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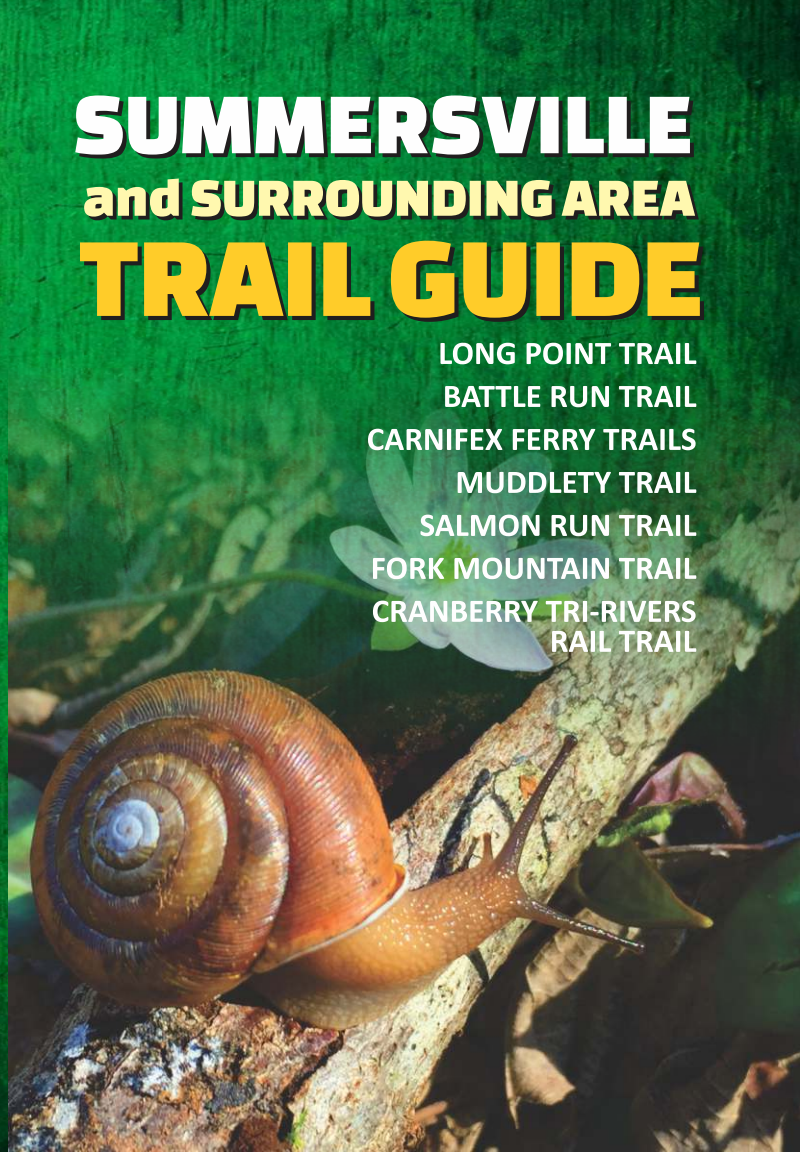
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THE SUMMERSVILLE and SURROUNDING AREA TRAIL GUIDE

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.**

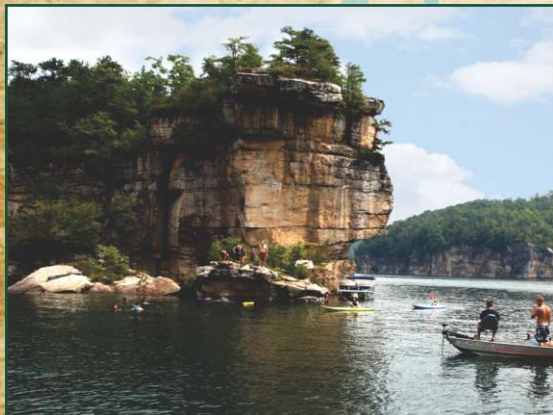


LONG POINT TRAIL

- **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

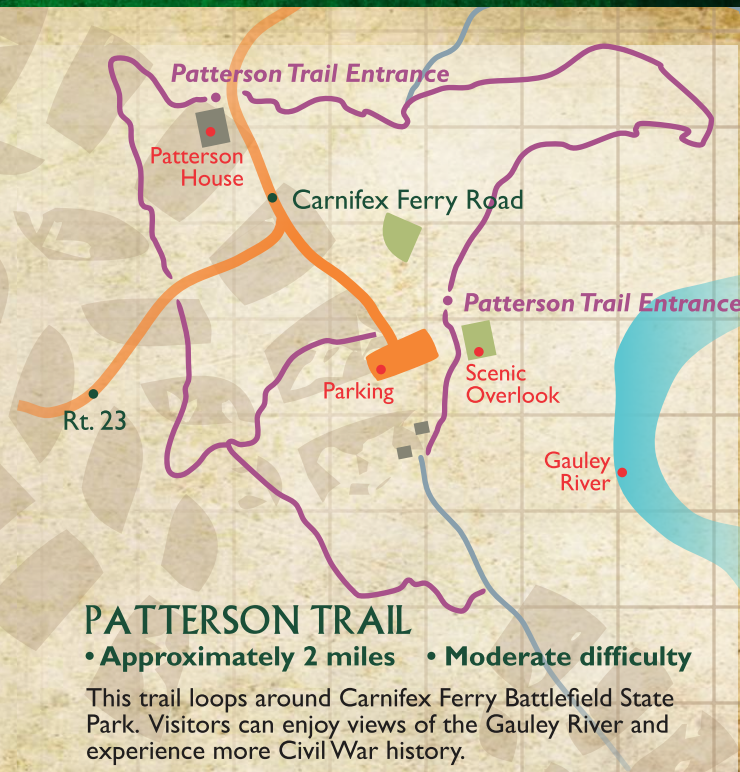
DIRECTIONS TO THE PARK:

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 overlook 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.

PIERSON HOLLOW TRAIL

- Approximately .5 mile
- Moderate difficulty

This is a short trail that heads a little deeper into the forest area. There are many rock formations along this .5 mile trail. The area along the trail is known for a "friendly fire" incident among the units of the Union army during the Civil War.

DIRECTIONS: Park at the Patterson House Museum. Cross the street and head down across the field. You will see an entrance to Patterson Trail. Follow Patterson Trail. Access to Pierson Hollow Trail is a short distance further on the left.



OLD FERRY ROAD

- Approximately .25 mile
- Easy difficulty

This trail is approximately .25 miles and traces the Confederate line of retreat during the Civil War. Hikers can continue on a trail into the Gauley River National Recreational Area for an additional 1.5 miles.

DIRECTIONS: Once you reach the parking area just beside the playground, walk on foot toward Shelter #4. The entrance is between Shelter #3 and Shelter #4.

There are 4 Geocaches within 1 mile of Carnifex Ferry



MUDDLETY TRAIL

- Approximately 3.5 miles round trip
- Moderate difficulty

With three and a half miles of trail under a canopy of mature trees, this trail is an easy walk with picnic facilities at the Jones Hole area. Muddlety Creek runs along the trail. Bridges make water crossing very easy and there are numerous opportunities to see wildlife and beautiful wild orchids. Several historic sites are found along the trail including Starbuck Textile Mill and Campbell Power Plant.

TWO ENTRANCES TO THIS TRAIL:

#1 - From Rt. 19, turn East on Rt. 39.
Go approximately .25 miles to find the entrance to the trail on the left. There is parking available.

#2 - From Rt. 19, turn East on Rt. 41.
Go approximately a half mile to find the scenic entrance to Muddlety Trail. Parking and a convenient picnic area.



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SALMON RUN TRAIL

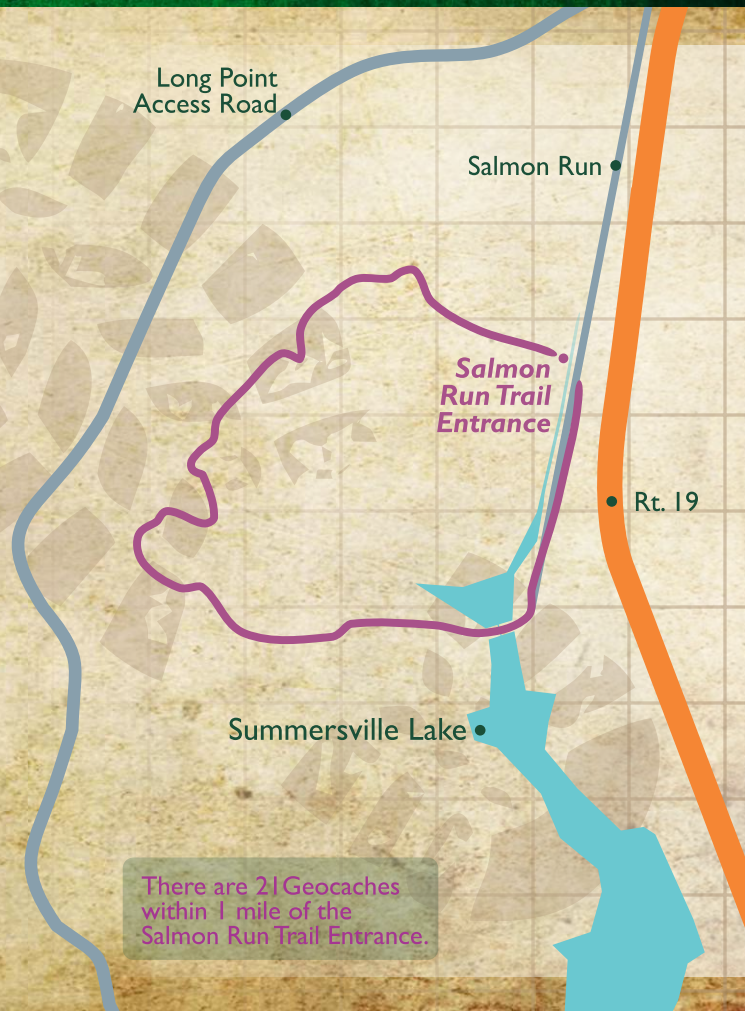
- **Approximately 6.5 miles round trip**
- **Moderate difficulty**

Located just south of Summersville and easily accessible from Rt. 19, Salmon Run is well maintained and passes through fields and forest areas. Along the way you'll find a rock wall, wooden bridge and an old cemetery plus several old homesteads.

DIRECTIONS: From Rt. 19, turn at Summersville Lake and Airport Road exit just outside of Summersville.

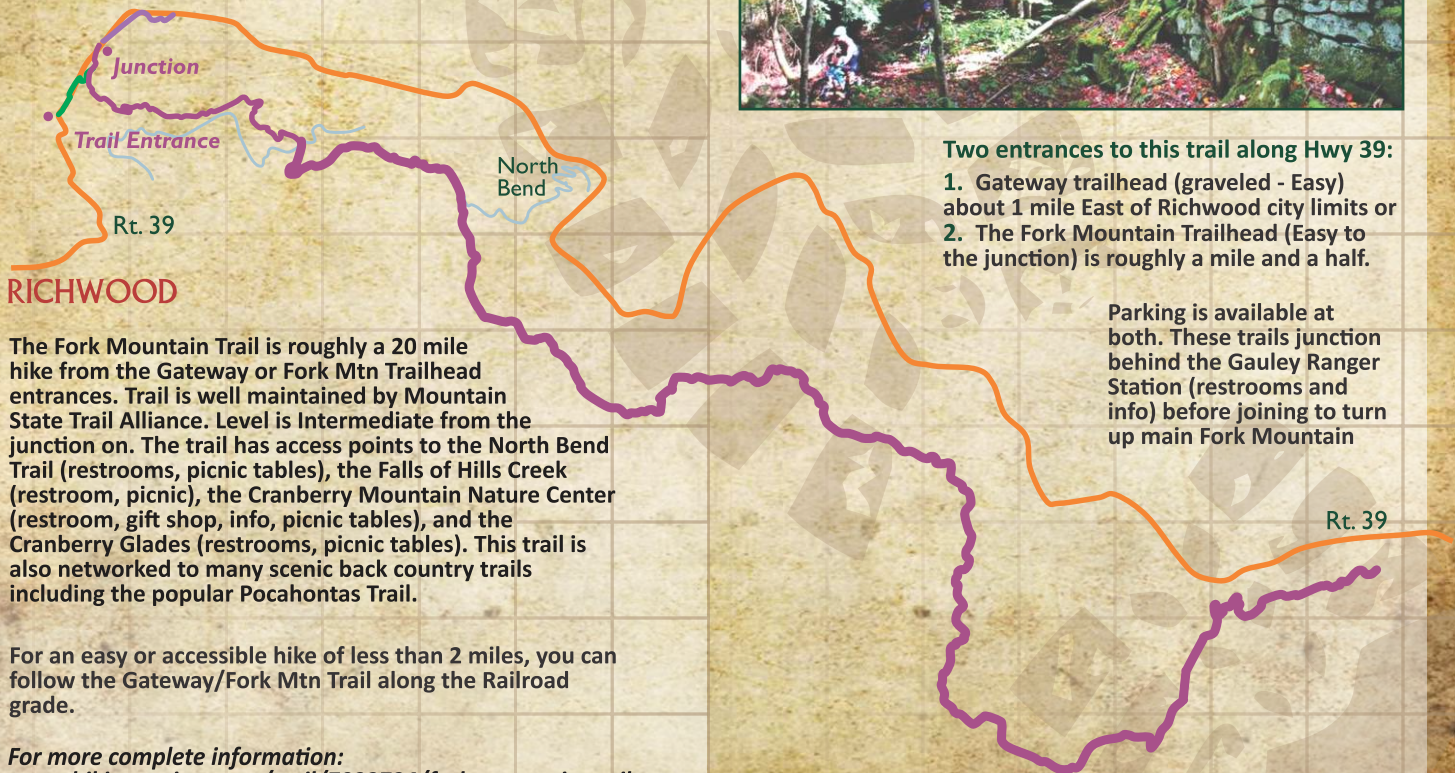
Take an immediate left onto Salmon Run.

Go approximately half a mile. You will see a small bridge on the right that leads to the entrance of the trail. There is parking on the left of the road.



FORK MOUNTAIN TRAIL

- Approximately 20 miles
- Intermediate difficulty



Two entrances to this trail along Hwy 39:

1. Gateway trailhead (graveled - Easy) about 1 mile East of Richwood city limits or
2. The Fork Mountain Trailhead (Easy to the junction) is roughly a mile and a half.

Parking is available at both. These trails junction behind the Gauley Ranger Station (restrooms and info) before joining to turn up main Fork Mountain

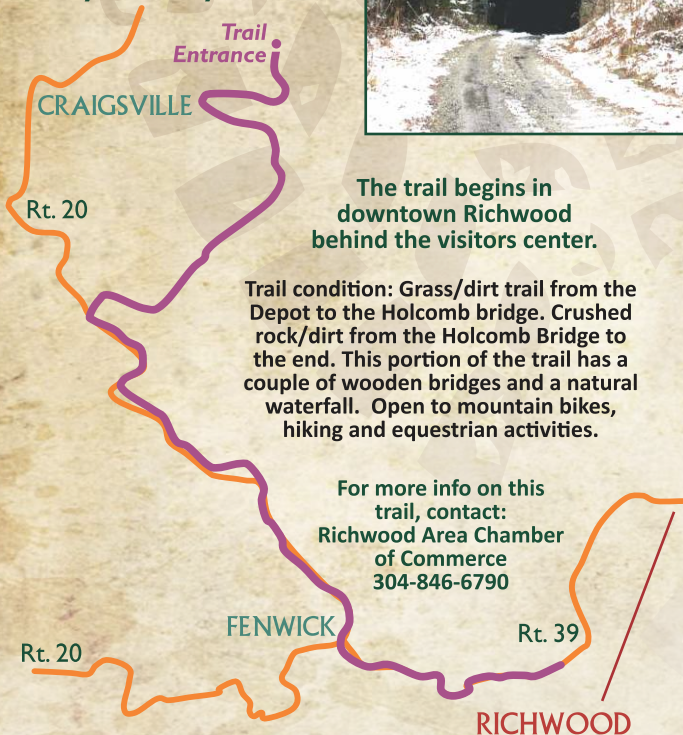
The Fork Mountain Trail is roughly a 20 mile hike from the Gateway or Fork Mtn Trailhead entrances. Trail is well maintained by Mountain State Trail Alliance. Level is Intermediate from the junction on. The trail has access points to the North Bend Trail (restrooms, picnic tables), the Falls of Hills Creek (restroom, picnic), the Cranberry Mountain Nature Center (restroom, gift shop, info, picnic tables), and the Cranberry Glades (restrooms, picnic tables). This trail is also networked to many scenic back country trails including the popular Pocahontas Trail.

For an easy or accessible hike of less than 2 miles, you can follow the Gateway/Fork Mtn Trail along the Railroad grade.

For more complete information:
www.hikingproject.com/trail/7032724/fork-mountain-trail

CRANBERRY TRI-RIVERS RAIL TRAIL

- Approximately 16 miles
- Easy difficulty



The trail begins in downtown Richwood behind the visitors center.

Trail condition: Grass/dirt trail from the Depot to the Holcomb bridge. Crushed rock/dirt from the Holcomb Bridge to the end. This portion of the trail has a couple of wooden bridges and a natural waterfall. Open to mountain bikes, hiking and equestrian activities.

For more info on this trail, contact:
Richwood Area Chamber of Commerce
304-846-6790

WHILE YOU ARE VISITING...

- Enjoy Summersville Lake with swimming, boating, scuba diving and rock climbing.
- Climb the Summersville Lake Lighthouse.
- Experience Civil War history while enjoying the Carnifex Ferry Battlefield State Park. The Patterson House Museum is a must see.
- Visit Kirkwood Winery
- Enjoy a round or two of golf at Nicholas Memorial Golf Course.
- Hotels, cabin rentals, camping under the stars and restaurants to fit any budget.
- Browse the many shops for antiques and primitives.
- Take a drive to Richwood and enjoy restaurants, shops, fishing and more!



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