

WELCOME TO NEW RIVER TRAIL STATE PARK.

To make your visit safe and more pleasant, we ask that you observe the following:

Take only pictures, leave only footprints. Park in designated areas only. Please note there is a parking fee charged year-round at all Virginia State Parks. Self-pay parking information is available at the contact station.

**PRESERVE** — Help preserve your park. Please don't cut or mar any plants or trees. Collecting animal or plant life is allowed only for scientific purposes by permit from the Richmond headquarters. Don't feed any wild animals.

**ALCOHOL** - State law permits alcohol use only in private areas (inside your cabin or camping unit) or in areas designated on permits issued by the Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

**PETS** - Pets are permitted in enclosed areas or on a leash no longer than 6 feet. Please clean up after your pet. Pets must be attended at all times.

**DRONES AND OTHER AIRCRAFT** - Drones, other unmanned aerial vehicles, including remote control aircraft, and aircraft in general may not be flown in state parks pursuant to 4VAC5-30-400.

**LITTER** - Please help us keep the park clean by placing litter and recyclables in the proper receptacles and recycle centers or carrying out your trash. The releasing of balloons is not allowed. Decorative balloons must be deflated and disposed of as trash.

**FIRE** - Help prevent wildfires. Fires must be confined to grills, camp stoves or designated fire rings. Fires must be attended at all times and extinguished when left. Firewood is generally available for purchase at the park. Campers and guests may collect only downed and dead firewood. We enforce all seasonal and emergency bans on open fires.

**POLLUTION** - Help reduce pollution. Please use trash cans or dumpsters where available.

**SWIMMING** - There are no designated swimming areas in the park. Swimming or wading may be hazardous due to swift currents, sudden drop offs and unseen obstructions.

**FISHING** - A Virginia freshwater fishing license is required.

**GUESTS** - Your guests are our guests. For everyone's safety and security, please register all visitors with the park office or camp store. Visitors will not be admitted to camping and cabin areas unless so identified. Visitors are permitted only between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m.

**QUIET HOURS** - Quiet hours are between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. The use of generators is prohibited at all times.

CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT POLICY		
Camping:	Check-in 4 p.m.	Check-out 1 p.m.

In many cases, campers may be accommodated prior to the official check-in. Please remember that only those 18 or older may register. The registrant is responsible for all occupants of the campsite. Feel free to arrive early and enjoy park amenities prior to check-in.

Overnight guests are encouraged to be familiar with the early departure policy since it impacts any refund due. The policy and frequently asked questions are here: [www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/faq](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/faq).

**CAMPING** - Camping is allowed only in designated campgrounds and only after following the proper check-in procedure described in the Reservation and Fees Guide available at the park office.

Campsite occupancy is a maximum of six people or the number of people in a single household. Two camping units are allowed per campsite. All camping units and equipment must be placed within the perimeter of the designated campsite without infringing on adjoining campsites or vegetation.

The maximum overnight stay per park is 14 days in any 30-day period.

**PARKING** - Only two motor vehicles are permitted on a campsite without incurring additional fees. Those with additional vehicles must pay a parking fee for each day the vehicle is in the park. Primitive, canoe-in and hike-in sites may have specific parking restrictions. All vehicles must be parked in designated areas. Lock valuables in your trunk and keep your vehicle locked when unattended.

**GROUP EVENTS** - A special use permit is required for all group events that involve amplified sound, catering, equipment rentals and vendor deliveries.

**PARK ACCESSIBILITY** - We strive to make each park as barrier-free as possible. Universally accessible facilities are available throughout Virginia State Parks.

**EMERGENCY** - Emergency phone numbers are posted at contact stations, kiosks, trail heads and other places in the park. For medical or fire emergencies dial 9-1-1. For other assistance dial 800-933-7275: for law enforcement or facility emergencies press 1; to reach the on-duty ranger press 2.

**INFORMATION** - For more information on Virginia State Parks or to make a cabin or campsite reservation, call 800-933-PARK or visit [www.virginiastateparks.gov](http://www.virginiastateparks.gov).

TRAIL INFORMATION  
DIFFICULTY SCALE

- EASY** ● - From .5 to 1 mile; grades are short, typically fewer than 100 feet and less than 10 percent of the trail length; easily accomplished by all users, including the elderly and those with physical or mental disabilities, with little risk of injury or fatigue.
- MODERATE** ■ - From 1 to 5 miles; steepness and grade lengths vary; at least 60 percent of the length is fairly flat; healthy people can accomplish the trail with little risk of injury or fatigue.
- DIFFICULT** ◆ - Trail length is greater than 5 miles; more than 70 percent of the trail is on a grade; experienced hikers only or groups of three to five people recommended; there is a risk of overexertion or injury to those not conditioned.

**PARTIAL CLOSURES DUE TO HURRICANE DAMAGE INDICATED ON TRAIL MAP. FOR GUEST SAFETY AS WELL AS THE SAFETY OF DCR STAFF AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE WORKERS, VISITORS SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO ACCESS ANY SECTIONS OF THE TRAIL THAT ARE CLOSED.**

Virginia State Parks

New River Trail  
State Park

TRAIL  
GUIDE

VIRGINIA STATE PARKS ARE A TONIC  
FOR THE MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT.  
Museums, visitor centers and  
nearby historic sites make state  
parks cultural treasures.  
  
The recreational opportunities in  
state parks are endless and easy to  
see – from swimming and boating  
to horseshoes and hiking, there's  
always something to do in a  
Virginia State Park.  
  
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Max Meadows, Virginia 24360  
276-699-6778  
[newrivertrail@dcr.virginia.gov](mailto:newrivertrail@dcr.virginia.gov)  
 

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New River Trail State Park

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Miles

NORTH

- Biking Trail
- Boat Ramp
- Campground
- Discovery Center
- Gift Shop
- Hiking Trail
- Horse Amenity
- Horse Trailer \*
- Park Office / Information
- Picnic Area
- Picnic Shelter
- Playground
- Potable Water
- Restroom
- Tunnel

\* Horse trailer parking is only allowed in the horse trailer parking sites.

P# indicates milage from Pulaski access.

- Restroom
- Horse Trailer
- Picnic Shelter
- Potable Water
- Campground

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Segment	Mileage	Usage	Difficulty	Access
Galax to Cliffview	2.2	H, B, E	●	A
Cliffview to Chestnut Yard	4.0	H, B, E	●	A
Chestnut Yard to Gambetta	3.2	H, B, E	●	A
Gambetta to Fries Junction	2.5	H, B, E	●	A
Fries Junction to Fries	5.5	H, B, E	●	A
Fries Junction to Byllesby Dam	2.5	H, B, E	●	A
Byllesby Dam to Buck Dam	2.6	H, B, E	●	A
Buck Dam to Ivanhoe	3.1	H, B, E	●	A
Ivanhoe to Austinville	2.8	H, B, E	●	A
Austinville to Shot Tower	3.6	H, B, E	●	A
Shot Tower to Foster Falls	1.2	H, B, E	●	A
Foster Falls to Lone Ash	5.0	H, B, E	●	A
Lone Ash to Allisonia	6.4	H, B, E	●	A
Allisonia to Hiwassee	2.4	H, B, E	●	A
Hiwassee to Draper	4.0	H, B, E	■	A
Draper to Dora Junction	4.2	H, B, E	■	A
H = Hiking B = Biking E = Equestrian A = Handicap Accessible				
● = Easy ■ = Moderate ◆ = Difficult				

Trail	Blaze	Mileage	Usage	Difficulty
Miner's Loop	Teal	1.1	H, B	■
Hercules	Green	0.15	H, B	●
Umber	Yellow	0.2	H, B	■
Hoover's Downhill	Tan	0.2	H, B	■
Pigment	Orange	1.1	H, B	■
Highline Loop	Blue	0.3	H, B	■
Paint Mine	Red	0.1	H, B	●
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Hoover Mountain Bike Area Trail Map

NORTH

To Foster Falls

To Pulaski

Allisonia Parking Lot

Julia Simpkins Road

Miner's Loop Trail

Hoover Parking Lot

New River Trail

Park Boundary

Hercules Trail

Miner's Loop Trail

High Line Loop Trail

Paint Mine Trail

Pigment Trail

Hoover's Downhill Trail

Umber Trail

Hoover's Downhill Trail

Pigment Trail

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Trail Legend

Parking Lot

New River Trail

Hoover Boundary

0 0.05 0.1 0.2 Miles