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Guides   



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Ridge Trail**  
*West Virginia*



## Whitmeadow Ridge Trail

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Located in the heart of West Virginia, the Whitmeadow Ridge Trail is also in the center of the Monongahela National Forest. Otherwise known as the Whitmeadow Hunters Access Trail (notice the bullet holes in the trail signs), this beautiful trail follows the ridgeline of Cheat Mountain 4.7 miles to Shavers Fork. It travels through a secondary forest of pines, oaks and several different fern species. There is about a 1,000-foot descent from the beginning off Forest Road 92 to the end. This descent is not gradual until it reaches the old railroad bed near Shavers Fork.

The trail parallels Shavers Fork through a rhododendron forest until it reaches the end, where Shavers Fork meets Whitmeadow Run. The parking area is next to a catch-and-release fishing hole that is also perfect for picnics,

though there are no facilities. The drive to the trail is also beautiful. The highway route from Elkins to Forest Road 92 is known as the Cheat Mountain Backway, a scenic highway that passes the site of the Cheat Mountain Summit Fort where Union Troops camped in the summer of 1861. There are interpretive signs around the grounds to tell the story to visitors.



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**States:** West Virginia

**Counties:** Randolph

Length: 5 miles

**Trail end points:** Forest Road 92 to Public Road 47 (Monongahela National Forest)

**Trail surfaces:** Dirt

**Trail category:** Rail-Trail

**Trail activities:** Fishing, Mountain Biking, Walking

## Parking & Trail Access

There is no designated parking available for the Whitemeadow Ridge Trail.

Please see [TrailLink Map](#) for detailed directions.



# Whitmeadow Ridge Trail

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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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