

GO GORGE



**NEW RIVER
GORGE**

ADVENTURE

Come explore America's newest national park!

PLAN YOUR STAY

Get the scoop on area dining, shopping, events and more!

FAMILY FUN

Bring the fam! Find getaways for all ages, rain or shine!



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Throughout this guide, we've placed QR codes to help make planning your trip quicker and easier. To start, open your smart phone's camera and hold it over this symbol. From there, you'll be taken to our website where you'll find all the information you need! Let's GO Gorge!



HOME OF AMERICA'S NEWEST NATIONAL PARK

The New River Gorge National River has been redesignated as the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve, highlighting the park's wonderful features and expanding the recreational activities available to the public. At the heart of the New River Gorge is the rugged New River, which flows northward through deep canyons and is noted as

one of the oldest rivers on the continent. The 53-mile stretch of the New River between Bluestone and Hawks Nest Dams became a unit of the National Park System in 1978. We are so proud to be the home of America's 63rd National Park and Preserve.

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Spanning more than 70,000 acres along the river, the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve land showcases the cultural and historical significance of the area. From the former coal mining communities of Kaymoor and Nuttallburg to the abandoned railroad town of Thurmond, discover West Virginia's past along the way.

Adventure is waiting for you in the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve. Experience world-famous whitewater rafting, scale the sandstone cliffs on a guided rock climbing trip or spend the day hiking to spectacular views on our extensive trail system. Plan for year-round play and make lasting memories in the Gorge with the seasonal activities and road trip itineraries featured in this guide.



Exploring our charming small towns can be a captivating experience all its own. Flip through the pages and discover all the hidden gems and local favorites of the area. From welcoming stays and Appalachian cuisine to eclectic art finds and one-of-a-kind annual festivals, we'll make planning your dream getaway simple.

LEAVE NO TRACE SEVEN PRINCIPLES[®]

While visiting we ask that you practice the **Leave No Trace Seven Principles[®]** to help protect our area and minimize human impact on the environment.

The principles are:

1. *Plan Ahead and Prepare.*
2. *Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces.*
3. *Dispose of Waste Properly.*
4. *Leave What You Find.*
5. *Minimize Campfire Impacts.*
6. *Respect Wildlife.*
7. *Be Considerate of Other Visitors.*

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WINTER

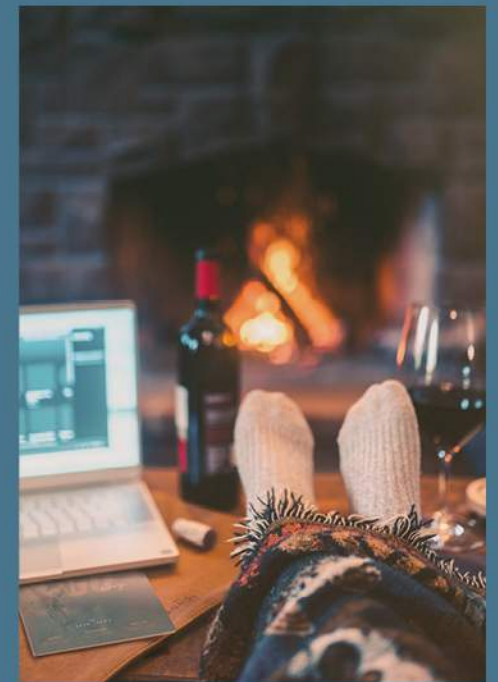
Stunning snowscapes, seasonal activities and special lodging rates — the Gorge is a go-to winter getaway full of unseen beauty and endless adventure. Go for a hike and admire the frozen waterfalls and glistening cliffs along the way. Or hop on a mountain bike for a lively ride through the powdery woods. At the end of the day, curl up in one of our comfortable cabins.

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WINTER CABINS: A COZY ESCAPE

Getting cozy in one of our region's secluded cabins is the perfect way to unwind at the end of an adventure-filled day. Options range from rustic to luxurious and can accommodate groups of all sizes. From hot tubs and fireplaces that keep you warm on chilly nights to high-speed WiFi to help you stay connected, find all the amenities you may need here. Relax in a private cabin in the Gorge.



Scan QR code to explore lodging options.



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WINTER HIKING IN THE GORGE

With trails for every skill level and views that will leave you breathless, hiking here is the main attraction. In the winter, the bare trees make it easier to spot scenery and historic structures you might miss at other times of the year due to the Gorge's lush greenery. From scenic overlooks to ghost towns, there are tons of fascinating sections to explore. Choose what is right for you. We promise you won't be disappointed!



best views for: COAL HISTORY

NUTTALLBURG

Walk along the Nuttallburg trails for a vivid picture of the past. Built in the 1870s by the Nuttall family, the Nuttallburg mines were one of the earliest to open in the area. See coke ovens, a towering hillside conveyor belt and other pieces of history here. Most of the trails are under a mile long — except for Keeneys Creek Rail Trail (3.3 miles, easy) — but connect to each other for a longer hike.

best views for: NEW RIVER GORGE BRIDGE

FAYETTEVILLE AREA

Seeing the iconic New River Gorge Bridge is a must when visiting our area, and Fayetteville area trails offer some of the best perspectives. From the short and easily accessible Canyon Rim Boardwalk (.1 mile, easy + strenuous lower level) to the beautiful Long Point Trail (3.2 miles, out-and-back, moderate), there are plenty of opportunities to see this man-made marvel.

best views for: NATURAL BEAUTY

GLADE CREEK AREA

Witness the icy cascades along Glade Creek. Located about seven miles from Prince, the namesake Glade Creek Trail (5.6 miles, moderate) features waterfalls, hemlock forests, a footbridge and a catch-and-release trout stream at the lower end. Three additional trails — Kates Falls (.2, strenuous), Kates Plateau (5.1, strenuous) and Polls Plateau (4.9, moderate) — can be accessed from this main path.

best views for: RAILROAD

THURMOND-STONE CLIFF-CUNARD AREA

One of the Gorge's most well-known ghost towns, Thurmond (population: 6) was once a bustling railroad hub that has since become a New River Gorge National Park and Preserve visitor center. Historians, paranormal hunters and others all enjoy exploring the area. Take the popular Rend Trail (6.4 miles round-trip total or 2.5 miles round-trip to the main overlook, easy) to see the community — including the train depot — as well as the New River and Dunlop Creek.



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RIDE OUR TRAILS

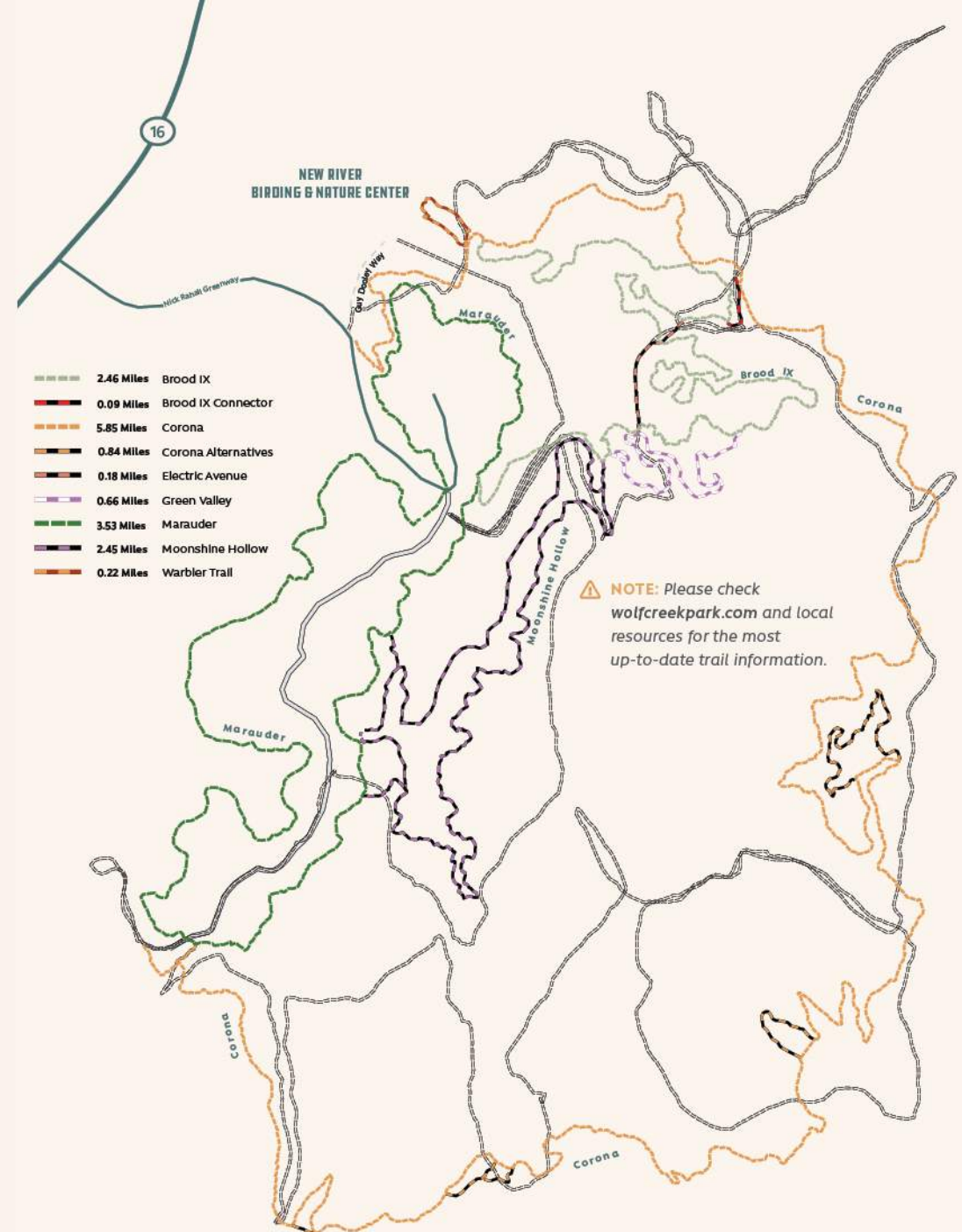
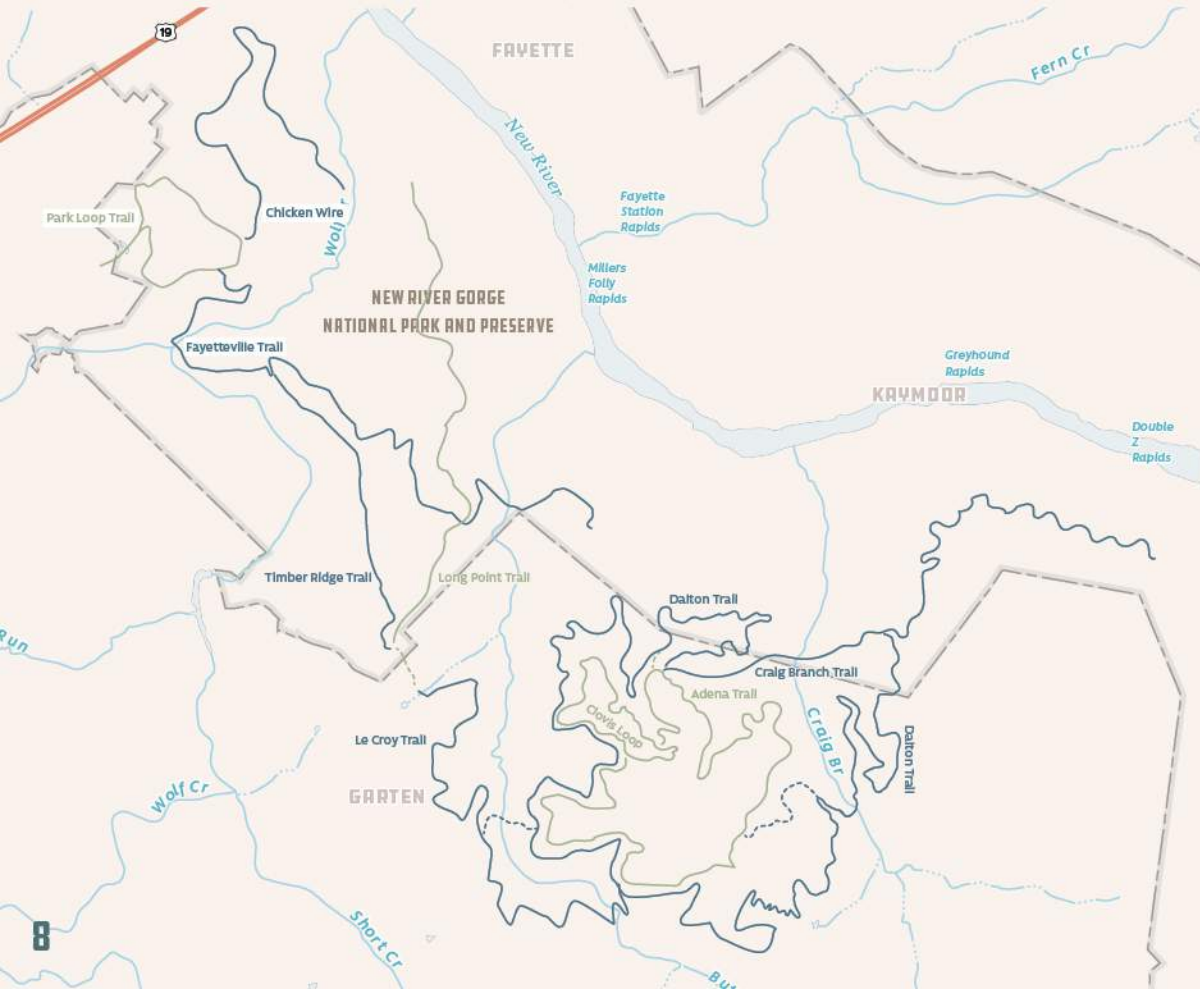
ARROWHEAD TRAILS

Fast and flowy but easy to navigate, this 12-mile, stacked loop trail system in the Craig's Branch area of Fayetteville is popular with both beginner and experienced riders. More than 1,000 members of the Boy Scouts of America®'s Order of the Arrow (for which the trail is named) put in 78,544 volunteer hours to build Arrowhead Trails in one of the largest youth service projects ever performed in National Park Service history.

From rail trails with gentle grades to more technical singletracks, experience our incredible winter scenery and diverse terrain as you pedal your way through the Gorge on one of our many mountain biking trails!

The system is made up of four loops:

- Adena** - 3.1 miles round trip • easy to intermediate
- Clovis** - 1.1 miles round trip • easy to intermediate
- Dalton** - 6.4 miles round trip • intermediate
- LeCroy** - 1.8 miles one way • intermediate



WOLF CREEK TRAILS

Sporting trail names like Corona, Brood IX, Warbler and Moonshine Hollow, the Wolf Creek Trails are a newer stacked loop singletrack system located at Wolf Creek Park, a 1,064 acre mixed-used

recreational area set between Fayetteville and Oak Hill. Currently, more than 17 miles of trails are open to the public thanks to dedicated volunteers. An additional 20 more miles are in the works.



WINTER ROAD TRIP



Play, shop, dine — make the most of your wintertime trip to the Gorge with some of our suggested stops.

A **New River Bikes** *Play*

221 N Court St, Fayetteville

Located in Fayetteville, New River Bikes is a full-service shop and touring company. Browse the selection of bikes and accessories available for purchase or rent what you need for the day. Want a little more guidance? Book a half- or full-day mountain bike tour!

B **The Station** *Shop*

312 N Court St, Fayetteville

Formerly a farm-to-table restaurant, The Station has since transformed into a gourmet market and bistro selling local products, including fresh meats, eggs, produce and flowers as well as cards, candles and other gift ideas. Stop by to see what's in stock.

C **Long Point Trail & Kaymoor Miners Trail** *Play*

2 miles outside of Fayetteville, Gatewood Rd

For one of the best views of the famed New River Gorge Bridge at any time of the year, hike Long Point Trail. The 3.2-mile, forested path is mostly flat, though it can get a little twisty towards the end. But, make it to the overlook, and it will all be worth it! On dry, non-icy winter days when you want a challenge, try the Kaymoor Miners Trail. Tackle the set of 821 stairs to see remains of the historic Kaymoor coal mine site, including coke ovens.

D **Pinheads** *Play*

617 Jones Ave, Oak Hill

On days when you'd rather have fun indoors, head to Pinheads in Oak Hill. The family-friendly bowling center has 12 lanes, several big screen TVs, a tasty food menu and a large selection of brews. Visit Friday and Saturday nights for cosmic bowling.

E **Café One Ten** *Dine*

110 Main St, Oak Hill

Enjoy a warm meal at Cafe One Ten, an Oak Hill favorite. The homestyle diner features mostly American fare with a touch of Italian flavors. Be sure to ask about daily specials and the dessert of the day!



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SPRING

The Gorge is home to one of the world's most diverse ecosystems, and when spring weather hits, the area blooms. Explore our forests to discover a variety of trees and plant species — among other things,

you'll likely find some edible berries, mushrooms and even ramps! For an awesome view from above, scale our vast sandstone cliffs. Spend a quiet night under the stars at one of our campgrounds.

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SPRING CAMPING: UNWIND AMONG NATURE

Roasting marshmallows, gathering by the fire and sleeping under the stars — it's time for spring camping in the Gorge! From primitive sites for bare-bones campers to full RV hookups with added comforts, discover your ideal camping destination. In addition to the standard essentials, many sites also offer convenient features like shower facilities and fire pits. Grab your tent or climb in your RV and head to the great outdoors for a peaceful retreat.

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explore camping options.



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YOUR CLIMBING STARTER KIT



VAST, SANDSTONE CLIFFS — older and

harder than most others of its type and ranging from 30 to 120 feet in height — are the defining feature of the New River Gorge climbing scene. To a novice climber, these impressive formations can seem intimidating, but with more than 1,400 established climbs, scaling a rock wall is one of the most exhilarating ways to get outside and explore the Gorge. Enlist the help of our knowledgeable local guides and experienced outfitters, and you'll easily become more comfortable.

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TYPES OF CLIMBING IN THE GORGE

- 1 Sport climbing:** This type of climbing involves using carabiners and ropes in already existing bolts on the rock face. Sport climbing is a safer, more accessible way to start rock climbing.
- 2 Bouldering:** A type of climbing that is done on low to the ground boulders or rock faces, bouldering can be done without harnesses, ropes and other equipment. Crash pads (thick mats) are used to cushion possible falls.
- 3 Trad climbing:** Also known as traditional climbing, trad climbing involves putting gear in cracks, openings in rocks and features like trees to protect you from falling far while climbing. This type of climbing should not be attempted by beginners unless on a guided trip.

CRUX, CRAG, ROUTE... WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?

Stay in the know with this popular climbing beta:

BELAY

The system that stops a climber's fall by using rope, anchors, a belay device and a belayer

CRAG

A small cliff/climbing area

CRUX

The hardest move or sequence of moves on a climb

HEEL HOOK

A climbing technique where the heel of the foot is used to pull against a hold on the rock

RAPPEL

To descend at a managed speed along a fixed rope

ROUTE

The path or moves up a specific climb



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FORAGING in the Gorge

From ramps and mushrooms to berries and other fruits, see if you can spot some of these flavorful foods growing wild in the Gorge. A word of caution, though: always be certain about what you bite into! Not everything in the forest can be eaten.

Ramps

Known for its strong flavor and even stronger smell, *Allium tricoccum*, or wild leeks/ramps, are an Appalachian delicacy. These plants pop up in all sorts of dishes during its limited harvest season. Since ramps are some of the first greens to sprout each spring, many communities hold special dinners and festivals to celebrate the arrival. Look for clusters of ramps in shaded areas of moist soil beneath dense trees like oaks, sugar maples, birches and buckeyes.



Scan the QR code for tasty ramps recipes.



APPEARANCE
Resemble scallions but smaller; smooth, broad leaves that taper to a pinkish stem with white bulbs roughly the size of your thumb

TIME OF YEAR
Early spring (April-May)

FLAVOR
Garlicky, peppery, onion-like; generally pungent if raw

COMMON PREPARATION
Roasted, grilled, sautéed, pickled or even raw



APPEARANCE
Honeycomb-like with pitted and ridged caps; cap is completely attached to the stalk; hollow inside

TIME OF YEAR
Early spring (April-May)

FLAVOR
Earthy, nutty; meaty texture

COMMON PREPARATION
Sautéed, fried

Morels

The amount of moisture that the Gorge receives each year makes a good breeding ground for an abundance of wild mushrooms and fungi. One of the rarest — and often most sought-after — is the elusive morel. Like ramps, morels have a shorter season and are often an early indicator of spring. Since these mushrooms grow in moist, well-drained (“loamy”) soil, search for them around streams and creek beds as well as by dead or dying trees, but be on the lookout for “false morels” that are poisonous.

Wineberries

APPEARANCE
A smaller, less seedy raspberry relative; spiny shrub with bright red berries (when ripe) and hairy stems

TIME OF YEAR
Late spring/summer

FLAVOR
Sweet with some tartness, juicy



Blueberries

APPEARANCE
Found in bushes; blue/purple berries (when ripe) with woody canes

TIME OF YEAR
Summer

FLAVOR
Sweet with varying acidity



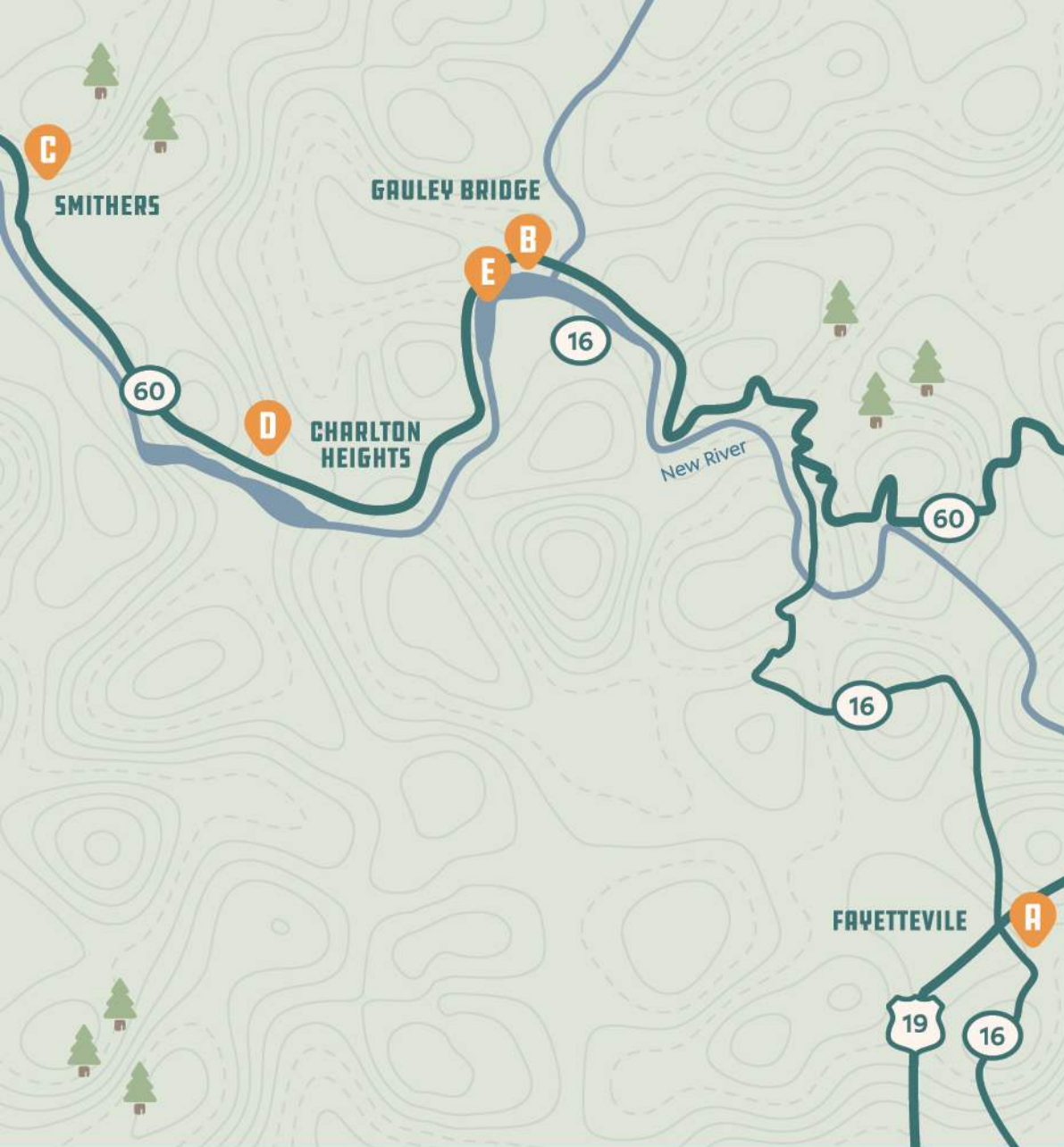
Persimmons

APPEARANCE
Grows in trees; tomato-shaped, orange and super soft/somewhat wrinkled (when ripe)

TIME OF YEAR
Late fall/winter

FLAVOR
Rich and sweet, honey-like





SPRING ROAD TRIP

Longer days and warmer weather ahead! Add these Gorge gems to your springtime itinerary.

A **Water Stone Outdoors** *Shop*

101 E Wiseman Ave, Fayetteville

From climbing to rafting, backpacking to camping, Water Stone Outdoors has all the gear you need for your adventures. The staff is a great resource of friendly advice on local outdoor information, and if you're interested in booking an excursion, Water Stone is home to New River Mountain Guides, a rock climbing guide service and school.

B **Kanawha & Cathedral Falls** *Play*

8822 Midland Trail, Glen Ferris

Two of the most photographed waterfalls in the state are located in the Gorge along Midland Trail. Cathedral Falls, at 60-plus feet, is one of the highest cascades in West Virginia. Pack a picnic and enjoy the sounds of water and the surrounding landscape. Kanawha Falls is shorter but spans the width of the Kanawha River. Many enjoy paddleboarding, canoeing and fishing here.

C **Frank's Pizza & Burger Carte** *Dine*

311 Washington St, Montgomery

Whether you're in the mood for burgers or pizza, you'll find a tasty spot in two small towns along the Kanawha River. At Burger Carte in Smithers try the signature "AL Burger" — trust us. Across the river in Montgomery, Frank's Pizza is also a local favorite, offering pizza, steak subs, calzones and more.

D **Country Crossing** *Shop*

5083 Midland Trail, Charlton Heights

For an array of primitives and "homespun" gifts, visit Country Crossing in Alloy. The shop has a wide variety of wood furniture, decor and Americana items as well as West Virginia food products. Find hand-poured candles and wax tarts, signs, country throws, barn stars, pottery, wreaths and other unique items. The best part? The shop transforms with every season!

E **Glen Ferris Inn** *Stay*

11218 Midland Trail, Gauley Bridge

Located along scenic Midland Trail, overlooking the Kanawha River, the historic Glen Ferris Inn dates back to the Civil War era. Stay the night and enjoy charming accommodations, home-cooked specialties from the onsite restaurant and panoramic views of Kanawha Falls.



Mountain Surf Paddle Sports/Summersville Lake

SUMMER

As the summer heat turns up, the Gorge offers plenty of ways to cool off! And what better way to GO Gorge than to enjoy an activity on the water? From stand-up paddling on a lake to a family whitewater rafting trip, our region boasts some of the best lakes, streams and rivers on the East Coast! Book your excursion and be close to the action at one of our outfitter resorts.

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River Expeditions/Oak Hill



SUMMER RESORTS: STAY AND PLAY

Mix adventure with a good night's rest. Located in the heart of the New River Gorge, our local resorts offer a long list of on-site luxuries close to all the outdoor fun. From deluxe lodging and top-notch restaurants to endless recreational opportunities, check all the boxes on your planning list. Pair your stay with a vacation package for the ultimate deal on whitewater rafting, aerial tours, rock climbing trips and more! Stay and play in the Gorge all summer long.

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explore lodging options.



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IT'S NO SECRET THAT THE NEW RIVER GORGE has some of the best whitewater on the East Coast... in the United States... probably even the world (if we do say so ourselves)! Drawing thousands upon thousands of visitors a year, rafting is in our blood. And no matter what your experience level is, there's a river for you. In fact, with the number of highly experienced rafting companies in the Gorge, there are plenty of experts that will help guide you down the river safely and make sure you have an awesome time! Ready for an unforgettable ride?



MORE FUN ON THE WATER

In addition to rafting, here are a few other ways to enjoy the rivers:

kayaking



fishing



paddleboarding



RAPID CLASSES

CLASS I

Easy, smooth water with clear passages and occasional gentle curves; good for floating

CLASS II

Moderate, medium-quick water with regular waves and clear, open passages between rocks and ledges

CLASS III

Moderately difficult water with high and irregular waves and narrow passages

CLASS IV

Difficult water with long, powerful rapids and standing waves

CLASS V

Extremely difficult water with long, violent rapids; big drops; obstructions and very steep gradient

NOTE: Rapid classes continue above this scale but are seldom seen on our rivers, and guided trips do not encounter these.

NEW RIVER Facts

The New River is one of the oldest rivers in the world.

The New River flows primarily from south to north.

The New River is 320 miles long and flows through West Virginia, Virginia and North Carolina.

New River

Gauley River

easiest

UPPER

LOWER

LOWER

thrilling

UPPER

Level:
Beginner/
family-friendly

Long, flatwater pools;
gentle rapids

Class I, II and III

Good for floating

Level:
Intermediate

Big waves; shelf
drops; long, flatwater
pools

Up to Class IV+ rapids

Bonus: See the New
River Gorge Bridge

Level:
Intermediate —
similar to Lower New

Fun waves, "watery
roller coaster," scenic

Class III-V

Most popular during
Gauley Season
(Sept. & Oct.)

Level:
Experienced

Heavy rapids,
steep chutes and
rocky terrain —
requires technical
maneuvering or an
experienced guide

Class III-V

Features the "Big 5"
— five Class V rapids
known worldwide

RIVER anatomy

If you are going to ride the river, you'll need to know the lingo. Here are a few essential terms to get you started:

BOULDER GARDEN

A type of rapid or a short section of a river defined by numerous rocks and boulders strewn throughout the channel

EDDY

A relatively quiet spot found on the downstream side of rocks, pilings, rock formations, etc.

HOLE

A feature created by water flowing over an obstacle near the river surface resulting in a reversal of current

POOL

A deep, slow moving stretch of water found just below a rapid

POUR OVER HYDRAULIC

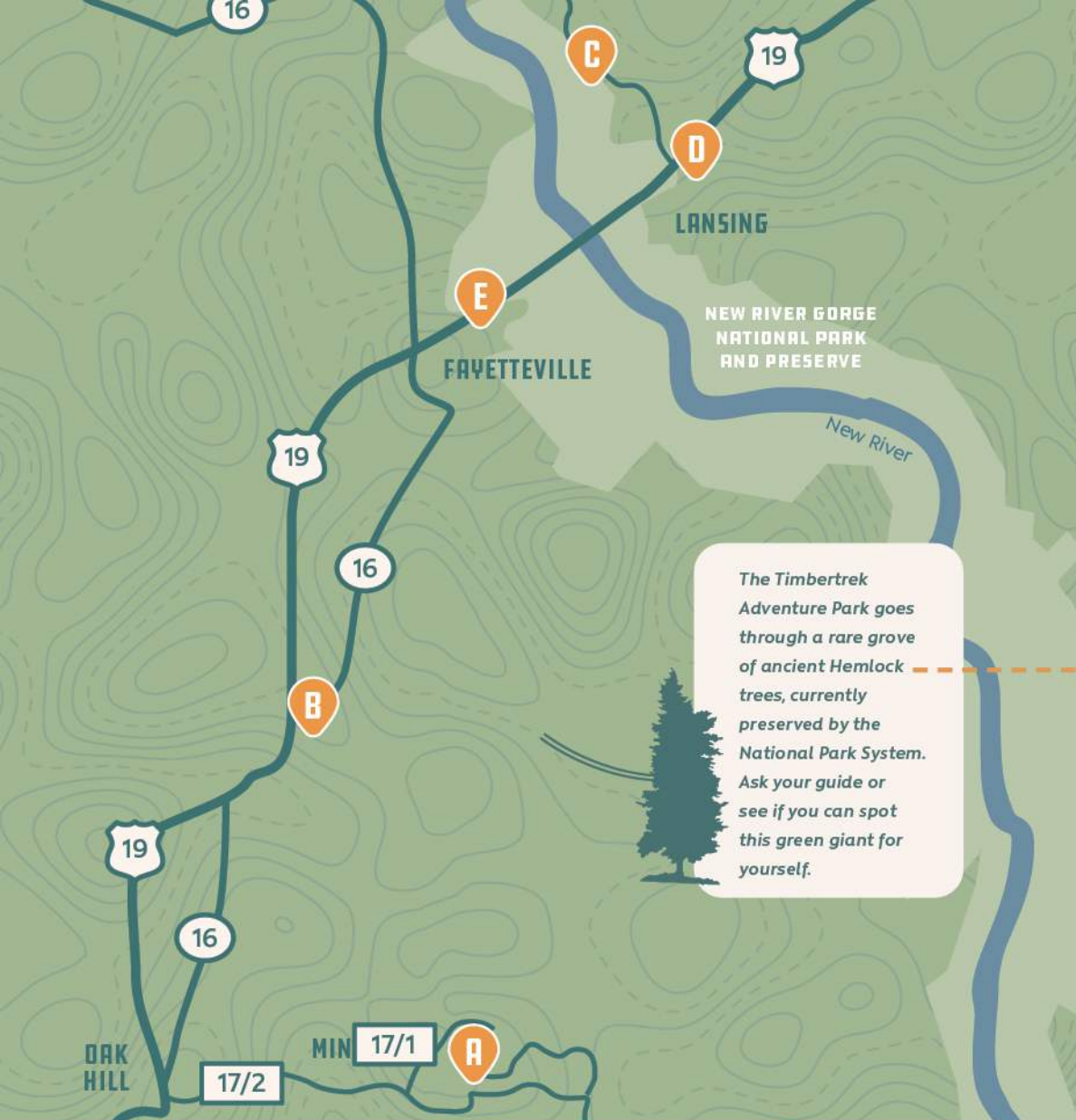
A feature created by water flowing over a large obstacle such as rock, ledge or manmade horizontal structure creating a "hole" below the obstruction



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Upper Gauley River/ACE Adventure Resort



The TimberTrek Adventure Park goes through a rare grove of ancient Hemlock trees, currently preserved by the National Park System. Ask your guide or see if you can spot this green giant for yourself.

- A** **Wonderland Waterpark, ACE Adventure Resort** *Play*
 1 Concho Rd, Oak Hill
 Entertaining for both kids and grownups, Wonderland Waterpark at ACE Adventure Resort is an immense aquatic playground atop a spring-fed lake. The slides, zip line, infamous BLOB and giant inflatables are sure to put a smile on every face! Purchase a day pass to start your summer vacay the right way.
- B** **The Ridges Zipline Tour, River Expeditions** *Play*
 900 Broadway Ave, Oak Hill
 Spend a couple of exhilarating hours amongst the treetops with a zipline tour at River Expeditions. This 1-to-2 hour guided excursion takes your group along a network of platforms and sky bridges, stopping only to soar through the forest on four different ziplines. Feel the air rush past you as you explore the Gorge from a whole new vantage point.
- C** **Timbertrek Adventure Park, Adventures on the Gorge** *Play*
 219 Chestnutburg Road, Lansing
 For night owls and those ready to take their aerial experience to the next level, try a MoonTrek Tour of TimberTrek Adventure Park at Adventures on the Gorge. This nighttime obstacle course features tons of challenges for you to navigate under the starry West Virginia sky.
- D** **The Burrito Bar at Breeze Hill** *Dine*
 179 Oscar White Rd, Lansing
 There's no better way to end a summer day than with dinner and drinks on the deck of The Burrito Bar. The aptly-named and locally-loved outdoor restaurant boasts fresh food (vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free options available!), cold beverages, live music and the most amazing sunsets you'll see in the Gorge. Ask the staff about the names of the burritos for an insider's lesson on Gauley River rapids.
- E** **Studio B** *Shop*
 309 Keller Ave, Fayetteville
 Before you head back to your cabin or campground, or out on your next adventure, stop by Studio B to stock your cooler. Grab some West Virginia-made craft beer and wine, some snacks to keep you going and local art as souvenirs.

SUMMER ROAD TRIP

Sweet summertime! Roll down the windows and soak up this sun during this fun-filled road trip through the Gorge.



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FALL

Autumn in the Gorge is an unbeatable experience. As the leaves begin to change, the area comes alive with color and visitors. After some time on the water, enjoy all the comforts of home at one of our charming vacation rentals. And, the crisp temperatures make for good fishing weather.



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VACATION RENTALS: A RELAXING RETREAT

Find your home away from home and experience Appalachian hospitality at one of our area's vacation rentals. Quaint in nature, these locally owned spots offer personalized service and a relaxed atmosphere that will make your trip unforgettable. Curl up with a good book by the fireplace, enjoy some fresh air while relaxing on the porch or prepare a delicious, homemade meal in the kitchen. A stay will leave you well-rested and ready to take on any autumn activity.

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explore lodging options.





WITH ITS MANY RIVERS, lakes and streams, the Gorge offers endless opportunities for fishing, and fall is one of the best times of year for anglers to visit our area. Most species of fish are more active in cooler water and aggressively feeding during this season. Smallmouth bass are plentiful here, but you could also reel in largemouth bass, spotted bass,

muskie, walleye, catfish, carp and several varieties of panfish. National Park access areas are good places to cast a line, and local outfitters can take you on a guided trip (often including necessary gear) to show you some of the best places as well as share some tips. We especially recommend booking a guided trip if you haven't fished on whitewater before!

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FLY VS. SPIN FISHING

Fly fishing in a creek and float fishing in an oar raft are two of the most popular guided trips you can take with an outfitter. Here's a few differences between fly fishing and spin/regular fishing:

Fly Fishing

- + Typically done on moving water such as rivers and streams
- + Uses a fly rod (lightweight), fly line, unique reel and flies (imitations of bugs and insects, invertebrates and other things fish feed on)
- + The weight of the fly line is used to create momentum to propel the cast
- + Requires a unique casting technique called false/fake casting that consists of making a back and forward cast repeatedly without the fly touching the water

Spin Fishing

- + Typically done on stillwater such as lakes and ponds
- + Uses a spin rod and lure, which are usually bigger, heavier and more diverse (normally imitating fish movement and sometimes having attractors like shiny metal or rattling beads)
- + The weight of the lure or bait is used to create momentum to propel the cast
- + Traditional single cast technique

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FAVORITE FISHING HOLES

Try these recommended spots:

BABCOCK STATE PARK

Boley Lake and Glade Creek at Babcock State Park are excellent for fishing. Chances are you'll find some largemouth bass, bluegill, catfish and trout here.

HAWKS NEST LAKE

Spend a relaxing day on the water at Hawks Nest State Park fishing for bass or catfish.

GLADE CREEK

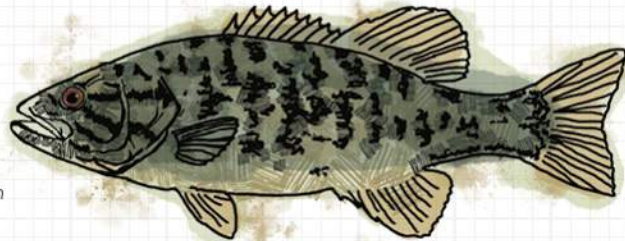
Hike the Glade Creek Trail along this rushing body of water for three miles of the best catch and release trout fishing in the Gorge.



For regulations, updates on fish stockings, maps and other useful information, visit the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources website at wvdnr.gov.

FISH in the Gorge

Smallmouth Bass



Location:
New River

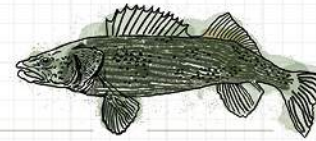
Size:
15-20 inch

Time of Year:
April through October

Habitat:
Right below or above a rapid on the edge of a current

As one of the most popular game fish, the smallmouth bass is also one of toughest fighting freshwater fish in North America. The cool, rocky streams and rivers of the New River Gorge make the perfect habitat for this species, producing anywhere from 10-to 20-inch catches depending on the time of year. A medium action spinning rod or a casting rod paired with three to five inch soft plastics such as grubs, jerk baits and tubes are best. Prefer a fly rod? Look to use a weighted streamer and top water poppers to snag a smallmouth.

Walleye



Location:
South (upstream) of the Gorge

Size:
30+ inches

Time of Year:
Spring or fall

Habitat:
Deep water

Muskie



Location:
Sandstone Falls to Thurmond

Size:
30-40 inches

Time of Year:
Cooler months

Habitat:
Slower moving water and areas with downed trees

Rainbow Trout



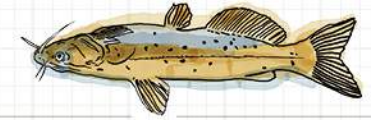
Location:
Dunlop Creek and Glade Creek, New River at the mouth of a creek, Babcock State Park's Boley Lake and Glade Creek

Time of Year:
Spring; or summer and fall after rain

Size:
16 inches

Habitat:
Cool water with gravel bottoms, under down trees and boulders

Cattfish



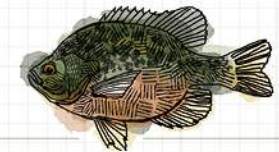
Location:
New River

Time of Year:
Year-round

Size:
24 inches on average

Habitat:
Undercut banks, rocks and other submerged structures in the slow beep pools in between the rapids

Bluegill



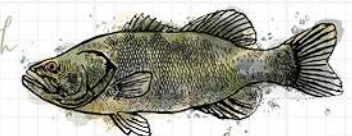
Location:
New River

Time of Year:
May through August

Size:
6-10 inches

Habitat:
Submerged structure in the calm pools

Largemouth Bass



Location:
Bluestone and Hawks Nest lakes

Time of Year:
Spring and fall

Size:
16-22 inches

Habitat:
Weed beds and downed trees



Scan the QR code to explore more fall activities.



FALL ROAD TRIP

As the weather cools down and the colors amp up, fall is the perfect time to take a leaf-peeping drive and be swept away by the beauty of the Gorge.

A ACE Adventure Gear *Shop*

239 N Court St, Fayetteville

Get outfitted for your fall fishing, camping or hiking trip with the help of the staff at ACE Adventure Gear. Specializing in paddlesports, the store also has hiking boots and trail shoes, apparel and backpacks, climbing equipment and other outdoor supplies and accessories.

B Bridge Walk *Play*

57 Fayette Mine Rd, Lansing

See the vibrant fall foliage from underneath the New River Gorge Bridge! A once-in-a-lifetime adventure, Bridge Walk is a three-hour guided catwalk tour of one of West Virginia's most iconic landmarks. Stand 800 feet above the New River and hear about the history behind the longest single-arch bridge in the Western Hemisphere.

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The most photographed mill in the U.S. sits on a boulder-strewn mountain stream at Babcock State Park. Tour the beautiful, working structure to learn how corn is ground into cornmeal. After you've snapped an Instagram-worthy scenic shot, explore the park's many hiking trails and fishing areas.

D Firecreek BBQ & Steaks *Dine*

301 Keller Ave, Fayetteville

Family-owned Firecreek BBQ & Steaks is the place to stop for a tasty meal. Located just outside of Fayetteville, the restaurant serves classic barbecue favorites like brisket, ribs and smoked chicken, plus dishes like the Loaded Firecreek Mac & Cheese, Firecreek Firecracker Shrimp and daily specials that are sure to satisfy.

E Country River Inn *Stay*

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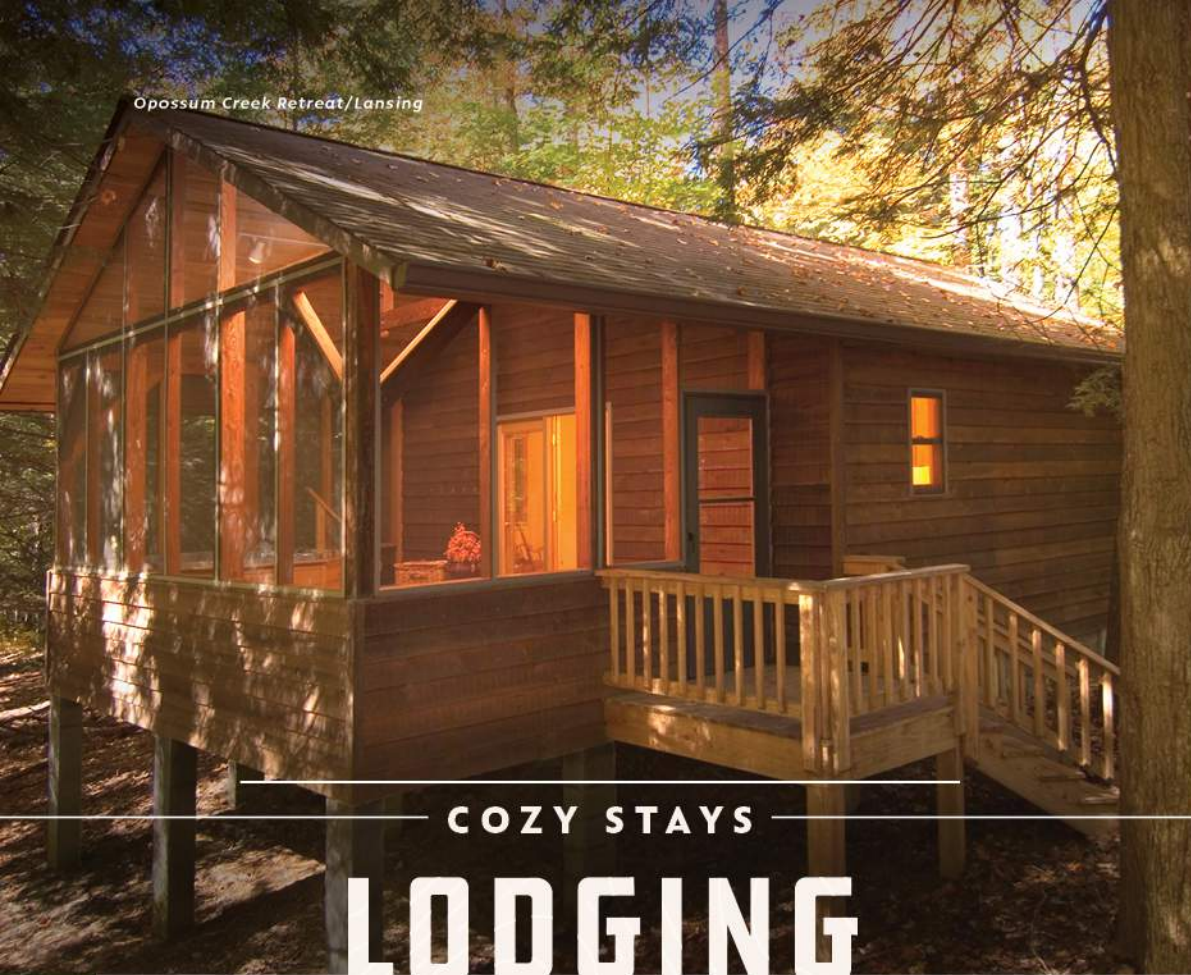
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THURMOND

ROUTE 25

POPULATION: 5

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 E W D V O B A N D T T P N G N R K P R I Q E E
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