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## CHIEF LOGAN STATE PARK

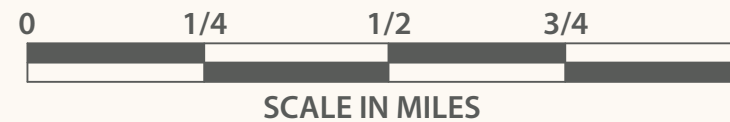
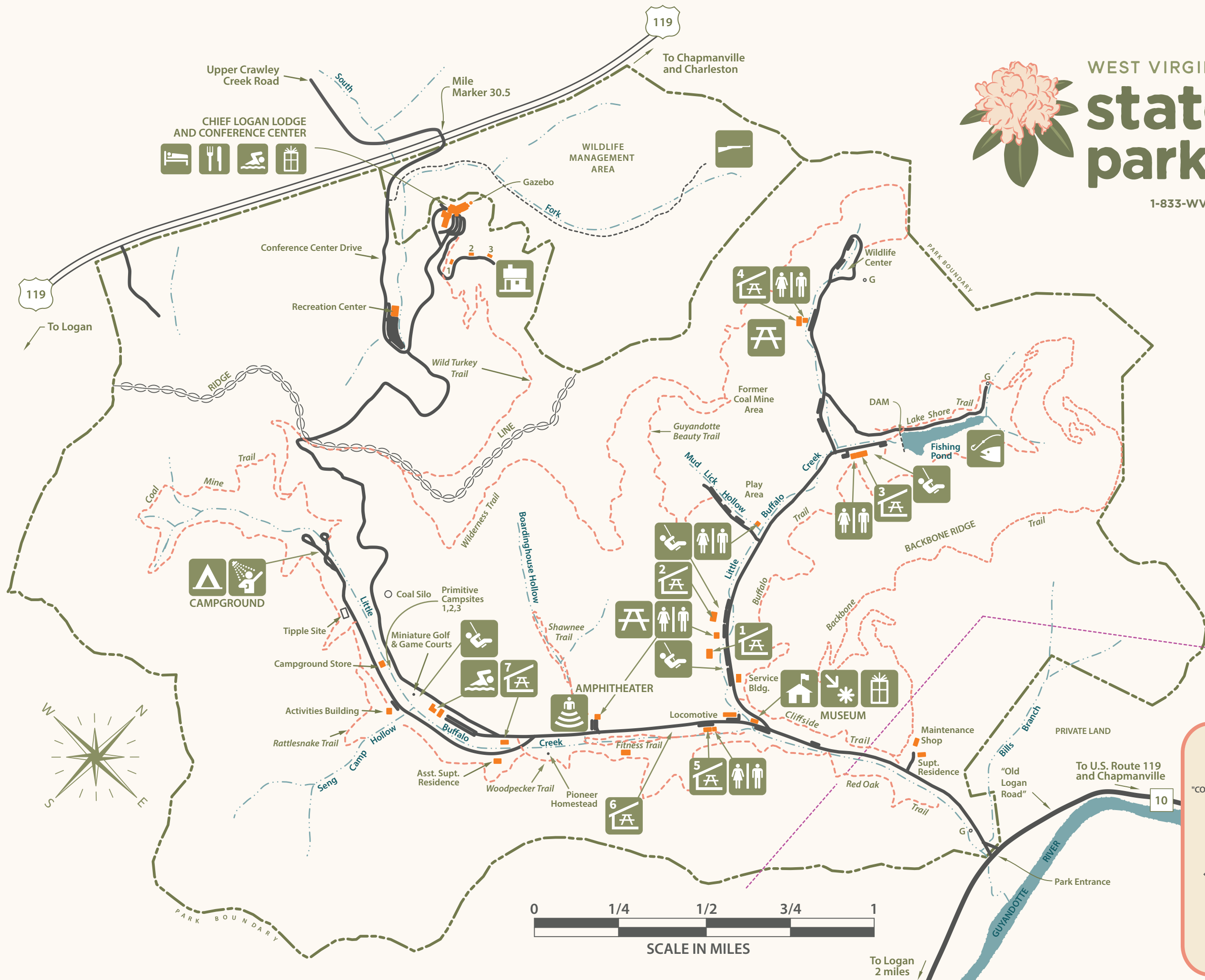
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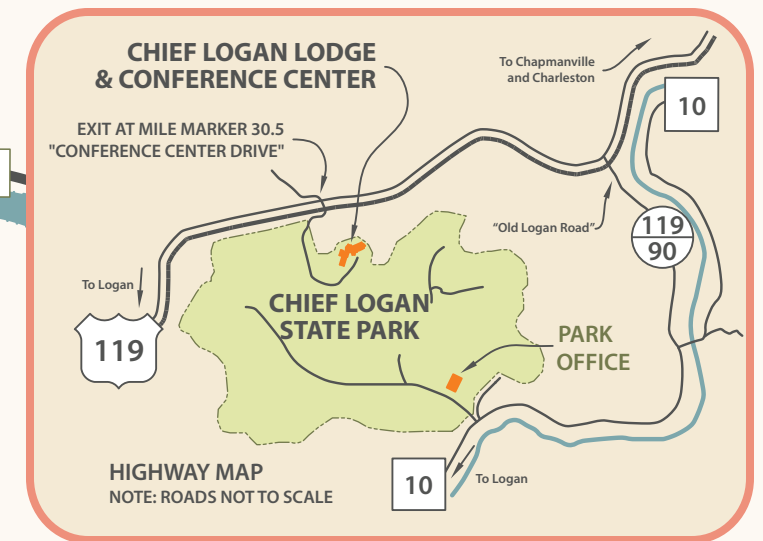


### Legend

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|--|-----------------|--|---------------------------|
|  | Park boundary   |  | Cottage area              |
|  | Paved road      |  | Campground                |
|  | Unimproved road |  | Fishing                   |
|  | Hiking trail    |  | Food service              |
|  | Stream          |  | Gift shop                 |
|  | River / pond    |  | Lodging                   |
|  | Parking area    |  | Park headquarters         |
|  | Structures      |  | Picnic area               |
|  | Utility line    |  | Picnic shelter (numbered) |
|  | Gas well        |  | Playground                |
|  |                 |  | Point of interest         |
|  |                 |  | Restrooms                 |
|  |                 |  | Scenic viewpoint/overlook |
|  |                 |  | Showers                   |
|  |                 |  | Swimming                  |
|  |                 |  | Shooting range            |



To Logan  
2 miles



# TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS | CHIEF LOGAN STATE PARK

## BACKBONE TRAIL | | 6 MI

### TRAIL RATING | NOT A LOOP TRAIL

The starting point is near the maintenance area and ends at the fishing pond. With a 1,200 foot elevation gain and up to 26 percent grade in some sections, this trail is recommended for only experienced hikers and bikers. Backbone Trail will take you over mountain ridge lines with a high-up view of the nearby town of Mitchell Heights in the winter.

## BUFFALO TRAIL | | 2.7 MI ONE WAY

### TRAIL RATING | NOT A LOOP TRAIL

The starting point is across from shelter 1. The trail has multiple short and steep climbs as you slowly make your way to the fishing pond through a wooded area.

## CLIFFSIDE TRAIL | | 1.1 MI ONE WAY

### TRAIL RATING | NOT A LOOP TRAIL

The starting point is near the maintenance area and it connects with one end of Buffalo Trail. The trail begins with a short climb and levels off.

## COAL MINE TRAIL | | 2.6 MI ONE WAY



### TRAIL RATING | NOT A LOOP TRAIL

This trail starts beside the activities building, with drop-outs at campsite 2 and finishing at campsite 15. It follows a mine tram road, passing old mine openings and a tippie site. There is an initially steep climb, but the trail levels off. Because of steep drops, children should not take this trail unsupervised.

## FITNESS TRAIL | | 1 MI ONE WAY

### TRAIL RATING | NOT A LOOP TRAIL

This trail starts across from the museum and has a series of exercise stations along it. It has no inclines and takes you over two bridges and through a wooded area.

**ICON KEY:**  = Hiking  
 = Mountain Bike Riding

## GUYANDOTTE BEAUTY TRAIL | | 1.1 MI ONE WAY

### TRAIL RATING | NOT A LOOP TRAIL

This short and steep trail starts at the head of Mud Lick Hollow and connects to Wilderness trail. Sights along the trail include abandoned coal mines and the endangered wildflower species the Guyandotte beauty, which blooms in May.

## LAKE SHORE TRAIL | | 1.1 MI ONE WAY

### TRAIL RATING | NOT A LOOP TRAIL

The trail starts at the upper end of the lake, connecting one end of Backbone trail to one end of Buffalo trail. It is relatively flat. Many spring wildflowers may be seen along the trail.

## RATTLESNAKE TRAIL | | 1 MI ONE WAY

### TRAIL RATING | NOT A LOOP TRAIL

This trail connects Woodpecker trail to Coal Mine trail, starting just above the Pioneer Homestead and ending beside the Activities Building. This narrow trail made for mountain biking is steep at times and can be difficult to find.

## RED OAK TRAIL | | 0.75 MI ONE WAY

### TRAIL RATING | NOT A LOOP TRAIL

This trail begins at the first bridge on the left above the maintenance area and is an out-and-back. Enjoy many stands of hardwood trees and outcroppings of gray sandstone with high hillside views of the park below. While the trail is short, it is very steep in some places.

## SHAWNEE TRAIL | | 0.5 MI ONE WAY

### TRAIL RATING | NOT A LOOP TRAIL

This trail starts at the amphitheater. It is a great location for viewing spring wildflowers. The trail has a short incline to enter the loop area, which takes hikers over several bridges over a small stream.

## WILDERNESS TRAIL | | 6 MI ONE WAY

### TRAIL RATING | NOT A LOOP TRAIL

The trail begins at the campground, merging with Coal Mine trail. It takes a significant amount of climbing to reach the highest points on the trails, which will take you along high ridge lines. This trail is a very long trek on foot and not recommended for inexperienced hikers.

## WILD TURKEY TRAIL | | 1.3 MI ONE WAY

### TRAIL RATING | NOT A LOOP TRAIL

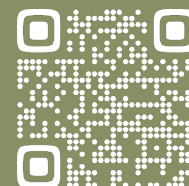
The trail begins right below the cottages. It follows an old timber road and intersects with the Wilderness Trail. This trail is fairly steep and has plenty of switchbacks.

## WOODPECKER TRAIL | | 2.3 MI ONE WAY

### TRAIL RATING | NOT A LOOP TRAIL

The trail starts at the first parking area on the right, past the maintenance area. Many spring wildflowers may be seen along the trail. There are some short, steep climbs and some sheer drop-offs where the trail is narrow. The end of the trail connects with Rattlesnake trail.

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## EMERGENCY INFORMATION

- **CALL 911**
- **PARK ADDRESS:**  
1000 Conference Center Drive  
Logan, WV 25601

## 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.