

is part of the North Country National Scenic Trail (NCT). The trail begins at the Alpha Pass scenic vista and follows the east bank of Slippery Rock Creek. There is an exit to the Point Parking Area or the trail follows the creek to the historic mill.

difficult hiking

large mature hemlock trees all year, and an abundance of wildflowers in the spring. The trail follows along the eastern banks of Slippery Rock Creek to a short creek crossing at Cheeseman Run, ending with a steep climb through large boulders to the falls. The trail ends at the base of the falls. This is an out and back trail, it does not loop

hiking

twice crosses Hell Run on its way to a lime kiln and Hells Hollow Falls. Although the main trail is smooth and level, the section by the waterfall can be slippery.

KILDOO TRAIL: 3-mile loop, yellow blazes, more difficult hiking

Kildoo Trail is south of the historic gristmill and begins at either end of the covered bridge. On the eastern bank, the trail begins with a 400-yard easier section to the Kildoo Falls, which then leads to rocky terrain on the remaining section to Eckert Bridge. Hikers cross Slippery Rock Creek at Eckert Bridge and continue on the west bank upstream to the covered bridge. The western section of the trail has

SLIPPERY ROCK GORGE TRAIL: 6.2 miles, blue blazes,

Part of the NCT, Slippery Rock Gorge Trail begins jointly with Hells Hollow Trail at the Hells Hollow parking lot. The gorge trail splits off just before the second footbridge. The first two miles of the trail follows the upper Hell Run Valley. The rest of the trail follows the Slippery Rock Creek Gorge north for just over four miles to Eckert Bridge. At about the 3.5-mile point, the trail descends into the deepest part of the gorge. This broad alluvial flood plain is known as Walnut Flats. The trail then becomes more difficult, traversing very steep terrain. At the 5-mile point, the trail climbs in elevation through a forested area before dropping down to creek level where it follows

Hikers should allow a minimum of six hours to hike to Eckert Bridge and back. This is not a loop trail. If you only plan a one-way trip, please set up a shuttle. Many hikers have become lost after nightfall from underestimating the length of the hike. Mobile phone reception is poor in this area.