

Lost River State Park

NESTLED IN THE WOODED MOUNTAINS of Hardy County, **Lost River State Park** encompasses 3,712 acres. A vast array of recreational facilities creates a vacation getaway perfect for families. Enjoy an invigorating hike to “Cranny Crow” with its commanding views of the surrounding ridges, stroll around park headquarters or enjoy a book on a park bench under the massive branches of an ancient pine. Here at Lost River State Park you’ll find an atmosphere of peacefulness and serenity.



LEE SULPHUR SPRINGS

Since the early 1800s when the famous Lee family of Virginia made their summer retreat at Howard’s Lick, the area has been building a reputation as a popular resort. Now known as Lost River State Park, the area has come into its own as a family vacation facility.

Originally part of the massive land holdings of Thomas Lord Fairfax, this region fell to the apportionment of Lord Fairfax’s land after the Revolutionary War. Successful military leaders were granted land for their service during the war. It was in this manner that “Light Horse Harry” Lee acquired the land. A house was built by the Lee family and is now listed with the National Register of Historic Places and preserved as a museum at Lost River. The museum is open weekends from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

THINGS TO DO

Hiking

- Miles of hiking trails
- Cranny Crow viewshed — elevation 3,200 feet
- Abundance of flora and fauna

Seasonal Nature/Recreation Programs

- Organized hikes, campfires, films, programs available during the summer

Swimming Pool

- Outdoor
- No charge for cabin guests
- Nominal fee for public use
- Open Memorial Day through Labor Day

Game Courts

- Family Fitness Trail – 1/3-mile course with six stations
- Tennis courts
- Volleyball area / Badminton area
- Archery range
- Horseshoe pits
- Equipment rental available

Riding Stables

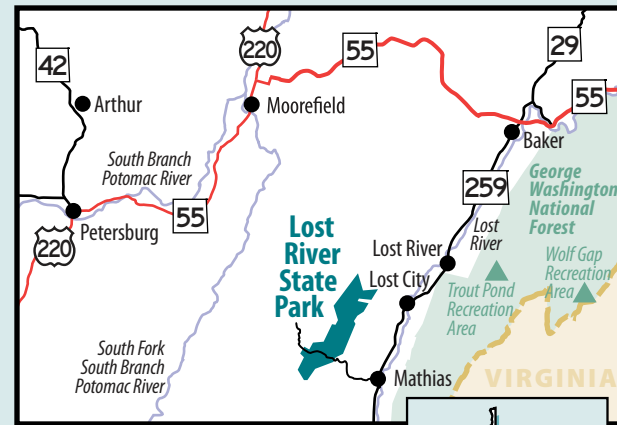
- Bridle trails
- Various trail trips
- Professional guidance
- Great first-time trips for children

Indoor Activities

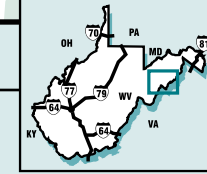
- Activities building, open seasonally
- Ping pong tables
- Billiards
- Shuffleboard
- Video games

WiFi — Free access

- Available at the Administration Building



LOCATION



Lost River State Park is located in Hardy County in West Virginia’s Eastern Panhandle, 10 miles north of the Virginia state line and 23 miles south of Wardensville, WV. Turn west off state Route 259 at Mathias, then follow the secondary road for four miles to the park entrance.



Lost River
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321 Park Drive
Mathias, West Virginia 26812
304-897-5372
1-800-CALL WVA
www.lostriversp.com

West Virginia Division of Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation, 324 4th Avenue, South Charleston, WV 25303

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."

"The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources is an equal opportunity employer."
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CABINS AND COTTAGES

Nine Modern Cabins

- Wood paneled
- Forced air heat; air conditioning
- Natural stone wood-burning fireplace
- Bath with shower
- Kitchen with modern appliances
- Television
- Linens provided



Two Accessible Cottages, ADA

- Wood paneled
- Forced air heat; air conditioning
- Gas log fireplace
- Bath with shower
- Kitchen with modern appliances
- Television
- Linens provided

15 Standard Cabins

- Open last weekend in April through the fourth Monday in October
- Natural stone fireplace; firewood provided
- Bath with shower
- Fully equipped kitchen
- Linens provided

Cots are available and should be requested in advance. There is a charge for cots.

CCC INFLUENCE

During the Great Depression, beginning May 15, 1934, Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Company 1524 occupied Camp Hardy, which was located near the present day entrance to Lost River State Park. By 1937, the CCC boys had built 15 standard cabins, an administration building, the superintendent's residence, a swimming pool and bathhouse, a spring house covering the Lee Sulphur Springs (named after Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee, Robert E. Lee's father), and several bridges and other small stone structures throughout the park.

The stonework of these beautiful buildings and structures was built to last. Many CCC work examples remain intact, including the 15 standard cabins still in use today.



The hardworking young men also reconstructed the Lee House, also located on the park.

On July 1, 1937, Lost River State Park's 3,712 acres of land opened to the public, and today the park is a tribute to the tireless work of the CCC boys.

CABIN AND COTTAGE RESERVATIONS

Reservations can be made by writing or calling Lost River State Park directly or by dialing 1-800 CALL WVA and asking for Lost River State Park. This toll-free line may be used anywhere in the continental United States or any Canadian province in the Eastern time zone. When making cabin reservations for four nights or more, a deposit of one-half the rental fee is required, with the balance due upon arrival; the full rental fee is required for reservations of three nights or less. Those who make reservations by telephone have 10 days to make deposit payments. Reservations less than 10 days of arrival, as available, are accommodated and a method of guarantee provided at the time the reservation is made.

During the summer season (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day) the rental units are reserved by the week, up to two weeks. Three- and four-night rentals options are available in the summer months. Before and after the summer season, rentals are by-the-night mid-week, or Friday and Saturday or longer.



Reservations may be made up to one year in advance (from the first day of the month of planned stay) and are recommended at all times. Check-in time is guaranteed by 4 p.m., with check-out at 10 a.m.

AREA ATTRACTIONS

- Dolly Sods Wilderness Area
- Seneca Rocks
- Spruce Knob
- Wolf Gap Recreation Area
- Short Mountain Wildlife Management Area
- Cacapon Resort State Park*
- Berkeley Springs State Park
- Smoke Hole Caverns
- Seneca Caverns
- Trout Pond Recreational Area/George Washington National Forest

* For accommodations at these areas, phone 1-800-CALL WVA and ask for the park.



Cancellations

In case of cancellations, deposits will be returned, less a handling fee, if notice is given at least 30 days in advance.

Pet-friendly

Pets (dogs and cats) are permitted in designated pet-friendly units only. The pet policy and associated fees are available online, www.wvstateparks.com.

Payments

Personal checks, money orders and major credit cards (VISA, MasterCard, American Express, Discover and Diners Club) are accepted. Identification may be required.

NOTE: All policies are subject to change. Any fees stated in this publication or posted may change without notice. Rate quotes are provided at the time of reservations and those rates confirmed with advance deposits.