

SUMMERSVILLE and SURROUNDING AREA TRAIL GUIDE

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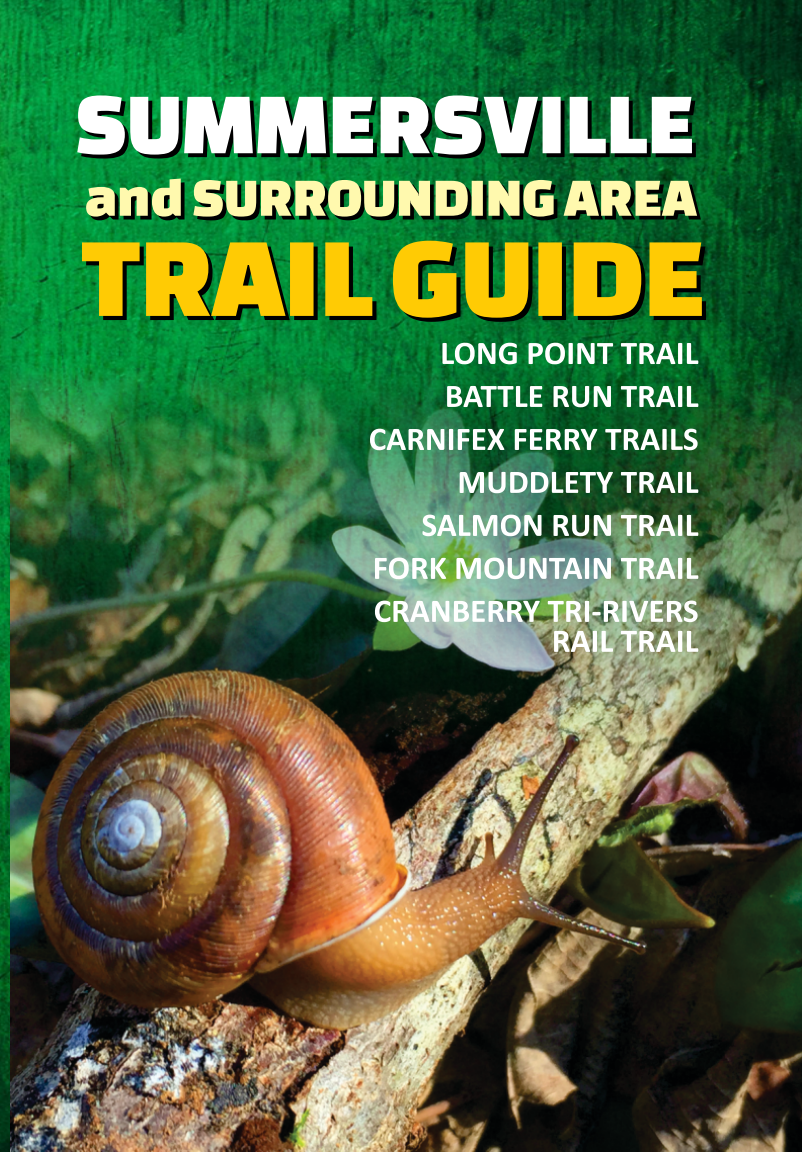
SALMON RUN TRAIL

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THE SUMMERSVILLE and SURROUNDING AREA TRAIL GUIDE

This guide showcases some of the best trails the area has to offer. When out on the trail, consider jotting a few thoughts, identify interesting sites along the way, and of course, take beautiful photos. We would love for you to share your efforts and help us improve the next version of this guide!

Post your photos on Instagram at #hikinginNicholasCounty and tag us on Facebook at SummersvilleConventionandVisitorsBureau.

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TIPS FOR NEW HIKERS

- ▶ **Check the weather** - Make sure oncoming foul weather does not ruin your hiking experience.
- ▶ **Wear comfortable hiking shoes.**
- ▶ **Tell a friend or family when / where you are going.**
- ▶ **Hike with a friend.**
- ▶ **Watch your time** - get home before dark.
- ▶ **Consider carrying a few items, just in case:**
 - Compass
 - Sun Protection - Sunscreen, Hat, Sunglasses
 - Flashlight
 - First-Aid (a small kit may come in handy.)
 - Food for Energy - Dried Fruit, Nuts, or an Energy Bar.
 - Water - Make sure you stay hydrated. Carry 1 quart of water for every two hours of activity.
 - Whistle - If you get lost, blowing a whistle may lead someone to you quickly.
 - For longer hikes, consider taking along matches or a lighter, extra clothing and some light shelter.

**Please take out
everything you bring
in. Help us keep our
trails beautiful.**



LONG POINT TRAIL

- **Approximately 3.75 miles round trip**
- **Easy to Moderate difficulty**

This trail is located just South of Summersville with easy access from Rt. 19. Long Point Trail leads through a forest of hardwoods where there are many opportunities to see wild turkey, deer and beautiful rhododendrons. The trail ends at a tall cliff overlooking Summersville Lake. This is one of the most breathtaking views in Summersville ANY time of the year.

DIRECTIONS: From Rt. 19, turn at Summersville Lake and Airport Road exit just outside of Summersville. Go approximately 2.5 miles. You will pass Mountain Lake Campground and then Summersville Airport and easily see the trail entrance (marked with a sign).



BATTLE RUN TRAIL

- **Approximately 6.5 miles round trip**
- **Moderate difficulty**

This trail is located just southwest of Summersville with access from Rt. 19. It runs approximately 3.2 miles along the water and through a wooded area and ending in a view across the lake of Battle Run Campground. There are many scenic spots for a picnic along the way and beautiful views of Summersville Lake.

DIRECTIONS: From Rt. 19, turn West onto Rt. 129. Go approximately 3.6 miles. At about 1 mile, you will see Long Point Scenic Overlook on the right, it's worth a stop. You will then cross Summersville Dam and see a nice park for a picnic on the right. Continue on and turn left at Battle Run Recreation Area. A set of steps leads to the trail just inside the entrance on the left. There is parking on the right.



CARNIFEX FERRY TRAILS

There are 3 trails with easy access at Carnifex Ferry Battlefield State Park:

- PATTERSON TRAIL
- PIERSON HOLLOW TRAIL
- OLD FERRY TRAIL

DIRECTIONS TO THE PARK:

From Rt. 19, turn West onto Rt. 129.

Go approximately 5 miles, crossing Summersville Dam. Continue on past Battle Run Recreation Area. Turn left onto Carnifex Ferry Road to the park entrance.



WHILE YOU'RE AT THE PARK – Spend time with family at the playgrounds and picnic areas. Take in the view of the beautiful Gauley River at the park overview and experience rich Civil War history at the Patterson Museum.



PATTERSON TRAIL

- **Approximately 2 miles**
- **Moderate difficulty**

This trail loops around Carnifex Ferry Battlefield State Park. Visitors can enjoy views of the Gauley River and experience more Civil War history.

DIRECTIONS: There are several entrances to Patterson Trail in the park, and if you follow the entire loop, you will find them all. One of the more common entrances is to the right of the Patterson House Museum. Another entrance can be found at the scenic overlook of the Gauley River near the parking area inside the park.