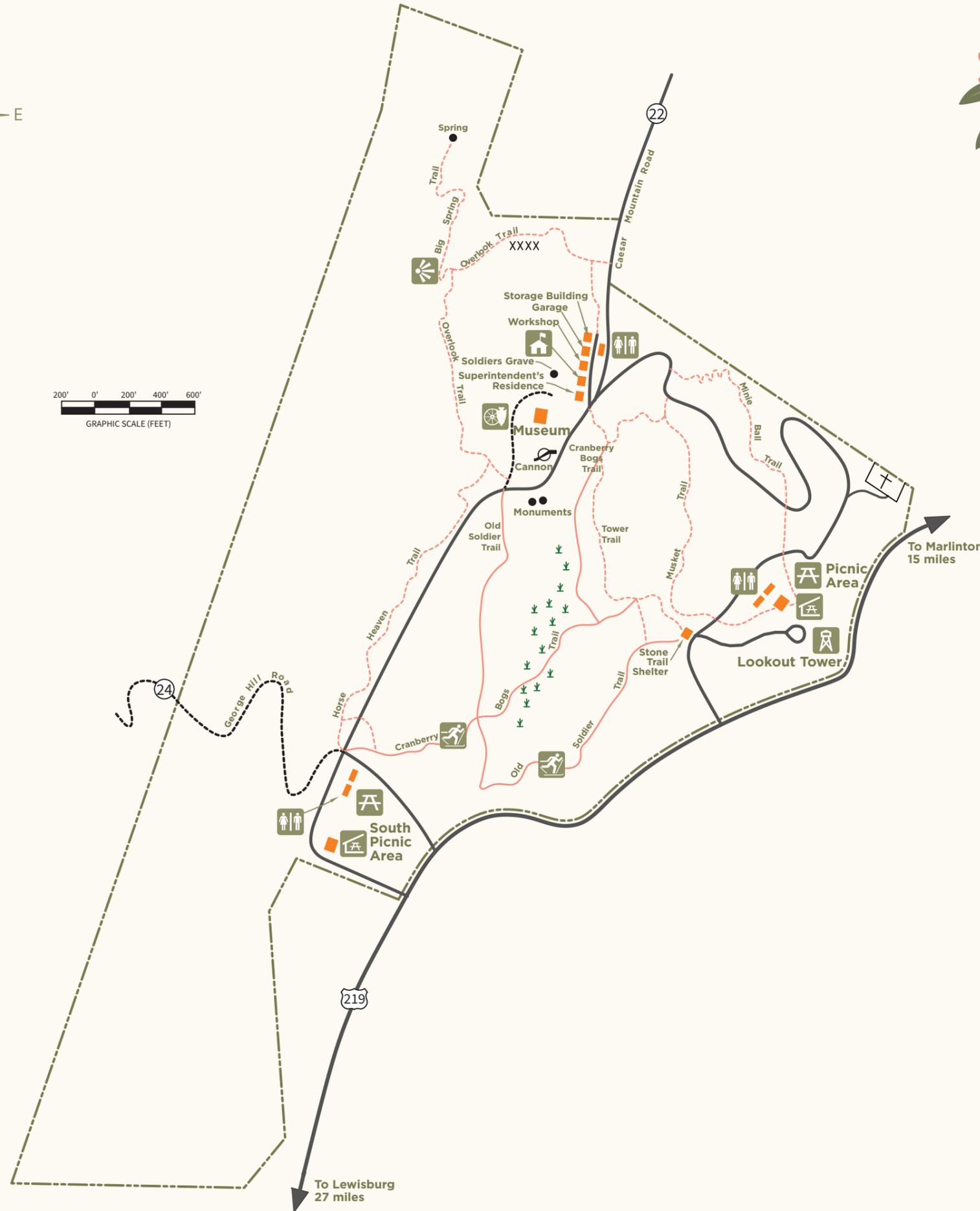
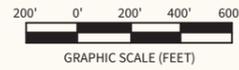


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# DROOP MOUNTAIN BATTLEFIELD STATE PARK

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### Legend

- Park boundary
- Paved road
- Gravel road
- Hiking trail
- Multiple-use-trail
- Parking area
- Trenches
- Cranberry bogs (Swamp)
- Private cemetery
- Historical area
- Lookout tower
- Park headquarters
- Picnic area
- Picnic shelter
- Restrooms
- Scenic viewpoint overlook

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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

## BIG SPRING TRAIL

The trail begins at the west overlook and dead-ends at a mountain spring. This trail is a strenuous climb back.

**Distance:** 0.75 miles

**Difficulty:** Difficult

## CRANBERRY BOGS TRAIL

Hikers can start at the park office and end at the south picnic area. This is the most popular trail in the park, winding through a mountain bog where interesting plants, tall pines and wildlife can be seen. This trail is suitable for cross-country skiing in the winter.

**Distance:** 0.5 miles

**Difficulty:** Easy

## HORSE HEAVEN TRAIL

This trail starts at the pump house near the cannon and ends at the south picnic area. The trail follows a series of small cliffs and gives access to Horse Heaven Rock, where horses killed in the battle of Droop Mountain were disposed of.

**Distance:** 0.25 miles

**Difficulty:** Moderate

## MINIE BALL TRAIL

This is the most rigorous park trail, located in a ravine where Union soldiers climbed the mountain to attack the Confederates waiting above. The trail begins at the first sharp curve in the road near the office and ends at the tower.

**Distance:** 0.5 miles

**Difficulty:** Difficult

## MUSKET TRAIL

This trail starts near the park office and follows a steep hillside. Stumps of American Chestnut trees that were alive during the time of the battle remain. The trail ends at the lookout tower.

**Distance:** 0.5 miles

**Difficulty:** Moderate

## OLD SOLDIER TRAIL

This easy trail follows an old road grade which passes near the spot where Major Robert Augustus Bailey was shot while trying to rally his men around the Confederate Flag. The trail begins near the battlefield monuments and ends at the stone shed near the tower. It is an excellent cross-country ski trail in the winter.

**Distance:** 0.75 miles

**Difficulty:** Easy

## OVERLOOK TRAIL

The trail begins at the pump house near the cannon and ends at the park office. The trail follows a series of rock cliffs. Following the cliffs, visitors can observe several small caves, an old bear den, a scenic overlook and Civil War trenches.

**Distance:** 0.5 miles

**Difficulty:** Moderate

## TOWER TRAIL

This trail begins at the park office and ends at the stone shed near the lookout tower. This is the shortest route from the park office to the lookout tower.

**Distance:** 0.5 miles

**Difficulty:** Moderate