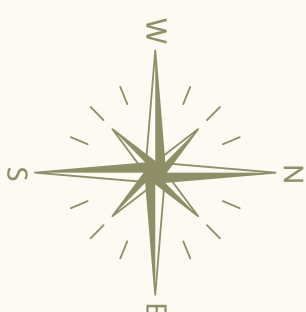


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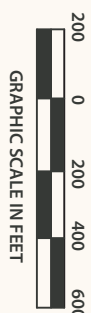
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Legend			
	Park boundary		Parking area
	Paved road		Trenches
	Gravel road		Cranberry bogs (Swamp)
	Hiking trail		Private cemetery
	Multiple-use-trail		Historical area
			Lookout tower
			Park headquarters
			Picnic area
			Picnic shelter
			Restrooms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





# TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

## DROOP MOUNTAIN BATTLEFIELD STATE PARK

### BIG SPRING TRAIL | | 0.75 MI ONE WAY

**TRAIL RATING**  | **NOT A LOOP TRAIL**

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

### CRANBERRY BOGS TRAIL | | 0.5 MI ONE WAY

**TRAIL RATING**  | **NOT A LOOP 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.

### HORSE HEAVEN TRAIL | | 0.25 MI ONE WAY

**TRAIL RATING**  | **NOT A LOOP TRAIL**

This trail starts at the pump house near the cannon and ends at the south picnic area. This 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.

### MINIE BALL TRAIL | | 0.5 MI ONE WAY

**TRAIL RATING**   | **NOT A LOOP TRAIL**

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

### MUSKET TRAIL | | 0.5 MI ONE WAY

**TRAIL RATING**  | **NOT A LOOP TRAIL**

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

### OLD SOLDIER TRAIL | | 0.75 MI ONE WAY

**TRAIL RATING**  | **NOT A LOOP 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. This 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.

### OVERLOOK TRAIL | | 0.5 MI ONE WAY



**TRAIL RATING**  | **NOT A LOOP TRAIL**

This trail begins at the pump house near the cannon and ends at the park office. This 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.

### TOWER TRAIL | | 0.5 MI ONE WAY

**TRAIL RATING**  | **NOT A LOOP 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.

**ICON KEY:**  = Hiking  
 = Cross Country Skiing

## 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 grades and narrow tread.



### EXPERT

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



### VERY DIFFICULT

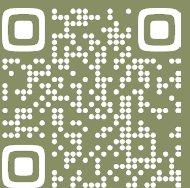
Advanced riding skills required, Trails may not be continuously ride able or walkable and air time may be required.

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## DROOP MOUNTAIN BATTLEFIELD STATE PARK

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