



LOCATED JUST SEVEN MILES SOUTH of Charleston, this **Kanawha State Forest's** close proximity to the heavily populated Kanawha Valley has made it a recreational haven. Some of the state's most popular picnic areas are here, along with significant hiking and mountain biking opportunities. Kanawha's swimming pool and playground attract families during the summer season, and the fully equipped campground is one of the few in the Charleston area.

The 9,300-acre forest is noted among naturalists for its diverse wildflower and bird populations. Rich cove forest sites provide nesting habitat for 19 species of wood warblers, a feature that draws birders from as far away as Canada.



RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Swimming

- Outdoor pool
- Open weekends from Memorial Day to Labor Day and most weekdays from mid-June through mid-August. Call for hours or visit the forest's website.

Hiking

- 25 miles of trails
- Mountain bikes allowed on designated trails

Picnicking

- Nine reservable shelters
- Sites include tables and grills
- Restroom facilities

Horseback Riding

- Equestrians permitted on 30+ miles of service roads

Playgrounds

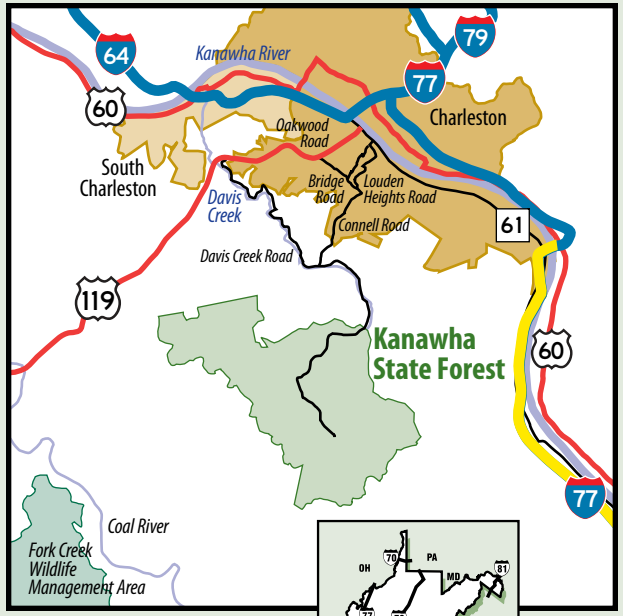
- Located in picnic areas

Hunting/Fishing

- State license required
- No hunting zones around all recreational facilities
- Special regulation fishing
- March 1 to May 31 — Pond open to children and the disabled

Shooting Range

- Open daily
- Free to public



LOCATION

From I-64 in Charleston, take Exit 58A, drive south on U. S. 119. Turn left onto Oakwood Road at the second stop light, (following the brown and white routing signs) turn right onto Bridge Road and right onto Connell Road. At the bottom of Connell, make a sharp left onto Kanawha State Forest Drive, follow to the forest entrance.

Kanawha State Forest

7500 Kanawha State Forest Drive
Charleston, West Virginia 25314
304-558-3500
www.kanawhastateforest.com

A multiple-use facility managed by the Parks and Recreation and the Wildlife Resources sections of the Division of Natural Resources.

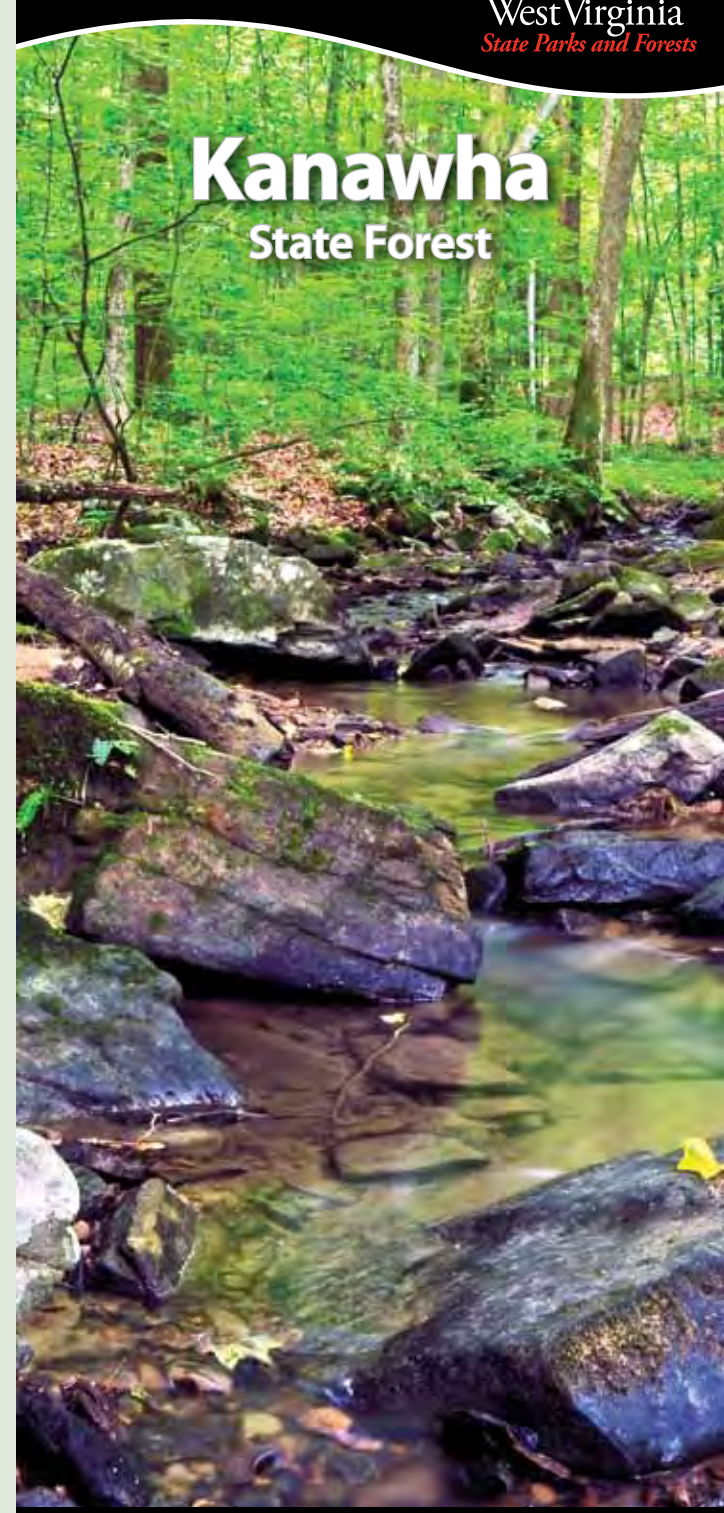
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STATEMENT OF POLICY REGARDING THE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO USE FACILITIES AND PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAMS

Visitors are responsible for observing park rules and regulations.

"It is the policy of the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources to provide its facilities, accommodations, services and programs to all persons without regard to gender, race, color, age, religion, national origin or disability. Proper licenses, registration and compliance with official rules and regulations are the only sources of restrictions for facility use or program participation."

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ACCOMMODATIONS

Camping

- 46 sites
- 25 sites with electricity and water hookups
- Fully equipped
- Central bathhouse
- Coin-operated laundry
- Fireplaces and picnic tables
- We do not recommend any RVs or trailer/truck units longer than 26 feet
- Firewood and ice available



CAMPSITE RESERVATIONS

Kanawha State Forest has up to 50 percent of the campsites designated for reservations, while the remaining sites are rented on a first-come, first-served basis. Campsite reservations are taken in advance for designated sites from the Friday before Memorial Day through Labor Day. Outside the reservable dates, all sites become first-come, first-served basis. Only mail-in reservations will be accepted from February 15 through March 14. Site reservation application forms for the current year are available online to download. Mail-in reservations must be postmarked on or after February 15, or they will be returned. A maximum of three reservation forms per envelope will be accepted. Envelopes received with more than three reservation forms will be returned. Call-in requests during the period of February 15 – March 15 will be sent blank reservations forms and instructions regarding return of completed forms and payments. Beginning March 15, phone reservations will be accepted during office



hours. Mail-in, call-in and walk-in reservations will be accepted from April 1 through Labor Day Weekend.

A minimum of 2 nights, up to a maximum of 14 nights, is required when making a reservation. If a reservation is canceled more than 7 days in advance, the deposit will be refunded with the exception of the handling fee plus the first night's rental. If canceled 7 days or less in advance, no refund will be given. Campsite reservations must be made at least two (2) days in advance, as available, and must be secured by payment of a deposit of the entire rental fee, plus a \$5 handling charge.

Campsites numbers will not be guaranteed; however, every effort will be made to assign the campsites requested. Payment may be made by personal check, money order or major credit card (VISA, MasterCard, American Express, Discover and Diners Club).



HISTORY OF THE FOREST

Many of West Virginia's state parks and forests were conceived and constructed by the labor and skill set of an American work force known and respected as the Civilian Conservation Corps from 1933–1942. Camp Kanawha was located at Decota in Kanawha County. The camp was in Shrewsbury Hollow at the present site of the swimming pool at Kanawha State Forest. In existence from April 7, 1938, until June 30, 1942, it was one of the CCC camps that opened late, but also was still active six months into World War II. The primary mission of the camp was to develop recreation facilities at Kanawha State Forest. These included picnic areas, shelters, roads, bridges, electric lines and a swimming pool.



**Camp Kanawha,
Company 2599,
S-76**

— *West Virginia State CCC Museum Association*

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

- WV State Capitol, Governor's Mansion, Culture Center with State Museum
- "Mountain Stage" live radio show
- Charleston Town Center Mall
- Clay Center and Avampato Discovery Museum
- Mardi Gras Casino & Resort

