



# Three Rivers Review

## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition

The official newspaper of  
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Gauley River National Recreation Area  
New River Gorge National River

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## Silver Celebration

On November 10, 1978, New River Gorge National River was authorized by Congress, “For the purpose of conserving and interpreting outstanding natural, scenic, and historic values and objects in and around New River Gorge and preserving as a free-flowing stream an important segment of the New River in West Virginia for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations...”

2003 marks the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of New River Gorge National River. Much has happened in the past quarter-century as the National Park Service has been working to create a “park” from areas previously mined or logged to fuel America’s Industrial Revolution.

Over 43,000 acres of public land now provide opportunities for hunting, fishing, camping, and trail use. Visitor facilities have been developed at Canyon Rim, Thurmond, Grandview, and soon - Sandstone. Traditional uses such as hiking, camping, fishing, and hunting continue — but now bird watching, mountain biking, rock climbing, and whitewater boating are among the more popular activities.

Please join the National Park Service in reflecting on the past, contemplating the future, and celebrating the present!



## Welcome

On behalf of the National Park Service men and women working here in southern West Virginia, I am proud to welcome you to three impressive and exciting units of your National Park System. New River Gorge National River, Gauley River National Recreation Area, and Bluestone National Scenic River offer spectacular scenery and a wealth of recreational opportunities. The diversity of natural and historical resources found in these national park areas is being preserved as part of a larger family of nationally significant places.



View of the New River from Grandview Overlook

In 1916 President Woodrow Wilson signed the “Organic Act” which established the National Park Service to administer the country’s national parks and monuments, with the stated purpose “...to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.” Today this mission is carried out in more than 380 units, which make up the National Park System. Visitors from across the country and from around the world can discover these national park lands in 49 states, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, Saipan and the Virgin Islands.

As new areas are added to the System, as development pressures continue to surround and encroach on park boundaries, and as concerns about our nation’s security reach new levels, it becomes increasingly important to all Americans that these reminders of our natural and cultural heritage are safeguarded. Despite the efforts of some 20,000 permanent and seasonal National Park Service employees, the 83 million acres of National Park lands require increased understanding and support from each citizen, no matter where they reside. These special places within our National Park System have become sanctuaries for national pride, a sense of place, and renewal of mind, body, and soul. Their preservation is

important, not only for us living today, but for those generations unborn. Their preservation is a big responsibility, and one the National Park Service cannot do alone.

As one of nearly 300 million visitors to America’s national parks, we hope that you not only have a safe and enjoyable visit, but that you take away a deeper understanding and appreciation of your role as stewards of these special places. Please join the women and men of the National Park Service and approximately 90,000 volunteers, in teaching and practicing good environmental stewardship and respect for our cultural heritage, not only when visiting the parks, but wherever you live, work, or play. Only then can we hope to ensure that these same resources you and I enjoy today will be left *unimpaired* for future generations.

Welcome to New River Gorge National River.

*Calvin F. Hite*  
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The National Park Service cares for the special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

# Your Three Parks

## NEW RIVER GORGE NATIONAL RIVER

New River Gorge National River was designated in 1978, protecting 53 miles of one of the oldest rivers in the world. This “Grand Canyon of the East” averages 1,000 feet in depth and contains the most diverse plant species assemblage of any river gorge in the Southern Appalachians. Cultural resources include prehistoric sites as well as remnants from the recent Industrial Age: abandoned coal mines, company towns, tipples and coke ovens.

Over one million visitors a year enjoy a full spectrum of recreational activities. The New River is renowned for its warmwater fishery and outstanding whitewater boating. Massive sandstone cliffs challenge rock climbers, while trails and overlooks offer less strenuous opportunities to enjoy this 70,000-acre park.



## GAULEY RIVER NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

Established in 1988, Gauley River National Recreation Area protects 25 miles of the Gauley River and 6 miles of the Meadow River. Dropping 26 feet per mile through a gorge that averages 500 feet in depth, the Gauley is a world-class destination for whitewater boaters.

Only about 30% of the area is in federal ownership, thus, public facilities, including river access areas, are not well developed. The Tailwaters area of the Summersville Dam offers the only public facilities at this time.

*left: View of the lower New River Gorge*

*center: Whitewater rafters on the Gauley River*

*right: Bluestone National Scenic River*



## BLUESTONE NATIONAL SCENIC RIVER

In 1988, the Bluestone National Scenic River was designated a unit of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System, which Congress established to preserve the free-flowing condition of the nation's rivers. This area features a 10.5-mile segment of the Bluestone River with virtually no vehicular access into the area. The most common methods of entry are the aerial tram at Pipestem State Park and the trailhead at Bluestone State Park.

A portion of the area is managed by the WV Division of Natural Resources. Wild turkey is the featured species, and the area is popular with hunters who harvest this game bird in record numbers.



## Visitor Information

### Weather and Climate

- Winters are variable, ranging from mild to frigid. Expect 50 degrees and mild, or -10 degrees and blizzard conditions.
- Spring is very unpredictable — generally mild and wet, it alternates between beautiful and questionable conditions.
- Summers are warm (hot?) and humid, with thunderstorms likely.
- Fall is generally the driest and most stable season, with cool mornings and mild days.
- Plan your trip to expect rain or thunderstorms, or snow during the winter months.
- The weather can vary greatly from one part of the park to another. This is particularly true during the spring and summer thunderstorm season.
- Thunderstorms can be common. If caught outside during a storm, avoid high points, exposed locations, and open fields.

### Getting Around

To Park: by personal vehicle via Interstate 64 & 77, U.S. Route 19. Airports in Beckley and Charleston; AMTRAK stops at Montgomery, Thurmond (“flag” stop - reservations required), Prince, and Hinton.

In Park: personal vehicle, by foot, or boat; bicycle and horseback on designated trails.

### Accommodations

The park does not provide any lodging facilities, but surrounding towns and communities have a variety of motel, bed&breakfast, and camping offerings. Hawks Nest and Pipestem State Parks have lodges that are open to the public, and Babcock and Pipestem State parks have cabins. For a listing of accommodations, call 1-800-CALLWVA or the New River CVB at 1-800-927-0263.

### Camping

New River Gorge National River provides opportunities for primitive camping only. Camping areas are located along the river. These primitive camping areas have no drinking water or hookups, and limited restroom facilities. All sites are managed on a first-come, first-served basis. There are no fees for camping, but campers are required to register with a ranger at the earliest opportunity. Stays are limited to 14 days in the same area. Developed campgrounds are available at state parks and private campgrounds throughout the surrounding area.

### In Case of an Emergency

Call 911 from any phone in the park to report emergencies. Park rangers, as well as county sheriffs and state police, are on patrol throughout the park. Emergency care facilities and hospitals are located in Summersville, Oak Hill, Beckley, and Hinton.

### Fees and Permits

*No entrance fees are charged at any of the three parks.*

Special Use Permits are required for all commercial activities (guiding, filming, etc.). Reservations are required for picnic shelters at Grandview, and group campsites at Burnwood and Dungen. Fees vary. For information on Special Use Permits and group campsites, call 304-465-6517. Grandview Picnic Shelter reservations can be made by calling 304-465-8064.

### Walks, Talks, and Tours

Ranger-led programs are offered from late spring through fall. They range from special programs and demonstrations to short walks and all-day hikes. Information is available at the park, or on the web at <http://www.nps.gov/neri>.



# Park Attractions

## CANYON RIM

Canyon Rim Visitor Center is located on U.S. Route 19, 1 mile north of Fayetteville. It offers spectacular scenery, and features an exhibit room filled with photographs and memories of living in the New River Gorge. Other exhibits feature the construction of the New River Gorge Bridge and the geology of the New River. In the auditorium, visitors can view a slide program that captures the history and scenic beauty of the gorge.

An observation deck at the rim of the gorge is fully accessible to all park visitors via a 435-foot walkway. A boardwalk descends into the gorge 100 feet via a wooden staircase. Both decks offer views of the bridge and the gorge.

Canyon Rim Visitor Center is open daily (closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day).

## THURMOND HISTORIC DISTRICT

Once among the greatest railroad towns along the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway, Thurmond recaptures the days when steel rails, steam, and coal were the major themes in our nation's history. The historic Thurmond Depot has been restored to serve as a visitor contact station. Exhibits and historic furnishings bring the golden days of railroading back to life. The Thurmond Depot is open seasonally.

To reach Thurmond, take U.S. Route 19 to the Glen Jean exit, north of Beckley. Follow the signs to Thurmond, seven miles down WV Route 25 (Route 25 is a narrow, winding road and is not recommended for RVs and trailers).



The restored train depot (located in the Thurmond Historic District).

## GRANDVIEW

Following 50 years as a popular day use state park, Grandview became a part of New River Gorge National River in 1990. Grandview definitely lives up to its name, offering unsurpassed views of the New River Gorge from overlooks and trails along the gorge rim, 1400 feet above the New River. Grandview is also known for its beautiful rhododendron displays in May. Facilities include a visitor contact station (open seasonally), ranger-led walks and talks, and picnic areas with playgrounds.

Grandview is home to Theatre West Virginia, where outdoor drama presentations are offered from June through August. Call 1-800-666-9142 for more information.

## SANDSTONE VISITOR CENTER

Sandstone Visitor Center (scheduled to open July 4, 2003) will be open year-round except Thanksgiving, December 25, and January 1. The site has a picnic area and views of the gorge and the New River.

## SANDSTONE FALLS

River Road offers a riverside drive, picnicking, fishing, and views of the largest waterfall on the New River, Sandstone Falls. Sandstone Falls has a fully accessible boardwalk that crosses two islands to views of the 1,500-foot-wide, 25-foot-high falls. This area also offers picnic sites and is noted as a fine fishing spot.

River Road provides access to Brooks Falls, Big Branch Trail, and other fishing and picnic sites along the New River. The road parallels the river for ten miles, beginning at the Route 20 bridge in Hinton. The paved portion ends just beyond Sandstone Falls.

## Facility Hours and Services

Facility	Hours / Season	Services
<b>Canyon Rim Visitor Center</b> 304 574-2115	9:00 am to 5:00 pm Daily (except Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years Day)	<i>information, exhibits, book sales</i>
<b>Park Headquarters</b> 304 465-0508	8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday – Friday (except Federal Holidays)	<i>information, library, personnel, administration</i>
<b>Thurmond Depot</b> 304 465-8550	9:00 am to 5:00 pm Seasonal	<i>information, exhibits, book sales</i>
<b>Grandview</b> 304 763-3715	9:00 am to 5:00 pm Seasonal	<i>information, exhibits, book sales</i>
<b>Sandstone Visitor Center</b> 304 466-0417	9:00 am to 5:00 pm Daily (except Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years Day)	<i>information, exhibits, book sales</i>

## Volunteers In Parks



Scouts from Meadow Bridge, WV display the trail bridge they constructed as a volunteer project

The primary purpose of the Volunteer In Parks (VIP) program is to provide a vehicle through which the National Park Service can accept and utilize voluntary help and services from the public. The major objective of the program is to utilize this voluntary help in such a way that is mutually beneficial to the National Park Service and the volunteer.



Volunteering is an American tradition that over the years has made an immeasurable contribution to communities, organizations, and individuals throughout the country.

Volunteers at New River Gorge National River have provided valuable service to the park and the environment through their work on resource management projects, trail construction and maintenance, interpretive activities, special events, and cleanup programs. Volunteers of all backgrounds and skills are encouraged to become involved and contribute their talent and enthusiasm towards helping the park.

For more information, contact the park at (304) 465-0508, and ask for information about the Volunteer in Parks program.





## Nearby Parks

- Babcock State Park**  
304-438-3004 or 1-800-CALLWVA
- Bluestone State Park**  
304-466-2805 or 1-800-CALLWVA
- Carnifex Ferry State Park**  
304-872-0825, or 1-800-CALLWVA
- Hawks Nest State Park**  
304-658-5212, or 1-800-CALLWVA
- Little Beaver State Park**  
304-763-2494, or 1-800-CALLWVA
- Pipestem State Park**  
304-466-1800, or 1-800-CALLWVA

## Junior Ranger

To become a Junior Ranger, boys and girls from ages 6 – 12 complete 10 or more activities and either go to a ranger program or interview a park ranger. Ask for a Junior Ranger Activity Book at any park visitor center.

## Accessibility

All park visitor centers and boardwalks are accessible.

## Contacting The Park

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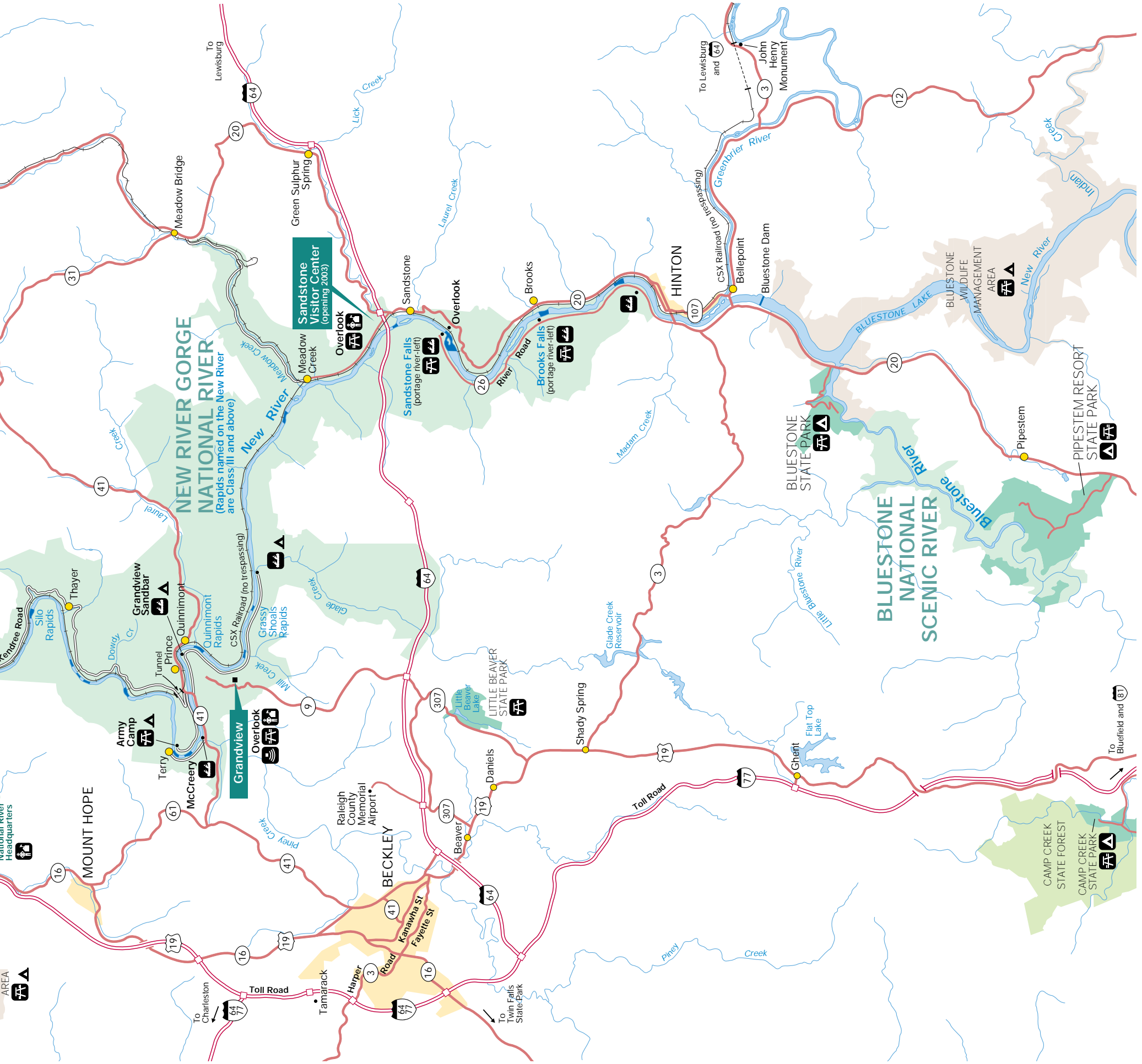
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# New River Auto Tour



Fayette Station Road circa 1920

Throughout every season of the year, New River Gorge offers some spectacular scenery. Although parks offer the opportunity for visitors to “park” their cars and enjoy an area without their vehicles, New River Gorge National River can also be enjoyed while driving. You can begin and end this tour at any point, but this guide begins and ends at the northernmost point in the park — Canyon Rim Visitor Center.

## 1. Canyon Rim Visitor Center

Canyon Rim Visitor Center is located on U.S. Route 19, 24 miles north of Beckley and 22 miles south of Summersville. Canyon Rim Visitor Center is open year-round and has a museum, slide show, boardwalk, and views of the New River Gorge and New River Gorge Bridge.

**Drive** – Upon leaving Canyon Rim, take U.S. Route 19 South to the Glen Jean and Thurmond exit. Immediately after exiting off Route 19, turn left at the gas station, drive one-half mile and turn right at the park headquarters sign.

## 2. Park Headquarters

The park headquarters and library is located in the complex of buildings on the right. It is open Monday – Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Although the park headquarters does not offer extensive visitor services, it is a good place to stop if you need information, maps, or restrooms.

**Drive** – After leaving park headquarters, follow the signs for Thurmond and travel State Route 25 beside Dunloup Creek. Upon reaching the New River and a Y intersection, bear left across the bridge into Thurmond.

## 3. Thurmond Historic District

Thurmond Depot is open seven days a week in the summer and intermittently in the off-season. Discover the unique rail-roading history of this town through exhibits and informational programs.

**Drive** – Return to U.S. Route 19 by retracing your route up State Route 25. Go left (south) on U.S. 19 traveling toward Beckley. U.S. Route 19 merges into Interstate 77 (West Virginia Turnpike). Take I-64/77

South (there is a 25 cent toll) to Interstate 64 East. Follow I-64 East to Exit 129, and take Route 9 north for six miles to Grandview.

## 4. Grandview

The Grandview Visitor Contact Station is open seasonally. This is the highest point in the park, and offers excellent views of the New River Gorge and a spectacular display of rhododendron when in spring bloom. Theatre West Virginia offers outdoor theater dramas here on summer evenings.

**Drive** – Continue travelling east on I-64 to the Sandstone exit. Follow signs to the visitor center.

## 5. Sandstone Visitor Center

The Sandstone Visitor Center is located just north of the exit ramp. This visitor center is scheduled to open in summer 2003.

**Drive** – Travel south on Route 20 towards the town of Hinton.

## 6. Sandstone Falls Overlook

Sandstone Falls Overlook is located on Route 20. Views of this river-wide falls are provided from an angle high above the falls.

**Drive** – Continue south on Route 20 to the town of Hinton. Stay on Route 20 through town and across the New River. After crossing the bridge, turn right and follow the road as it follows beside the river.

## 7. Sandstone Falls

Sandstone Falls Boardwalk is a fully accessible walk providing excellent views of the largest waterfall on the New River. Short trails lead off the boardwalk to wildlife habitats and fishing beaches.

**Drive** – Backtrack to Hinton on River Road, cross the bridge over the New River and travel north on Route 20 following signs for Meadow Bridge. At the community of Meadow Bridge, take U.S. Route 41 North to Danese. At Danese, continue north on Route 41 to Babcock State Park.

## 8. Grist Mill at Babcock

Babcock State Park, one of the oldest parks in West Virginia, is located within the boundaries of New River Gorge National River. Highlights at Babcock include an old grist mill, horseback riding, and fishing.

**Drive** – Continue North on Route 41 to U.S. Route 60 West. Follow Route 60 West for approximately 14 miles to U.S. Route 19. Take Route 19 South for five miles and you are back at Canyon Rim Visitor Center.

This driving tour is only one option for viewing the sights of New River Gorge National River. This loop may be altered to start at different points and include other popular area attractions. Take advantage of the visitor center stops and ask about the park and other sights to see. Enjoy your visit!

# Out and About

These parks offer a great variety of outdoor activities for visitors — whether biking, fishing, hiking, paddling, rock climbing, or sightseeing. Please enjoy the parks, but also take steps to protect both yourself and the park environment. Always respect privately owned land!



## Safety First

- ★ Railroad lines throughout the park are active and are private property. Do not cross railroad tracks or trespass on railroad rights-of-way.
- ★ Know the weather forecast and plan/dress accordingly.
- ★ Take plenty of drinking water, and do not drink water from streams or rivers.
- ★ Poison ivy is common. *Leaves of three, let it be!*
- ★ Be aware of the two species of poisonous snakes live here, the copperhead and timber rattlesnake.
- ★ Hunting is allowed within the park — wearing blaze orange is recommended during hunting season.
- ★ Many recreation activities (paddling, climbing, etc.) require special equipment, knowledge, and skills — contact a park ranger or qualified instructor for more information.
- ★ Always wear a life jacket/PFD (Personal Floatation Device).

## Trail Suggestions

Canyon Rim Area	Mileages given are one-way	
Endless Wall	2.4 Miles	Moderate   Hiking
Kaymoor Trail	2.0 Miles	Moderate   Hiking
Long Point	1.6 Miles	Moderate   Hiking
Cunard – Kaymoor	6.7 Miles	Moderate   Hiking/Biking
Laing Loop	1.2 Miles	Easy   Hiking
Thurmond Area		
Thurmond–Minden	3.4 Miles	Easy   Hiking/Biking
Brooklyn – Southside	6.0 Miles	Moderate   Hiking/Biking
Grandview Area		
Tunnel	0.4 Miles	Moderate   Hiking
Canyon Rim	1.4 Miles	Moderate   Hiking
Castle Rock	0.5 Miles	Difficult   Hiking
Upper Gorge Area		
Glade Creek	5.6 Miles	Easy   Hiking
Sandstone Falls	0.7 Miles	Moderate   Hiking
Bluestone Turnpike	8.0 Miles	Moderate   Hiking/Biking/Equestrian

This is just a selection of the many park trails available. Complete information is available at park visitor centers, by writing the park, or on the internet at <http://www.nps.gov/neri/trails.htm>





# Sandstone Visitor Center

The November 10, 2003 dedication of the Sandstone Visitor Center will mark the end of the year-long celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of New River Gorge National River. The new center, located just north of the I-64 and State Route 20 interchange (Exit 139), will open the summer of 2003. The 9,800 square-foot facility features sustainable (green) design concepts for energy efficiency and resource conservation. In addition to the energy conservation elements, water conserving native plants were selected for landscaping at the site.

Visitors to the new facility will learn about the natural and cultural history of the New River and its watershed through interactive

interpretive exhibits. They can view the 10-minute video program on the New River and purchase books and educational materials from the bookstore.

The Sandstone Visitor Center will serve as a gateway to the southern portion of the New River Gorge National River where visitors traveling along I-64 can stop and learn about the park and southern West Virginia. Park Superintendent Calvin Hite stated, "we are very proud of this new facility which will serve the visitors to New River Gorge National River and we are looking forward to the opening of the Sandstone Visitor Center in this 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year of the park."

# Water, Water, Everywhere



Park staff and volunteers collect water data New River Gorge National River, Gauley River National Recreation Area, and Bluestone National Scenic River are in the heart of the New River Watershed and contain some of the most significant water resources, and water-based recreational opportunities in the National Park System.

The New River watershed is blessed with naturally good water quality, but lack of sewage treatment, toxic spills, and sedimentation from development activities have seriously harmed water quality in many areas.

The New River watershed has a unique biota. Of 90 fish species, 46 are native and the rest were introduced. Eight species are

endemic — living nowhere else in the world. The National Park Service recently completed a Water Resources Management Plan for the three parks. This plan addresses a number of water-related issues, identifies gaps in our knowledge of aquatic resources, and outlines steps to fill these gaps.



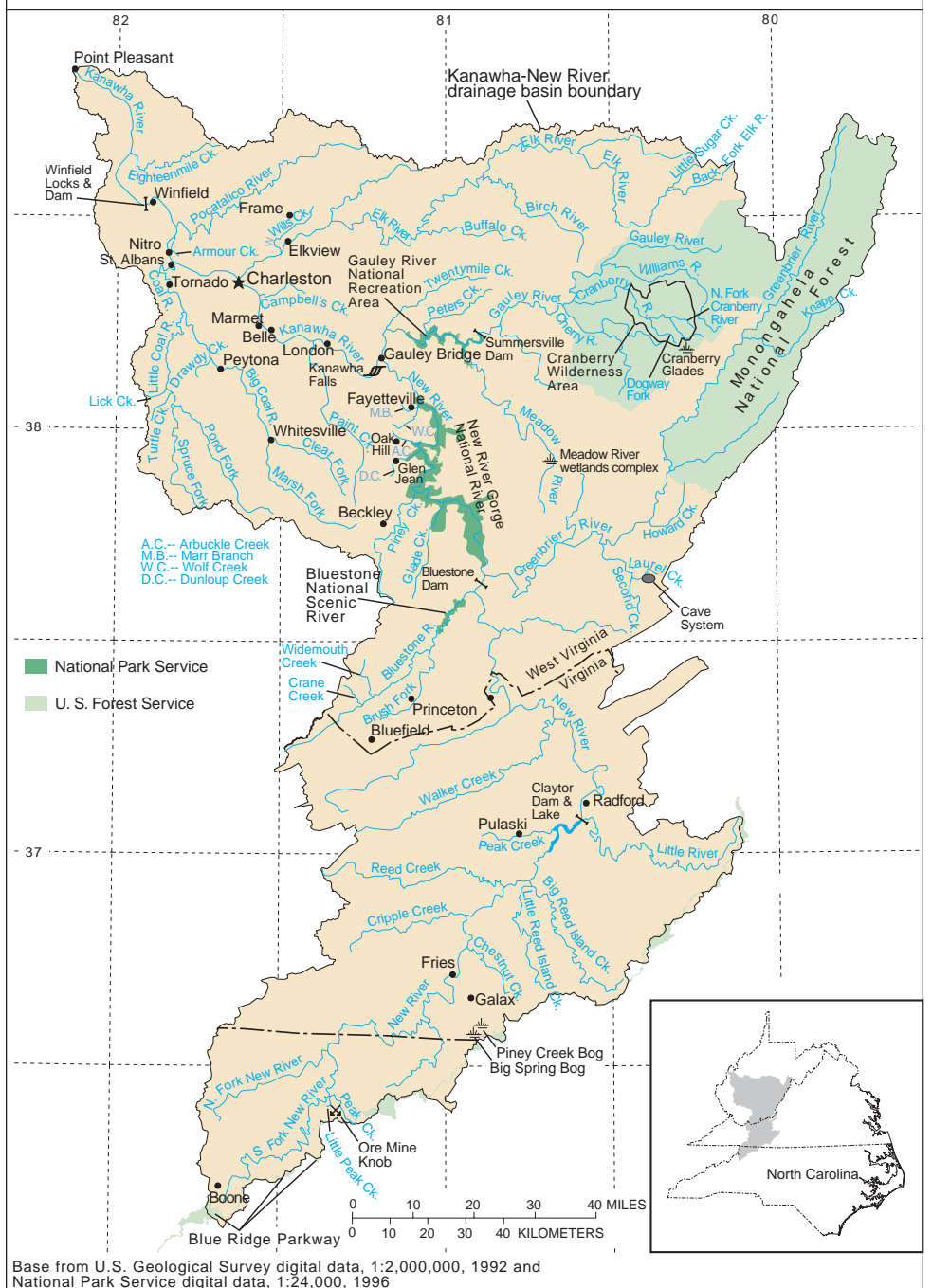
Performing Long Term Ecological Monitoring (LTEM)

## The Kanawha–New River Watershed

The New River begins on the western slopes of the Blue Ridge Mountains in North Carolina and flows 320 miles to the north. Along the way, many tributaries empty into the New River making up the drainage basin of the New River watershed. In West Virginia, the New and Gauley Rivers join to form the Kanawha River, which flows into the Ohio River.

No matter where you live, you live in a watershed. High points—hills and mountains—form the divide or boundary between watersheds. The New River watershed includes over 9,000 miles of rivers and streams, and travels through North Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia. It encompasses 6,965 square miles (4,457,000 acres) and includes over 165 cities and towns.

"A watershed is that area of land... within which all living things are inextricably linked by their common water course and where, as humans settled, simple logic demanded that they become part of the community." **John Wesley Powell**





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EXPERIENCE YOUR AMERICA

## 2003 Calendar of 25th Anniversary Events

### APRIL

#### **Sunday, April 6th, 2:00 pm. Baseball in the Coalfields.**

Princess Theater, Mount Hope. Speaker: Paul Nyden. Movie clips of old games may be shown. Former players are encouraged to attend.

#### **April 20th – 26th. National Parks Week.**

Leave No Trace. Learn about low-impact techniques for outdoor recreation. Call Jodi French-Burr at 304-763-3145 ext. 24 for details.

#### **April 27th – May 3rd. Neo-Tropical Bird Festival.**

Learn about birds seen during spring migration. For program details, contact New River CVB at 1-800-927-0263, or [www.newrivercvb.com/bird](http://www.newrivercvb.com/bird).

### MAY

#### **May 11th – 17th. River Cleanup Week.**

Coordinated by the National Park Service and the WV Professional River Outfitters. Contact Greg Malcolm at 304-574-0165 for more information.

### JUNE

#### **River Safety Awareness Programs (Dates To Be Announced).**

Call 304-466-0417 for details.

#### **June 28th, 8:00 pm. Music in the Mountains.**

Grandview Outdoor Amphitheater. An evening of music and story telling by Bil Lepp, winner of the WV Liar's Contest. Sponsored by Theatre West Virginia. Call 304-256-6800 for ticket information.

### AUGUST

#### **August 2nd – 3rd and 8th – 10th. Batteau Festival.**

Virginia Canal and Navigation Society demonstrates batteau use and camps using period equipment. Details to be announced.

#### **Monday, August 25th, 7:00 pm. NPS Founder's Day Program.**

Grandview Outdoor Amphitheater. Gene Worthington will perform as Teddy Roosevelt. Winners of NPS Photo Contest announced.

### SEPTEMBER

#### **Monday, September 1st, 7:00 pm West Virginia Sympony Concert.**

Grandview Outdoor Amphitheater. Grant Cooper will conduct this Labor Day concert co-sponsored by the National Park Service and the Beckley Area Foundation.

#### **Sunday, September 14th, 2:00 pm. Mapping the New River in 1812.**

Sandstone Visitor Center (National Park Service). The Raleigh County Historical Society presents Jim Wood discussing early exploration and mapping of the New River.

#### **Sunday, September 28th, 2:00 pm. Appalachian Quilt Patterns.**

National Mine Safety and Health Academy, Airport Road, Beaver. Fawn Valentine will give a slide program and discussion of quilt patterns. Audience can bring quilts for discussion (one per person, please).

### OCTOBER

#### **October 11th – 12th and 18th – 19th. Railroad Days in Hinton.**

Railroad festival and New River Excursion Train. Excursion train from Huntington to Hinton, with a stop at the Thurmond Depot. James Casto will perform as Collis P. Huntington (in Hinton). For information on the excursion train, call 304-453-1641 or [www.newrivertrain.com](http://www.newrivertrain.com).

#### **October 10th – 11th, 17th – 19th, and 24th – 25th. Beyond the Mountains.**

Historic Fayette Theater in Fayetteville. Theatrical presentation of Mary Ingles encounter with the Shawnees. Sponsored by the Fayetteville Historical Society. Call 304-574-4655 for ticket information.

#### **October 26th, 2:00 pm. The History of Grandview.**

Sandstone Visitor Center. Raleigh County Historical Society presentation by Margaret Sayre.

### NOVEMBER

#### **November 1st – 2nd. Follow The River.**

Authors James. A. Thom and DarkRain Thom speak about the Mary Ingles story and Shawnee culture. Saturday, 2:00 pm at Carter Hall, Mountain State University in Beckley; Saturday, 7:00 pm at the Fayette Historic Theater in Fayetteville; Sunday, 2:00 pm at the Summers County High School in Hinton. All three events will be followed by book signings.

#### **November 8th – 9th. 25th Anniversary Events.**

A variety of hikes, programs, and events will be offered throughout the park.

#### **November 10th, 2:00 pm. 25th Anniversary Ceremony.**

Sandstone Visitor Center. Keynote Speaker – Senator Robert C. Byrd; Sandstone Visitor Center Dedication – Congressman Nick J. Rahall III; State of the Park – Superintendent Calvin F. Hite