

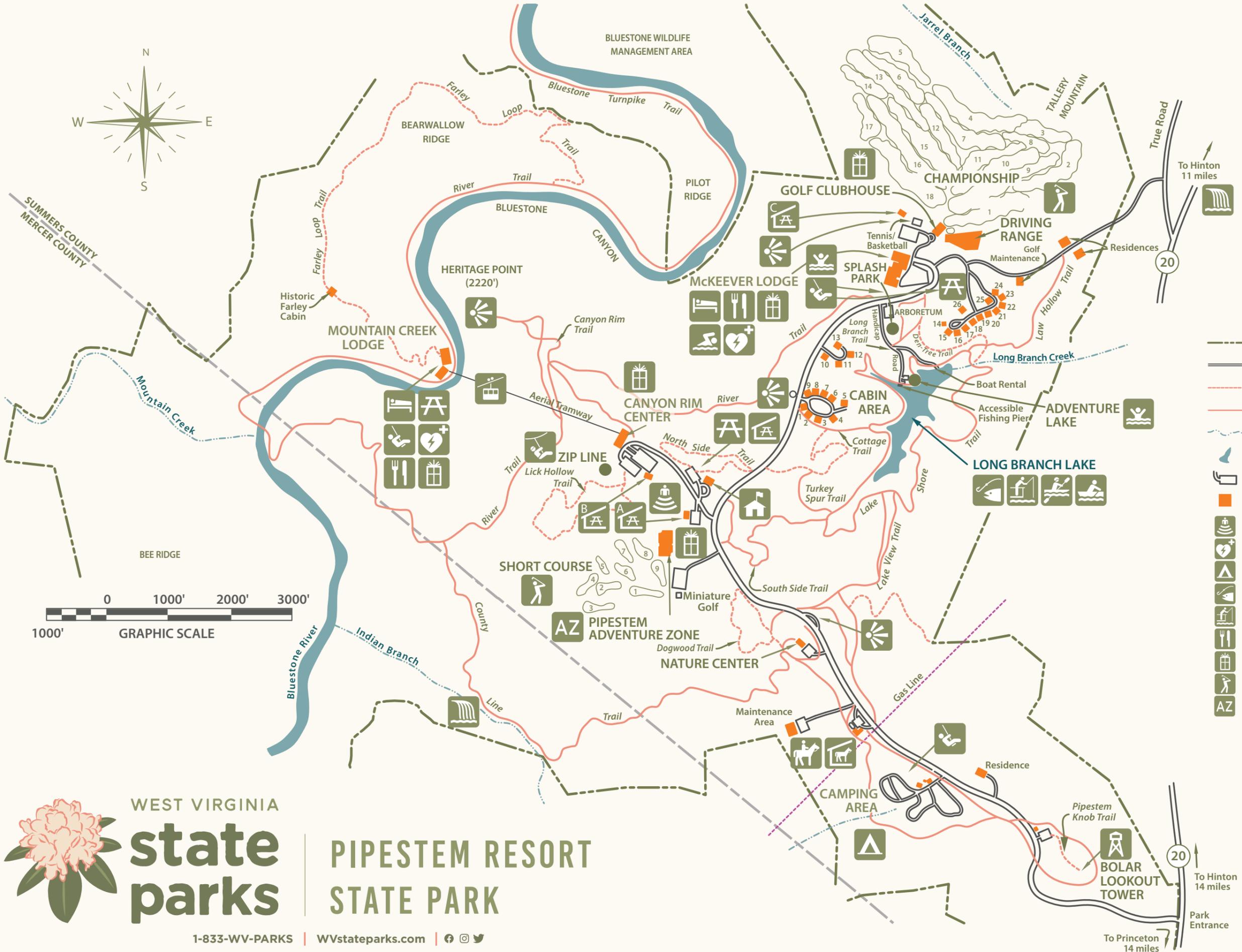
SUMMERS COUNTY
MERCER COUNTY

BEE RIDGE



PIPESTEM RESORT STATE PARK

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Legend

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| | Park boundary | | Horseback riding (rental, guided tour) |
| | Paved road | | Kayaking |
| | Hiking trail | | Lodging |
| | Multiple-use trail (see description) | | Lookout tower |
| | Stream | | Park headquarters |
| | Lake/river | | Parking |
| | Parking area | | Picnic area |
| | Structures | | Picnic shelter |
| | Amphitheater | | Playground |
| | Automated External Defibrillator (AED) | | Rowboating |
| | Campground | | Scenic viewpoint/overlook |
| | Fishing | | Stable |
| | Fishing pier - accessible | | Swimming |
| | Food service | | Tramway |
| | Gift shop | | Waterfall |
| | Golfing | | Zipline |
| | Pipestem Adventure Zone | | Splash Park & Adventure Lake |

To Hinton
11 miles

To Hinton
14 miles

To Princeton
14 miles

Park Entrance

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

BLUESTONE TURNPIKE TRAIL

This moderately difficult trail begins at the junction of the Farley Loop and River Trail in Pipestem Resort State Park. From this intersection it is 8.5 miles to Bluestone State Park. The trail is best accessed near the aerial tram at the Mountain Creek Lodge. From the Mountain Creek Lodge, follow the moderately difficult River Trail downstream for one mile to access the beginning of the Bluestone Turnpike Trail. Access also is possible by hiking the entire length of the River Trail in its entirety.

Distance: 8.5 miles

CANYON RIM TRAIL

Beginning near the employee parking area at Canyon Rim Center, this steep trail descends 500 feet to Heritage Point, a massive sandstone outcropping. The overlook offers an excellent view of the Bluestone River Gorge and Mountain Creek Lodge.

Distance: 0.7 mile

Blaze: ■

COTTAGE TRAIL

This easy trail begins at the park road behind Cottage Number 1 and travels down to Long Branch Lake where it joins the Lake Shore Trail.

Distance: 0.2 mile

Difficulty: easy

Blaze: □

COUNTY LINE TRAIL

This steep, somewhat rugged trail begins at the Nature Center parking lot, comes through the edge of the yard and then travels a short distance toward the stables. It then descends into the woods, crosses two knobs, passes Indian Branch Falls (1.2 miles) and ends at the River Trail.

Distance: 1.9 miles

Blaze: ■

DEN TREE TRAIL

This is a non-game wildlife trail that begins on the edge of the arboretum, crosses the Law Hollow Trail and ends at the wildlife viewing area on the dam at Long Branch Lake.

Distance: 0.6 mile

Difficulty: easy

Blaze: ■

DOGWOOD TRAIL

This is a relatively easy walking trail that begins at the Nature Center, passes through an oak-hickory forest along the park road, and loops back to the Nature Center.

Distance: 0.6-mile loop

Difficulty: easy

Blaze: ■

FARLEY LOOP TRAIL

The most rugged trail in the park, Farley Loop Trail begins behind the Mountain Creek Lodge. After a quarter mile of steep switchbacks, a short spur takes you to Raven Rock overlook and a tremendous view of the gorge. Another half mile of steep, rocky switchbacks takes you through a pine thicket to the patrol cabin. Above the cabin, the trail turns sharply to the right and passes two cemeteries before descending one mile to the Bluestone River. To return to Mountain Creek Lodge, turn right (upstream) and follow the River Trail.

Distance: 3-mile loop

Blaze: □

LAKE SHORE TRAIL

A relatively level shoreline and woodland trail completely encircling Long Branch Lake. May be reached via Law Hollow Trail, Den Tree, Long Branch, Cottage, Turkey Spur, South Side or Lake View trails.

Distance: 2.2 miles

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LAKE VIEW TRAIL

Beginning along the park road between the Recreation Center and the Nature Center, this trail follows an old roadbed through mostly open habitat to its junction with the Lake Shore Trail near Long Branch Lake.

Distance: 0.4 mile

Blaze: □

LAW HOLLOW TRAIL

The trail begins at True Road and follows an old logging road down to the Lake Shore Trail just below the spillway for the dam.

Distance: 0.5 mile

Blaze: □

LICK HOLLOW TRAIL

This trail begins at the Mountain Creek Lodge parking area at Canyon Rim Center. It descends into Lick Hollow and then routes back up to the rim of the hollow where there is a beautiful view of the Bluestone Canyon. The trail then loops around and returns to the parking area.

Distance: 1.6-mile loop

Blaze: □

LONG BRANCH TRAIL

Starting from the park road across from the McKeever Lodge and beside the arboretum, this short, steep paved trail offers easy access to Long Branch Lake. The trail also serves as a service road (authorized vehicles only).

Distance: 0.3 miles

Blaze: ■

NORTH SIDE TRAIL

This .5-mile loop trail begins at the Park Headquarters parking area, passes down into the woods and returns to the large field behind the building.

Distance: 0.5-mile loop

Blaze: ■

PIPESTEM KNOB TRAIL

This rather steep paved trail leads to the Bolar Observation Tower atop Pipestem Knob (elevation: 3,000 feet).

Distance: 0.2 mile

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RIVER TRAIL

This trail begins behind McKeever Lodge. After about a 0.25 mile of steep descent, the trail becomes relatively level. One and a half miles from the lodge, it crosses the Canyon Rim Trail. After passing under the Aerial Tramway, the trail meets the County Line Trail about 2.25 miles from McKeever Lodge. The trail goes through a series of switchbacks for 1.25 miles to the Bluestone River. After wading the river, it is an easy 0.75 mile walk to Mountain Creek Lodge. The trail then continues downstream for another mile where it ends at the junction of the Farley Loop Trail and the Bluestone Turnpike Trail. River water level may vary with heavy rainfall. There is a fee to ride the aerial tram.

Distance: 5.25 miles

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SOUTH SIDE TRAIL

This trail begins along park road 0.1 mile down the hill from Park Headquarters. It travels through mixed forest 0.6 mile to its junction with the Lake Shore Trail. Look for split rail fences, rock piles and other signs of early settlers.

Distance: 0.6 mile

Blaze: ■

TURKEY SPUR TRAIL

This trail begins along the park road between Park Headquarters and Cottage Number 1, with a 0.3-mile unnamed trail to Turkey Spur. The trail connects Cottage and Lake Shore trails and in 0.4 mile joins with Lake Shore Trail.

Distance: 1 mile

Blaze: ■

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