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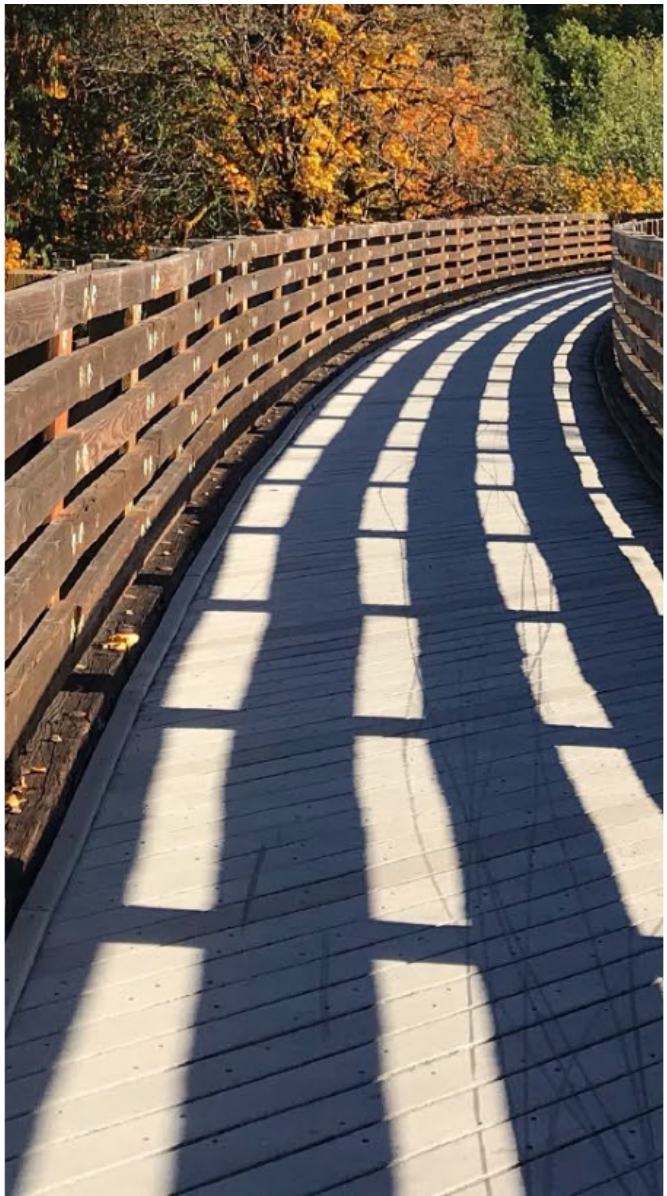

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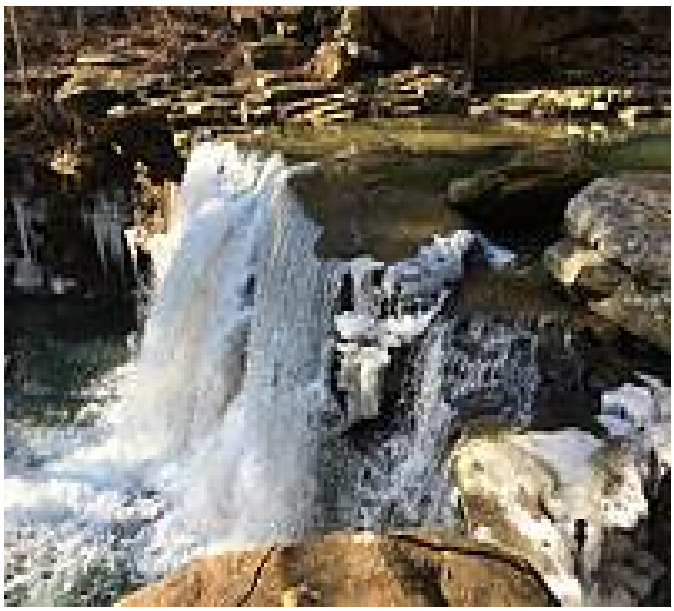

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The park offers swimming, a tramway (fee required), small museums, nature center, picnic shelters and boating.

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States: West Virginia

Counties: Fayette

Length: 1.8miles

Trail end points: Hawks Nest Road and CR 60/2 (Ansted) to New River in Hawks Nest State Park

Trail surfaces: Dirt,Gravel

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Mountain Biking,Walking

Parking & Trail Access

Hawks Nest State Park is on the Midland Trail National Scenic Byway (US 60), 1 hour east of Charleston, West Virginia, and 8 miles west of US 19.

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Trailhead Restroom Parking Water Fountain Tunnel

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