



# CAMP CREEK STATE PARK AND FOREST

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# PARK TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

From scenic vistas to beautiful overlooks, hiking trails at West Virginia's state parks and forests lead to breathtaking mountain scenery. Along the way create lasting memories but remember to leave no trace behind in Almost Heaven.

🕅 = Hiking 🛗 = Horseback Riding 🙋 = Mountain Bike Riding 🖸 = Cross-Country Skiing

# BLUE JAY RIDGE ROAD AND TRAIL

This trail is best accessed by parking at the Campbell Falls/Forest Access parking area and hiking past Campbell Falls on the Turkey Loop Road and Trail 1.9 miles to the trailhead on the left just past Wildlife Area 1. The trail, with multiple finger ridges running perpendicular off either side of trail, runs along Blue Jay Ridge Road and Trail for 2.3 miles before intersecting with the Blue Jay Spur Trail. At this point you may hike the Blue Jay Spur Trail for 1 mile to return to the beginning point. Total distance for this described hike is 5.3 miles. Distance: 2.3 mile **Difficulty:** Moderate

TURKEY LOOP ROAD AND TRAIL M & AT

This trailhead is located at the Campbell Falls/Forest Access parking area and follows .7 mile on a gravel road by Campbell Falls and past the Double C Campground to Bear Creek. The trail then ascends sharply 1 mile to the seasonal parking area for hunters where you stay to the left and pass by an orange gate. The trail then runs along the ridgeline for 2 miles before ascending to Mash Fork Creek. There will be nine creek crossings and a tributary stream to ford before crossing the bridge below Mash Fork Falls. (keep in mind the water level). The trail then follows along a gravel road .3 miles to the intersection of the paved park road or you may use the Horse By-Pass Trail for 1.1 miles to complete the 8.7 mile loop. Most of the park and forest trails to the west of Bear Creek intersect at some point with Turkey Loop Road and

Distance: 8.7 miles **Difficulty:** Moderate

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## PINEY RIDGE TRAIL

This trailhead is to the right of Blue Jay Campground site 12. Begin by parking at the Campbell Falls/Forest parking area and ascending along the trail before leveling out along the contour of the mountain for great views of Camp Creek below. At the .9 mile mark, the trail intersects with Farlev Ridge Trail to the left or turn right and ascend to the top of the mountain to join Blue Jay Ridge Trail. See those trail descriptions to calculate total distance.

Distance: 1.5 miles Difficulty: Difficult

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# FARLEY RIDGE ROAD AND TRAIL M & #

This trailhead is across the paved park road from the playground next to the basketball court. The first .9 miles, with brown post trail markers, is a steep switch back trail to the top of the mountain where it reaches the forest boundary with green post trail markers. It then runs along the scenic ridge line for another 1.5 miles until it intersects with the Almost Heaven Road and Trail. The trail then makes a left for .9 miles through a steep hollow before ending at the intersection of Turkey Loop and McCoy Road and Trails. At this point you have multiple choices for returning to the beginning of your hike. If you choose to make a right on Turkey Loop Road and Trail to return by Campbell Falls it is 2.8 miles to the falls. Then hike 1 mile to Blue Jay Spur Trail to Farley Ridge Road and Trail where you make a left and return .4 miles to the playground. The total distance for this choice is 7.5 miles.

Distance: 3.3 miles **Difficulty:** Moderate Blaze: • •

# ALMOST HEAVEN ROAD AND TRAIL M 55 ET

Although this trail is a level grade, it must first be accessed by hiking 2.4 miles along the Farley Ridge Road and Trail (see above description). The name says it all on this trail. It passes by the Back-Pack campsite and the Ranger Outpost Cabin (camping is by reservation only. Call park to inquire) and continues until it intersects with the Turkey Loop Road and Trail.

Distance: 0.6 Miles **Difficulty:** Easy Blaze: •

#### MCCOY ROAD AND TRAIL M & M

This trail is accessed from either the Turkey Loop or Farley Ridge Road and Trails (see those trail descriptions). From the upper intersection of the Turkey Loop and Farley Ridge Road and Trails it is 1 mile on the McCoy Trail to the natural gas compressor station (caution-loud may spook horses). The trail is to the right of the compressor station where it begins to descend to the Turkey Loop Trail just downstream of the 8th creek crossing on Mash Fork Creek which is a 2.5 mile hike along Turkey Loop Road and Trail to the playground.

Distance: 1.8 miles **Difficulty:** Moderate

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#### HORSE BYPASS TRAIL M 55 FT

This trailhead starts across the paved road from the Mash Fork Picnic Shelter at the beginning of the gravel road leading to Mash Fork Falls. This fairly level trail is used to bypass the shelter and picnic areas in the developed part of the park. This is required of all horse and riders as they are not allowed in the main picnic areas. It is also a nice bypass for hikers choosing to use it.

**Distance:** 0.7 miles **Difficulty:** Easy Blaze: ●

#### BLUE JAY SPUR TRAIL 🕅

This trailhead is to the right of Blue Jay Campground site 12. Begin by parking at the Campbell Falls/Forest parking area and ascending along the trail before leveling out along the contour of the mountain for great views of Camp Creek below. At the .9 mile mark, the trail intersects with Farley Ridge Trail to the left or turn right and ascend to the top of the mountain to join Blue Jay Ridge Trail. See those trail descriptions to calculate total distance.

Distance: 1 mile **Difficulty:** Moderate Blaze: •

#### WHITE OAK ROAD AND TRAIL M&

This trail starts 1.2 miles upstream on Turkey Loop Road and Trail from the Campbell Falls/Forest Access. At the bottom of the seasonal hunter parking area, enter this fairly easy trail through a thick grove of rhododendron on either side. It follows a beautiful ridge 1 mile to Wildlife Area 5 at the intersection of the Hatfield Trail, then turns left and passes through Wildlife Area 1 and rejoins The Turkey Loop Road and

Distance: 1.4 miles Difficulty: Easy

#### WALDRON SPUR ROAD AND TRAIL M & \*\*

This trailhead is next to the seasonal hunter parking area #2. Through careful planning, this went from a timber haul road to a beautiful level trail that follows along the contour of the mountain and makes an easy connector between Bear Wallow and Deer Crossing Road and Trail. See those trail descriptions for total distance.

Distance: 0.75 miles **Difficulty:** Easy Blaze:

### HATFIELD ROAD AND TRAIL M & M

This trail is best accessed by a 1 mile hike along White Oak Road & Trail (see above description). Make a right off of White Oak Trail at Wildlife Area 5. The trail runs along a ridgeline to Wildlife Area 6 with Bear Creek below to your right. Stay to the left of Wildlife Area 6 and the trail descends sharply for a ways down the main gas line where it meets Cassidy Branch. The trail makes a left at this point where it begins to ascend gradually to join White Oak Trail at Wildlife Area 1.

Distance: 2 miles **Difficulty:** Moderate

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# BEAR WALLOW ROAD AND TRAIL M & M

This is a loop trail that starts and ends .7 mile above the Falls/Forest Access parking area where you make a right off of Turkey Loop Road and Trail at Bear Creek. The trail parallels Camp Creek for 1-mile before the first of two creek crossings (check on stream level). The trail runs 1.5 miles on an old railroad bed occasionally leaving the stream side. The trail then ascends .2 miles where it intersects with the lower end of Neely Knob Road and Trail. Stay to the left where the trail crosses a small stream and then once again ascends .7 mile to the upper intersection of Neely Knob Trail. Make a left at this point. In .1 miles Deer Crossing trailhead will be on your right. Continue straight on Bear Wallow Road and Trail for .7 miles by Wildlife Area 8 to the seasonal hunter parking area #2 and the trailhead of Waldron Spur Trail. From this point it is 1 mile back to Bear Creek and the junction of Turkey Loop Road and Trail.

**Distance:** 5 Miles Difficulty: Moderate Blaze: •

## DEER CROSSING ROAD AND TRAIL M & M

This scenic trail connects the two longest trails in the forest - Bear Wallow and Turkey Loop by crossing through Wildlife Area 7 and Bear Creek and joining with White Oak Road and Trail. See descriptions of those trails above.

Distance: 1.2 miles **Difficulty:** Moderate Blaze: •

# NEELY KNOB ROAD AND TRAIL M& &

This trail branches off from the northern end of Bear Wallow Road and Trail (see description above). This trail passes through a variety of habitats, including Wildlife Area 9, and is relatively easy for much of the way and moderately steep in others. The trail also passes by the highest elevation peak. Neely Knob, and has several beautiful views of the distant mountains.

Distance: 2 miles **Difficulty:** Moderate

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#### MASH FORK FALLS TRAIL

This steep scenic trail begins by parking at the playground next to the basketball court and hiking .8 mile on the Farley Ridge trail to the trailhead of Mash Fork Falls Trail on your left. The trail runs along the contour of the mountain before descending via switchbacks to Mash Fork Falls. At this point the trail intersects with the Turkey Loop Road and Trail. Take a left for .4 miles to the beginning of the hike. Total distance for this hike is 2.2

Distance: 1 mile Difficulty: Difficult Blaze: •