ONCE THE SITE of a grist and lumber mill community, the scenic treasure that is Valley Falls State Park is located only a short drive from Fairmont and Grafton, West Virginia. This 1,145-acre day-use park hosts a variety of outdoor recreation including fishing, picnicking, and hiking and mountain biking trails. Kayaking only is permitted with registration prior to water activity.

The beauty of the park is enhanced by the spectacular series of foaming falls that were created by the dark, rushing waters of the Tygart Valley River. The prevalent rock formation known as the Connoquenessing Sandstone forms the cap of the falls over which the river plunges and swirls. It appears both as ledges and huge room size boulders for more than a mile down the narrow canyon floor.

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

- Audra State Park
- Cathedral State Park
- Coopers Rock State Forest
- International Mother’s Day Shrine (Andrews United Methodist Church)
- Philipp Covered Bridge
- Pleasant Creek Wildlife Management Area
- Prickett’s Fort State Park
- Teter Creek Wildlife Management Area
- Tygart Lake State Park
- Watters Smith Memorial State Park

THINGS TO DO

Hiking and Biking
- Approximately 18 miles of trails
- Suitable for all skill levels
- Marked trails for biking

Sightseeing
- Remnants of a combination grist mill and saw (whip) mill
- Great Falls

Fishing
- WV fishing license required
- Online license sales available — www.wvfish.com

Picnicking
- Two reservable shelters
- Picnic sites with grills and tables
- Restrooms nearby
- Drinking water nearby
- Accessible sites
- Reservable group picnic area

Game Courts
- Playground
- Volleyball court
- Horseshoe pits

Gazebo
- Suitable for smaller outdoor weddings
- Reservable
**TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS**

**Deer Trail**
2.1 miles
About 50% nearly level with modest uphill grade.

**Dogwood Trail**
.8 mile
Steep from Rhododendron Trail, then leveling off.

**Red Cardinal Trail**
1 mile
All downhill from park entrance.

**Red Fox Trail**
.35 miles (short)
Steep grade from intersection with Deer Trail.

**Rocky Trail**
1.8 miles
Very steep at both ends with a short level area on top of the ridge.

**Rhododendron Trail**
1.9 miles
Moderately steep near end, otherwise relatively easy.

**Tygart River Trail**
.2 mile
Mostly level with one steep incline.

**Wild Turkey Trail**
1.8 miles
Extremely steep on both ends, otherwise follows a near level ridge.

**Note:** Trails suitable for biking are signed.

**FOR YOUR SAFETY**
Swimming and wading in the river is not permitted. Alcohol is also prohibited at Valley Falls (§58-31-2.21). Kayaks only are permitted to run the falls on the Tygart Valley River at Valley Falls. Registration at the park prior to kayaking is required. (§58-31-2.7).