








Trails of Grandview

Trail Name	Distance (mi/km)	Description	Directions
1 Little Laurel Trail 	2.0/2.31	Strenuous Make a connection between the ridge top at Grandview and the New River near Prince on this forest trail. Enjoy a great diversity of plants. This old road passes by the area once operated as the coal mine at Royal. The road descends steeply in some places, with a total elevation change of around 1400 feet on this path. This graveled trail is used as a park administrative road.	Grandview: The trailhead is at the parking area for Shelter #3 and #4; From Beckley (near New River): Follow Route 41 toward Prince (4.0 miles from the intersection with Route 16/61). Just before the bridge that crosses the New River is a gravel road on the right that leads past the trailhead. Follow the signs toward Glade Creek (Royal Road). The trailhead (a gated, gravel road) is just ¼ mile down this road on the right, near scattered foundations of the coal town of Royal. Please do not block the gate.
2 Big Buck Trail 	0.9/1.45	Easy This forest trail loops through a rolling section of forest. Tree identification signs along this route celebrate the great diversity of flora at this site.	The trail begins and ends near Grandview Shelter #2.
3 Woodland Loop Trail 	0.6/0.97	Easy Explore the rich forest on this leisurely trail. A variety of wildlife can be seen on this quiet trail, including turkey and deer.	One end of this trail begins near the entrance of Grandview Shelter #2 parking area (just up from the restrooms), while the other end comes out at the Grandview Shelter #2 playground.
4 Castle Rock Trail 	0.6/0.97	Strenuous Pull on your boots and hike along the most challenging and unique trail at Grandview. Hikers will find close-up views of towering fortress-like rock walls and exposed coal seams. This trail is considered difficult and is not recommended for young children because of uneven footing and drop-offs.	This trail begins near the Grandview's Main Overlook and ends where it intersects with the Grandview Rim Trail.
5 Grandview Rim Trail (formerly Canyon Rim Trail)	1.6/2.57	 Moderate Escape for an enjoyable stroll along Grandview's longest trail. This trail gently winds through the mature forest along the rim of the gorge. Along the way to Turkey Spur, hikers will enjoy several breathtaking views of the gorge and river far below. The topography is rolling, but this ridge top trail is considered moderate because of several steep sections.	This trail begins near the Main Overlook and ends at the Turkey Spur Overlook. The road to Turkey Spur allows for an easy return or for a vehicle shuttle for those not wishing to hike back. Extra large vehicles are not recommended on Turkey Spur Road, due to the road's narrow width and small parking lot.
6 Grandview Walkways 	1.5/2.41	Easy + Strenuous Several sidewalks and flagstone walkways lead around the Grandview site. Scenic views are available at the North Overlook, off the Shelter #1 parking area, and at the Main Overlook (fully accessible). Panoramic views can also be seen at Turkey Spur, with a climb of 150 steps to the three overlook platforms. Just before the steps is a "natural air conditioner," a crack in the rock that puts forth cool air.	These walkways lead from the Main Overlook parking lot, the overflow parking area near the Main Overlook, Shelter #1 parking area, and the parking lot at Turkey Spur.
7 Tunnel Trail 	0.5/0.8	Moderate Cool off along Grandview's shadiest and shortest trail. The moist earth, lush vegetation, and cold-to-the-touch sandstone walls make a stroll along this forest trail a special experience, even on the hottest day. This trail includes several sections of stairs, one of which leads through a lit, cave-like tunnel. <i>Note: the stone and wooden steps can be slippery after rain.</i>	One end of this trail begins near off the walkway to the Main Overlook, while the other end comes out near the baseball diamond and playground, off the Main Overlook parking area.