

# HIKING: 79 miles

The hiking trails at Ohiopyle showcase the spectacular scenery of the Laurel Highlands. There are a wide variety of hiking trails from short day hikes to challenging backpacking trips. When hiking, always wear sturdy shoes, and bring a map, snacks, and water.

Trail use is indicated by blaze color (red for multi-use; yellow for hiking only; blue for skiing and hiking). Each trail is marked by a colored medallion.

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**Baughman Rock Connector: 0.8 mile, red medallion, easiest hiking**  
This wooded trail connects Sugarloaf Trail to the Baughman trails, near Baughman Rock Overlook.

**Baughman Trails (Lower and Upper): 3.4 miles, yellow medallion, most difficult hiking**  
Divided into Lower and Upper sections by Baughman Rock Overlook, the trails can be accessed from across the GAP from the Middle Yough Boater Take-out and at Baughman Rock Overlook. This steep, rocky trail passes Baughman Rock, a spectacular overlook of the Youghiogheny River Gorge. Make a loop by combining it with Lower Sugarloaf and Baughman Rock Connector trails.

**Beech Loop and Trail: 3 miles, black medallion, more difficult hiking**  
The short Beech Loop begins and ends at the Kentuck Campground Amphitheater. While passing through a towering forest of American beech trees, Beech Trails connect Beech Loop and Camp Connector Trail and the GAP.

**Betty Knox Trail: 1.3 miles, orange medallion, easiest hiking**  
This wooded trail connects Tharp Knob Loop to Kentuck Campground.

**Burd Loop: 1 mile, black medallion, easiest hiking**  
This trail loops through diverse habitats and connects Sprout Loop and Chulens Trail. This is a great trail for birding in the spring.

**Campground Connector: 0.4 mile, red medallion, most difficult hiking**  
Intended for bikes, this steep trail connects the Great Allegheny Passage to Kentuck Campground. Hikers should use Tom Faucet Trail.

**Canyon Edge Trail: 1 mile, yellow medallion, easiest hiking**  
This short and winding loop is wooded and flat. It connects Upper Canyon Edge and McCune trails.

**Chulens Trail: 0.3 mile, orange medallion, easiest hiking**  
This trail passes through a variety of habitats and an old homestead while connecting the Burd and Beech loops.

**Cucumber Falls Trail: 0.4 mile, white medallion, more difficult hiking**  
This trail leads from Ohiopyle to Cucumber Falls, traveling along the river. From the visitor center, follow yellow footprints to the trailhead. Visitors can also park at the Meadow Run Watersides and cross the street to pick up those same footprints. This scenic, yet difficult trail travels along Entrance Rapid, giving a great view of the river and boaters. The trail then leads through a mature hemlock forest on the way

to Cucumber Falls. This trail is susceptible to flooding during high water events on the Youghiogheny.

**Eelah Trail: 0.6 mile, black medallion, most difficult hiking**  
Eelah Trail splits off Old Mitchell Loop to pass Sugar Run Falls and then connect to the Great Allegheny Passage. This trail is very steep.

**Great Allegheny Passage: 150 miles (27 miles in the park), no medallion, easiest hiking**  
See the [Bicycling](#) section, reverse side.

**Great Gorge Trail: 1.3 miles, black medallion, easiest hiking**  
With trailheads at Cucumber Run Picnic Area and on the north side of the high bridge on the Great Allegheny Passage, Great Gorge Trail follows an old tramway that was used to transport coal from Keister Mine to the railroad. The trail passes through the best spring wildflower area in the park.

**Hall Loop: 1 mile, white medallion, more difficult hiking**  
In the Sugarloaf area, this loop ascends to the top of the sledding hill and passes through a variety of habitats. Hall Loop connects to Sarver Loop, Upper Sugarloaf Trail, and Oriole Trail.

**Hyatt Connector and Loop: 2 miles, yellow medallion, more difficult hiking**  
Between Sarver Loop and Pressley Ridge Connector, these trails traverse the Sugarloaf wildlife food plot areas and pass through varied habitats including open meadow.

**Jackson Trail: 0.2 mile, blue medallion, easiest hiking**  
This short trail connects the Kentuck Campground Amphitheater to Kentuck Trail.

**Jonathan Run Trail: 1.6 miles, white medallion, easiest hiking**  
From the trailhead on Holland Hill Road, this trail crisscrosses Jonathan Run before meeting the Great Allegheny Passage. Small waterfalls are numerous along the trail.

**Kentuck Trail: 0.8 mile, green medallion, most difficult hiking**  
This steep trail connects Kentuck Campground and Jonathan Run Trail.

**McCune Trail: 3.7 miles, white medallion, more difficult hiking**  
From the trailhead off of Sugarloaf Road, McCune Trail runs along the highest ridge in the park through various habitats and rock formations, and passes an overlook. Hikers can see an old springhouse and pond that are evidence of the old McCune Homestead.

**Meadow Run Trail: 3.2 miles, green medallion, more difficult hiking**  
Most of the trail follows Meadow Run, a delightful, rock strewn creek. To see the Cascades, Flat Rock, and the climbing area, the nearest trailhead is on Dinnerbell Road just east of the intersection with PA 381. The trail can also be accessed from the Meadow Run Watersides parking lot.

**Old Mitchell Loop: 2.2 miles, blue medallion, easiest hiking**  
From the top lot at the Old Mitchell Place parking lot, this trail meanders through

a variety of habitats including forest and meadow and is excellent for birding in the spring. Eelah Trail splits off to pass Sugar Run Falls and connects to the Great Allegheny Passage.

**Oriole Trail: 1.6 miles, yellow medallion, more difficult hiking**  
This loop trail traverses the forested Sugarloaf Knob.

**Pressley Ridge Trails: red medallion, more difficult hiking**  
Between Lytle Road and Hyatt Loop are a series of loops that are under development and are poorly marked at this time. They are not recommended for novice trail users.

**Sarver Loop: 1 mile, blue medallion, more difficult hiking**  
In the Sugarloaf area, this loop is accessed via Hall Loop. When combined they create a moderate 2-mile loop.

**Sprout Loop: 1.5 miles, yellow medallion, easiest hiking**  
This trail begins at the second overflow lot outside of Kentuck Campground. This is the best trail for spring birding because the trails wind through a variety of habitats including forest, meadow, and wetland.

**Sugarloaf Trails (Lower and Upper): 6 miles, blue medallion, most difficult hiking**  
Upper Sugarloaf Trail begins at the Sugarloaf Snowmobile and Mountain Biking Area by Sugarloaf Knob. This hiking, biking, horseback riding, and snowmobiling trail descends 800 feet in elevation and ends at the Middle Yough Take-out in Ohiopyle. Consider combining this with Baughman Trail to make a loop.

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**Tharp Knob Loop: 1 mile, green medallion, easiest hiking**  
From the Tharp Knob Picnic Area, this scenic trail travels through an old homestead and leads to Tharp Knob Overlook, which provides an outstanding view of the Borough of Ohiopyle.

**Tom Faucet Trail: 1 mile, white medallion, most difficult hiking**  
This trail connects the Kentuck Campground contact station and the Great Allegheny Passage near the Borough of Ohiopyle. The trail steeply descends a small ravine and traverses a stream along the way.

**Upper Canyon Edge Trail: 1.5 miles, yellow medallion, easiest hiking**  
This easy trail connects McCune Trail to Canyon Edge Trail.

**Laurel Highlands Hiking Trail: 70 miles (6.3 miles in the park), most difficult hiking**  
Ohiopyle serves as the southern terminus for the 70-mile Laurel Highlands Hiking Trail. The trail is open for year-round hiking and backpacking.

The portion of the trail within Ohiopyle State Park is 6.3 miles of very strenuous

and rocky hiking, leading to the first trail shelter. Hikers are rewarded for their efforts as they pass beautiful overlooks and creeks on this section.

Reservations for backpack camping are required in advance by calling 888-PA-PARKS or online at [www.visitPAparks.com](http://www.visitPAparks.com).

**FERNCLEFF NATURAL AREA TRAILS:**

**Ferncleff Trail: 1.7 miles, green medallion, more difficult hiking**  
This trail hugs the edge of the peninsula near the river's edge and passes Ohiopyle Falls, Washingtons Overlook, and Lovers Leap. Hikers pass through an old growth forest of towering hemlocks, white pines, and a variety of giant oaks. The other Ferncleff Natural Area trails can be accessed from this trail.

**Buffalo Nut Trail: 0.1 mile, blue medallion, more difficult hiking**  
This short trail connects Ferncleff Trail to Oakwoods Trail.

**Oakwoods Trail: 0.5 mile, black medallion, easiest hiking**  
This trail passes through a mature forest on the ridge of the peninsula.

**Fernwood Trail: 0.5 mile, orange medallion, easiest hiking**  
A mature forest with beautiful ferns and the remnants of the Ferncleff Hotel can be seen along this trail.

# INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS

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Call 911 and contact a park employee. Directions to the nearest hospital are posted on bulletin boards and at the park office.

**Nearby Attractions**

Information on nearby attractions is available from Go Laurel Highlands.

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