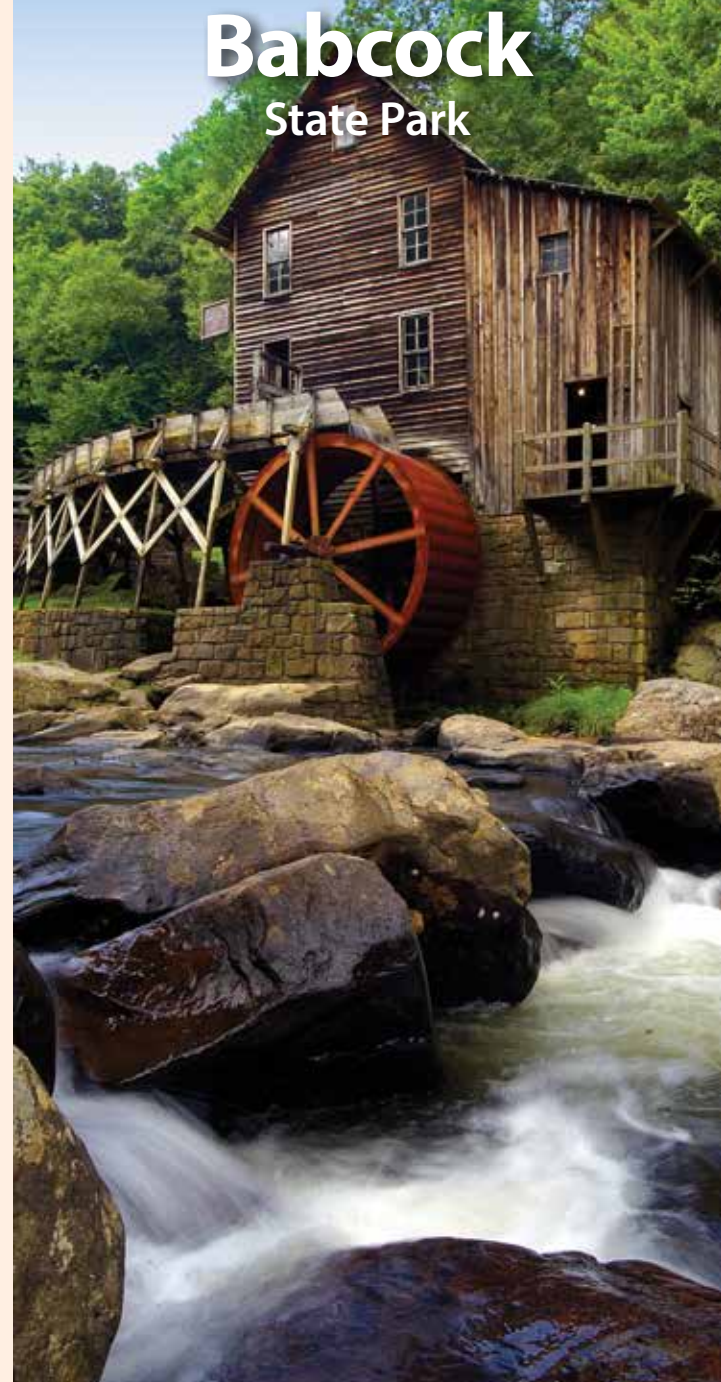


# Babcock State Park



**BABCOCK STATE PARK** offers its guests 4,127 acres of serene yet rugged beauty, a fast flowing trout stream in a boulder-strewn canyon, and mountain vistas to be viewed from several scenic overlooks. All of this variety is located adjacent to the New River Gorge National River in the heart of the whitewater rafting industry.

From late spring through early summer visitors to the park will be treated to a colorful display of wildflowers, most notably the two varieties of rhododendron with which the park abounds. Their blooming season lasts from mid-May through July, with the *rhododendron catawbiense* blooming first and the state flower, *rhododendron maximum*, which is pink, blooming from late June through July.

Built of native sandstone, the rustic administration building offers a good starting point for any tour of the park. In addition to housing the park headquarters, a small gift shop also is located in this building. Directly across the stream from the administration building parking lot is the Glade Creek Grist Mill, one of the most photographed spots in the state. From the "Island in the Sky" trail, hikers can get a bird's-eye view of the gorge where the mill and headquarters are located.

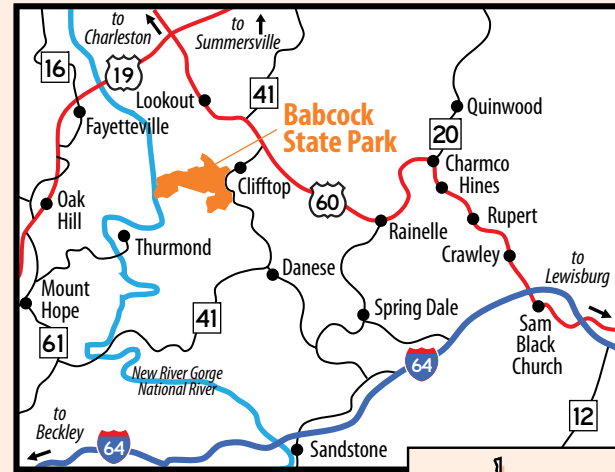


## THE GLADE CREEK GRIST MILL

The Glade Creek Grist Mill is a "new" mill that was completed in 1976 at Babcock. Fully operable, this mill was built as a re-creation of one that ground grain on Glade Creek long before Babcock became a state park. Known as Cooper's Mill, the original stood on the present location of the park's administration building parking lot.

The Glade Creek Grist Mill was created by combining parts and pieces from several old mills that once dotted the state. The basic structure of the mill came from the Stoney Creek Grist Mill dating back to 1890, which was dismantled and moved piece by piece to Babcock from a spot near Campbelltown in Pocahontas County. After an accidental fire destroyed the Spring Run Grist Mill near Petersburg, Grant County, only the overshot waterwheel could be salvaged. Water from Glade Creek now powers this same wheel at Babcock. Other parts for the mill came from the Onego Grist Mill near Seneca Rocks in Pendleton County.

A living monument to more than 500 mills that thrived in West Virginia at the turn of the 20th century, the Glade Creek Grist Mill provides freshly ground cornmeal and buckwheat flour that park guests may purchase. Visitors to the mill may journey back to the time when grinding grain by a rushing stream was a way of life, and the groaning mill wheel was music to the miller's ear.



## LOCATION

Located in Fayette County in south central West Virginia, Babcock State Park is easily accessible from Beckley and points south by following U.S. 19 north. At the U.S. 60 exit, travel east 10 miles to state Route 41 south. Babcock's campground is 2 miles south of U.S. 60 at Clifftop, while the main park entrance is 2 miles south of Clifftop. From Charleston, follow U.S. 60 east to state Route 41 south. From the east, follow I-64 to the Sam Black Church exit, then follow U.S. 60 west to state Route 41 south. From the north, take U.S. 19 exit off I-79 and follow U.S. 19 to U.S. 60, then take U.S. 60 east to state Route 41 south. For further details, please consult a West Virginia highway map.



## BABCOCK State Park

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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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## RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

### Boley Lake

- Paddleboat, rowboat and canoe rental
- Fishing with valid WV fishing license

### Swimming Pool

- Open Memorial Day to Labor Day

### Hiking

- More than 20 miles of trails
- Scenic overlooks

### Horseback Riding

- Stables on-site
- Guided tours late May to early September (weather permitting)

### Picnic Area

- Outdoor grills
- Picnic shelters may be reserved one year in advance

### Other Recreational Opportunities

- Game court area
- Volleyball
- Horseshoe pits
- Tennis court
- Basketball courts
- Summer naturalist and recreation program
- Stream fishing (trout) with valid WV fishing license

## NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

- Camp Washington Carver
- Carnifex Ferry Battlefield State Park
- Hawks Nest State Park — lodge and restaurant
- Little Beaver State Park
- New River Gorge Bridge
- New River Gorge National River
- Outdoor Amphitheater at Grandview — “Hatfields & McCoys”
- Summersville Lake



## ACCOMMODATIONS

### Cabins

- Log and frame construction
- Electric lighting
- Modern appliances
- Completely equipped for housekeeping
- Cots/cribs available at additional charge
- Open mid-April through Oct. 31
- Check-in 4 p.m.; check-out 10 a.m.
- Go online for our updated pet policy

### 18 Standard Cabins

- Log standard frame construction
- Woodburning fireplace
- Fully equipped kitchen
- Bath with shower

### 2 Deluxe Cabins

- Fully accessible
- Fully equipped modern kitchen
- Air conditioning/forced air heat
- HD satellite TV
- Gas log fireplace

### 8 Economy Cabins

- Combination living/dining/bedroom
- Built-in double bunks or twin bunks
- Small bath with shower
- Screened-in porch

### Camping

- 52-unit campground
- Tent or trailer sites
- Four campsites fully accessible
- All sites include picnic table and grill
- Bathhouse accessible with hot showers
- Coin-operated laundry
- Located two miles from park office
- Open mid-April until Oct. 31
- One tent or trailer per site
- Check-out noon



## RESERVATIONS

### Cabins

Reservations may be made by writing or calling Babcock directly or by dialing **1-800 CALL WVA** and asking for Babcock 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. If you make your reservation by telephone, you will have 10 days in which to make payment unless it is a last-minute booking. In case of cancellations, deposits will be returned (except for a \$20 handling fee), if notice is given at least 30 days in advance.

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

During the summer season (second Monday in June through Labor Day), the cabins are reserved for one to two-week periods only; Monday to Monday. Before and after the summer season, cabins may be rented by the day, two or three-day weekends or longer. Reservations may be made up to one year in advance (from the first day of the month) and are recommended at all times.

### Camping

Nearly 25 percent of the campsites at Babcock are available for reservations, while the remainder is rented on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations must be made at least two days in advance and may be held by a deposit of the entire camping fee plus a \$5 handling charge. Payment may be made by personal check, money order, or major credit card (VISA, MasterCard, American Express, Discover and Diners Club).

The camping reservation season begins the Friday before Memorial Day and ends Labor Day. Only mail-in reservations will be accepted from Feb. 15 – March 14. Mail-in reservations must be postmarked on or after Feb. 15, or they will be returned. A maximum of three reservation forms per envelope will be accepted. If an envelope with more



than three reservation forms is received, all reservation forms will be returned. Call-in requests during the period of Feb. 15 – March 14 will be sent blank reservation forms and instructed to mail the completed forms back to the park. Beginning March 15, phone reservations will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. by calling the park office or 1-800 CALL WVA. Beginning April 1, walk-in reservation forms will be accepted from April 1 through the Labor Day Weekend.

A minimum of two nights, up to a maximum of 14 nights, is required when making a reservation. If a reservation is canceled more than seven days in advance, the deposit will be refunded, with the exception of the handling fee plus the first night's rental. If canceled seven days or less in advance, no refund will be given.

**PLEASE NOTE:** While the park's cabins and campsites are available for rent from mid-April through Oct. 31, many recreational facilities are open on a limited basis prior to Memorial Day and after Labor Day. Traditionally, the grist mill is open on weekends during the spring and fall seasons. Horseback riding is available between late May and early September (weather permitting). The Babcock webcam, online at [www.babcocksp.com](http://www.babcocksp.com), showcases the mill in all seasons. For gift shop hours and more specific information, please contact the park office.

Specific cabins are designated for pet-friendly rentals. Pet policy information is online. Pets are permitted in the campgrounds. Leash guidelines are observed.