RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Spend the Day

BICYCLING: 27 miles of trails. The Ohiopyle State Park buffer trails and trail network spans a total of 175 miles. There are 20 miles of paved trails, 50 miles of dirt trails, and 105 miles of single-track trails. The trail system is designed to accommodate mountain bikers, as well as other trail users. The trails are accessible to users of all skill levels and abilities. The trail system is maintained by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

FISHING: The Youghiogheny River is a popular destination for fishing enthusiasts. The river provides excellent opportunities for trout fishing, with the best spots located in the vicinity of Ohiopyle. The river is also home to a variety of other fish species, including smallmouth bass, walleye, and perch.

HUNTING: The Ohiopyle State Park is open to hunting during the designated seasons. The park offers a wide variety of hunting opportunities, including upland birds, waterfowl, small game, and big game.

WATERFALLS AND SCENIC WATER ATTRACTIONS

Camping: The park offers a variety of camping opportunities, including tent camping, RV camping, and yurts. The campground is open from May 15 to November 15.

Canoeing: The Youghiogheny River is a popular destination for canoeing enthusiasts. The river provides excellent opportunities for canoeing, with the best spots located in the vicinity of Ohiopyle. The river is also home to a variety of other watercraft, including kayaks and stand-up paddleboards.

Guided Trips

Trip Types

Guided trips are available on a variety of activities, including canoeing, kayaking, and guided hikes. These trips are led by experienced guides and are designed to provide an educational and enjoyable experience for visitors of all ages. The guided trips are available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, please contact the Ohiopyle State Park Visitor Center at 724-358-4872.

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The freedom

is evident without scouting. Occasional

1. Spend the night under the stars at Kentuck Campground.  
2. Go online to www.visitPAparks.com or call 888-PA-NATPARKS (726-6275) for detailed information.

3. See the deepest gorge in Pennsylvania at the Great Gorge Trail.  
4. Spend the night under the stars at Kentuck Campground.  
5. Visit the Great Gorge and Sheep Mountain from Ohiopyle Falls.  
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HIKING: 79 MILES OF TRAILS

The hiking trails at Ohiopyle showcase the spectacular scenery of the Laurel Highlands. There is a wide variety of hiking trails from short day hikes to challenging backpacking. Always bring a map and water and wear sturdy shoes when hiking.

BASINGHAM TRAIL: 3.4 miles, red blazes, moderate hiking
This trail is along the back of the Middle Yough River. Parking is adjacent to the Town Station Visitors Center in downtown Ohiopyle.

FORESTLIFE PENINSULA TRAILS: All have yellow blazes
These trails branch off of the Loop Trail which circles the peninsula. The trailhead is near the ForestLife Parking Lot.

BUFFALO NUT TRAIL: 0.1 miles, easiest hiking
This short trail is the first branch off of ForestLife Trail and is a shortcut to (Oakhurst Trail).

FORESTLIFE TRAIL: 8.5 miles, easiest hiking
This trail features beautiful views and the remains of the old ForestLife.1

OAKWOOD TRAIL: 0.6 miles, easiest hiking
This trail passes through a serene hardwood forest.

GREAT CONE TRAIL: 2.6 miles, green blazes, more difficult hiking
This trail begins at the Cucumber Run Picnic Area and crosses several bridges and roads. The trail follows Cucumber Run and passes areas known for the spring wildflowers. The section follows an old railroad bed northward toward the town. A spur of this trail leads up to a small waterfall near the Cucumber Run Picnic Area.

KNOX TRAIL: 1.7 miles, blue blazes, moderate hiking
This trail is along the Cucumber Run. The trail crosses the Cucumber Run and passes the small waterfall, including Jonathan Run Falls. The trail connects to the Great Allegheny Passage.

MCCUNE TRAIL: 2.5 miles, purple blazes, more difficult hiking
This trail begins at the Thump Knob Picnic Area. A short, one-mile loop includes the Thump Knob overlook. The trail continues to the Kentuck Campground connector. Finally, the trail descends to meet Jonathan Run Trail.

OXFORD TRAIL: 3.0 miles, yellow blazes, easiest hiking
This trail passes through a variety of habitats and is a great trail for the kids. Hikers can see an old stone house and a small waterfall. This trail runs along the highest ridge in the park.

PRESSED RIDGE TRAIL: 1.5 miles, orange blazes, more difficult hiking
A combination of the Spruce Trail System, this trail follows the edge of the trail with various scenic overlooks. A small connector trail leads to Lily Rock.

SUGAR RUN TRAIL: 1.6 miles, orange blazes, more difficult hiking
This trail features some steep sections and great views of the surrounding area. The trailhead is located at the main parking lot near Sugarloaf Knob. The trail is intersected by a path leading to the Kentuck Campground. A connector trail splits off at the back of the trail near Sugarloaf Knob.

THE FLATS TRAIL: 0.3 miles, yellow blazes, easiest hiking
This trail is a short loop around the Kentuck Campground.

5. GREAT ALLEGHENIES PASSAGE: 27 miles, easiest hiking
From the bicycle rental area, access side trails for hiking or biking.

6. ACCESS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

The Ohiopyle State Park trail system is physically controlled and attended at all times. Upon request, a wheelchair can be provided to assist people with disabilities, except those who are diabetic. For more information, please contact the park you plan to visit.

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Jonathan Run Trail

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