

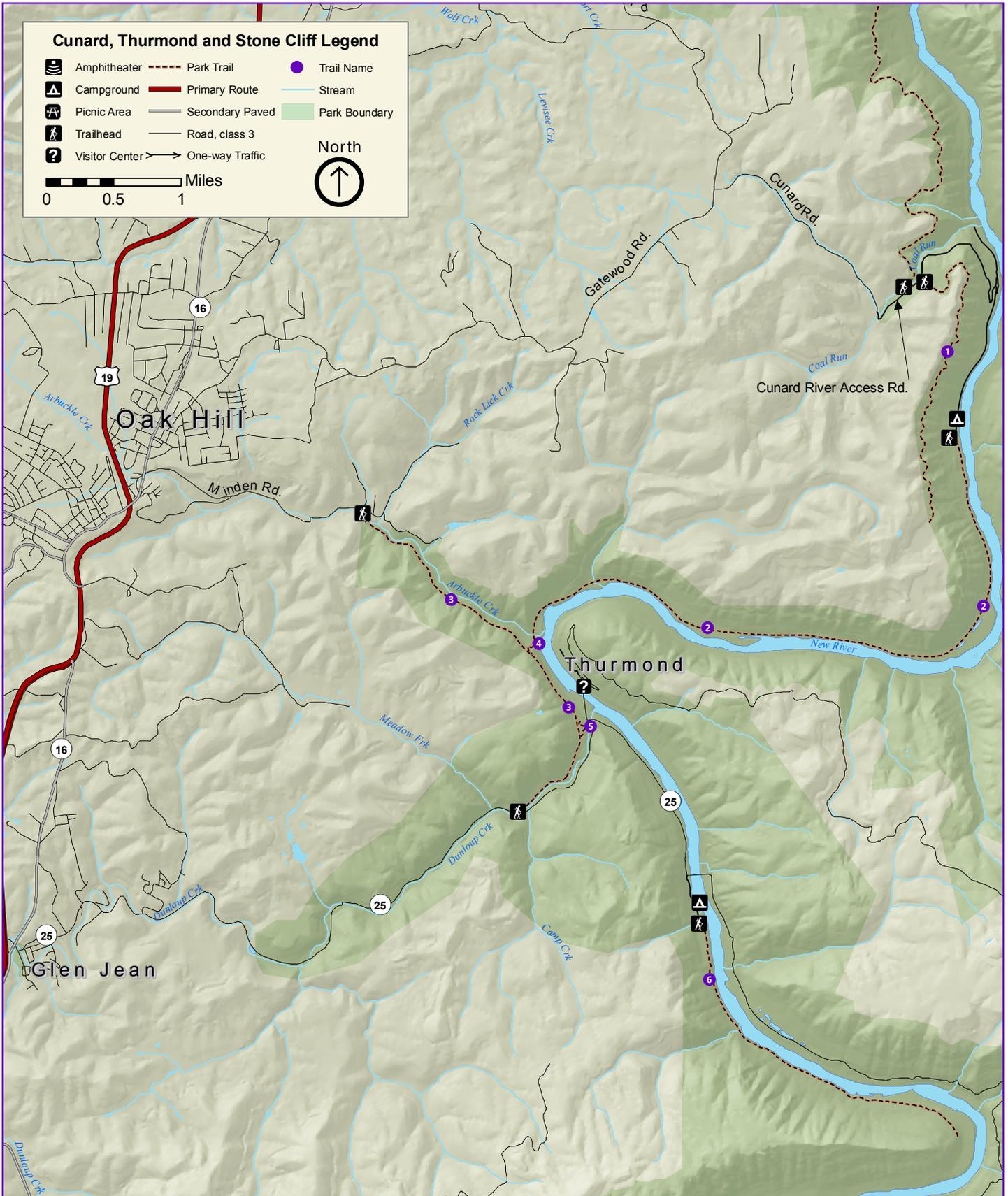
Cunard, Thurmond and Stone Cliff Legend

-  Amphitheater
-  Campground
-  Picnic Area
-  Trailhead
-  Visitor Center
-  Park Trail
-  Primary Route
-  Secondary Paved
-  Road, class 3
-  One-way Traffic
-  Trail Name
-  Stream
-  Park Boundary

North



0 0.5 1 Miles



Trails of Cunard, Thurmond, and Stone Cliff

Trail Name	Distance (mi/km)	Description	Directions
1 Brooklyn Mine Trail 	2.7/4.35	Moderate This equestrian trail follows an old road through the forest to the Brooklyn coal mine site. Scenic views can also be found along this trail.	From U.S. Route 19, follow Route 16 south through the town of Fayetteville. Take a left on Gatewood Road (sign indicates Kaymoor and Cunard). Follow Gatewood Road for 4.6 miles and turn left at the sign for Cunard. Go 1.8 miles and turn left at both of the signs indicating Cunard River Access Road. The parking area is just past the trailhead, located 0.5 miles further on the right.
2 Southside Trail 	7.0/11.27	Easy This riverside trail provides great views of the New River, and passes through several abandoned New River Gorge mining towns. Rush Run, Red Ash, and Brooklyn were all once bustling communities located along this abandoned railroad line. Note: the first mile from the Cunard River Access is open to motorized vehicles. From this point (Brooklyn) to Red Ash, this trail is also used as an administrative road.	From U.S. 19, follow Route 16 South through Fayetteville. Take a left on Gatewood Road. Follow Gatewood Road for 4.6 miles and turn left at the sign for Cunard. Go 1.8 miles and turn left at both of the signs indicating Cunard River Access Road. Follow this road to the river access point at river level, where parking is available. The first mile from the Cunard River Access is open to motorized vehicles, as the trail leads upstream. A parking area at Brooklyn marks the end of the maintained road.
3 Rend Trail (formerly Thurmond-Minden Trail) 	3.4/5.47	Easy An easy stroll or bike along an abandoned branch line of the C & O Railway (Rend Line). This predominantly level trail crosses five railroad trestles, including a short stairs detour around an old rock slide. Several overlooks provide scenic views of Thurmond and the New River. The trail runs parallel with Dunloup Creek on the Thurmond end of the trail, where a few foundations of the town of South Boyd can be seen. Arbuckle Creek runs parallel with the trail on the Minden end.	Thurmond Trailhead: From U.S. Route 19 north of Beckley, take the Glen Jean-Thurmond exit. Take an immediate left, and go 0.5 miles to Glen Jean. Take a right and follow the signs to Thurmond (WV Route 25). The trailhead is on the left, 5.1 mile down WV Route 25. Minden Trailhead: Take the Main Street Exit (Oak Hill) off U.S. Route 19. If going south on U.S. Route 19, turn left and go 0.2 miles; if going north on U.S. Route 19, turn right and go 0.1 miles. Turn left onto Minden Road, and follow this 2.1 miles. Take a right across a small bridge to the trailhead.
4 Arbuckle Connector Trail 	0.3/0.48	Strenuous This steep and rocky trail connects the Rend and South Side Trails. Located 1.2 miles from the Thurmond end of the Thurmond-Minden Trail, just past the third trestle; this connector trail drops off to the right. This trail also provides glimpses of the stonework and coke ovens of the former mining town of Wee Win.	This trail connects Rend and Southside Trails. See above descriptions for directions to these trails.
5 Church Loop Trail 	0.1/0.16	Moderate This trail loops past the 1 st Baptist Church of Thurmond.	This trail loops off the Thurmond-Minden Trail. Follow directions above to the Thurmond Trailhead. The Church Loop Trail leads off to the right about 0.7 miles up the trail.
6 Stone Cliff Trail 	2.7/4.35	Moderate This rugged trail follows an old road along the banks of the New River. Great views and easy access to the river are available along this trail.	From U.S. Route 19 north of Beckley, take the Glen Jean-Thurmond exit. Take an immediate left, and go 0.5 miles to Glen Jean. Take a right and follow the signs to Thurmond (WV Route 25). Continue for 6.0 miles to a three-way intersection. Bear right and go 1.5 miles on this road. Take a right on the gravel road, just before the bridge crossing over the New River. Continue past the boat launch to the parking area. The trail begins beside the picnic area.