Once used for train travel, a variety of West Virginia’s railways have been converted to multi-use paths perfect for walking, hiking, biking, horseriding and inline skating. The state’s rail trails are among the most scenic and unique in the country, linking people with nature and local attractions. From the Blackwater Canyon Rail-Trail with its waterfalls and historic coke ovens to the Cheat Lake Trail with its fishing piers and boat docks, Mountain State’s rail trails are true getaways. With a combined 300 plus miles, these trails have much to offer.

Cheat Lake Trail

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Accessibility

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Other recreation

With approximately 30 rail trails dispersed throughout the state, enjoying the outdoors becomes easy and fun either on a rail trail or nearby. For instance, West Virginia provides anglers with a variety of fishing opportunities and experiences. Every year, streams and public fishing lakes are stocked with rainbow, brown, brook and West Virginia golden rainbow trout. Many acres of forested land provide habitat for a diverse selection of wildlife-perfect viewing. Those who would rather view wildlife should pack a set of binoculars for a hike through the beautiful Appalachian wilderness. You might see many species of birds, rabbits, squirrels, white-tailed deer, or maybe even a fox or black bear. For a better view of the stars, pitch a tent and kick back and relax in the great outdoors.

Nearby towns and attractions

Wrap up your rail-trail experience by making a stop at one or more nearby towns and cities. Quaint shops, unique attractions and warm hospitality permeate the state. The following is a list of must-visit places to get you started.

For instance, Beckley features attractions such as Tamarack: The Best of West Virginia with its statewide collection of handmade arts and crafts and the Exhibition Coal Mine, offering an authentic look into the state’s coal-mining past.

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### Accessibility
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**3. Panhandle Rail-Trail**
- Length: 29.4 miles (MW, SF-PA)
- Surface: Packed sand
- Allowed Uses: H, R, B, S, A
- County: Brooke
- Endpoints: Crosses WV Rts. 2
- Road Access: Urban
- Contact: 304-686-6114

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**2. Wheeling Yankee Rail-Trail**
- Length: 1.1 miles (CB-PA, SF-PA)
- Surface: Packed sand
- Allowed Uses: H, R, B, S, A
- County: Brooke
- Endpoints: W. Virginia St. on S. Park Ave., Moundsville
- Road Access: Pavement
- Notes: Contact: 304-737-0506

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**3. Brooke Pioneer Trail System**
- Length: 15.7 mi, with 1.3 mi. gap
- Surface: Asphalt
- Allowed Uses: H, R, B, S, A
- County: Brooke
- Endpoints: Follows Ohio River N-S, Wheeling
- Road Access: VR 2
- Notes: Connects with Wheeling and Wheeling Rail-Trail
- Contact: Barbara Brasher 304-592-0177

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**4. Wheeling Heritage Rail-Trail**
- Length: 5.1 miles
- Surface: Paved
- Allowed Uses: H, R, B, S, A
- County: Ohio
- Endpoints: WV Rte. 20 to S. Whirlwind Rd. to S. Whirlwind Rd.
- Road Access: VR 2
- Notes: Contact: 304-737-0506

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**5. Glen Dale to Moodville Trail**
- Length: 3.4 mi.
- Surface: Paved
- Allowed Uses: H, R, B, S, A
- County: Marshall
- Endpoints: Glen Dale City Park (7th & S. Park Ave.), Moodville Raverview Park (11th St.)
- Road Access: WV Rte. 73
- Notes: Contact: 304-435-2816

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**6. East Wetzel Rail-Trail**
- Length: 12.3 miles
- Surface: Paved and packed sand
- Allowed Uses: H, R, B, S, A
- County: Wetzel
- Endpoints: Handford
- Road Access: US Rte. 73, WV Rte. 250
- Contact: Barbara Brasher 304-773-5680

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**7. Joel McCann Memorial Trail**
- Length: 2.1 miles
- Surface: Paved
- Allowed Uses: H, R, B, S, A
- County: Marion
- Endpoints: Falls Run Park, 4661 Marmont Ave. / Rt. 61 / Central Ave, summerleee
- Road Access: 304-463-9707
- Notes: Contact: 304-463-9707

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**8. Mon River Rail-Trail System**
- Length: 48.4 mi (concrete/brush)
- Surface: Paved
- Allowed Uses: H, R, B, S, A
- County: Monongalia
- Endpoints: Pocahontas Locks State Park to FR 145 Trail on WV Rte. 219
- Road Access: FR 145 Trail to FR 145
- Notes: Urban Trail in Morgantown
- Contact: 304-658-5901

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**9. Cheat Lake Rail-Trail**
- Length: 6.5 mi.
- Surface: Paved
- Allowed Uses: H, R, B, S, A
- County: Monongalia
- Endpoints: Cheat Lake Dam upstream to the point
- Road Access: FR 146 (1802 S Blvd)
- Notes: Small trail across, fish facility
- Contact: Monongalia County Sheriff, Trail Headquarters, 304-594-2817

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**10. Marion County Rail-Trail (MC-Trail)**
- Length: 2.1 mi.
- Surface: Paved
- Allowed Uses: H, R, B, S, A
- County: Marion
- Endpoints: Pocahontas State Park / US 60, Ansted
- Road Access: Ansted, then Hawks Nest Rd.
- Notes: Contact: 304-363-7037

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**11. West Fork River Rail-Trail**
- Length: 7.7 miles
- Surface: Paved
- Allowed Uses: H, R, B, S, A
- County: Marion
- Endpoints: Falls Run Park, 4661 Marmont Ave. / Rt. 61 / Central Ave, Summerleee
- Road Access: US Rte. 73
- Notes: Contact: 304-463-9707

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**12. Harrison County Hike and Bike Rail-Trail**
- Length: 5.2 miles
- Surface: Paved
- Allowed Uses: H, R, B, S, A
- County: Harrison
- Endpoints: Hospers / WV Rte. 32
- Road Access: WV Rte. 32
- Notes: Contact: 304-409-3251

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**13. Blackwater Canyon Rail-Trail**
- Length: 39.2 miles
- Surface: Paved and packed sand
- Allowed Uses: H, R, B, S, A
- County: Fayette
- Endpoints: Beckley to Minden Trail junction
- Road Access: WV Rte. 11
- Notes: Contact: 304-258-9000

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**14. Blackwater Canyon RR-Campground Road**
- Length: 8.7 miles
- Surface: Paved
- Allowed Uses: H, B, E, S, X, A
- County: Tucker
- Endpoints: Beckley to Brookside
- Road Access: WV Rte. 11
- Notes: Contact: 304-258-9000

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**15. American Discovery Trail**
- Length: 92 mi.
- Surface: Paved
- Allowed Uses: H, B, E, S, X, A
- County: Tucker
- Endpoints: Beckley to Charleston
- Road Access: WV Rte. 11
- Notes: Contact: 304-258-9000

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**16. West Fork River Rail-Trail (TR 312)**
- Length: 27.3 miles
- Surface: Paved
- Allowed Uses: H, R, B, S, A
- County: Kanawha
- Endpoints: Charleston / Coonskin Park
- Road Access: Barlow Drive in Charleston, Coonskin Drive in Parkersburg
- Notes: Contact: 304-433-0008

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**21. Greenbrier River Trail**
- Length: 45.1 miles
- Surface: Paved
- Allowed Uses: H, R, B, S, A
- County: Pocahontas
- Endpoints: Storer Dam to Minden Trail junction
- Road Access: FR 238
- Notes: Contact: 304-433-0008

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**22. Cranberry/Tri Rivers Rail Trail**
- Length: 16.5 mi.
- Surface: Paved
- Allowed Uses: H, B, E, S, X, A
- County: Tucker
- Endpoints: Beckley to Charleston
- Road Access: WV Rte. 11
- Notes: Contact: 304-258-9000

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**23. North Bend Rail-Trail**
- Length: 27.6 mi.
- Surface: Paved
- Allowed Uses: H, B, E, S, X, A
- County: Pocahontas
- Endpoints: Riverheads to Charleston
- Road Access: WV Rte. 11
- Notes: Contact: 304-258-9000

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**24. Hawks Nest Rail-Trail**
- Length: 5.6 miles
- Surface: Paved
- Allowed Uses: H, R, B, S, A
- County: Fayette
- Endpoints: Hawks Nest, Route 20
- Road Access: WV Rte. 20
- Notes: Contact: 304-258-9000

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**25. Hinton Rail-Trail**
- Length: 7.8 miles
- Surface: Paved
- Allowed Uses: H, R, B, S, A
- County: Summers
- Endpoints: Hinton to lower Marmont
- Road Access: US Rte. 60
- Notes: Contact: 304-433-0008