

LEGEND

LAND OWNERSHIP

- Monongahela National Forest Lands
- Privately Held Lands
- State Park Lands

TERRAIN

- Easy Terrain
- Moderate Terrain
- Difficult Terrain
- Paved Road
- Dirt/Gravel Road

TRAILS

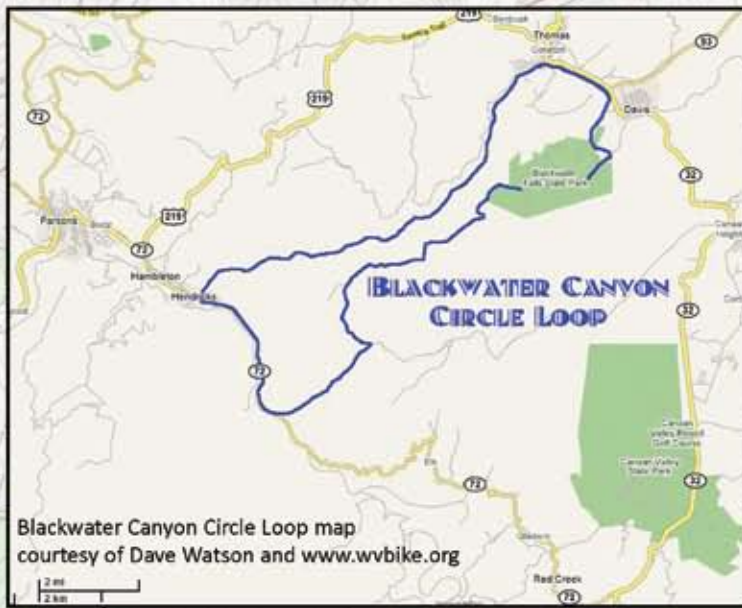
- Blackwater Canyon Rail Trail
- River Trail - BWFS
- Lindy Point Trail-BWFS
- Gentle Trail - BWFS
- Canaan Loop Trail
- Other Area Trails
- State Park Roads
- US Forest Service Gate

OTHER SYMBOLS

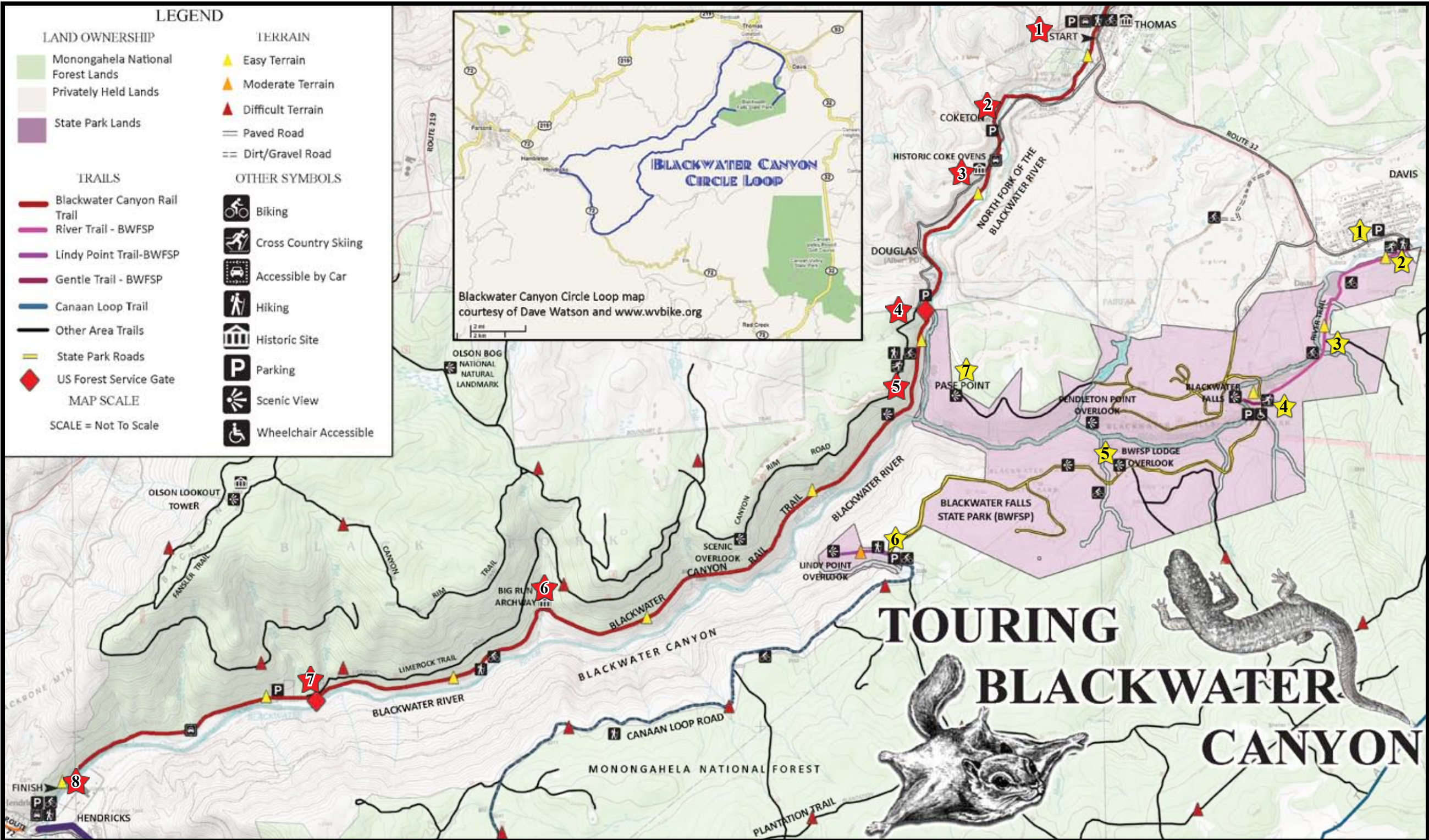
- Biking
- Cross Country Skiing
- Accessible by Car
- Hiking
- Historic Site
- Parking
- Scenic View
- Wheelchair Accessible

MAP SCALE

SCALE = Not To Scale



Blackwater Canyon Circle Loop map courtesy of Dave Watson and www.wvbike.org



TOURING BLACKWATER CANYON



BLACKWATER CANYON RAIL TRAIL TRAVEL DEEP INTO THE CANYON

Blackwater Canyon Rail Trail 10.2 miles hike or bike. Parking at four points along the way can reduce the length. Scenic and historic. Some rough spots, gentle incline drops 1,200 ft. over its length

1 Trailhead Thomas park on Front (Main) Street. Trail below road. Follow to intersection with Douglas Road at Mountain Made, downhill to trail entrance (left after North Fork Bridge)

Alternative: Drive out of Thomas on 32 turn right at Mountain Made sign onto Douglas Rd. Park downhill from store as above. You are now at:

2 Mile 1.1 – from Coketon Proceed along gravel road

3 Mile 1.6 – Coke Ovens left and right of trail, These “beehive” ovens were used to purify coal from the 1880s to the 1920s for steel production. The ovens are among the best preserved in WV.

4 Mile 2.2 – Douglas Falls (sheer drop of 35 feet) and Forest Service gate. (No motorized vehicles) Parking before Falls (on left after crossing old rr bridge).

5 Mile 3 – Canyon Point Bridge

6 Mile 5.6 Big Run Archway: View Cut Stone Archway built by Italian Stonemasons in 1880's off Trail and down to right. Good picnic spot

7 Mile 8.1 – FS Gate, Limerock Trail enters from the right. Parking on road.

8 Mile 10.2 - Hendricks. Parking at Trailhead of Allegheny Highlands Trail. Continue 24.5 miles to Elkins.

To Return: Hike or Bike back or set up a shuttle. For a shuttle take 219 south from Thomas towards Parsons. Take a left onto route 72 to Hendricks and leave a car at the Allegheny Highlands Trailhead.

Wonders of Blackwater



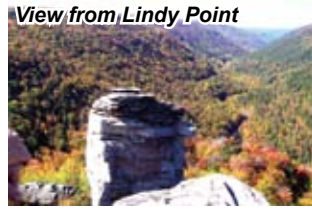
WV Northern Flying Squirrel



Cerulean Warbler



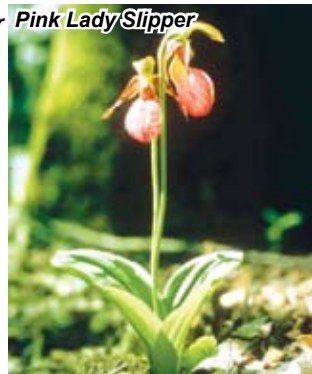
Big Run Archway



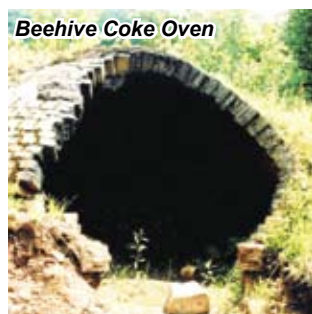
View from Lindy Point



Red Spruce



Pink Lady Slipper

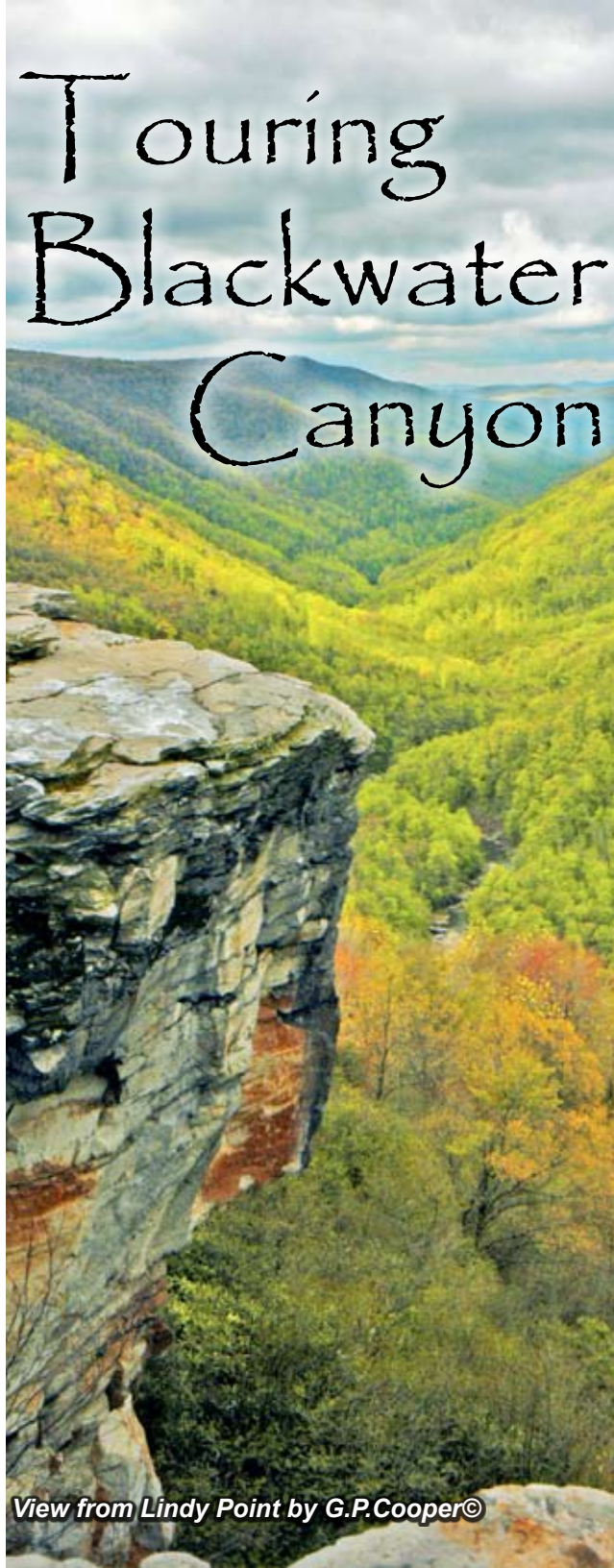


Beehive Coke Oven

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View from Lindy Point by G.P.Cooper©

VIEW THE CANYON FROM ABOVE Blackwater Falls State Park Trails - Davis, WV

1 River Trail (1.56 miles) Park on Main Street near National Bank of Davis- Constructed of stone native to the area in 1892 it is the oldest bank in Tucker County. Follow Route 32 and cross the bridge then turn right onto the **2 River Trail (1.56 miles)**. Cross **3 Tank Run** and continue until you get to the paved road. Cross the paved road to the **4 Gentle Trail (.25 miles)** for viewing of Blackwater Falls from the Canyon Rim. From here continue 2 miles on the paved roadway to the **5 Blackwater Falls State Park Lodge**, where you are afforded more beautiful views of the Blackwater Canyon. Now continue on along the paved roadway for 3 miles to **6 Lindy Point Trail (.37 miles)**, where you will find the most spectacular view of Blackwater Canyon from atop this rock outcrop.

7 Pase Point (1.45 miles)- from the first stop sign in the park, proceed to the right toward Pendleton Lake. Take a left at the dam and cross Pendleton Run, then follow the yellow then red blazes to access this viewpoint on the opposite side of the Blackwater Canyon.

Canaan Loop Back to Davis (16.2 miles)

From Lindy Point you can continue along the gravelled road known as **Canaan Loop Road** which gradually moves away from the Canyon Rim and loops back to Route 32 at Canaan Heights then back 2.2 miles along Route 32 to to Davis.

Blackwater Canyon Circle Loop

The Blackwater Canyon Circle Loop, a 33 mile bike loop, is a complete circle around the beautiful, and endangered Blackwater Canyon.

Begin at Hendricks and bike up the railtrail to paved Douglas Road, turn right to Coketon and then to Route 32. (10 m) Go right toward Davis on the paved road and take route 29/1 into park (4.4 m). Take park road left across the river and follow the park road past the Gentle Trail, the Lodge and on to Lindy Point (4 m). There pick up the Canaan Loop Road (FS 13) to Forest Road 244 on the right (7 m) follow it downhill to State Route 72 (4 m) and go right back to Hendricks (4 m). (see wvbike.org by Dave Watson)