

TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS PIPESTEM RESORT

BLUESTONE TURNPIKE TRAIL | 🕅 | 8.5 MI ONE WAY

TRAIL RATING

BLAZE COLOR

This moderately difficult trail begins at the junction of the Farley Loop and River Trail in Pipestem Resort State Park. From this intersection it is 8.5 miles to Bluestone State Park. This trail is best accessed near the aerial tram at the Mountain Creek Lodge. From the Mountain Creek Lodge, follow the moderately difficult River Trail downstream for one mile to access the beginning of the Bluestone Turnpike Trail. Access also is possible by hiking the entire length of the River Trail in its entirety.

CANYON RIM TRAIL 🕅 0.7 MI ONE WAY

TRAIL RATING 🔶 | NOT A LOOP TRAIL

Beginning near the employee parking area at Canyon Rim Center, this steep trail descends 500 feet to Heritage Point, a massive sandstone outcropping. The overlook offers an excellent view of the Bluestone River Gorge and Mountain Creek Lodge.

COTTAGE TRAIL 🛛 🕅 🌌 🛛 0.2 MI ONE WAY

TRAIL RATING

This easy trail begins at the park road behind Cottage Number 1 and travels down to Long Branch Lake where it joins the Lake Shore Trail.

COUNTY LINE TRAIL | 🕅 🔂 🖬 | 1.9 MI ONE WAY

TRAIL RATING

This steep, somewhat rugged trail begins at the Nature Center parking lot, comes through the edge of the yard and then travels a short distance toward the stables. It then descends into the woods, crosses two knobs, passes Indian Branch Falls (1.2 miles) and ends at the River Trail.

DEN TREE TRAIL 🕅 0.6 MI ONE WAY

TRAIL RATING

BLAZE COLOR

This is a a non-game wildlife trail that begins on the edge of the arboretum, crosses the Law Hollow Trail and ends at the wildlife viewing area on the dam at Long Branch Lake.

DOGWOOD TRAIL | 🕅 | 0.6 MI

TRAIL RATING

This is a relatively easy walking trail that begins at the Nature Center, passes through an oakhickory forest along the park road, and loops back to the Nature Center.

FARLEY LOOP TRAIL | 🕅 🚮 | 3 MI

TRAIL RATING

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The most rugged trail in the park, Farley Loop Trail begins behind the Mountain Creek Lodge. After a guarter mile of steep switchbacks, a short spur takes you to Raven Rock overlook and a tremendous view of the gorge. Another half mile of steep, rocky switchbacks takes you through a pine thicket to the patrol cabin. Above the cabin, the trail turns sharply to the right and passes two cemeteries before descending one mile to the Bluestone River. To return to Mountain Creek Lodge, turn right (upstream) and follow the River Trail.

LAKE SHORE TRAIL | 🕅 🚳 🖬 🌌 | 2.2 MI ONE WAY

TRAIL RATING

BLAZE COLOR

A relatively level shoreline and woodland trail completely encircling Long Branch Lake. May be reached via Law Hollow Trail, Den Tree, Long Branch, Cottage, Turkey Spur, South Side or Lake View trails.

LAKE VIEW TRAIL | 🕅 🚳 🖬 🌌 | 0.4 MI ONE WAY

TRAIL RATING

BLAZE COLOR

Beginning along the park road between the Recreation Center and the Nature Center, this trail follows an old roadbed through mostly open habitat to its junction with the Lake Shore Trail near Long Branch Lake.

LAW HOLLOW TRAIL | 🕅 🚳 | 0.5 MI ONE WAY

TRAIL RATING

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This trail begins at True Road and follows an old logging road down to the Lake Shore Trail just below the spillway for the dam.

LICK HOLLOW TRAIL | 🕅 🌌 | 1.6 MI

TRAIL RATING

This trail begins at the Mountain Creek Lodge parking area at Canyon Rim Center. It descends into Lick Hollow and then routes back up to the rim of the hollow where there is a beautiful view of the Bluestone Canyon. The trail then loops around and returns to the parking area.

LONG BRANCH TRAIL 🕅 🚳 0.3 MI

TRAIL RATING

Starting from the park road across from the McKeever Lodge and beside the arboretum, this short, steep paved trail offers easy access to Long Branch Lake. This trail also serves as a service road (authorized vehicles only).

NORTH SIDE TRAIL | 🕅 🗺 | 0.5 MI

TRAIL RATING

(elevation: 3.000 feet).

BLAZE COLOR

This .5-mile loop trail begins at the Park Headquarters parking area, passes down into the woods and returns to the large field behind the building.

This rather steep paved trail leads to the Bolar Observation Tower atop Pipestem Knob

PIPESTEM KNOB TRAIL 🛛 🕅 🛛 0.2 MI ONE WAY TRAIL RATING

🏌 = Hiking

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E = Cross Country Skiing

🔐 = Horseback Riding

🔊 = Mountain Bike Riding





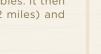


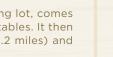


















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RIVER TRAIL | 🕅 🚳 🖬 | 5.25 MI ONE WAY

TRAIL RATING

This trail begins behind McKeever Lodge. After about a 0.25 mile of steep descent, the trail becomes relatively level. One and a half miles from the lodge, it crosses the Canvon Rim Trail. After passing under the Aerial Tramway, the trail meets the County Line Trail about 2.25 miles from McKeever Lodge. The trail goes through a series of switchbacks for 1.25 miles to the Bluestone River. After wading the river, it is an easy 0.75 mile walk to Mountain Creek Lodge. The trail then continues downstream for another mile where it ends at the junction of the Farley Loop Trail and the Bluestone Turnpike Trail. River water level may vary with heavy rainfall. There is a fee to ride the aerial tram.

SOUTH SIDE TRAIL | 🕅 🌌 | 0.6 MI ONE WAY

TRAIL RATING

This trail begins along park road 0.1 mile down the hill from Park Headquarters. It travels through mixed forest 0.6 mile to its junction with the Lake Shore Trail. Look for split rail fences, rock piles and other signs of early settlers.

TURKEY SPUR TRAIL | 🕅 🌌 | 1 MI ONE WAY TRAIL RATING

This trail begins along the park road between Park Headquarters and Cottage Number 1, with a 0.3-mile unnamed trail to Turkey Spur. The trail connects Cottage and Lake Shore trails and in 0.4 mile joins with Lake Shore Trail.

TRAIL RATINGS

EASIEST

Smooth graded trial with improved surfaces, few obstacles and gentle grades.

EASIER

Gentle off road trail with typical obstacles including gravel, loose rocks, sticks, bridges, narrow tread and trees



INTERMEDIATE

Challenging trail with steep slopes, varying obstacles, rocks, significant grates and narrow tread.

EXPERT

Steep grades, loose surfaces, natural and man made obstacles, elevated features, berms, jumps, verv narrow tread.

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