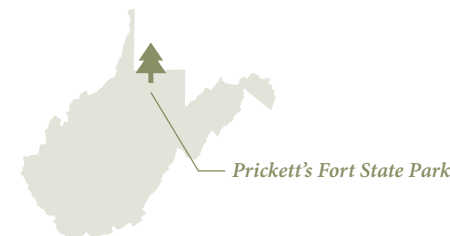
Relax and unwind at Tygart Lake State Park's cabins or mountain lodge.

Fishing

Grab your bait and tackle. Prickett's Fort is a great place for bass fishing.

Special Features

The 2.5-mile Marion County Trail (MCTrail) begins near Prickett's Fort. You can also connect with the Mon River Trail, which continues into Morgantown, at the park.



Prickett's Fort State Park



TU-ENDIE-WEI STATE PARK

Point Pleasant, WV

Located at the confluence of the Kanawha and Ohio rivers in Point Pleasant, **Tu-Endie-Wei State Park** is home to an 84-foot granite monument commemorating the frontiersmen who fought and died in the 1774 Battle of Point Pleasant. The name “Tu-Endie-Wei” is a Wyandotte word meaning “point between two waters.” Tu-Endie-Wei is a historical park that is open year-round. The park’s Mansion House and facilities are open May 1 through the first weekend of October.



Tu-Endie-Wei State Park

Activities



Geocaching



Museums &
Historical Sites

Nearby Accommodations

BEECH FORK STATE PARK

For overnight accommodations, drive to Beech Fork State Park where cozy cabins and camping beneath the stars await.

Special Features

While at Tu-Endie-Wei, stop by the Mansion House, a museum that was originally used as a tavern but now showcases floors of beautiful antiques and heirlooms that give you a closer look at what frontier life was like.



WATTERS SMITH MEMORIAL STATE PARK

Lost Creek, WV

Early West Virginia heritage and the pioneer spirit of Watters Smith are preserved in the homestead restoration at **Watters Smith Memorial State Park**. Located in Harrison County, the park features log cabins, a period-accurate building and a museum that depicts pioneer life from 1796 to the early 1900s. The park is also a popular destination for picnicking, hiking and birdwatching.



Watters Smith Memorial State Park

Activities



Biking



Geocaching



Hiking



Museums &
Historical Sites

Nearby Accommodations

TYGART LAKE STATE PARK

After a day exploring the old frontier, check out the cabins and lodge at nearby Tygart Lake State Park.

Special Features

The park grounds feature historical charm. Buildings on the grounds include a woodworking shop, blacksmith shop, mill room and more. The museum and Smith Home are open on select days between Memorial Day and Labor Day.



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ELK RIVER TRAIL

Clay, WV

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Activities



Biking



Boating



Fishing



Hiking

Fishing

Fishing is permitted in the Elk River with proper licenses.

Special Features

Along the Buffalo Creek section, countless unique rock formations can be found including the picturesque Devil's Sawmill waterfall.

Nearby Accommodations

KANAWHA STATE FOREST

After a day out on the trail, visit Kanawha State Forest where you'll find a scenic campground with 44 sites, 25 of which have electricity and water hookups.



Elk River Trail



GREENBRIER RIVER TRAIL

Marlinton, WV

The longest trail of its kind in West Virginia, the **Greenbrier River Trail** is a 78-mile former railroad now used for hiking, biking and horseback riding. The trail provides many breathtaking views as it passes through several small towns, crosses 35 bridges and goes through two tunnels. The trail is one of 50 Millennium Legacy Trails in the United States.

Activities



Biking



Fishing



Horseback Riding



Snow Sports



Swimming

Nearby Accommodations

AREA STATE PARKS AND FORESTS

Head to Watoga State Park or Greenbrier State Forest for cabins and camping. Or relax and unwind at one of Cass Scenic Railroad State Park's Company Houses.

Fishing

The Greenbrier River Trail follows the Greenbrier River for most of its length and offers plentiful fishing opportunities.



Greenbrier River Trail



Activities



Biking



Fishing



Geocaching



Hiking



Horseback Riding

Nearby Accommodations

NORTH BEND STATE PARK

Nearby North Bend State Park features cabins, camping and a lodge for overnight guests.

Fishing

The trail is located near many different rivers and streams that offer great fishing.

Special Features

The 1,376-foot Silver Run Tunnel, located along the trail, is said to be haunted by the Ghost of the Silver Run.

NORTH BEND RAIL TRAIL

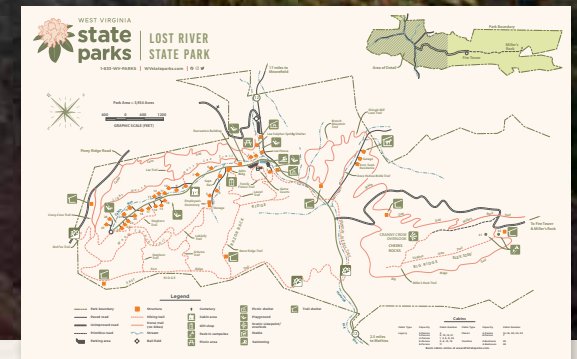
Cairo, WV

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North Bend Rail Trail

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