



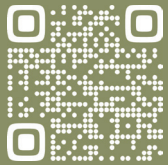
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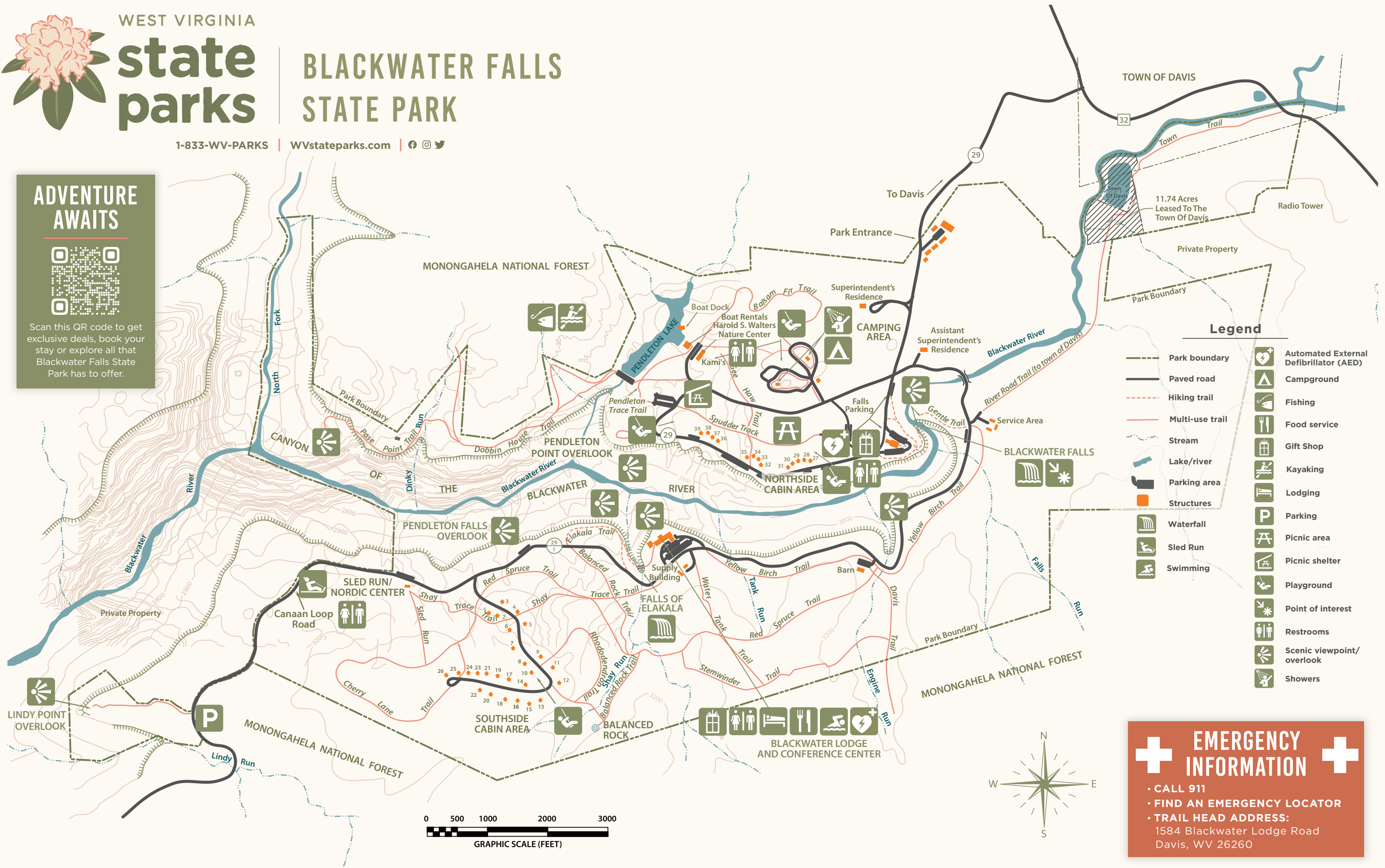
BLACKWATER FALLS STATE PARK

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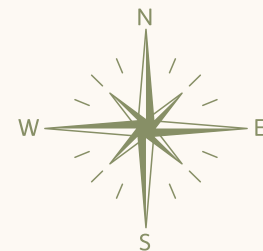


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Legend


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| | Park boundary | | Automated External Defibrillator (AED) |
| | Paved road | | Campground |
| | Hiking trail | | Fishing |
| | Multi-use trail | | Food service |
| | Stream | | Gift Shop |
| | Lake/river | | Kayaking |
| | Parking area | | Lodging |
| | Structures | | Parking |
| | Waterfall | | Picnic area |
| | Sled Run | | Picnic shelter |
| | Swimming | | Playground |
| | | | Point of interest |
| | | | Restrooms |
| | | | Scenic viewpoint/overlook |
| | | | Showers |



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GRAPHIC SCALE (FEET)



EMERGENCY INFORMATION



- CALL 911
- FIND AN EMERGENCY LOCATOR
- TRAIL HEAD ADDRESS:
1584 Blackwater Lodge Road
Davis, WV 26260

TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

BLACKWATER FALLS STATE PARK

ALLEGHENY TRAIL | | 1.2 MI ONE WAY

TRAIL RATING  | NOT A LOOP TRAIL BLAZE COLOR 

The Allegheny trail enters the park at the intersection of Rt. 32 and River Road Trail. It continues along River Road Trail to Yellow Birch Trail and leaves the park on Davis Trail. Overnight parking for trail usage is available at the Blackwater Lodge, but guests must register at the front desk.

BALANCED ROCK TRAIL | | 1 MI ONE WAY

TRAIL RATING  | NOT A LOOP TRAIL BLAZE COLOR 

This trail begins at the main park road across from Elakala Trail, crosses Shay Trace and Red Spruce Riding trails, continues to Balanced Rock Trail and ends near Cabin 13.

BALSAM FIR TRAIL | | 1.5 MI ONE WAY

TRAIL RATING  | NOT A LOOP TRAIL BLAZE COLOR 

This trail begins near the Harold Walters Nature Center, winds through beech and maple groves and passes through a stand of balsam fir. It then loops back to the Recreation Building by way of the campground.

BLACKWATER FALLS BOARDWALK TRAIL |

0.25 MI ONE WAY | TRAIL RATING  | NOT A LOOP TRAIL

This trail starts at the Trading Post parking area and leads to a stone patio and boardwalk more than 200 steps down to an observation deck beside Blackwater Falls. This is the main viewing area for the falls.

NOTE: For beginner access to the view, take Gentle Trail.

CHERRY LANE TRAIL | | 1 MI ONE WAY

TRAIL RATING  | NOT A LOOP TRAIL BLAZE COLOR 

This trail begins at the park road before Cabin Number 1, intersects Shay Trace Trail and continues to the cul-de-sac at Cabin Number 26. For cross country skiers, this trail is considered somewhat difficult to difficult.



DAVIS TRAIL | | 0.25 MI ONE WAY

TRAIL RATING  | NOT A LOOP TRAIL BLAZE COLOR 

This trail begins at the stables and leads to a network of trails in the Monongahela National Forest.

NOTE: The trail becomes more difficult outside the park and transitions to a somewhat difficult rating.

DOBBIN HOUSE TRAIL | | 0.75 MI ONE WAY

TRAIL RATING  | NOT A LOOP TRAIL BLAZE COLOR 

This trail leaves the Harold Walters Nature Center by way of the maintenance road across the dam of Pendleton Lake and connects to the Monongalia National Forest Trail System.

ELAKALA TRAIL | | 0.5 MI ONE WAY

TRAIL RATING  | NOT A LOOP TRAIL BLAZE COLOR 

This trail starts at the south end of Blackwater Lodge, bridges the upper section with a great view of Elakala Falls, continues along the canyon rim and ends at the main park road across from Balanced Rock Trail.

GEE HAW TRAIL | | 0.5 MI ONE WAY

TRAIL RATING  | NOT A LOOP TRAIL BLAZE COLOR 

This is a nice trail for those looking for an easy loop hike. It starts from the Clay Run Trail near the reservoir and loops back to Clay Run Trail.

GENTLE TRAIL | | 0.25 MI ONE WAY

TRAIL RATING  | NOT A LOOP TRAIL

This trail is a short, paved path to an observation deck overlooking Blackwater Falls. It begins at the parking area across from the maintenance area and ends at the observation deck.

LINDY POINT TRAIL | | 0.3 MI ONE WAY

TRAIL RATING  | NOT A LOOP TRAIL BLAZE COLOR 

Located one mile past the sled run parking area, this trail sits at 3,000 feet overlooking the Blackwater Canyon. The trail has a small parking area one mile below the sled run area. In the winter, skiers can ski to the overlook (1.37 miles).

PASE POINT TRAIL | | 0.7 MI ONE WAY

TRAIL RATING  | NOT A LOOP TRAIL BLAZE COLOR 

This is an extension of the Dobbin House Trail that runs through hardwoods and rhododendron to Pase Point, overlooking the North Fork of the Blackwater River.

PENDLETON TRACE TRAIL | | 0.25 MI ONE WAY

TRAIL RATING  | NOT A LOOP TRAIL BLAZE COLOR 



This trail connects the Harold Walters Nature Center with the North Rim Road.

RED SPRUCE TRAIL | | 1.25 MI ONE WAY

TRAIL RATING  | NOT A LOOP TRAIL BLAZE COLOR 

This trail originates at the barn, winds through spruce and hemlocks and ends at the entrance to the cabin area. In the winter, the trail is a primary X-C ski trail to most park locations.

RHODODENDRON TRAIL | | 0.4 MI ONE WAY

TRAIL RATING  | NOT A LOOP TRAIL BLAZE COLOR 

This trail starts near Cabin Number 9, travels through hemlock and hardwoods and connects with Balanced Rock Trail near Cabin 13.

RIVER ROAD TRAIL | | 1.56 MI ONE WAY

TRAIL RATING  | NOT A LOOP TRAIL BLAZE COLOR 

This trail begins at the maintenance area road, where Yellow Birch Trail ends. This trail is an old railroad grade that directly links to the town of Davis. The trail runs along the Blackwater River, which provides good fishing opportunities for hikers.


NOTE: Some vehicle traffic occurs on this trail.

SHAY TRACE TRAIL | | 0.75 MI ONE WAY

TRAIL RATING  | NOT A LOOP TRAIL BLAZE COLOR 

This trail starts just past the lodge at Shay Run, crosses the Red Spruce Trail, the cabin area road, Cherry Lane Trail and goes onto the base at the sled run warming hut.

SPUDDER TRACK TRAIL | | 0.5 MI ONE WAY

TRAIL RATING  | NOT A LOOP TRAIL BLAZE COLOR 

Access this trail via Gee Haw Trail from the Recreation Building and the North Rim Road at either end. It is part of the beginner loop for cross country skiers.

STEMWINDER TRAIL | | 0.65 MI ONE WAY

TRAIL RATING  | NOT A LOOP TRAIL BLAZE COLOR 


This trail parallels the state park boundary and connects Red Spruce Trail and Davis Trail. The trail blaze is blue with a blue square.

WATERTANK TRAIL | | 0.25 MI ONE WAY

TRAIL RATING  | NOT A LOOP TRAIL BLAZE COLOR 

This trail begins across from Blackwater Lodge and provides skiers with access to Red Spruce Trail. It follows a steep uphill grade and forms a “T” intersection with the Red Spruce Trail.

WATERTANK TRAIL | | 1 MI ONE WAY

TRAIL RATING  | NOT A LOOP TRAIL BLAZE COLOR 

This trail begins at the park road near the lodge entrance, crosses the stable entrance road and continues to the maintenance area road. Hikers can then cross the park road to the Gentle Trail.

TRAIL RATINGS

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.

ICON KEY:  = Hiking
 = Mountain Bike Riding
 = Skiing