

PARK TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

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.

🕅 = Hiking 🛗 = Horseback Riding 📴 = Mountain Bike Riding 🚳 = Cross-Country Skiing

CLAY FURNACE TRAIL M 35

This trail is mostly level grade with a few steep sections. It runs from the furnace parking area to the Henry Clay Iron Furnace.

Distance: 0.8 miles **Difficulty:** Moderate

Blaze: •

CLAY RUN TRAIL M 3 5

View the historic Henry Clay Iron Furnace at the end of this moderate hiking trail. The trail begins across the road from the McCollum camping area entrance. **Distance:** 1.8 miles **Difficulty:** Moderate

Blaze:

EAGLE LOOP TRAIL

This trail starts to the right side of the Trading Post and takes you to Shelter #3 and the Rock City Trailhead, then loops back toward the Trading Post and the Main Overlook area.

Distance: 0.3 miles **Difficulty:** Easy

Blaze: O

MCCOLLUM TRAIL A ST 58

This trail starts at McCollum Campground, crosses Ravens Rock Trail and connects with the main forest road. It is a great connector trail from the campground to Ravens Rock Trail or Coopers Rock Overlook via Roadside Trail.

Distance: 1 mile Difficulty: Easy Blaze: •

VIRGIN HEMLOCK TRAIL

Visit a large hemlock grove which is over 300 years old at the end of this trail which starts at W.Va. 73.

Distance: 1.2 miles **Difficulty:** Easy

MONT CHATEAU TRAIL TO SEE

This trail that begins at the Henry Clay Iron Furnace and ends at Cheat Lake near the old Mont

Chateau Lodge. **Distance:** 2.6 miles

Difficulty: Moderate to difficult

Blaze:

RATTLESNAKE TRAIL M & &

This trail winds along the rocky cliffs that parallel the rim of the Cheat River canyon, and connects the concession stand and Rock City.

Distance: 0.7 miles **Difficulty:** Moderate

Blaze: ●

RAVENS ROCK TRAIL MASS

This dual duty access road/trail begins at the gated road on the left, approximately 0.7 miles past the campground entrance. It leads to Ravens Rock overlook, which offers a spectacular view of the Cheat River Canyon.

Distance: 1.5 miles **Difficulty:** Moderate

Blaze:

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.

Distance: 0.7 miles **Difficulty:** Easy

Blaze:

ROCK CITY TRAIL M 3 5

This easy to moderate trail runs from picnic shelter 3 through the area known as Rock City.

Distance: 1 mile
Difficulty: Easy
Blaze:

RHODODENDRON TRAIL M 25 58

This trail starts at the lower picnic area near shelter 3 and ends at the Henry Clay Iron Furnace. It is the perfect place to see our state flower, the rhododendron.

Distance: 1 mile
Difficulty: Moderate

Blaze:

RIDGE TRAIL M 35 65

The ridge trail starts at the Rock City shelter, follows a moderate grade and connects with the Mont Chateau Trail.

Distance: 1.5 miles
Difficulty: Moderate

Blaze: O

ROADSIDE TRAIL M 3 6

This trail leads from the parking lot near the forest entrance to the overlook. It's a great trail to hike to the overlook while staying off the road.

Distance: 3 miles **Difficulty:** Easy

UNDERLOOK TRAIL MS

This trail gives a unique view from the underside of the geological formation that is Coopers Rock overlook.

Distance: 0.2 miles **Difficulty:** Moderate

Blaze: ●

NOTMUCHA TRAIL M 🗃

This trail begins halfway around the outer picnic loop and ends at the Rhododendron Trail.

Distance: 0.6 miles **Difficulty:** Easy **Blaze:** ●

INTERMEDIATE SKI TRAIL M 3

This trail is a connector trail between the Advanced Ski Trail and the Reservoir Ski Trail. **Distance:** 0.6 miles

Difficulty: Moderate

Blaze: •

ADVANCED SKI TRAIL

This trail begins at the forest entrance parking area. For a short distance this trail shares Roadside Trail. When Roadside Trail forks off to the left, continue straight. The trail will lead you to the historic Henry Clay iron furnace.

Distance: 2.3 miles

Difficulty: Moderate to difficult

NATURE LOOP TRAIL M 🗃

This loop trail is a pleasant walk throughthe forest that starts and ends at McCollum Campground

playground. **Distance:** 0.7 miles **Difficulty:** Easy **Blaze:** •

SCOTT RUN TRAIL M 25 56

This trail begins near the forest entrance parking area, follows Scott Run creek and ends at McCollum

Campground.

Distance: 2.6 miles

Difficulty: Difficult

Blaze:

BLACKBERRY TRAIL

This trail connects the Headwaters Trail with the Clay Run Trail.

Distance: 0.4 miles
Difficulty: Easy
Blaze:

CHESTNUT TRAIL **

This trail connects the Roadside Trail with the Headwaters Trail.

Distance: 0.2 miles
Difficulty: Easy

Blaze: •

HEADWATERS TRAIL M 2

This trail branches off of the Advanced Ski Trail and ends at the Reservoir.

Distance: 1.1 miles
Difficulty: Easy
Blaze: O

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