

TRAILS: 15 miles



Photo by Ron Bruner

**HIKING:** Trails within the park have yellow blazes with signs at intersections.

**Beltz Trail: 2.75 miles, more difficult hiking**  
Beltz Trail follows an old road grade from Jones Mill Run Road to Buck Run Road and provides access to many of the park's trails as well as several on Forbes State Forest.

**Bobcat Trail: 1 mile, most difficult hiking**  
This rugged and remote trail, through a tunnel of thick mountain laurel, offers opportunities to view wildlife between Beltz Trail and Buck Run Road. The trail crosses Buck Run in numerous places that do not have foot bridges.

**Copper Kettle Trail: 1.25 miles, easiest hiking**  
This family-friendly bike trail meanders along the western shoreline of Laurel Hill Lake. It connects Old Mill Picnic Area to the Beach Picnic Area and the campground. It provides excellent fishing access, and allows visitors to explore the park without using a vehicle.

**Hemlock Trail: 1.2 miles, more difficult hiking**  
Narrow at times and running along steep banks in places, this trail looping through the six-acre Hemlock Natural Area is comprised of old growth Eastern hemlock trees along a portion of Laurel Hill Creek.

**Lake Trail: 1.75 miles, most difficult hiking**  
This scenic trail winds along Laurel Hill Creek and follows the eastern shore of Laurel Hill Lake. It is a steep, narrow, sloping path and is slippery in places.

**Martz Trail: 1 mile, easiest hiking**  
This wide trail passes through several forest ecosystems between Beltz Trail and Buck Run Road and provides the widest variety of tree species during fall foliage.

**Pumphouse Trail: 1.6 miles, easiest hiking**  
A slow, gradual incline leads from the Pumphouse Trail parking lot along a wide path to the Jones Mill Run Dam. Benches and large rocks provide a resting place where visitors can enjoy this scenic historic site built by the Civilian Conservation Corps.

**Ridge Trail: 1.5 miles, more difficult hiking**  
This wide, grassy trail between Jones Mill Run Road and the Beach Area is often used as a wildlife corridor. It offers the best opportunity for chance encounters with wildlife and viewing animal tracks and traces.

**Shay Trail: 0.5 mile, easiest hiking**  
This trail pays homage to the Shay locomotives that traversed Laurel Hill Creek Valley during the logging of the early 1900s. It connects Ridge, Tram Road, and Pumphouse trails.

**Tram Road Trail: 1.7 miles, more difficult hiking**  
This trail follows the general course of the logging railroad that traversed Laurel Hill State Park and Jones Mill Run in the early 1900s.

**Water Line Trail: 0.6 mile, more difficult hiking**  
An uphill grade from the Pumphouse Trail Parking Lot, this trail is perfect for viewing geologic features such as the lepidodendron fossils common to the park.

- For a Safe Hike:**
- Wear sturdy shoes to protect your feet.
  - Carry the proper safety equipment, like a first aid kit and a poncho.
  - Stay on the trail. If you hike off trail, you could become lost or damage fragile habitat.
  - Carry drinking water. DO NOT drink from streams, springs, or lakes without properly treating the water first.
  - Tell someone where you are going and when you will return.

**MOUNTAIN BIKING:** Ridge, Beltz, Martz, Pumphouse, Shay, Waterline, and Copper Kettle trails are all open to mountain biking. Beltz Trail connects to several trails in Forbes State Forest that are also open to mountain biking.

