

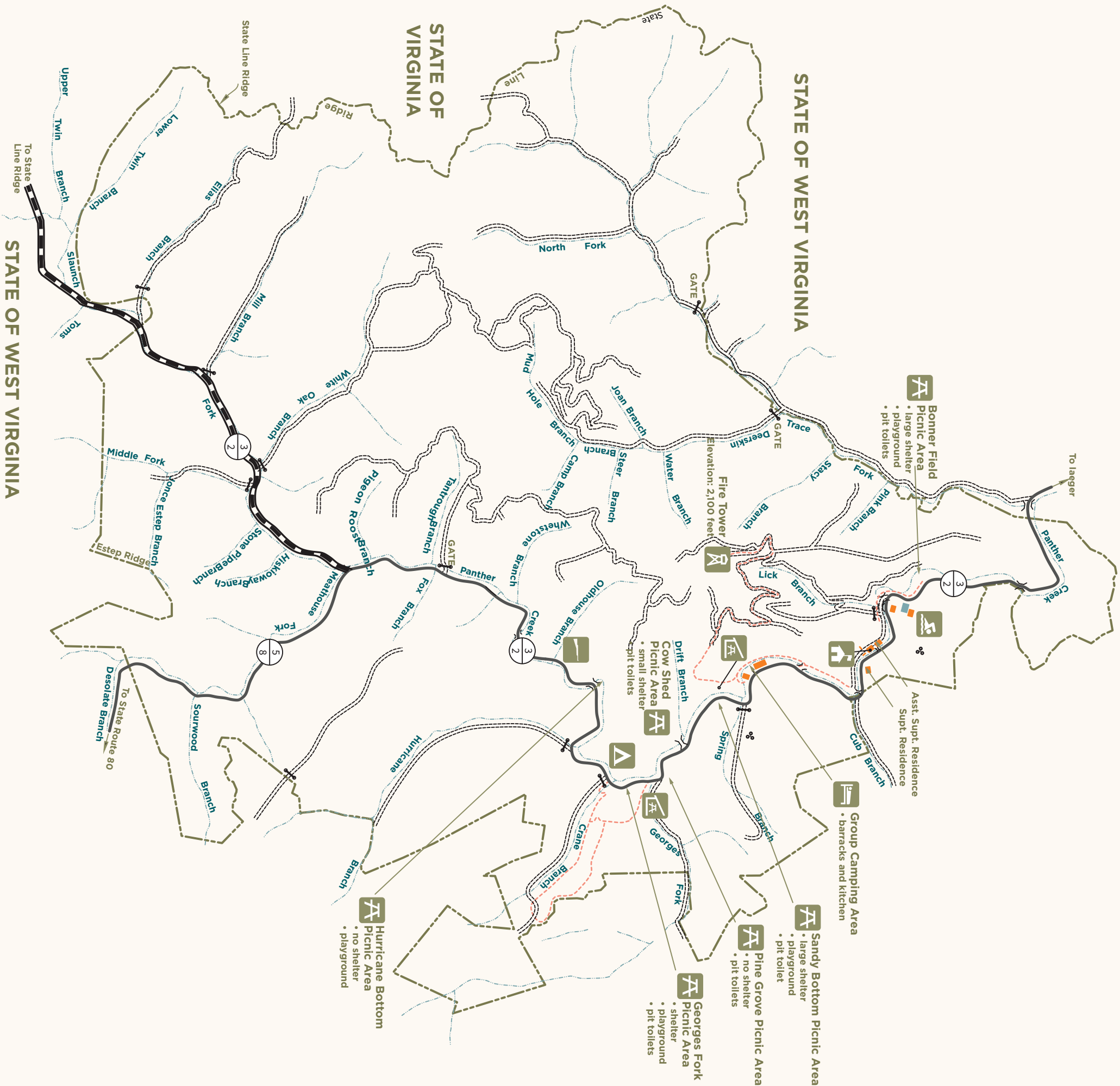
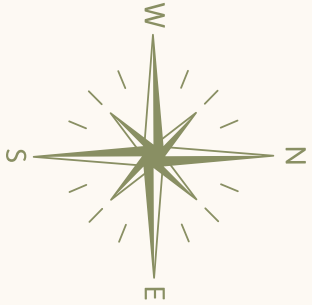
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Legend

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| | Park boundary | | Park headquarters |
| | State line | | Picnic area |
| | Paved road | | Picnic shelter |
| | Improved road | | Shooting range |
| | Unimproved road | | Scenic viewpoint overlook |
| | Hiking trail | | Swimming |
| | Stream | | |
| | Reservoir | | |
| | Gate | | |
| | Bridge | | |
| | Fire tower | | |
| | Group camp with barracks | | |



GRAPHIC SCALE IN MILES

TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS | PANTHER STATE FOREST

DRIFT BRANCH TRAIL | | 1.7 MI ONE WAY

TRAIL RATING | NOT A LOOP TRAIL

This trail starts behind the Group Camp (when the Group Camp is occupied the trail can be accessed from the footbridge downstream). The first section is steep and follows a contour until the trail reaches a drain, then follows the drain. The trail crosses two roads and a power-line right of way. At the top of the hill the trail ends at the fire tower.

TWIN ROCKS TRAIL | | 0.75 MI ONE WAY

TRAIL RATING | NOT A LOOP TRAIL

This is the easiest trail in the forest, Twin Rocks starts on the Drift Branch Trail behind the Group Camp (when the Group Camp is occupied the trail can be accessed from the footbridge downstream). Twin Rocks veers right where Drift Branch leads around a contour. The trail then crosses a powerline right of way and leads down an old tram road and back onto the main road.

OVERLOOK TRAIL | | 0.75 MI ONE WAY

TRAIL RATING | NOT A LOOP TRAIL

This trail can be accessed either from the campground or Georges Fork. The overlook structure has been removed but hikers can still find scenic views from the site.

LOOP TRAIL | | 2 MI

TRAIL RATING

As the least utilized trail in the forest, Loop Trail is hard to follow on several sections and is recommended for experienced hikers.

ICON KEY: = Hiking

ABOUT THIS PARK

Panther State Forest is West Virginia's southernmost state forest and occupies 7,810 rugged acres where you can escape in nature and enjoy a range of outdoor amenities. During the summer, visitors can cool off in the swimming pool or watch their kids splash in the wading pool. Picnic shelters are available for reservation.

Panther State Forest is also a great place to enjoy hunting and fishing. Designated areas in the forest are open to hunting and Panther Creek is stocked seasonally with trout. All hunters and anglers must have a valid West Virginia hunting or fishing license and stamps and follow all regulations.

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.



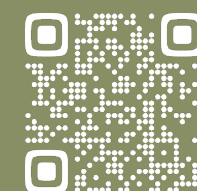
VERY DIFFICULT

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

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

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