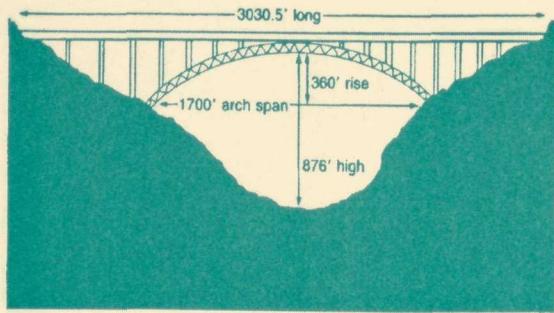


AREA ATTRACTIONS



New River Gorge Bridge - This well-known attraction is the second highest bridge in the country, and the longest single arch steel span in the world. The bridge and overlook are located on U.S. Route 19, just north of Fayetteville at the site of Canyon Rim Visitor Center.



RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

BOATING - The New River offers a variety of boating experiences. It contains relatively mild pools, sections of intermediate rapids and shoals, and a stretch of crashing whitewater. Many visitors prefer to use one of the commercial outfitters who run trips on the river. A list of licensed outfitters is available on request.



PRIMITIVE CAMPING - Primitive and backcountry camping are available at various locations inside the park boundaries. Most camp sites and locations are best reached by boat, though some may also be reached by road or trail. Contact a park ranger for more information on areas open to camping.

FISHING - The New River is considered one of the finest warm water fisheries in the region. It provides excellent smallmouth bass, catfish, and walleye fishing. Trout are found in the cooler tributary streams. A West Virginia fishing license is required. Contact a park ranger for more information.

HIKING TRAILS - Many miles of hiking trails are found throughout the New River Gorge. The most developed trail systems are found at Grandview and at Babcock, Bluestone, and Pipestem State Parks. Canyon Rim and Sandstone Falls offer short trails that lead to scenic overlooks. Ranger guided hikes are offered on a regular basis.

PARK VISITOR FACILITIES

Canyon Rim Visitor Center: Located on U.S. Route 19, 2 miles north of Fayetteville. This center is open year-round and features museum exhibits, overlooks, an illustrated program, and bus tours during the summer months.

Glen Jean Visitor Center: In Glen Jean across from park headquarters, this turn of the century structure offers historic exhibits and orientation to the park. Open weekends during the summer.

Grandview Visitor Center: Reached by taking the Grandview exit on Interstate 64 east of Beckley, this center is open seasonally. It offers overlooks, hiking trails, and picnic facilities (reservations required).

Hinton Visitor Center: Located in Hinton on State Route 20 and open seasonally. Features exhibits, an illustrated program, and summer canoe programs.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Gauley River National Recreation Area - Located about 30 minutes north of Canyon Rim Visitor Center. The Gauley River is notable for its rugged beauty, and offers superb fishing and whitewater rafting.

Bluestone National Scenic River - Protects a pristine area of the Bluestone River. Hiking, fishing, and whitewater boating are possible pastimes. Access from Bluestone State Park or Pipestem State Park.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

New River Gorge National River
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NEW RIVER GORGE NATIONAL RIVER



ABOUT THE PARK

Located in southern West Virginia, New River Gorge National River was established in 1978 to preserve and protect 53 miles of the New River as a free-flowing waterway. This unit of the National Park System encompasses almost 63,000 acres of land along the New River between the towns of Hinton and Fayetteville. The park and the surrounding area are rich in cultural and natural history, and contain an abundance of scenic and recreational opportunities.

HOW TO GET THERE

By Car: Located approximately one hour east of Charleston and 20 minutes from Beckley, New River Gorge National River is easily accessed from the West Virginia Turnpike, Interstates 64 and 77, or U.S. Routes 19 and 60.

By Plane: Regular air service is available to Charleston and Beckley.

By Train: Amtrak service is offered to Hinton and Prince, with Thurmond as a flag stop.

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