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CATHEDRAL
STATE PARK

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TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS | CATHEDRAL STATE PARK

CATHEDRAL TRAIL |   | 1.1 MI ONE WAY

BLAZE COLOR 

TRAIL RATING   | NOT A LOOP TRAIL

This is the longest trail at Cathedral and crosses several bridges over Rhine Creek. Other branching trails can be accessed from this trail.

CARDINAL TRAIL |   | 0.2 MI ONE WAY

BLAZE COLOR 

TRAIL RATING  | NOT A LOOP TRAIL

This is a short trail in the back of the park property, making it a good wildlife viewing area.

GIANT HEMLOCK TRAIL |   | 0.2 MI ONE WAY

BLAZE COLOR 

TRAIL RATING   | NOT A LOOP TRAIL

This is a popular trail due to having some of Cathedrals largest Hemlocks along the trail.


WOOD THRUSH TRAIL |   | 0.6 MI ONE WAY

BLAZE COLOR 

TRAIL RATING   | NOT A LOOP TRAIL

This is the only trail thatt covers both sides of the park crossing route 50. Heavily wooded, use caution crossing highway.

PARTRIDGE BERRY TRAIL |   | 0.6 MI ONE WAY

BLAZE COLOR 

TRAIL RATING  | NOT A LOOP TRAIL

This trial is slightly inclined with many bird sightings. This trail also branches into Cardinal Trail.

OWL TRAIL |   | 0.6 MI ONE WAY

BLAZE COLOR 

TRAIL RATING  | NOT A LOOP TRAIL


This trail has a wooded walk that accesses through a field, good wildflower and wildlife viewing area.


TRILLIUM TRAIL |   | 0.5 MI ONE WAY

BLAZE COLOR 

TRAIL RATING  | NOT A LOOP TRAIL

This is a very short trail connecting along Old Oakland road at the far end of the park, branches off into Cardinal Trail.

ICON KEY:  = Hiking

 = Cross Country Skiing

ABOUT THIS PARK

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 park offers sanctuary for these ancient trees, as well as 170 species of trees, ferns and wildflowers. During spring and summer, Cathedral State Park offers excellent hiking on its three miles of trails and unique photography opportunities.

HISTORY

This ancient forest was once the site of the Brookside Resort, which was built in 1882. Summer visitors from Washington and Baltimore flocked from the cities to the West Virginia mountains for the cool, clean air and natural beauty. In 1922, Brookside caretaker Branson Haas purchased the land, and later sold it to the state of West Virginia with the stipulation that the forest remain uncut. In 1966, the park was entered in the National Registry of Natural Landmarks.

Note: Restrooms are winterized beginning October 1 and close for the season. Please check wvstateparks.com for spring opening dates on our events list.

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, very narrow tread.



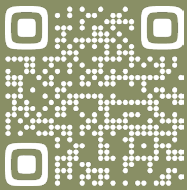
VERY DIFFICULT

Advanced riding skills required, Trails may not be continuously ride able or walkable and air time may be required.

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.



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EMERGENCY INFORMATION

- CALL 911
- PARK PHONE NUMBER: 304-735-3771
- PARK ADDRESS: 12 Cathedral Park Drive Aurora, WV 26705