

APPENDIX C

NCHA Companion Trail Map Publication

As part of the trail planning process, the National Coal Heritage Area Authority and the National Park Service Rivers & Trails Program held four Trail Plan Public Input and Mapping Workshops. Cornerstone GIS was contracted to provide the on-site GIS mapping at each workshop. Cornerstone GIS personnel and a WVU GIS student worked one-on-one with individuals at the workshops to ensure that all trail ideas were mapped, including favorite existing trails and proposed trail visions.

Cornerstone GIS designed the final map layout for the 13-county NCHA region. Reduced copies of this publication are on the following pages. The actual map size is: 24" x 36". These maps are available in hard copy in limited quantities and can be downloaded from the NCHA website: www.CoalHeritage.org.

National Coal Heritage Area, West Virginia

Trail Plan for Greenways and Blueways

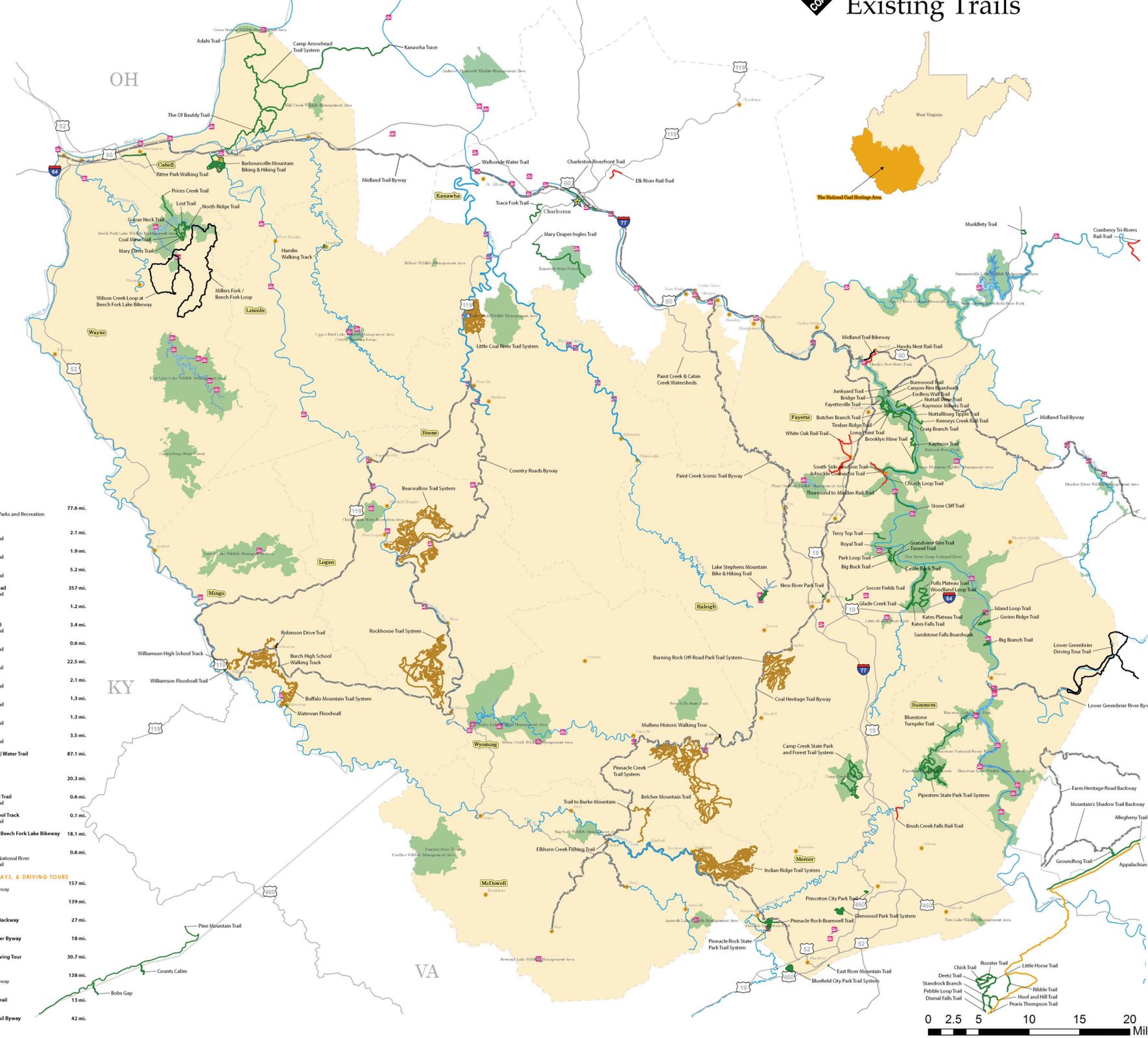


EXISTING TRAILS

The trail name, management entity, type of use, and mileage are listed below for each existing trail on the map.

Trail Name	Management Entity	Type	Mileage
WITHIN THE NCHA			
Adahi Trail	To State Area Boy Scout Council	Non-Motorized Trail	20 mi.
Arbuckle Connector Trail	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	0.2 mi.
Barboursville Mtn. Biking & Hiking Trails	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	21 mi.
Bearwallow Trail System	Hartfield McCoy Regional Recreation Authority	MotORIZED Trail	107.7 mi.
Belcher Mountain Trail	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	4.6 mi.
Big Branch Trail	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	1.9 mi.
Big Buck Trail	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	0.8 mi.
Bluefield City Park Trail System	City of Bluefield Parks and Recreation Dept.	Roadside Trail	8 mi.
Bluestone Turnpike Trail	Bluestone National Scenic River	Non-Motorized Trail	7.2 mi.
Bridge Trail	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	0.7 mi.
Brooklyn Mine Trail	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	2.7 mi.
Brush Creek Falls Rail-Trail	The Nature Conservancy of WV	Rail-Trail	1.9 mi.
Buffalo Mountain Trail System	Hartfield McCoy Regional Recreation Authority	MotORIZED Trail	87 mi.
Burch High School Walking Track	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	0.2 mi.
Burning Rock Off-Road Park Trail System	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	100 mi.
Burnwood Trail	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	0.8 mi.
Butcher Branch Trail	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	0.7 mi.
Camp Arrowhead Trail System	To State Area Boy Scout Council	Non-Motorized Trail	22.4 mi.
Camp Creek State Park and Forest Trail System	Camp Creek State Park and Forest	Non-Motorized Trail	40 mi.
Canyon Rim Boardwalk	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	0.1 mi.
Castle Rock Trail	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	0.5 mi.
Church Loop Trail	City of Princeton Parks and Recreation Dept.	Non-Motorized Trail	0.2 mi.
Coal Mine Trail	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	0.8 mi.
Craig Branch Trail	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	2.3 mi.
East River Mountain Trail	City of Bluefield Parks and Recreation Dept.	Non-Motorized Trail	0.2 mi.
Elkhorn Creek Fishing Trail	New River Gorge National River	Water Trail	17.6 mi.
Endless Wall Trail	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	2.2 mi.
Fayetteville Trail	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	3.9 mi.
Glade Creek Trail	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	10.3 mi.
Glenwood Park Trail System	Glenwood Park	Non-Motorized Trail	9.4 mi.
Goose Neck Trail	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	2.0 mi.
Grandview Rim Trail	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	1.5 mi.
Gwynn Ridge Trail	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	3.0 mi.
Hamlin Walking Track	Lions Club	Non-Motorized Trail	0.7 mi.
Hawks Nest Rail-Trail	Team of Amateurs	Rail-Trail	2.1 mi.
Indian Ridge Trail System	Hartfield McCoy Regional Recreation Authority	MotORIZED Trail	120.8 mi.
Island Loop Trail	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	0.6 mi.
Junkyard Trail	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	0.2 mi.
Kanawha Trace	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	25.4 mi.
Kates Falls Trail	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	0.1 mi.
Kates Plateau Trail	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	4.9 mi.
Kaymoor Miners Trail	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	0.6 mi.
Kaymoor Trail	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	8.3 mi.
Keeney Creek RR Trail	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	3.3 mi.
Lake Stephens Mountain Bike & Hiking Trail	Raleigh County Recreation Department	Non-Motorized Trail	4.6 mi.
Little Coal River Trail System	Hartfield McCoy Regional Recreation Authority	MotORIZED Trail	19.6 mi.
Long Point Trail	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	1.6 mi.
Lost Trail	Beech Fork Trail System	Non-Motorized Trail	2.8 mi.
Mary Davis Trail	Beech Fork Trail System	Non-Motorized Trail	4.5 mi.
Matewan Floodwall Trail	Hartfield McCoy Regional Recreation Authority	MotORIZED Trail	0.4 mi.
Midland Trail Bikeway	Roadside Trail	1.7 mi.	
Millers Fork/Beech Fork Loop	Roadside Trail	23.4 mi.	
Muddyfety Trail	Non-Motorized Trail	3.7 mi.	
Mullens Historic Walking Tour	Roadside Trail	0.5 mi.	
New River Park Trail	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	0.6 mi.
North Ridge Trail	Beech Fork Trail System	Non-Motorized Trail	0.6 mi.
Nuttall Mine Trail	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	0.4 mi.
Nuttallburg Tiptoe Trail	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	0.4 mi.
Park Loop Trail	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	1 mi.
Pinnacle Creek Trail System	Hartfield McCoy Regional Recreation Authority	MotORIZED Trail	145.4 mi.
Pinnacle Rock State Park Trail System	Pinnacle Rock State Park	Non-Motorized Trail	6.5 mi.
Pinnacle Rock-Bramwell Trail	Non-Motorized Trail	2.4 mi.	
Pipestem State Park Trail System	Pipestem State Park	Non-Motorized Trail	19.5 mi.
Polis Plateau Trail	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	4.5 mi.
Price Creek Trail	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	2.6 mi.
Princeton City Park Trails	City of Princeton Parks and Recreation Dept.	Non-Motorized Trail	1 mi.
Ritter Park Walking Trail	Non-Motorized Trail	3.1 mi.	
Robinson Drive Trail	Roadside Trail	0.5 mi.	
Rockhouse Trail System	Hartfield McCoy Regional Recreation Authority	MotORIZED Trail	148 mi.
Royal Trail	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	2.6 mi.
Sandstone Falls Boardwalk	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	0.2 mi.
Soccer Fields Trail	Non-Motorized Trail	1.5 mi.	
South Side Junction Trail	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	5.2 mi.
Stone Cliff Trail	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	2.8 mi.
Rooster Trail	Non-Motorized Trail	1.3 mi.	
Terry Top Trail	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	1.6 mi.
The Of Boudy Trail	Non-Motorized Trail	0.5 mi.	
Thurmond-Minden Rail-Trail	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	3.4 mi.
Timber Ridge Trail	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	0.9 mi.
Hamlin Walking Track	Lions Club	Non-Motorized Trail	0.7 mi.
Hawks Nest Rail-Trail	Team of Amateurs	Rail-Trail	2.1 mi.
Indian Ridge Trail System	Hartfield McCoy Regional Recreation Authority	MotORIZED Trail	120.8 mi.
Island Loop Trail	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	0.6 mi.
Junkyard Trail	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	0.2 mi.
Kanawha Trace	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	25.4 mi.
Kates Falls Trail	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	0.1 mi.
Kates Plateau Trail	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	4.9 mi.
Kaymoor Miners Trail	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	0.6 mi.
Kaymoor Trail	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	8.3 mi.
Keeney Creek RR Trail	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	3.3 mi.
Elk River Rail-Trail	Kanawha County Parks and Recreation	Rail-Trail	77.6 mi.
Ground Hog Trail	Non-Motorized Trail	2.1 mi.	
Hoof and Hill Trail	Non-Motorized Trail	1.9 mi.	
Little Horse Trail	Non-Motorized Trail	5.2 mi.	
Mary Doper Ingles Trail	Non-Motorized Trail	357 mi.	
Muddyfety Trail	Rail-Trail	1.2 mi.	
Pearis Thompson Trail	Non-Motorized Trail	3.4 mi.	
Pebble Loop Trail	Non-Motorized Trail	0.6 mi.	
Pine Mountain Trail	Non-Motorized Trail	22.5 mi.	
Ribble Trail	Non-Motorized Trail	2.1 mi.	
Rooster Trail	Non-Motorized Trail	1.3 mi.	
Standrock Branch	Non-Motorized Trail	1.3 mi.	
Trace Fork Trail	Non-Motorized Trail	3.5 mi.	
Waltonde Coal River Water Trail	Coal River Gorge Water Trail	87.1 mi.	
White Oak Rail-Trail	Rail-Trail	20.3 mi.	
Williamson Floodwall Trail	Non-Motorized Trail	0.6 mi.	
Williamson High School Track	Non-Motorized Trail	0.1 mi.	
Wilson Creek Loop at Beech Fork Lake Bikeway	Roadside Trail	18.1 mi.	
Woodland Loop Trail	New River Gorge National River	Non-Motorized Trail	0.6 mi.
NEAR THE NCHA			
Allegheny Trail	Non-Motorized Trail	10.6 mi.	
Appalachian Trail	Appalachian Trail Conservancy	Nationally Designated Trail	2000 mi.
Bobs Gap	Non-Motorized Trail	1.9 mi.	
Charleston Riverfront Trail	Non-Motorized Trail	3.9 mi.	
Chick Trail	Non-Motorized Trail	0.5 mi.	
Counts Cabin	Non-Motorized Trail	1.8 mi.	
Cranberry Tri-Rivers Rail-Trail	Rail-Trail	26 mi.	
Deetz Trail	Non-Motorized Trail	2.8 mi.	
Dismal Falls Trail	Non-Motorized Trail	0.03 mi.	
Country Roads	State-Byway	139 mi.	
Farm Heritage Road Backway	State-Byway	27 mi.	
Lower Greenbrier River Byway	State-Byway	18 mi.	
Lower Greenbrier Driving Tour	Driving Tour	30.7 mi.	
Midland Trail	National Scenic Byway	138 mi.	
Mountain's Shadow Trail	State Backway	13 mi.	
Paint Creek Scenic Trail Byway	State Backway	42 mi.	

Existing Trails



TROUT FISHING

- BOONE COUNTY**
 Bookley Fork
 Pond Fork
 Spruce Laurel Fork
- FAYETTE COUNTY**
 Glade Creek (Babcock)
 Laurel Creek
 Mill Creek
 Paint Creek
 Paint Creek (C&R)
- KANAWHA COUNTY**
 Paint Creek
- MCDOWELL COUNTY**
 Clear Fork
 Dry Fork
 Panther Creek
- MERCER COUNTY**
 Camp Creek
 East River of New River
 Mash Fork
- MINGO COUNTY**
 R. D. Bailey Lake (Tailwaters)
- RALEIGH COUNTY**
 Glade Creek of New River
 Marsh Fork
- SUMMERS COUNTY**
 Indian Creek of New River
 Meadow Creek
- WAYNE COUNTY**
 Beech Fork Lake (Tailwaters)
 East Lynn Lake (Tailwaters)
 Twelvepoke Creek (Wayne Dam)
 West Fork of Twelvepoke Creek
- WYOMING COUNTY**
 Clear Fork (C&R)
 Clear Fork (C&R)
 Pinnacle Creek
 R. D. Bailey Lake (Tailwaters)

WATER BODIES

- LAKES:**
 Anasawt Lake
 Barboursville Lake
 Pipestem Lake
 Plum Orchard Lake
 R.D. Bailey Lake
 Rockhouse Lake
 Stephens Lake
 Underwood Lake
 Upper Mud Lake
- MILLERS FORK POND**
 Mountain Valley Lake
 Raleigh County Airport Pond

TRAIL TYPES

The map is color coded by trail type.

FLOAT FISHING TRIPS

- These trips in the National Coal Heritage Area are recommended by the WVDNR. http://www.wvdnr.gov/Fishing/public_access.asp
- BIG COAL RIVER**
 Whitesville to Orgas (Boone) 8.3 mi.
 Orgas to Fosterville (Boone) 5.9 mi.
 Fosterville to Racine (Boone) 7.5 mi.
 Racine to Peytona (Boone) 3.5 mi.
- GREENBRIER RIVER**
 (Check water levels prior to floating, can rise and fall quickly.)
 Lowell to Talcott (Summers) 2.5 mi.
 Burger Springs to Willowwood (Summers) 7 mi.
- GUANDOTTE RIVER**
 Millers to Pineville (Wyoming) 11 mi.
 Pineville to Baileyville (Wyoming) 13 mi.
 Baileyville to RD Bailey Lake campground (Wyoming) 5.5 mi.
 Justice (Mingo) to Wyo (Logan) 12.5 mi.
 Wyo to Earling (Logan) 9.2 mi.
 Earling to Three Mile Bend (Logan) 6.3 mi.
 Three Mile Bend to Peach Creek (Logan) 6.5 mi.
 Peach Creek to Rocky Branch (Logan) 7.6 mi.
 Rocky Branch to Chapmanville (Logan) 3.3 mi.
 Chapmanville to Harts Creek (Logan) 21.5 mi.
 Harts Creek to Branchland (Lincoln) 21.6 mi.
 Branchland to Salt Rock (Lincoln) 7 mi.
 Salt Rock to Barboursville (Cabell) 21.5 mi.
 Barboursville to Guandotee (Cabell) 7.3 mi.
- KANAWHA RIVER**
 Kanawha Falls to Montgomery (Fayette) 10.5 mi.
- LITTLE COAL RIVER**
 Madison to Danville (Boone) 2.7 mi.
 Danville to Lory Road (Boone) 5.5 mi.
- MUD RIVER**
 Milton to US60 Bridge (Cabell) 3 mi.
 US60 Bridge to Howells Mill (Cabell) 5 mi.
 On to Guandotee River (Cabell) 8 mi.
- NEW RIVER**
 (Due to dangerous rapids, only experienced boaters should float the New River with appropriate water craft.)
 Shandlin Ferry to Cedar Branch (Summers) 6 mi.
 Cedar Branch to Indian Creek (Summers) 2.5 mi.
 Bellepoint Park to Brooks Falls (Summers) 6.5 mi.
 Laurel Creek to Meadow Creek (Summers) 3.5 mi.
 Meadow Creek (Summers) to Glade Creek (Raleigh) 5.5 mi.
 Glade Creek to Grandview Sandbar (Raleigh) 5 mi.
 McCreey (Raleigh) to Stonecliff (Fayette) 13 mi.
 Stonecliff to Conrad (Fayette) 9.5 mi.

OTHER DEFINITIONS

BLUEWAYS are also known as "Water Trails".

GREENWAYS are linking corridors of green space, sometimes used for ecological conservation, and sometimes allowing public access via trails. For this Plan, a greenway includes a public trail.

INCORPORATED CITIES are communities with a local elected government.

NATIONAL COAL HERITAGE AREA (NCHA) is a federally-designated National Heritage Area, and encompasses 13 counties in southern West Virginia: Boone, Cabell, Fayette, Logan, Lincoln, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Raleigh, Summers, Wayne, Wyoming and the Paint Creek and Cabin Creek Watersheds located in southern Kanawha County.

PUBLIC LANDS include state parks, state forests, wildlife management areas, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers lands, national park units, national forests and national wildlife refuges. Trails on these lands have not generally been mapped due to lack of digital data. City/county parks have not been mapped.

PUBLIC LAKES are those listed by WVDNR.

PUBLIC WATER ACCESS points indicate official put-in and take-out boat launch sites, often managed by the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources. They always have a parking area and often feature a ramp.

ROADS that are mapped are the two and four lane-major highways. Their presence on the map helps orient the reader.

RIVERS that are mapped are those that have WVDNR public water access points or official access points.

TRAILHEADS are official access points for trails, and often include parking, signage, water, and restrooms.

Legend

- Existing Trails
 - Motorized Trail
 - Non-Motorized Trail
 - Rail-Trail
 - Roadside Trail
 - Nationally Designated Trail
 - Byways and Backways
- Capital - Charleston, WV
- Cities - Incorporated
- Public Water Access Sites
- Major Rivers
- Public Lakes
- Public Lands
- National Coal Heritage Area



National Coal Heritage Area, West Virginia



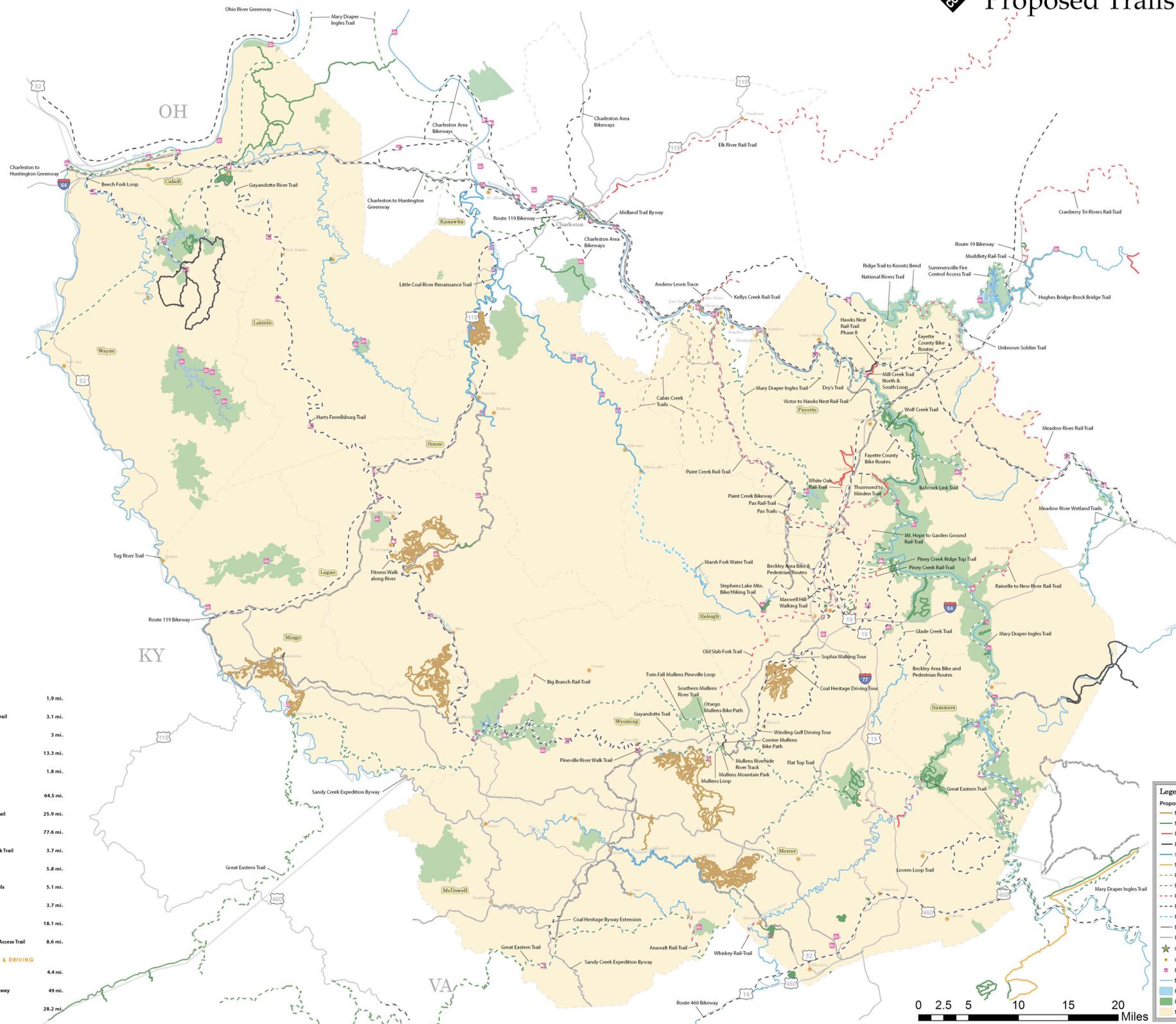
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Proposed Trails

PROPOSED TRAILS
The name, trail type, and length in miles for each proposed trail on the map is listed below.

WITHIN THE NCHA

Anawak Rail-Trail	Rail-Trail	3.4 mi.
Andrew Lewis Trace	Roadside Trail	29.5 mi.
Babcock Link Trail	Non-Motorized Trail	8.1 mi.
Beechfork Area Bike and Pedestrian Routes	Roadside Trail	107.7 mi.
Beech Fork Loop	Roadside Trail	30.9 mi.
Big Branch Rail-Trail	Rail-Trail	6.8 mi.
Bluestone to Camp Creek Rail-Trail	Rail-Trail	12.2 mi.
Cabin Creek Trails	Motorized Trails	63.8 mi.
Charleston to Huntington Greenway	Non-Motorized Trail	69 mi.
Coal Heritage Byway Extension	Roadside Trail	4 mi.
Corrine Mullens Bike Path	Non-Motorized Trail	1.9 mi.
Dry's Trail	Non-Motorized Trail	3.8 mi.
Fayette County Bike Routes	Roadside Trail	25.2 mi.
Fitness Walk along the River	Non-Motorized Trail	1.4 mi.
Flat Top Trail	Non-Motorized Trail	4 mi.
Glade Creek Trail	Non-Motorized Trail	10.3 mi.
Great Eastern Trail	Non-Motorized Trail	425 mi.
Guyandotte Trail	Non-Motorized Trail	14.2 mi.
Guyandotte River Trail	Roadside Trail	142.2 mi.
Harts Ferrellsburg Trail	Non-Motorized Trail	1.6 mi.
Hawks Nest Rail-Trail Phase II	Rail-Trail	0.9 mi.
Little Coal River Renaissance Trail	Non-Motorized Trail	19.6 mi.
Lovers Loop Trail	Roadside Trail	19.7 mi.
Marsh Fork Water Trail	Water Trail	20.5 mi.
Mary Draper Ingles Trail	Rail-Trail	357 mi.
Maxwell Hill Walking Trail	Roadside Trail	2.9 mi.
Meadow River Rail-Trail	Rail-Trail	39.5 mi.
Midland Trail Byway	Roadside Trail	87 mi.
Mill Creek Trail North and South Loop	Non-Motorized Trail	0.8 mi.
Mt. Hope to Garden Ground Rail-Trail	Rail-Trail	4.8 mi.
Mullens Loop	Roadside Trail	3 mi.
Mullens Mountain Park	Non-Motorized Trail	1 mi.
Mullens Riverside Walking Track	Non-Motorized Trail	0.4 mi.
National Rivers Trail	Non-Motorized Trail	4.6 mi.
Old Slab Fork Trail	Rail-Trail	78.7 mi.
Osteo Mullens Bike Path	Non-Motorized Trail	2.5 mi.
Paint Creek Rail-Trail	Rail-Trail	43.5 mi.
Paint Creek Bikeway	Roadside Trail	20.1 mi.
Pax Trail	Rail-Trail	3.5 mi.
Pax Trails	Non-Motorized Trail	3.5 mi.
Pineville River Walk Trail	Roadside Trail	2 mi.
Piney Creek Rail-Trail	Rail-Trail	11.5 mi.
Piney Creek Ridgeway Trail	Non-Motorized Trail	14.4 mi.
Rainelle to New River Rail-Trail	Rail-Trail	18.1 mi.
Ridge Trail to Koonz Bend	Non-Motorized Trail	8 mi.
Route 119 Bikeway	Roadside Trail	64.2 mi.
Route 19 Bikeway	Roadside Trail	56.3 mi.
Route 460 Bikeway	Roadside Trail	59.3 mi.
Sophia Walking Tour	Trail	1.1 mi.
Southern Mullens River Trail	Non-Motorized Trail	0.4 mi.
Stevens Lake MT Bike/Hiking Trail	Non-Motorized Trail	1.6 mi.
Thurmond to Minden Trail	Roadside Trail	2.1 mi.
Tug River Trail	Motorized Trail	0.8 mi.
Twin Falls Mullens Pineville Trail	Non-Motorized Trail	11.3 mi.
Unknown Soldier Trail	Roadside Trail	1.9 mi.
Victor to Hawks Nest Rail-Trail	Rail-Trail	3.1 mi.
Whiskey Rail-Trail	Rail-Trail	3 mi.
White Oak Rail-Trail	Rail-Trail	13.3 mi.
Wolf Creek Trail	Non-Motorized Trail	1.8 mi.
NEAR THE NCHA		
Charleston Area Bikeways	Roadside Trail	64.5 mi.
Canberry Tri-Rivers Rail-Trail	Rail-Trail	25.9 mi.
Elk River Rail-Trail	Rail-Trail	77.6 mi.
Hughes Bridge-Brook Brook Trail	Non-Motorized Trail	3.7 mi.
Kelley's Creek Rail-Trail	Rail-Trail	5.8 mi.
Meadow River Wetland Trails	Non-Motorized Trail	5.1 mi.
Muddydy Rail-Trail	Rail-Trail	3.7 mi.
Ohio River Greenway	Roadside Trail	18.1 mi.
Southern Mullens River Trail	Non-Motorized Trail	8.6 mi.
Stevens Lake MT Bike/Hiking Trail	Non-Motorized Trail	1.6 mi.
BYWAYS, BACKWAYS, & DRIVING TOURS		
Coal Heritage Driving Tour	Driving Tour	4.4 mi.
Sandy Creek Expedition Byway	State Byway	49 mi.
Winding Golf Driving Tour	Driving Tour	28.2 mi.



HOW TO USE THE MAP
This map is a free-standing companion to the "NCHA Trail Plan for Greenways and Blueways" document. It is part of an ongoing initiative to collect detailed trail data throughout the National Coal Heritage Area (NCHA) of southern West Virginia. The map is to be used for visioning and planning of community-based trails of all kinds. For more information on this initiative, or to provide additional input, please visit <http://www.coalheritage.org>

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Why a Trails Plan for the NCHA? Trails are one way we can experience our natural and cultural heritage. Trails provide an outdoor venue for people to recreate and exercise with family and friends, resulting in improved health and wellness. Trails can also connect people and places, providing a safe alternative mode of transportation. Trails make the community a more desirable place to live, help to attract and retain businesses, and improve the quality of life.

Trails offer a host of tourism opportunities - nature-based tourism, sustainable tourism, adventure tourism, ecotourism, and heritage tourism. The National Trust for Historic Preservation lists the following as benefits of heritage and cultural tourism for the local communities involved:

- It builds closer, stronger communities;
- It protects historic, cultural and natural resources in communities, towns and cities;
- It educates residents and visitors about local/regional history and traditions; and
- It promotes economic and civic vitality of a community or region.

This map illustrates existing and proposed trails that are within, or link to, the National Coal Heritage Area of southern West Virginia. To plan trips using existing trails, please contact the trail manager for the latest information on trail status, condition and maps. This map is solely intended for informational purposes. It is not to be used for navigational purposes.

THE MAP:

- Provides a snapshot of existing and proposed trails
- Details the trail's type or use.
- Provides a visual illustration of possible linkages between trails, communities, public lands and adjacent states.
- Provides trail planners with a powerful tool for fundraising and project development.
- Provides contacts for people interested in volunteering and assisting with projects.

EXISTING TRAILS are corridors that have been acquired for public use. Some sections may be officially open to the public, while other sections may be under construction.

PROPOSED TRAILS are projects in various stages of planning, from visionary to under construction. They have varying degrees of support. During early phases of visioning and concept planning, the current landowner may not yet have been approached about the potential use of his or her land. It is often a long process to establish a trail and get community and financial support to sustain it. The vision is the starting point.

MAPPING PROCESS
The trail mapping effort started with the use of the 2002 WV Trail Plan as a base map, in which 12 public input and mapping workshops were held in 1998. For this NCHA map, a series of six additional public input/GIS mapping workshops were held throughout southern West Virginia between 2006-2008, sponsored by the National Coal Heritage Area Authority. Federal, state, and local organizations also provided digital data. Numerous trail planners, users and managers reviewed the digitized trails to ensure map-grade accuracy. However, trail status is constantly changing as sections of trails are acquired and built, and other projects are initiated, so information shown may not be completely up-to-date.

National Coal Heritage Area - Resources and Contact Information

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WV Division of Tourism
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http://www.wvdot.com/ROADWAYS/rp3d5_trails.htm

Statewide Trail-Related Organizations

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Hatfield-McCoy Regional Recreation Authority
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