

Carnifex Ferry Battlefield State Park



NESTLED ON THE RIM of the Gauley River Canyon near Summersville, West Virginia, **Carnifex Ferry Battlefield State Park** is an important Civil War battle site. On September 10, 1861, Union troops led by Brigadier General William S. Rosecrans engaged the Confederates and forced them to evacuate an entrenched position on the Henry Patterson farm that overlooked Carnifex Ferry. The Confederate commander, Brigadier General John B. Floyd retreated across the ferry to the south side of the Gauley River and on eastward to Meadow Bluff near Lewisburg. This Civil War battle represented the failure of a Confederate drive to regain control of the Kanawha Valley. As a result, the movement for West Virginia statehood proceeded without serious threat from the Confederates.

FEATURES AND FACILITIES

- Picnic facilities with tables and grills
- Four reservable shelters
- Hiking trails
- Restrooms
- Playground equipment
- Softball and volleyball areas
- Horseshoe pits
- Vending machines
- Patterson House Museum
- Three overlooks of the Gauley River

NOTE: Some facilities are operated on a seasonal basis.

CIVIL WAR DISCOVERY TRAIL

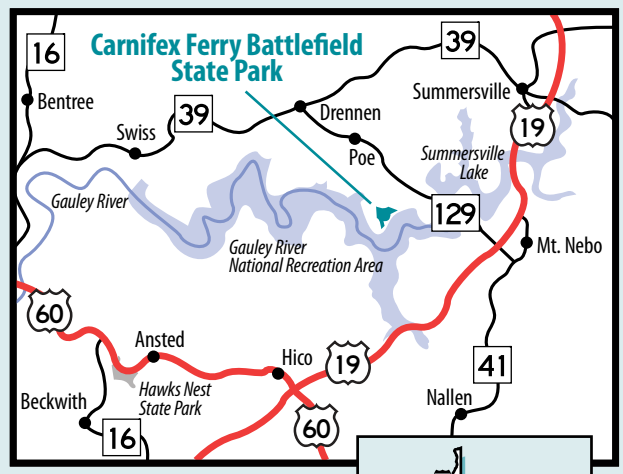
Carnifex Ferry Battlefield State Park is an official Civil War Discovery Trail site.

The Civil War Discovery Trail links more than 300 sites in 16 states to inspire and to teach the story of the Civil War and its haunting impact on America. The trail, an initiative of the Civil War Trust, allows visitors to explore battlefields, historic homes, railroad stations, cemeteries, parks and other destinations that bring history to life. For more information on the Civil War Discovery Trail and other programs of the Civil War Trust, call 1-800-CWTRUST.



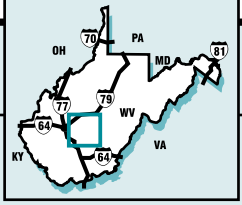
NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

- Summersville Lake and Dam
- Babcock State Park — www.babcocksp.com
- Hawks Nest State Park — www.hawksnestsp.com
- New River Gorge National River
- Gauley River National Recreation Area
- New River Gorge Bridge and Visitor's Center
- Lodging and Camping Facilities
- Camp Washington Carver



LOCATION

From U.S. Route 19, south of Summersville, take state Route 129 west approximately 5 miles to left turn on Carnifex Ferry Road. It is then one mile to the park.



The Battle of Carnifex Ferry is generally reenacted every other year. Dates and details are posted on the park's website.



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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.

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TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

Old Ferry Road

.3 miles

A short section of this old road is on state park property and begins near shelter #3. It was the road used by Confederate General Floyd during his retreat off the mountain to Carnifex Ferry, approximately 1.2 miles in distance. The park section of the old road is moderate in difficulty.

Patterson Trail

2 miles

This trail forms a loop around the park and can be accessed from several locations. Generally easy to moderate in difficulty, the trail features three overlooks of the Gauley River.

Pierson Hollow Trail

.6 miles

This trail branches off the Patterson Trail across the road from the Patterson House Museum. The trail passes through a stand of mature trees before ending. The trail is narrow but generally easy to moderate in difficulty.

NOTE: All trail distances given are one way and the map is not drawn to scale. Use of bicycles, horses or vehicles is not permitted on park trails.

