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Guides



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From the lookout, the trail crosses over the railroad and offers several nice views of several rail tunnels. The trail is a steady climb, and many bikers choose to ride slowly to the top then coast down.

The Point Lookout Trail is frequently used as the return leg for the rugged Kitsuma Mountain Bike Trail.



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**States:** North Carolina

**Counties:** McDowell

Length: 3.6miles

**Trail end points:** Old Fort to Ridgecrest

**Trail surfaces:** Asphalt

**Trail category:** Greenway/Non-RT

**Trail activities:** Bike, Walking

## Parking & Trail Access

From I-40, take Exit 73/Old Fort and go north on Catawba Ave. to Main St./US 70; turn left and take the next right on Old Highway 70. Continue to the intersection of Mill Creek Road; parking is at the picnic grounds on left, from May to October.

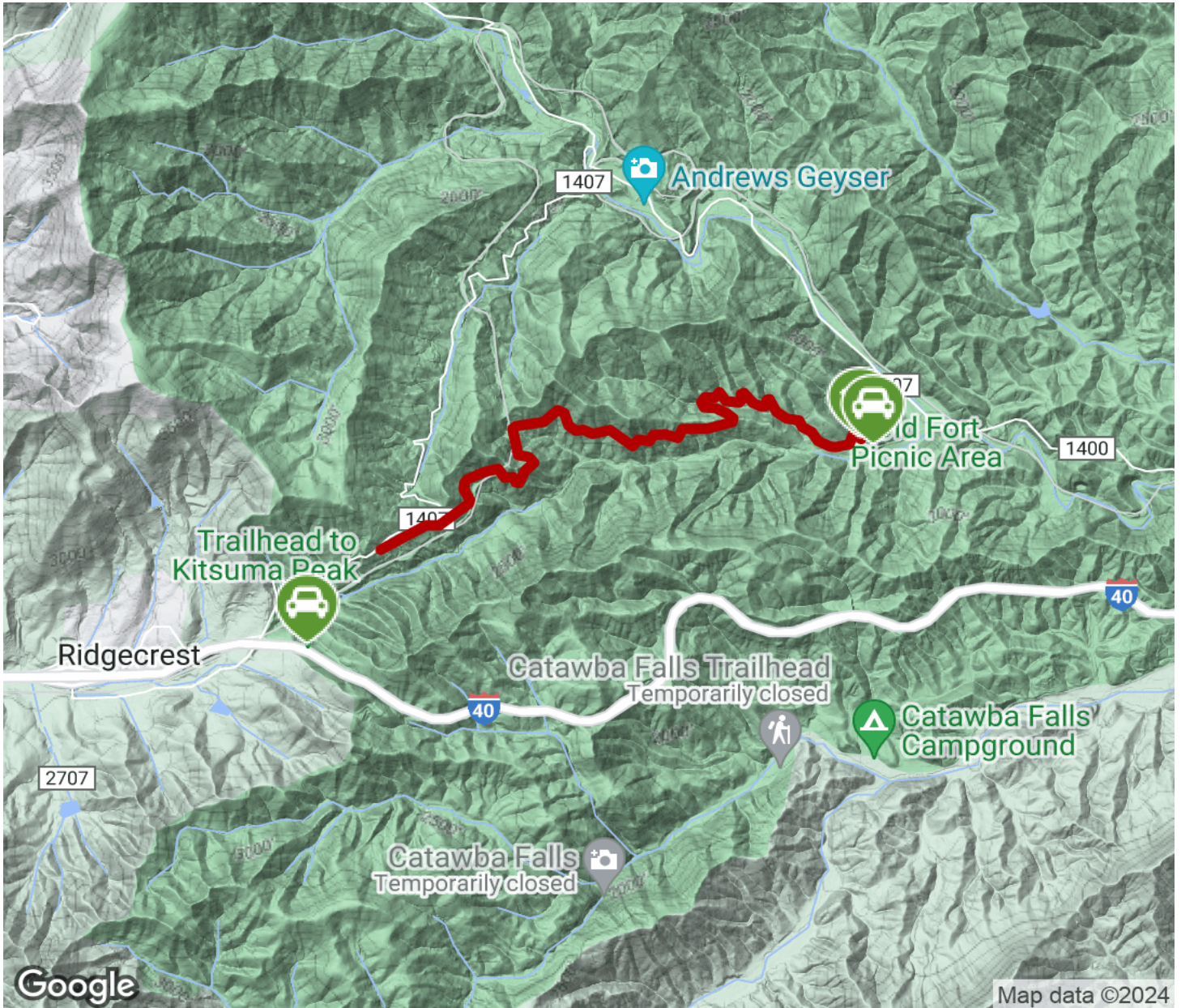
You can get closer by continuing to Piney Grove Baptist church; parking is usually available on the shoulder. Do not park on church property. The gate and beginning of the trail is just ahead.





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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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