

Canyon Rim Trails

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1 Laing Loop

1.1 miles → easy → hiking

This enjoyable loop trail leads through forest, rhododendron, and open field. **Directions:** Park at the Burnwood Day Use Area, across from Canyon Rim Visitor Center.

2 Endless Wall Trail

2.5 miles → moderate → hiking

This trail starts on Lansing – Edmond Road, and offers spectacular views of the gorge, as well as access to some of the best rock climbing in the eastern United States. The overlook at Diamond Point provides a good turnaround spot, creating a popular two-mile roundtrip.

Note: Numerous steep cliffs are located along this trail — please use caution! **Directions:** Turn off U. S. Route 19 on Lansing – Edmond Road (Route 5), located just north of Canyon Rim Visitor Center. Trailheads are located 1.3 (just before crossing Fern Creek) and 1.8 miles from U.S. Route 19.

3 New River Bridge Trail

0.9 miles → difficult → hiking

This occasionally steep and rocky trail offers views of the gorge and bridge. The trail passes under the New River Gorge Bridge, and connects with the Fayetteville Trail. *Note: Be careful around the steep drop-offs and cliff areas encountered on this trail.* **Directions:** Turn off U. S. Route 19 at the sign indicating Fayette Station Road. At 0.8 miles, turn right for trailhead parking (across from the whitewater outfitter).

4 Town Park Loop

1.0 miles → moderate → hiking/biking

An enjoyable loop trail that begins at the Town Park in Fayetteville, with a connection to the *Fayetteville Trail* (Fayette Station, Long Point, and Kaymoor Top). **Directions:** From Court Steet (Route 16) in Fayetteville, take a left on Fayette Avenue and follow signs to the Fayetteville Town Park.

5 Fayetteville Trail

2.8 miles → difficult → hiking/biking

This trail connects Fayette Station Road, the town of Fayetteville, and Kaymoor Top — with hiking access to Long Point. **Directions:** From Court Steet (Route 16) in Fayetteville, take a left on Fayette Avenue and follow signs to the Fayetteville Town Park.

6 Timber Ridge Trail

1.2 miles → moderate → hiking/biking

This old roadbed provides access to upper Wolf Creek, and a connection with the *Fayetteville Trail*. **Directions:** Use the directions given below for the Long Point Trail.

7 Kaymoor Trail

2.0 miles → moderate → hiking

This popular trail follows an old road to the Kaymoor Mine. A steep set of steps leads down to the coke ovens and town site at river level. *Note: Do not enter any of the abandoned structures in the Kaymoor area.* **Directions:** From Canyon Rim Visitor Center, follow Fayette Station Road down into the gorge. Cross the New River on the restored Fayette Station Bridge, and continue for 1.2 miles to a small parking area on the left.

8 Long Point Trail

1.6 miles → moderate → hiking

The Long Point Trail traverses field and forest on the way to a rock outcrop (Long Point) with panoramic views of the gorge and bridge.

Note: Steep cliff areas are located at Long Point — use caution around the cliff edge.

Directions: The Long Point trailhead is reached from Fayetteville, via Gatewood Road. 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 1.9 miles, and turn left on Newton Road. The *Long Point Trail* begins about 50 yards up on the left.

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9 Butcher Branch Trail

0.8 miles → moderate → hiking

Connects Kaymoor Top to the Long Point Trail, with a spur trail to the popular Butcher Branch climbing area. **Directions:** Kaymoor Top is reached via Gatewood Road. 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 this road for 2.0 miles, and turn left at the Kaymoor sign. Follow this narrow road for about one mile to an intersection, and bear left. Parking is 50 yards down on the right.

10 Kaymoor Miners Trail

0.5 miles → difficult → hiking

This rugged trail descends steeply, with switchbacks and stairs, to the abandoned Kaymoor Mine. A steep set of steps leads down to the coke ovens and town site at river level. A good overlook of the gorge is located about 0.2 miles down on the right, just before the trail drops over the rim. *Note: This is a very strenuous hike, with a total elevation change of almost 1,000 vertical feet if you continue to the river level.* **Directions:** Follow directions given above for Butcher Branch Trail.

11 Cunard to Kaymoor Trail

6.7/7.3 miles → moderate → hiking/biking

This popular hiking and biking trail offers views of the river and gorge. Trailheads are at Cunard and Kaymoor Top. From Kaymoor Top, it is 4.1 miles to the Kaymoor Mine site, and 7.3 miles to Cunard. *Note: Bikes are not permitted on the trail beyond the mine site.*

Directions: From U.S. Route 19, follow Route 16 South through the town of 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. Parking for the *Cunard – Kaymoor Trail* is located 0.5 miles further on the right. The trail begins about 50 yards back on the other side of the road.

New River Gorge

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New River Gorge National River has more than 50 miles of trails, which vary from easy to difficult in terrain and distance. The trail system is expanding and conditions can change; check at park visitor centers for current information.

Safety First

- Hunting is permitted in the park; blaze orange clothing is recommended during hunting season.
- Know the weather forecast; plan accordingly.
- Lock valuables in the trunk of your car or take them with you.
- Do not enter structures, mines, or coke ovens.
- During spring and summer, check for ticks.
- Poison ivy is present; *Leaves of three, let it be.*
- Two species of poisonous snakes are found in the park, the copperhead and timber rattlesnake. Watch where you put your hands and feet.
- In case of emergency call 911.

Trail Regulations

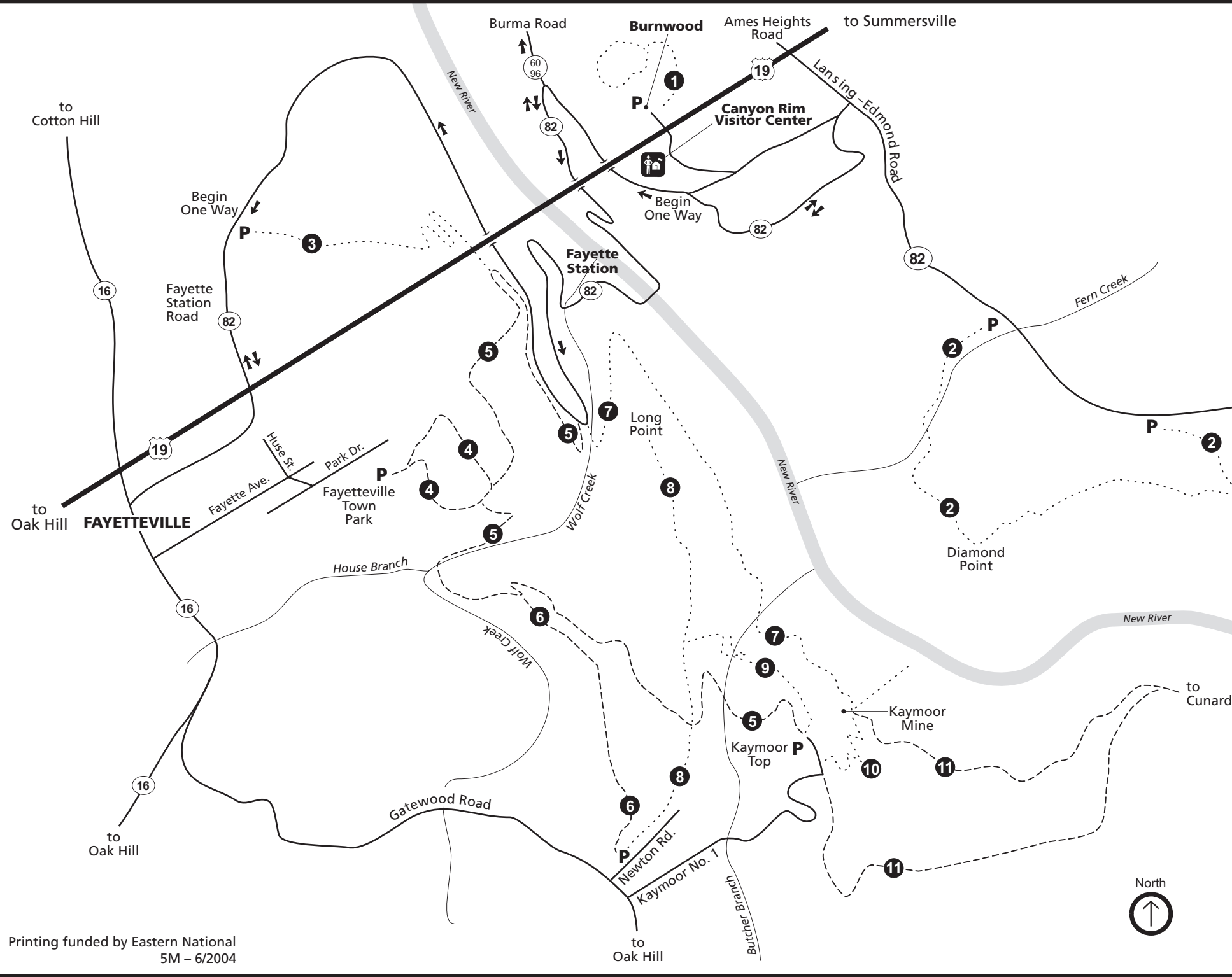
- All trash must be carried out.
- Park trails are closed to motorized vehicles.
- Bicycles are permitted on designated trails only.
- Pets must be restrained and leashed.
- Disturbing, destroying, or removing natural and cultural objects is prohibited.

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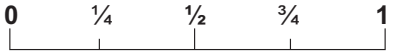


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- Hiking Only Trails
- - - - - Hiking / Biking Trail
- Creek
- P** Parking/Trailhead

- 1** Laing Loop: 1.1 miles
- 2** Endless Wall Trail: 2.5 miles
- 3** New River Bridge Trail: 0.9 miles
- 4** Town Park Loop: 1.1 miles
- 5** Fayetteville Trail: 2.8 miles
- 6** Timber Ridge Trail: 1.2 miles
- 7** Kaymoor Trail: 2.0 miles
- 8** Long Point Trail: 1.6 miles
- 9** Butcher Branch Trail: 0.8 miles
- 10** Kaymoor Miner's Trail: 0.5 miles
- 11** Cunard – Kaymoor Trail: 6.7/7.3 miles

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Miles

➔ Direction of travel (Fayette Station Road).

LEAVE NO TRACE

Plan Ahead and Prepare

Know the regulations and special concerns for the area you will visit.
 Prepare for extreme weather, hazards, and emergencies. Schedule your trip to avoid times of high use.
 Visit in small groups. Split larger parties into groups of four to six.

Travel on Durable Surfaces

Concentrate use on existing trails.
 Walk or ride single file in the middle of the trail, even when wet or muddy.

