New River Gorge – Area Attractions

The New River Gorge National Park and Preserve is an incredibly beautiful location with an equally incredible history and cultural heritage. We are excited for you to continue to learn about the Summit Bechtel Reserve and the outdoor recreation opportunities that are within close reach in the New River Gorge!

Convention and Visitors Bureau (NRGCVB)
The New River Gorge CVB can help families find area attractions and restaurants.

Rock Climbing
Check out one of the most popular rock-climbing destinations in the United States. About 400 total climbing opportunities will be provided in the following areas.

- Bridge Buttress Details – Directions to Trailhead
- Junk Yard Details – Directions to Trailhead
- Super Mario Boulder Details – Directions to Trailhead
- Kaymoor Slabs Details – Directions to Trailhead
- Butcher’s Branch Details – Directions to Trailhead

Hiking
Enjoy exploring a wide variety of serene, wooded hiking trails, beautiful streams, and dramatic views of the New River Gorge! Old rail lines that have been converted into hiking trails are amazing as well! Great information can be found at the New River Gorge NPS Hiking Site.

- Fayetteville Area Trails and Map Overview
- Long Point Trail Details – Directions to Trailhead
- Endless Wall Trail Details – Directions to Trailhead – (Hike Full Loop Counterclockwise)
- Kaymoor Miners Trail Details — Directions to Trailhead
- Kaymoor Trail Details – Directions to Trailhead
- Bridge Trail Details – Directions to Trailhead

Other Amazing Hiking Trails Nearby
- Grandview Rim Loop Details – Directions to Trailhead
- Castle Rock Trail Details – Directions to Trailhead
- Glade Creek Trail Details – Directions to Trailhead
- Rend Trail Details – Directions to Trailhead

Mountain Biking
Enjoy learning a little about the history of the area via bicycle with a short stop in Thurmond before embarking on a fun mountain bike ride to Cunard!

- Southside Junction Trail Details – Shuttle to Thurmond From Summit
Fishing

Be sure to take a morning or afternoon to do a little fishing in the New River Gorge. Fish the big waters of the New River or explore any of the nearby feeder streams! You can even hire an outfitter to take you on a float fishing trip!

- New River Gorge National River – NPS Fishing Overview
- Dunloup Creek Fishing Details – Directions to Parking Area
- Glade Creek Fishing Details – Directions to Parking Area and Grandview Sandbar
- Stone Cliff Fishing Details – Directions to Parking Area
- McCreery Hollow and Piney Creek Fishing Details – Directions to Parking Area
- Plum Orchard Lake Fishing Details – Directions to Parking Area

Additional Fishing Information
- Fishing License Overview
- Purchase your West Virginia Fishing License Here
- West Virginia Department of Natural Resources – Fayette County Fishing Areas

History and Driving Tours

Take an opportunity to learn about the rich historical foundation that the Summit has been built upon. There are a series of driving tours and navigating the “one way” bridge to Thurmond is always a powerful experience!

- New River Gorge Scenic River – Overview of History and Culture, People, Stories
- New River Gorge – Historical Locations
  - Thurmond – “The Dodge City of the East.” Walking Tour
  - Nuttallburg – “Henry Ford leased the town’s mines to provide coal for his company steel mills.”
    - Exploring Nuttallburg – Nuttallburg Loop Trail Details – Directions to Trailhead
  - African American Heritage Auto Tour – Directions to Camp Washington Carver

- Babcock State Park – Directions to Babcock State Park
- Glade Creek Grist Mill – Directions to Parking
- Grandview Overlook – Directions to Overlook
- Exhibition Coal Mine with Underground Mine Tour – Directions to mine in Beckley, WV

Bowling

There are two bowling options available in Southern WV to enjoy anytime.

- Leisure Lanes – located in Beckley, WV. Directions to Leisure Lanes
- Pinheads – located in Oak Hill, WV. Directions to Pinheads

Golf

Golf is available in nearby Raleigh County and there are five great courses to choose from. The natural beauty of Southern WV has given the opportunity for course designers to take advantage of scenic views and with each course offering an enjoyable day on the links.

- The Resort at Glade Springs – located in Daniels, WV. Directions to Glade
- Grandview Country Club – located in Beaver, WV. Directions to Grandview
- Black Knight Country Club – located in Beckley, WV. Directions to Black Knight