

HIKING: 83 miles

The hiking trails at Ohiopyle showcase the spectacular scenery of the Laurel Highlands. There are a wide variety of hiking trails from short day hikes to challenging backpacking trips. When hiking, always wear sturdy shoes, and bring a map, snacks, and water. Trail use is indicated by blaze color: red–multi-use, yellow–hiking only, blue–skiing and hiking. Each trail is also marked with a medallion color.

Visitors Center Area Trails

Recreations permitted: hiking only

These trailheads are all within walking distance of the Ohiopyle State Park Office and Laurel Highlands Falls Area Visitor Center. Many of these trails are within or surround the Ferncliff National Natural Area which is preserved for its unique flora, including old growth hardwood groves.

Buffalo Nut Trail: 0.1 mile | **More difficult hiking** | **Connector trail** | **Blue medallions**

This short trail connects Ferncliff Trail to Oakwoods Trail.

Cucumber Falls Trail: 0.5 mile | **More difficult hiking** | **Out-and-back trail** | **White medallions**

This trail leads from the visitor center to Cucumber Falls, traveling along the river. This scenic, yet difficult trail travels along Entrance Rapid, giving a great view of the river and boaters. The trail then leads through a mature hemlock forest, hiking over natural rock terrain on the way to Cucumber Falls. This trail is susceptible to flooding.

Ferncliff Trail: 1.7 miles | **More difficult hiking** | **Loop trail** | **Green medallions**

This trail passes Ohiopyle Falls, Washington’s Overlook, and Lover’s Leap. Hikers travel through an old growth forest of towering hemlocks, white pines, and a variety of giant oaks.

Fernwood Trail: 0.4 mile | **Easiest hiking** | **Connector trail** | **Orange medallions**

A mature forest and the remnants of the Ferncliff Hotel can be seen along this trail.

Great Allegheny Passage (GAP): 27 miles in the park, 150 miles total | **Easiest hiking** | **Point-to-point trail** | **Mile markers**

This ADA accessible rail trail, once the railroad from the Western Maryland Railroad, is suitable for all ages and most recreations. See the **Bicycling** section on reverse side for more information.

Great Gorge Trail: 1.8 miles | **Easiest hiking** | **Out-and-back trail** | **Black medallions**

This trail follows an old tramway that was used to transport coal from Keister Mine to the railroad and passes through the best spring wildflower area in the park.

Lower Baughman Trail: 1.8 miles | **Most difficult hiking** | **Out-and-back trail** | **Yellow medallions**

This steep, rocky section of trail leads from Ohiopyle to Baughman Rock, a spectacular overlook.

Meadow Run Trail System: 2.9 miles | **More difficult hiking** | **Out-and-back or Loop trails** | **Green medallions**

Most of the trail follows Meadow Run, a delightful, rock-strewn creek. The Cascades, Flat Rock, and the climbing area can be accessed from the trailhead on Dinnerbell Road. The Meadow Run Waterslides parking lot provides access to the other end of the trail.

Oakwoods Trail: 0.5 mile | **Easiest hiking** | **Connector trail** | **Black medallions**

This trail passes through an old growth oak forest on the ridge of the peninsula.



Kentuck Campground Area Trails

Recreations permitted: hiking only

Beech Loop: 0.8 mile | **Easiest hiking** | **Loop trail** | **Black medallions**

This short hike travels through a variety of habitats including mature forest and old field.

Beech Trail: 2.1 miles | **Most difficult hiking** | **Connector Trail** | **Black medallions**

This trail leads through a towering forest of American beech trees.

Burd Loop: 0.8 mile | **Easiest hiking** | **Loop trail** | **Black medallions**

This trail loops through diverse habitats and is great for birding in the spring.

Chulens Trail: 0.3 mile | **Easiest hiking** | **Connector trail** | **Orange medallions**

This trail passes through a variety of habitats and an old homestead.

Jackson Trail: 0.2 mile | **Easiest hiking** | **Connector trail** | **Black medallions**

This very short trail connects the campground amphitheater to the overflow parking lot.

Kentuck Trail: 0.8 mile | **Most difficult hiking** | **Out-and-back trail** | **Green medallions**

This steep trail connects Kentuck Campground and Jonathan Run Trail to the GAP.

Sprout Loop: 1.2 miles | **More difficult hiking** | **Loop trail** | **Blue medallions**

This trail winds through forest, meadow, and wetland habitats. In the spring, birding is popular along this trail.

Tom Faucet Trail: 1.1 miles | **Most difficult hiking** | **Out-and-back trail** | **White medallions**

Connecting the Kentuck Campground contact station and the Great Allegheny Passage, this trail steeply descends a small ravine and traverses a stream along the way.

Old Mitchell Place Area Trails

Recreations permitted: hiking and as designated on the map

Eelah Trail: 0.7 mile | **Most difficult hiking** | **Connector trail** | **Black medallions**

This steep trail passes Sugar Run Falls before connecting to the GAP.

Old Mitchell Loop: 2.2 miles | **Easiest hiking** | **Loop trail** | **Blue medallions**

This trail meanders through a variety of habitats including forest and meadow and is excellent for birding in the spring.

Sugar Run Trail: 1.5 miles | **Most difficult hiking** | **Out-and-back trail** | **Yellow medallions**

This steep trail starts at Old Mitchell Place Parking Area and steadily descends until connecting to Jonathan Run Trail.

Sugarloaf Recreation Area Trails

Recreations permitted: hiking, mountain biking, and other uses as designated on the map

In the southeast area of the park, the trails provide many year-round recreational opportunities. Non-flush restrooms and picnic tables are at the trailhead.

Baughman Rock Connector: 0.4 mile | **Easiest hiking** | **Connector trail** | **Red medallions**

This wooded trail connects Sugarloaf trails to the Baughman trails and leads to Baughman Overlook.

Canyon Edge Trail: 0.8 mile | **Easiest hiking** | **Loop trail** | **Yellow medallions**

This short, flat loop winds through the forest.

Hall Loop: 0.9 mile | **More difficult hiking** | **Loop trail** | **White medallions**

This loop ascends to the top of the sledding hill and passes through a variety of habitats.

Hyatt Connector and Loop: 1.1 miles | **More difficult hiking** | **Connector trails** | **Yellow medallions**

These trails traverse the Sugarloaf wildlife food plot areas and pass through varied habitats including open meadow.

Lower Canyon Edge Trail: 2.2 miles | **Easiest hiking** | **Connector trail** | **Blue medallions**

This easy trail connects Canyon Edge Trail to Upper Sugarloaf Trail.

Lower Sugarloaf Trail: 3.5 miles | **Most difficult hiking** | **Out-and-back trail** | **Blue medallions**

This multi-use trail descends 800 feet in elevation and ends at the Middle Yough Take-out in Ohiopyle.

McCune Trail: 3.7 miles | **More difficult hiking** | **Loop trail** | **White medallions**

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 McCune Homestead.

Oriole Trail: 1.7 miles | **More difficult hiking** | **Loop trail** | **Yellow medallions**

This loop trail is accessible from the Sugarloaf parking lot and traverses the forested Sugarloaf Knob.

Sarver Loop: 1.0 mile | **More difficult hiking** | **Loop trail** | **Blue medallions**

This loop is accessed via Hall Loop. When combined, they create a moderate, 2-mile loop.

Upper Baughman Trail: 1.2 miles | **More difficult hiking** | **Out-and-back trail** | **Yellow medallions**

This trail travels through rock outcrops as it hugs the edge of the Youghiogheny River Gorge.

Upper Canyon Edge Trail: 1.2 miles | **Easiest hiking** | **Connector trail** | **Yellow medallions**

This easy trail connects McCune Trail to Canyon Edge Trail.

Upper Sugarloaf Trail: 2.0 miles | **Most difficult hiking** | **Loop Trail** | **Blue medallions**

Upper Sugarloaf Trail begins at the Sugarloaf Recreational Area by Sugarloaf Knob.

Woodrat Trail: 0.5 mile | **Easiest hiking** | **Connector trail** | **Orange medallions**

This short trail connects Lower Canyon Edge to Upper Baughman Trail.

Other Park Trails

Recreations permitted: hiking and other uses as designated on the map

Betty Knox Trail: 1.3 miles | **Easiest hiking** | **Connector Trail** | **Orange medallions**

This multi-use trail connects Tharp Knob Loop to Kentuck Campground and Tom Faucet Trail.

Jonathan Run Trail: 1.6 miles | **Easiest hiking** | **Out-and-back trail** | **White medallions**

This trail is the easiest access to Sugar Run Falls via the GAP and Eelah trails.

Laurel Highlands Hiking Trail (LLHT): 6.3 miles in the park, 70 miles total | **Most difficult hiking** | **Point-to-point trail** | **Mile markers**

Ohiopyle serves as the southern terminus for the Laurel Highlands Hiking Trail. The trail is open for year-round hiking and backpacking. The portion of the trail within Ohiopyle State Park is very strenuous and rocky hiking. Hikers are rewarded for their efforts as they pass beautiful overlooks and creeks.

Reservations for backpack camping are required in advance by calling 888-PA-PARKS or online at www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks.

Pressley Ridge Trail: 4.2 miles | **More difficult hiking** | **Out-and-back trail** | **Red medallions**

This multi-use trail connects Hyatt Loop to the Pressley Ridge gate. It is under development and poorly marked at this time.

Tharp Knob Loop: 0.9 mile | **Easiest hiking** | **Loop trail** | **Green medallions**

This scenic trail travels through an old homestead and leads to Tharp Knob Overlook, which provides an outstanding view of the Borough of Ohiopyle and Yough River Gorge.

