

## Appendix K. Trails

### Youghiogheny Headwaters Management Unit

#### TRAILS IN YOUGHIOGHENY HEADWATERS MANAGEMENT UNIT

Trail	Distance (miles)	Level	Description
Fort Alice and Oakland Town Trail	1	Easy	A fitness walking trail through the Glades development that follows the Youghiogheny River and connects to the Historic Oakland Train Station. In addition, a spur at the northwest corner follows the old B&O railroad line to Fort Alice, a Civil War era fort.
Lynn Trail		Easy	A nature trail that provides an elevated boardwalk over a wetland area along the Little Youghiogheny River.
Kindness Demonstration Forest Trail	1.25	Easy	Gently rolling trail through the heart of the Maryland State Forest's first parcel acquired known as the Kindness Tract.
Canyon Trail	1.25	Easy-Moderate	A trail through old growth forest passing several waterfalls, including Muddy Creek Falls, the highest free-falling waterfall in Maryland. This trail is limited to foot traffic. It is part of Swallow Falls State Park and requires a park admittance fee.
Tolliver Trail	0.75	Moderate	Trail is open to hiking, biking and cross-country skiing.
5.5 Mile Trail	5.5		This trail connects Herrington Manor State Park to Swallow Falls State Park through Garrett State Forest. This trail is also accessible for mountain biking.
Snaggy Mountain Snowmobile Trail	8.5		
Swallow Falls Down River Fishing Trail	4	Easy-Moderate	This trail traverses through the Youghiogheny Wild River Natural Environmental area with an incredible view of Muddy Creek Falls.
Hoyes Run Fishing Trail and Boat Launch	0.1	Easy	A short narrow trail used by fishermen and boaters to access the river.

**TRAILS IN YOUGHIOGHENY HEADWATERS MANAGEMENT UNIT (Continued)**

<b>Trail</b>	<b>Distance (miles)</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Description</b>
Herrington Manor State Park Trail System	7.9	Easy-Moderate	The park features four trails for hiking, mountain biking and cross-country skiing.
Piney Mountain Trails	3	Easy	This is a loop trail through the ridge top forest and wetlands area for walking, bicycling, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling and open to seasonal off-road vehicle use with permit.
Mt. Nebo Trails	3	Easy	A looping trail with gravel and natural surfaces that include a section of the historic Browning Lumber Railroad that was used for construction access for the Deep Creek Lake dam.
Cathedral Trail	1.1	Easy-Moderate	This trail is available for hiking and cross-country skiing. It crosses several bridges over Rhine Creek and can access other trails in the park
Giant Hemlock Trail	0.2	Easy-Moderate	One of the most popular trails in the park due to the large hemlock stands. This trail is open for hiking and cross-country skiing.
Partridge Berry Trail	0.6	Easy	This trail is highlighted for its bird sightings. It has a slight incline and branches off into the Cardinal Trail. This trail is open to hiking and cross-country skiing.
Trillium Trail	0.1	Easy	Hikers and cross-country skiers can take this short trail connection along Old Oakland Road at the far end of the park. The trail branches off into Cardinal Trail
Cardinal Trail	0.2	Easy	This is a short trail located in the back section of the park that is highlighted for its wildlife viewing opportunities. It is open for hiking and cross-country skiing.
Wood Thrush Trail	0.6	Easy	This is a heavily wooded section of trail that crosses Route 50. It is open for hiking and cross-country skiing.
Owl Trail	0.6	Easy	Hikers and cross-country skiers can view wildflowers and wildlife along this wooded trail segment that crosses through a field.

## Deep Creek Management Unit

### TRAILS IN DEEP CREEK MANAGEMENT UNIT

Trail	Distance (miles)	Level	Description
Discovery/Sensory Trail	0.2	Easy	Starting at the Discovery Center at Deep Creek State Park, this trail explores nature via smell, sound, and touch through woods and lakeside terrain.
Snakeroot Trail	0.25	Easy	This trail is an easy short route off the Meadow Mountain Trail at Deep Creek State Park. Self-guided brochures are available at Ranger Station.
Crosscut Trail	1	Moderate	This trail features some of the rockiest contours of the mountain. It can be combined with the upper/eastern leg of the Cherry Creek Loop.
Lookout Trail	1.5-1.75	Moderate	A rugged, yet short, route, it includes rocky and steep terrain for hiking and mountain biking.
Beckman Trail	2	Easy	This trail ventures along the ridgeline with slight elevation gain. Users can learn local history about the Brant Coal Mine by following the posted signs.
Cherry Creek Loop	3	Moderate	The trail passes through multiple ecosystems from lake-level to near the top of Mountain Meadow.
Thayer Trace	3	Difficult	This is a connector trail between Deep Creek Lake State Park and Savage River State Forest.
Indian Turnip Trail	4.5	Moderate	This rocky trail ascends nearly 600 feet and needs to be combined with sections of Meadow Mountain or Beckman's Trail to return to the starting point.
Meadow Mountain Trail	5.5	Moderate	This trail features wildflowers and birds in the summer while winter provides snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and snowmobiling opportunities. Users must follow the Indian Turnip Trail to return to the starting point.
Fork Run Recreation Area	7.3	Easy - Difficult	Hiking and biking trails that are managed by Garrett Trails
Visitors Center/Deep Creek Trail	0.5	Easy	A paved trail that connects the Garrett County Visitor Center to Wisp Resort. It traverses along the original Buffalo Swamp before Deep Creek Lake was constructed.
Mosser Road Heritage Trail	0.7	Easy	A non-motorized, paved, trail that connects Garrett College to Route 219 and the McHenry area near Deep Creek Lake.

**TRAILS IN DEEP CREEK MANAGEMENT UNIT (Continued)**

<b>Trail</b>	<b>Distance (miles)</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Description</b>
Cunningham Swamp WMA Trail System		Easy	Two trail systems: the main, and handicap-accessible boardwalk
Meshach Browning Trail System	6	Easy- Medium	A six-trail system and historical exhibit around the life and times of Meshach Browning, one of the earliest settlers of Garrett County.

## Upper Youghiogheny River Management Unit

### TRAILS IN UPPER YOUGHIOGHENY RIVER MANAGEMENT UNIT

Trail	Distance (miles)	Level	Description
Accident Town Trail	0.5	Easy	Paved walking and fitness trail located in Accident Park.
Friendsville Town Trail		Easy	Short, paved fitness and walking trail along the perimeter of the Friendsville Town Park.
Kendall Trail	3	Moderate	Scenic 1890-era rail trail through the former Kendall logging community that traverses the Youghiogheny River upstream of Friendsville. Trail is available for hiking and mountain biking.
Margraff Plantation	5.3	Moderate - Technical	Three mountain biking loops, with logs and other obstacles. Primarily singletrack through woodlands and open fields.
Joshua C. Whetzel Jr. Trail	0.25	Moderate - Difficult	Steep hiking trail that could be challenging for young children or those with limited mobility.

## Casselman River Management Unit

### Trails in the Casselman River Management Unit

Trail	Distance (miles)	Level	Description
Great Allegheny Passage	150	Easy	Starting in Cumberland, Maryland and ending in Downtown Pittsburgh, the Great Allegheny Passage is a 150-mile nonmotorized path over valleys, around mountains, and alongside the Casselman, Youghiogheny, and Monongahela Rivers on a nearly-level, crushed-limestone surface.
New Germany State Park Trail System	10	Easy to Difficult	Trails are available for mountain biking, hiking, and cross-country skiing and consist of road and single-track trails with several bridge crossings.
Meadow Mountain Trail	14	Easy to Moderate	Multi-use trail that follows the Eastern Continental Divide. Trail is open for mountain biking, hiking, horseback riding, Off Road Vehicles and snowmobiles (on certain sections with permit) use the trail.
Asa Durst Area Trails	4.8	Easy to Moderate	Three blazed trails along old logging roads and single-track trail pass through pine and hardwood forests for hiking, biking and cross-country skiing.

**Laurel Hill Creek Management Unit****TRAILS IN THE LAUREL HILL CREEK MANAGEMENT UNIT**

<b>Trail</b>	<b>Distance (miles)</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Description</b>
Great Allegheny Passage	150	Easy	Starting in Cumberland, Maryland, and ending in Downtown Pittsburgh, the Great Allegheny Passage is a 150-mile nonmotorized path over valleys, around mountains, and alongside the Casselman, Youghiogheny, and Monongahela Rivers on a nearly-level, crushed-limestone surface.
Laurel Highlands Hiking Trail	70	Moderate to Difficult	The 70-mile hiking trail stretches along Laurel Mountain from the picturesque Youghiogheny River at Ohiopyle State Park to the Conemaugh Gorge near Johnstown.
Beltz Trail	2.75	Moderate	Beltz Trail follows an old road grade and provides access to many of the park's trails as well as several on Forbes State Forest.
Bobcat Trail	1	Difficult	This rugged and remote trail offers thick Mountain Laurel and opportunities for viewing wildlife. The trail crosses Buck Run in numerous places that do not have foot bridges.
Copper Kettle Trail	1.25	Easy	This ADA accessible, crushed stone bike trail meanders along the western shoreline of Laurel Hill Lake. It connects the Old Mill Picnic Area, and the beach area provides excellent fishing access, and allows exploration of the park while bicycling or walking.
Hemlock Trail	1.2	Moderate	Narrow at times and running along steep banks at places, this trail loops through the six-acre natural area. Hemlock Trail Natural Area is a stand of old growth Eastern Hemlock trees along the banks of Laurel Hill Creek, which contains a Native Trout population.
Lake Trail	1.75	Difficult	This scenic trail winds along Laurel Hill Creek and follows the eastern shore of Laurel Hill Lake. This steep, narrow, sloping path is slippery in places.
Martz Trail	1	Easy	This wide trail passes through a number of forest ecosystems and provides the widest variety of tree species during fall foliage.

**TRAILS IN THE LAUREL HILL CREEK MANAGEMENT UNIT (Continued)**

<b>Trail</b>	<b>Distance (miles)</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Description</b>
Pumphouse	1.6	Easy	A slow, gradual incline leads from the Pumphouse Trail Parking Lot along a wide path to the Jones Mill Run Dam. Benches and large rocks provide resting places where visitors can enjoy this scenic historic site built by the Civilian Conservation Corps.
Ridge Trail	1.5	Moderate	This wide, grassy trail is often used as a wildlife corridor. It offers the best opportunity for chance encounters with wildlife and viewing animal tracks and signs.
Shay Trail	0.5	Easy	This trail pays homage to the Shay locomotives that traversed Laurel Hill Creek Valley during the logging of the early 1900s. This trail connects Ridge, Tram Road, and Pumphouse trails.
Tram Road	1.7	Moderate	This trail follows the general course of the logging railroad that traversed Laurel Hill State Park and Jones Mill Run in the early 1900s.
Waterline Trail	0.6	Moderate	An uphill grade from the Pumphouse Trail Parking Lot, this trail is perfect for viewing geologic features such as the <i>Lepidodendron</i> fossils common to the park.
Kincora Trail	1.5	Moderate	Named after a former church camp located here, this rugged trail provides challenging terrain and solitude for the day hiker.
Tree Army Trail	0.5	Easy	This trail meanders along Kooser Run. It has access to the stream for fishing in the summer and terrain for cross-country skiing in the winter. The trail is named after the Civilian Conservation Corps who were also known as Roosevelt's Tree Army.
Laurel Ridge Cross Country Ski Center	20+	Easy to Difficult	A cross-country ski touring concession adjacent to the PA 653 parking lot provides more than 20 miles of trails. The concession grooms trails for classic and freestyle skiing.
North Loop (Roaring Run)	4.5	Moderate	This 4.5-mile trail is located on the remains of old logging railroad grades and old skid trails.
Painter Rock Trail	1.8	Moderate	Points of interest include abandoned fields reverting to forest and a prominent rock break, offering numerous vistas of the Roaring Run Valley



**TRAILS IN THE LAUREL HILL CREEK MANAGEMENT UNIT (Continued)**

<b>Trail</b>	<b>Distance (miles)</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Description</b>
Roaring Run Trail	3.3	Moderate	Follows Roaring Run for most of its length. The main portion of the trail is located on an old logging railroad grade.
South Loop	1.9	Moderate	Located on old logging roads and skid trails.
Birch Rock	0.7	Moderate	Provides access to Birch Rocks. During periods of leaf off, the ski slopes at Seven Springs Resort are visible.
McKenna Trail	2.8	Moderate	Connects the parking lot at Route 31 to the heart of the Natural Area.
Hillside Trail	1.3	Moderate	Connects Fire Tower Road and Painter Rock Road
Northwoods Trail System	4	Moderate	Many miles of maintained trails designed for hiking, cross-country skiing, mountain biking, snowmobiling and equestrian use.
Seven Springs Trails	10	Moderate to Difficult	Several loops of technical mountain biking and hiking trails

## Middle Youghiogheny River Management Unit

### TRAILS IN THE MIDDLE YOUGHIOGHENY RIVER MANAGEMENT UNIT

Trail	Distance (miles)	Level	Description
Great Allegheny Passage	150	Easy	The Great Allegheny Passage is a 150-mile nonmotorized path over valleys, around mountains, and alongside the Casselman, Youghiogheny, and Monongahela Rivers on a nearly-level, crushed-limestone surface.
Laurel Highlands Hiking Trail	70	Moderate to Difficult	The 70-mile hiking trail stretches along Laurel Mountain from the picturesque Youghiogheny River at Ohiopyle State Park to the Conemaugh Gorge near Johnstown.
Bear Run Nature Reserve	28.5	Moderate to Difficult	The reserve offers hiking trails, backcountry campsites, and hunting and fishing opportunities. Several marked loops take hikers to various corners of the reserve.
Marraff Plantation Trails	2.9	Moderate to Difficult	A loop suitable for hiking families and beginner to expert mountain bikers through Black Bear country. Equestrian use and snowmobiling are permitted on roads only.
Baughman Trail	3.4	Difficult	Divided into Lower and Upper sections by Baughman Rock Overlook, the trails can be accessed from across the GAP from the Middle Yough Boater Take-out and at Baughman Rock Overlook. This steep, rocky trail passes Baughman Rock, a spectacular overlook of the Youghiogheny River Gorge. This trail ends at the Sugarloaf sledding area.
Baughman Rock Connector	0.8	Moderate	This wooded trail connects Sugarloaf Trail to the Baughman trails, near Baughman Rock Overlook.
Beech Loop & Trail	3	Difficult	The short Beech Loop begins and ends at the Kentucky Campground Amphitheater. While passing through a towering forest of American Beech trees, Beech Trail connects Beech Loop and Camp Connector Trail and the GAP.
Betty Knox Trail	1.3	Moderate	A wooded trail connects Tharp Knob Loop to Kentucky Campground.
Burd Trail	1	Easy	The trail loops through diverse habitats and connects Sproul Trail and Chulens Trail. This is a great trail for birding in the spring.
Canyon Edge Trail	1	Moderate	This short and winding loop is wooded and flat. It connects Upper Canyon Edge and McCune trails.
Kim Oriole Trail	1.6	Moderate	A loop trail traverses the forested Sugarloaf Knob.

**TRAILS IN THE MIDDLE YOUGHIOGHENY RIVER MANAGEMENT UNIT (Continued)**

<b>Trail</b>	<b>Distance (miles)</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Description</b>
Ferncliff Trail	1.7	Moderate	This trail hugs the edge of the peninsula near the river's edge and passes Ohiopyle Falls, Washington's Overlook, and Lovers Leap. Hikers pass through an old growth forest of towering hemlocks, White Pines, and a variety of giant oaks. The other Ferncliff Natural Area Trails can be accessed from this trail.
Great Gorge Trail	1.3	Easy	With trailheads at Cucumber Picnic Area and on the north side of the high bridge on the Great Allegheny Passage, this trail follows an old tramway that was used to transport coal from Keister Mine to the railroad. The trail passes through the best spring wildflower area in the park.
Jonathan Run Trail	1.6	Moderate	From the trailhead on Holland Hill Road, this trail crisscrosses Jonathan Run before meeting the Great Allegheny Passage. Small waterfalls are numerous along the trail.
Pressley Ridge Trails	5.5	Difficult	Between Lytle Road and Hyatt Loop are a series of loops that are under development and are poorly marked at this time. They are not recommended for novice trail users.
McCune Trail	3.7	Difficult	McCune Trail runs along the highest ridge in the park through various habitats and rock formations, and passes an overlook. Hikers can see an old springhouse and pond that are evidence of the old McCune homestead as well as remnants of an old stone wall.
Meadow Run Trail	3.2	Moderate	Most of the trail follows Meadow Run, a delightful, rock-strewn creek. Sections of this trail can be a little rocky. To see the Cascades, Flat Rock, and the climbing area, the nearest trailhead is on Dinner Bell Road just east of the intersection with PA 381. The trail can also be accessed from the Meadow Run Natural Waterslides parking lot.
Old Mitchell Trail	2.2	Moderate	From the top of the Old Mitchell Place parking lot, this trail meanders through a variety of habitats including forest and meadow and is excellent for birding in the spring. Eelah Trail splits off to pass Sugar Run Falls and connects to the Great Allegheny Passage.
Sproul Trails	3	Easy	A loop suitable for cross-country skiing in the winter.

**TRAILS IN THE MIDDLE YOUGHIOGHENY RIVER MANAGEMENT UNIT (Continued)**

<b>Trail</b>	<b>Distance (miles)</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Description</b>
Sugarloaf Trail	6	Moderate to Difficult	Upper Sugarloaf Trail begins at the Sugarloaf Snowmobile and Mountain Biking Area by Sugarloaf Knob. This trail descends 800 feet and ends at the Middle Yough Takeout in Ohiopyle. Hikers often combine this with Baughman Trail to make a loop.
Tharp Knob Loop	1	Easy	From the Tharp Knob Picnic Area, this scenic trail travels through an old homestead and leads to Tharp Knob Overlook, which provides an outstanding view of the Borough of Ohiopyle. This trail has several fitness spots along the way with instructions on how to use each stop for aerobic exercise.
Upper Canyon Edge Trail	1.5	Moderate	A rocky, winding trail that connects McCune Trail to Canyon Edge Trail.
Tom Faucet Trail	1	Difficult	This trail connects the Kentucky Campground contact station and the Great Allegheny Passage near the Borough of Ohiopyle. The trail steeply descends a small ravine and traverses a stream along the way. Modern restrooms and water access are available in the Kentucky Campground.
Dead Man's Hollow Conservation Area	6	Moderate	A privately protected conservation area with 450 acres of green space and a rapidly growing trail system.
White Oak Park	8	Moderate	A local park with eight miles of singletrack suitable for beginner and intermediate mountain bikers.

## Indian Creek Management Unit

### TRAILS IN THE INDIAN CREEK MANAGEMENT UNIT

Trail	Miles	Trail Description
Indian Creek Valley Trail	15	This rail-trail includes 10 miles of finished and 5 miles of unfinished trail. The trail is open for four-season use for activities including walking, biking, cross country skiing and snowshoeing. Portions of the Saltlick Township section are plowed in the winter for walking.
Indian Creek ATV	40	Open to club members the trails span over 750 acres.

#### Mountain Streams Trail System

Mountain Streams Trail	7.7	This trail stretches from Tunnel Road to Camp Run Road following parts of the old Blair Brothers Railroad grade.
Pike Run Trail (Jeff Barr Memorial)	1.5	This trail stretches from Route 31 to Camp Run Road following an old spur of the Indian Creek Valley Railroad grade.
Dan Carns Trail	0.5	This is a connector between the Mountain Streams Trail and the Blair Brothers Trail.
Blair Brothers Trail	1.4	This section extends along the Blair Brothers Railroad grade from Route 381 to Hunter Lane.
Hunter Lane	1.4	Hunter Lane is a township road that connects Tabernacle Road with Route 381.

#### Roaring Run Natural Area Trails

North Loop	4.5	This trail is located on the remains of old logging railroad grades and old skid trails.
Painter Rock Trail	1.8	Points of interest along this trail include abandoned fields reverting to forest and a prominent rock break offering numerous vistas of the Roaring Run Valley.
Roaring Run Trail	3.3	Located in the heart of the Natural Area, this trail follows Roaring Run for most of its length. The main portion of this trail is located on an old logging railroad grade.
South Loop Trail	1.9	Most of this trail is located on old logging roads and skid trails.
Birch Rock Trail	0.7	This trail provides access to Birch Rocks and during periods of leaf-off the ski slopes at Seven Springs Resort are visible.
McKenna Trail	2.8	This trail connects the Route 31 parking lot to the heart of the Natural Area.
Hillside Trail	1.3	This trail connects Firetower Road to Painter Rock Road.
Tower Road Trail	1.4	

(Source: Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry)

