

Pennsylvania State Parks Mission

The primary purpose of Pennsylvania state parks is to provide opportunities for enjoying healthful outdoor recreation and serve as outdoor classrooms for environmental education. In meeting these purposes, the conservation of the natural, scenic, aesthetic and historical values of parks should be given first consideration. Stewardship responsibilities should be carried out in a way that protects the natural outdoor experience for the enjoyment of current and future generations.



Printed on recycled paper

2015



Charles Shanabarger

WELCOME

Top 10 Activities to do at Ohiopyle

1. View Ohiopyle Falls and stroll through the borough of Ohiopyle.
2. Explore rare plants and fossils on Ferncliff Peninsula.
3. See the deepest gorge in Pennsylvania from Baughman Rocks.
4. Brave the river with a trip on the Middle or Lower 'Yough.'
5. Have a picnic with a view at Tharp Knob.
6. Spend the night under the stars at Kentuck Campground.
7. Start your backpacking trip on the Laurel Highlands Hiking Trail.
8. Bike the Great Allegheny Passage to a nearby trail town.
9. Ride the sledding hill when the snow falls.
10. View the falling waters at Cucumber Run.

OHIOPYLE STATE PARK

Located at the southern reaches of the Laurel Ridge, Ohiopyle State Park encompasses approximately 20,500 acres of rugged natural beauty and serves as the gateway to the Laurel Highlands. Close to major metropolitan areas and offering vast choices of activities, Ohiopyle State Park attracts millions of visitors annually. Passing through the heart of the park, the rushing waters of the Youghiogheny [yaw-ki-gay-nee] River Gorge are the centerpiece for Ohiopyle. The "Yough" [yawk] provides some of the best whitewater boating in the eastern United States, as well as spectacular scenery.

Ohiopyle is the southern gateway into the Laurel Highlands and represents the beautiful natural resources and unique sense of community that visitors can find throughout the region.

Reservations

Make online reservations at: www.visitPAparks.com or call toll-free 888-PA-PARKS (888-727-2757), 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday to Saturday, for state park information and reservations.

Directions

FROM THE PA TURNPIKE: Take Exit 91, Donegal. Turn left onto PA 31 east. Travel about two miles, turn right onto PA 711 and PA 381 south. Travel ten miles to Normalville, turn left onto PA 381 south. Drive for 11 miles to Ohiopyle.

FROM THE SOUTH (DC, MD, VA): Take I-270 north to Frederick, then I-70 west to Hancock, then Rt. 40 and I-68 through Cumberland. Take Exit 14 (Keyzers Ridge) to Rt. 40 west to Farmington, PA. Turn right onto PA 381 north for eight miles to Ohiopyle.

FROM THE SOUTH (WV): Take I-79 north to I-68 east. Take Bruceton Mills Exit to Rt. 26 north. At the Pennsylvania border it becomes PA 281 north. Turn left onto PA 40 west, to Farmington, turn right onto PA 381 north to Ohiopyle.

SPECIAL DIRECTIONS FOR LARGE RVs TO KENTUCK CAMPGROUND: SR 2019 is very steep. Large RVs should avoid this road and take PA 40 to SR 2010 (Chalk Hill-Ohiopyle Rd). Follow it for eight miles to a stop sign. Go straight to the campground.

FOR GPS UNITS: GPS coordinates for many locations are on the map and in the text. For those who want to use an address, use 124 Main Street, Ohiopyle, PA 15470. This should direct you to the center of the park. Follow signage once you are in the park to find your desired destination.

River Otter


WATERFALLS AND SCENIC WATER ATTRACTIONS
Cascades


Cascades: This beautiful woodland waterfall on Meadow Run can be accessed off Meadow Run Trail. The cool, clean waters of this stream make it a favorite haunt of anglers.

Cucumber Falls: This 30-foot bridal veil waterfall on Cucumber Run is easily reached from Meadow Run Trail and has parking on SR 2019.

Jonathan Run Falls: Several small waterfalls can be seen from Jonathan Run Trail. Just before the trail meets the Great Allegheny Passage, the largest waterfall tumbles over rocks between rhododendron-lined banks.

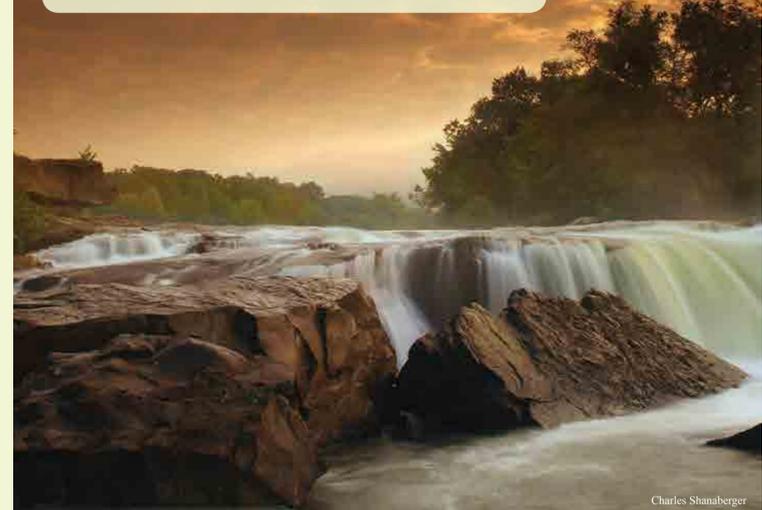
Cucumber Falls

Jonathan Run

Meadow Run


Meadow Run Waterslides: The cascading beauty of this unique geologic formation attracts photographers, geologists, and recreation enthusiasts. Explore Meadow Run's ancient streambed to find ripples carved in stone and potholes scored by spinning rocks and powerful currents. An ADA accessible observation deck is easily reached from the parking area.

Ohiopyle Falls: The power and beauty of this 20-foot waterfall below make it a central attraction to the park. The best viewing is from the observation deck in the Falls Day Use Area, in the heart of Ohiopyle.



Charles Shanabarger

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND INTERPRETATION

The park offers a wide variety of environmental education, recreational, and interpretive programs. Through hands-on activities, guided walks, and evening programs, participants gain appreciation, understanding, and develop a sense of stewardship toward natural and cultural resources. Programs focus on the Youghiogheny River, its gorge, and the natural, cultural, and recreational resources of the Ohiopyle area. Curriculum-based environmental education programs are available to schools and youth groups. Teacher workshops are available. Group programs must be arranged in advance and may be scheduled by calling the Ohiopyle State Park Office and Laurel Highlands Falls Area Visitor Center at 724-329-0986.


RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
Spend the Day
🚲 BICYCLING: 27 miles of trails

The Great Allegheny Passage has 27 miles of trail in the park and connects Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Cumberland, Maryland. The flat, crushed limestone trail was once the rail bed for the Western Maryland Railroad. This trail is suitable for all ages and is ADA accessible. Rental bicycles are available. The trail is excellent for hiking, jogging, and cross-country skiing, and can be used to combine a bike ride or hike with some excellent wilderness trout fishing or hunting. All motorized vehicles and equestrians are prohibited. More information on the Great Allegheny Passage can be found at www.atatrail.org.

From the Ramcat Launch Area and Trailhead Parking Area on the east side of the park, the trail descends at a one percent downhill grade to the Train Station/Visitor Center parking lot in the town of Ohiopyle. From the Train Station/Visitor Center in the town of Ohiopyle, the 17 miles of trail crosses the river twice and descends at a three percent grade to Connellsville. Parking is available in Connellsville in Ios in Third Street and in the Yough River Park.

🚲 MOUNTAIN BIKING: 25.2 miles of trails

Trails currently open to mountain biking include the Sugarloaf Trail System, Pressley Ridge Trail, McCune Trail, Baughman Trail, Jonathan Run Trail, and Sugar Run Trail. These trails are shared with other users; bikers are urged to use proper trail etiquette.

ROCK CLIMBING: Numerous climbing opportunities exist in Ohiopyle State Park. Meadow Run Climbing Area, Bruner Run Climbing Area, and a series of four walls along the Lower Youghiogheny section of the Great Allegheny Passage have a combination of top-rope and sport routes for climbers of all abilities. The short entrance trails leading to the rock faces are blazed in blue. Inexperienced climbers should consider a guided trip with one of the outfitters in Ohiopyle.

HORSEBACK RIDING: 11.6 miles of trails

There is a designated horse trailer parking area located on Grover Road that has a fenced paddock and nearby water. Sections of the Sugarloaf Trail System, as well as the Pressley Ridge Trail, are open to horseback riding. These are shared-use trails; please use caution when riding.

🔫 HUNTING AND FIREARMS: Over 18,000 acres are open to hunting, trapping, and the training of dogs during established seasons. Common game species are deer, turkey, grouse, rabbit, squirrel, and other small game. Loaded firearms are not permitted within 50 feet of the Great Allegheny Passage. Adjacent state game lands 51 and 111 provide additional hunting and recreational opportunities.

Hunting woodchucks, also known as groundhogs, is prohibited. Dog training is only permitted from the day following Labor Day through March 31 in designated hunting areas. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Pennsylvania Game Commission rules and regulations apply. Contact the park office for ADA accessible hunting information.

Use extreme caution with firearms at all times. Other visitors use the park during hunting seasons. Firearms and archery equipment used for hunting may be uncase and ready for use only in authorized hunting areas during hunting seasons. In areas

Stay the Night


CAMPING: flush toilets, warm showers

GPS: Lat. 39.88783 Long. -79.49427

Kentuck Campground has about 200 campsites and is open from April to mid-December. The campground has 27 walk-in sites that require a short hike from the vehicle to the campsite. Kentuck

Enjoy the Winter

Ohiopyle State Park is exceptionally beautiful during the winter and offers many winter activities. Be sure to dress appropriately for the weather and to follow all trail signs and markings to have a safe and enjoyable experience.

SNOWMOBILING: The 15.9 miles of the Sugarloaf Trail System and Pressley Ridge Trail are open to snowmobiles. The Sugarloaf snowmobile area has a parking area with an unloading ramp.



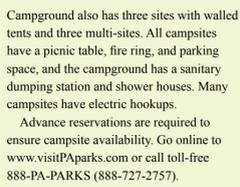
Charles Shanabarger

FISHING: The Youghiogheny River provides good wilderness trout fishing. In cooperation with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, fingerling trout are stocked throughout the entire section of river within the park. An all-tackle trophy trout program exists on a 9-mile section of the river from Ramcat downstream to the PA 381 bridge in Ohiopyle. Meadow Run also provides fine trout fishing for anglers who prefer smaller stream fishing. A 2.2-mile section of Meadow Run, from Dinnerbell Road downstream to the mouth of the river, is designated for delayed harvest, artificial lures only. Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission regulations and laws apply.

HUNTING AND FIREARMS: Over 18,000 acres are open to hunting, trapping, and the training of dogs during established seasons. Common game species are deer, turkey, grouse, rabbit, squirrel, and other small game. Loaded firearms are not permitted within 50 feet of the Great Allegheny Passage. Adjacent state game lands 51 and 111 provide additional hunting and recreational opportunities.

Hunting woodchucks, also known as groundhogs, is prohibited. Dog training is only permitted from the day following Labor Day through March 31 in designated hunting areas. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Pennsylvania Game Commission rules and regulations apply. Contact the park office for ADA accessible hunting information.

Use extreme caution with firearms at all times. Other visitors use the park during hunting seasons. Firearms and archery equipment used for hunting may be uncase and ready for use only in authorized hunting areas during hunting seasons. In areas



CAMPING COTTAGES: These rustic, wooden structures have electric lights, heat and outlets, windows, and a small table and chairs. A cottage sleeps five people in bunk beds. One cottage is ADA accessible.

YURTS: These round, canvas and wood walled tents have a wooden deck and sleep

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING: There are 33.9 miles of trails recommended for cross-country skiing. The Sprout Trails and a section of the Kentuck Trail were created for cross-country skiing. With deep snowfall, the Great Allegheny Passage is good for cross-country skiing.

SLEDDING/TOBOGGANING: A hill is maintained for sledding in the Sugarloaf Snowmobile and Mountain Bike Area, adjacent to the parking area.

FERNCLIFF PENINSULA NATIONAL NATURAL LANDMARK
Barbara's buttons *Marshallia grandiflora*

Created by a meander in the Youghiogheny River, this 100-acre peninsula is a unique habitat that contains many rare and interesting plants. The Youghiogheny River flows north, picking up seeds in Maryland and West Virginia and depositing them at Ferncliff, north of their usual growing range. The deep gorge is slightly warmer than the surrounding area, which allows these

not open to hunting or during non-hunting seasons, firearms and archery equipment shall be taken in the owner's car, trailer or leased campsite. Exceptions include: law enforcement officers and individuals with a valid *Pennsylvania License to Carry Firearms* are authorized to carry a firearm concealed on their person while they are within a state park.

PICNICKING: Both picnic areas in the park provide picnic tables, grills, vault restrooms, and charcoal disposal areas.

The secluded Cucumber Run Picnic Area is adjacent to Cucumber Run, a beautiful creek lined with rhododendron bushes and large trees. The scenic Great Gorge Trail begins in this picnic area. Two pavilions are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Tharp Knob Picnic Area is adjacent to the Tharp Knob Overlook that provides a panoramic view of the Youghiogheny River Gorge and the town of Ohiopyle. The picnic area has a large ball field, volleyball court, playground, and two pavilions available for reservation up to 11 months in advance for a fee. Tharp Knob Picnic Area has access to the Kentuck Trail.

WILDLIFE WATCHING: Ohiopyle State Park is a designated Important Mammal Area as well as an Important Bird Area. Visitors to Ohiopyle may be lucky enough to see white-tailed deer, black bear, bobcats, fishers, or river otters. Ohiopyle is excellent for bird watching, with a variety of habitats. Visitors can hear the eastern towhee call "drink your tea" in the summer or spot the brilliant red flash of a northern cardinal.

The Youghiogheny River provides habitat perfect for water-loving birds such as osprey, mergansers, kingfishers, and an occasional bald eagle. Visitors should also be on the lookout for a variety of snakes including copperheads and timber rattlesnakes.

WHITewater BOATING: see Whitewater Boating section, this side.

HIKING: see Hiking section, reverse side.



five people in bunk beds. Yurts have a cooking stove, microwave oven, refrigerator, countertop, table, chairs, electric heat and outlets, fire ring, and picnic table. Located in the center of Kentuck campground, the yurts offer convenient accommodations for weekly rentals. Shorter stays are available during the spring and fall seasons. One yurt is ADA accessible.

ORGANIZED GROUP TENTING: Qualified adult and youth groups may use this area which is equipped with picnic tables and grill, and access to a showerhouse. Groups may use a 20- or 40-person area or multiple sites for larger gatherings.


WHITewater BOATING

The Youghiogheny River has exciting whitewater boating for all experience levels. Only sturdily constructed rafts, kayaks, and closed-deck canoes intended for whitewater use may be used in the river. River levels can change the difficulty of rapids. Check at the launch area or contact the park office for current water levels.

The famous Lower Yough begins after the Ohiopyle Falls and flows seven miles downstream to the Bruner Run Take-out. This is the busiest section of whitewater east of the Mississippi River.

The numerous class III and IV rapids make for exciting rafting that should only be attempted by experienced whitewater boaters. Inexperienced whitewater boaters should run this section of the river on a guided raft trip with an authorized concessionaire. The natural river environment contains undercut rocks, ledges, and swift currents.

All whitewater boaters on the Youghiogheny must learn to recognize natural dangers and understand that

Ohiopyle Falls Access Program
PRIVATE BOATER FALLS ACCESS GUIDELINES

1. Prior to launching for each falls run, all boaters must register at the Lower Youghiogheny Launch Booth on SR 381. A launch permit, governed by the private boater quota reservation system, is required during applicable periods.

2. Water Level must be 1.8 feet or below on the USGS Gage at the Lower Youghiogheny Launch in Ohiopyle.

3. Using the Lower Youghiogheny Launch to take-out is prohibited. The falls becomes the first rapid in the loop and boaters shall continue down river and take out either at the Loop Take-Out on Ferncliff or Bruner Run Take-Out.

4. The Falls will be open for runs when the Lower Yough Launch is staffed: April, May, September, and October weekend only operations, closing the Sunday before the Columbus Day Holiday; and 7 days a week operation from third Saturday in May through the second Sunday in September; between 8:30 AM and 2:30 PM. No permits will be sold after 2:15 PM.


HISTORY

Many important pieces of early American history are tied to Ohiopyle. This area, which provides rest and recreation, once held a past with many conflicts.

AMERICAN INDIANS: When Europeans first reached North America, the Monongahela lived in small villages and inhabited the Mississippi River and its tributaries, including the Youghiogheny River. For unknown reasons, the Monongahela dispersed just as Europeans arrived, leaving few traces behind. Other nations of American Indians migrated through the area as the increasing European population pushed them out of their lands. The name Ohiopyle or "Ohiophele" is believed to be derived from a combination of Native American Indian words which mean "white, frothy water."

FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR: In the mid-1750s, the French and the British vied for the Ohio River Valley. Employed by the British, George Washington traveled through the Ohiopyle area to talk to the French in 1753.

A year later, Washington returned with 150 soldiers to evict the French. Washington arrived at Confluence and tried to find an easier travel route by river. However, the falls were impassable. Washington continued toward the future site of Pittsburgh and encountered a small party of French soldiers. One French soldier escaped

injury and death are a possibility when boating the Lower Youghiogheny.

The Middle Yough begins at the Ramcat Put-in near Confluence and ends near the town of Ohiopyle. This section contains class I and II rapids and is ideal for beginning whitewater kayakers or experienced canoeists. Families often raft this section because it provides thrilling rapids at normal river levels.

Private Trips

Go online to www.visitPAparks.com or call 888-PA-PARKS (888-727-2757) to schedule a launch time. Equipment rentals are available in the town of Ohiopyle. There is a fee to launch boats on weekends and holidays on the Lower Yough. During the week, boaters must sign-in at the launch area. Shuttle tokens, available at the launch area, must be purchased 7 days a week during the summer season.

Inexperienced boaters should not attempt the Youghiogheny River without qualified guides.

5. Access (put-in) will be from the river right shore only (Ferncliff side). Boaters access the river right put in via Ferncliff trail. The put-in is marked with a sign and is located downstream of the buoy line anchor points. Access will be prohibited from the Falls Day-Use Area (river left) except during Falls Running Events governed by special activities agreements.

6. Boaters are prohibited from running Ohiopyle Falls alone (solo boater/party of one). Minimum group size is three. 2nd or 3rd boaters do not have to run the falls and is/are included for the minimum group size for providing safety from shore (above or below) or boat (below) the falls. Shore safeties shall wear a PFD, helmet, and have a throw bag to effectively execute a rescue.

7. Only single and double occupancy kayaks and canoes designed and fully outfitted for whitewater use are permissible. Unguided Liveries/Rental Craft are prohibited. Rafts are prohibited.

8. Boaters may scout the falls from beyond the warning signs during open hours but must wear PFD and helmet at all times.

Guided Trips

Guided trips are available from licensed commercial outfitters that provide rafts, guides, all necessary safety equipment, and transportation to and from the river. The following is a list of licensed, commercial outfitters currently operating on this section because it provides thrilling rapids at normal river levels.

LAUREL HIGHLANDS RIVER TOURS

4 Sherman Street, Ohiopyle, PA 15470
800-4-RAFTIN (800-472-3846)
www.laurelhighlands.com

OHIOPYLE TRADING POST

4 Negley Street, Ohiopyle, PA 15470
888-OHIOPYLE (888-644-6795)
www.ohiopyletradingpost.com

WHITE WATER ADVENTURERS

6 Negley Street, Ohiopyle, PA 15470
800-WWA-RAFT (800-992-7238)
www.wwa-raft.com

WILDERNESS VOYAGEURS

103 Garrett Street, Ohiopyle, PA 15470
800-272-4141
www.wilderness-voyageurs.com

International Scale of River Difficulty

The classes below are the American version of the rating system used throughout the world. This system is not exact. Rivers do not always fit easily into one category and there may be regional interpretations. This information is from American Whitewater.

Class I: Easy - Fast-moving water with riffles and small waves. Few obstructions, which are all obvious and easily missed with little training. Self-rescue is easy.

Class II: Novice - Straightforward rapids with wide, clear channels which are evident without scouting. Occasional maneuvering may be required, but rocks and medium-sized waves are easily missed by trained paddlers.

Class III: Intermediate - Rapids with moderate, irregular waves which may be difficult to avoid and which can swamp an open canoe. Complex maneuvers in fast current and good boat control in tight passages or around ledges is often required. Strong eddies and powerful current effects can occur.

Class IV: Advanced - Intense, powerful but predictable rapids requiring precise boat handling in turbulent water. There may be large, unavoidable waves and holes or constricted passages demanding fast maneuvers under pressure. Rapids require "must" moves above dangerous hazards. Self-rescue is difficult.

and sought reinforcements. Washington built Fort Necessity to await the French retaliation. Overwhelming French forces caused Washington to surrender. The French and Indian War had begun. Two British armies cut roads through the area, eventually defeating the French and securing the important Ohio River Valley.

WHISKEY REBELLION: Even as the new United States was formed, the area surrounding Ohiopyle continued to see conflicts. The new nation placed a tax on whiskey in 1791, which angered farmers in western Pennsylvania. The farmers united to attack tax collectors and their movement became known as the Whiskey Rebellion. When a federal marshal was attacked in 1794, George Washington and 6,000 militiamen marched the Braddock Road near Ohiopyle to put down the revolt.

TREES, TRAINS, AND A GROWING NATION: The land around Ohiopyle and eventually the rugged land near the river was settled. The early settlers were farmers, hunters, and trappers. In 1811, the National Road passed near Ohiopyle, making the area more accessible to settlers and to markets. Lumbering became a major industry. The production of barrels and other wood products, tanning, salt mining, and coal mining were small industries.

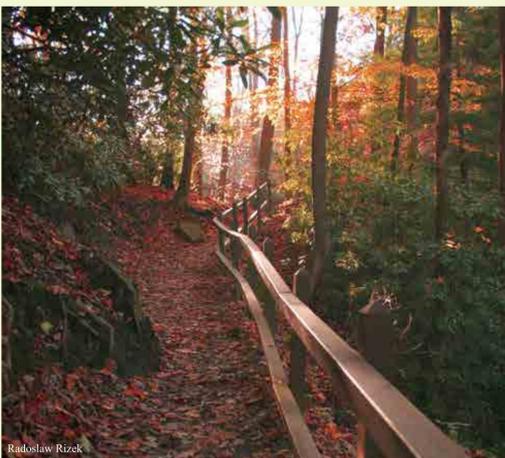
In 1871, railroads reached Ohiopyle. The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and

eventually the Western Maryland Railroad had stations in Ohiopyle. At the turn of the century, lumbering became a major industry with narrow gauge railroads snaking around the hills, hauling lumber to mills in town and larger railroad lines. A large mill was erected near Ohiopyle Falls. The lumber of the surrounding Laurel Highlands was integral to the nation's Industrial Revolution by providing fuel to the escalating steel, coal, and iron industries.

The railroads brought tourists to Ohiopyle. It cost one dollar to ride from Pittsburgh to Ohiopyle and back. By the 1880s, there were numerous hotels in the area and Ferncliff Peninsula had a boardwalk, dance pavilion, bowling alley, walking paths, tennis courts, ball fields, fountains, and the Ferncliff Hotel.

CHANGING LANDSCAPES: The freedom afforded by the automobile decreased the tourists coming to Ohiopyle by train. The decline in visitors was eventually the end of the Ferncliff resort. In time, the buildings were removed, allowing the forests to regenerate. Foundations of these buildings can still be seen in the Ferncliff Peninsula. Recognizing the natural beauty of the area, the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy purchased much of the property and sold it to the Commonwealth in the mid-1960s.

HIKING: 79 MILES OF TRAILS



The hiking trails at Ohiopyle showcase the spectacular scenery of the Laurel Highlands. There is a wide variety of hiking trails from short day hikes to challenging backpacking. Always bring a map and water and wear sturdy shoes when hiking.

BAUGHMAN TRAIL: 3.4 miles, red blazes, most difficult hiking
This trail has trailheads at the back of the Middle Yough Take-out Parking Area adjacent to the Train Station/Visitor Center in downtown Ohiopyle and at the Mountain

Biking Trail parking lot. This steep, rocky trail passes Baughman Rock, a spectacular overlook of the Youghiogheny River Gorge.

BEECH TRAIL: 2.7 miles total, white blazes, more difficult hiking
The Beech Loop begins at the Kentuck Campground Amphitheater and connects to the Beech Trail and Sproul Trail. The 2.1-mile Beech Trail passes through a forest of towering American beech trees and leads to the Great Gorge Trail.

- FERNCLIFF PENINSULA TRAILS**
All have black blazes
- FERNCLIFF TRAIL: 1.7 miles, easiest hiking**
All other Ferncliff Peninsula trails branch off of this loop trail which circles the peninsula. The trailhead is near the Ferncliff Parking Lot.
- BUFFALO NUT TRAIL: 0.1 mile, easiest hiking**
This short trail is the first branch off of Ferncliff Trail and is a shortcut to Oakwoods Trail.
- FERNWOOD TRAIL: 0.5 mile, easiest hiking**
This trail features beautiful ferns and the remnants of the old Ferncliff Hotel.
- OAKWOODS TRAIL: 0.5 mile, easiest hiking**
This trail passes through a mature hardwood forest.
- GREAT GORGE TRAIL: 2.6 miles, green blazes, more difficult hiking**
This trail begins at the Cucumber Picnic Area and crosses several bridges and roads. The trail follows Cucumber Run and passes an area known for its spring wildflowers. The next trail section follows an old tramway used to transport coal to the railroad. A spur of this trail leads up a steep incline to the Kentuck Campground.
- JONATHAN RUN TRAIL: 1.7 miles, blue blazes, easiest hiking**
The trailhead is along the Holland Hill Road. The trail crisscrosses Jonathan Run and passes by small waterfalls, including

- Jonathan Run Falls. The trail connects to the Great Allegheny Passage.
- KENTUCK TRAIL: 2.5 miles, pink blazes, more difficult hiking**
This series of trails begins at the Sharp Knob Picnic Area. A short, one-mile loop includes the Sharp Knob Overlook. The trail continues to the Kentuck Campground contact station, briefly follows the road, then descends to meet Jonathan Run Trail.
- MCCUNE TRAIL: 3.5 miles, purple blazes, more difficult hiking**
This trail passes through various habitats and by evidence of the McCune Farm. Hikers can see an old spring house and pond as remnants of this working farm. The trail runs along the highest ridge in the park.
- MEADOW RUN TRAIL: 3 miles, yellow blazes, easiest hiking**
There are trailheads near the ranger station, at the watersides on SR 2011 and at Cucumber Falls on SR 2019. From the watersides parking lot, take the left trail under the SR 381 bridge for 0.7 mile to Cucumber Falls. Take the trail to the right, which leads to a loop trail and the Cascades. This trail is intersected by a path leading to the SR 2011 trailhead.
- OLD MITCHELL TRAIL LOOP: 2.9 miles, red blazes, more difficult hiking**
This loop trail begins at the Old Mitchell Place Parking Area in the west side of the park. The trail meanders through a variety of habitats including forest and meadow and is excellent for birding in the spring. A connector trail splits off at the back of the loop connecting to the Great Allegheny Passage.

- PRESSLEY RIDGE TRAIL: 5.5 miles, orange blazes, more difficult hiking**
A continuation of the Sugarloaf Trail System, this trail follows the ridge line, providing several loop options. A small connector trail leads to Lyle Road.
- SPROUL TRAILS: 3.7 miles, purple blazes, easiest hiking**
These five interconnecting loops are just north of the Kentuck Campground, near the second overflow parking area outside of the campground.
- SUGARLOAF TRAIL SYSTEM: 10.4 miles, orange blazes, most difficult hiking**
This hiking, biking, and snowmobiling trail begins near the Train Station/Visitor Center. The trailhead is at the back of the Middle Youghiogheny Take-out Parking Area, to the right of the Great Allegheny Passage. The trail climbs 800 feet in elevation in two steep sections. The trail connects to the main bike trail area near Sugarloaf Knob.
- SUGAR RUN TRAIL: 1.6 miles, orange blazes, more difficult hiking**
This trail connects Old Mitchell Trail to Jonathan Run Trail.
- CAMPGROUND CONNECTOR: 0.5 mile, unblazed, more difficult hiking**
This emergency access road begins off the Great Allegheny Passage paralleling Beech Trail and then uphill to connect with the back of Fir Road in the campground. Bicyclists traveling between the campground and the Great Allegheny Passage should walk their bicycles up and down this hill due to the steep grade.

- GREAT ALLEGHENY PASSAGE: 27 miles, easiest hiking**
See the Cycling section, reverse side.
- LAUREL HIGHLANDS HIKING TRAIL:**
Ohiopyle serves as the southern terminus for the 70-mile Laurel Highlands Hiking Trail. This trail traverses the Laurel Ridge from Ohiopyle to the northern end near Johnstown. The trail is open for year-round hiking and backpacking. An overnight shelter area is located every 8-10 miles along the trail.
- The portion of the trail within Ohiopyle State Park is 6.3 miles of very strenuous and rocky hiking. Hikers are rewarded for their effort as they pass beautiful overlooks and creeks on this section.
- Reservations for backpack camping are required. Reservations can be made up to 11 months in advance by calling 888-PA-PARKS or online at www.visitPAparks.com. Same day reservations can be made by contacting the Laurel Hill State Park Office at 724-455-3744.



Sumac

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



Wild azela

Protect and Preserve our Parks

- Please make your visit safe and enjoyable. Obey all posted rules and regulations and respect fellow visitors and the resources of the park.
- Be prepared and bring the proper equipment. Natural areas may possess hazards. Your personal safety and that of your family are your responsibility.
 - Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
 - Please camp only in designated areas and try to minimize your impact on the campsite.
 - Firewood Advisory: Firewood may contain non-native insects and plant diseases. Bringing firewood into the park from other areas may accidentally spread pest insects and diseases that threaten park resources and the health of our forests. Campers should use local firewood. Do not take wood home and do not leave firewood - Burn It!
 - Because uncontrolled pets may chase wildlife or frighten visitors, pets must be physically controlled and attended at all times and on a leash, caged, or crated. Electronic fences and leashes are prohibited.

Access for People with Disabilities

This symbol indicates facilities and activities that are Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible for people with disabilities. This publication text is available in alternative formats.

If you need an accommodation to participate in park activities due to a disability, please contact the park you plan to visit.

In an Emergency

Call 911 and contact a park employee. Directions to the nearest hospital are posted on bulletin boards and at the park office.

NEAREST HOSPITAL
Uniontown Hospital
500 West Berkeley Street
Uniontown, PA 15401
724-430-5000

Nearby Attractions

Information on nearby attractions is available from the

Laurel Highlands Visitors Bureau.
www.laurelhighlands.org

Information and Reservations

For More Information Contact
Ohiopyle State Park
P.O. Box 105
Ohiopyle, PA 15470
724-329-8591
email: ohiopylesp@pa.gov
GPS DD: Lat. 39.867492 Long. -79.493921
An Equal Opportunity Employer
www.visitPAparks.com

Information and Reservations
Make online reservations at: www.visitPAparks.com or call toll-free 888-PA-PARKS (888-727-2757), 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday to Saturday, for state park information and reservations.

facebook.com/OhiopyleSP
@visitPAparks

Pocket Ranger™ App by Parks by Nature

THE OFFICIAL PENNSYLVANIA STATE PARKS & FORESTS Pocket Ranger®

DOWNLOAD OUR APP GET ALL OF OUR MAPS!

Help preserve DCNR's print resources by going mobile!

