From scenic vistas to beautiful overlooks, hiking trails at West Virginia’s state parks and forests lead to breathtaking mountain scenery. Along the way create lasting memories but remember to leave no trace behind in Almost Heaven.

**ALEGHENY TRAIL**

The Allegheny trail enters the park at the intersection of Rt. 32 and River Road Trail. It continues along River Road Trail to Yellow Birch Trail and leaves the park on Davis Trail. Overnight parking for trail usage is available at the Blackwater Lodge, but guests must register at the front desk.

**Distance:** 1.2 miles inside the park

**Difficulty:** somewhat difficult to difficult

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**BALANCED ROCK TRAIL**

This trail begins at the park road before Cabin Number 1, Cherry Lane Trail, crosses Shay Trace and Red Spruce Riding trails, continues to Balanced Rock Trail and ends near Cabin 13.

**Distance:** 1 mile

**Difficulty:** somewhat difficult to difficult

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**BALSAM FIR TRAIL**

This trail begins near the Harold Walters Nature Center, winds through beech and maple groves and passes through a stand of balsam fir. It then loops back to the Recreation Building by way of the campground.

**Distance:** 1.5 miles

**Difficulty:** somewhat difficult to difficult

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**BLACKWATER FALLS BOARDWALK TRAIL**

This trail starts at the Trading Post parking area and leads to a stone patio and boardwalk more than 200 steps down to an observation deck beside Blackwater Falls. This is the main viewing area for the falls. **NOTE:** For beginner access to the view, take Gentle Trail.

**Distance:** 0.25 mile

**Difficulty:** easy

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**ELAKALA TRAIL**

This trail starts at the south end of Blackwater Lodge, bridges the upper section with a great view of Elakala Falls, continues along the canyon rim and ends at the main park road across from Balanced Rock Trail.

**Distance:** 0.5 mile

**Difficulty:** moderate

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**GEE HAW TRAIL**

This trail connects the Harold Walters Nature Center with Supper Track Trail and links to the beginner cross country loop.

**Distance:** 0.5 mile

**Difficulty:** easy to moderate

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**GENTLE TRAIL**

This is a short, paved path to an observation deck overlooking Blackwater Falls. It begins at the parking area across from the maintenance area and ends at the observation deck.

**Distance:** 0.25 mile

**Difficulty:** easy

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**LINDY POINT TRAIL**

Located one mile past the sled run parking area, this trail sits at 3,000 feet overlooking the Blackwater Canyon. The trail has a small parking area one mile below the sled run area. In the winter, skiers can ski to the overlook (1.37 miles).

**Distance:** 0.3 mile

**Difficulty:** moderate

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**PASE POINT TRAIL**

This is an extension of the Dobbin House Trail that runs through hardwoods and rhododendron to Pase Point, overlooking the North Fork of the Blackwater River.

**Distance:** 0.7 mile

**Difficulty:** difficult

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**RED SPRUCE TRAIL**

This trail originates at the barn, winds through spruce and hemlocks and ends at the entrance to the cabin area. In the winter, the trail is a primary X-C ski trail to most park locations.

**Distance:** 1.25 miles

**Difficulty:** somewhat difficult to difficult

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**RHODODENDRON TRAIL**

This trail starts near Cabin Number 9, travels through hemlock and hardwoods and connects with Balanced Rock Trail and Red Spruce Trail, the cabin area road, Cherry Lane Trail and goes onto the base at the sled run warming hut.

**Distance:** 0.25 mile

**Difficulty:** moderate

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**RIVER ROAD TRAIL**

This trail begins at the maintenance area road, where Yellow Birch Trail ends. This trail is an old railroad grade that directly links to the town of Davis. The trail runs along the Blackwater River, which provides good fishing opportunities for hikers. **NOTE:** Some vehicle traffic occurs on this trail.

**Distance:** 1.56 miles

**Difficulty:** easy to moderate

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**WATERTANK TRAIL**

This trail begins across from Blackwater Lodge and provides skiers with access to Red Spruce Trail. It follows a steep uphill grade and forms a “T” intersection with the Red Spruce Trail.

**Distance:** 0.25 mile

**Difficulty:** difficult

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**YELLOW BIRCH TRAIL**

This trail begins at the park road near the lodge entrance, crosses the stable entrance road and continues to the maintenance area road. Hikers can then cross the park road to the Gentle Trail.

**Distance:** 1 mile

**Difficulty:** somewhat difficult to difficult