

Welcome to Carvins Cove

Located in the beautiful mountains of Botetourt and Roanoke Counties not far from Hollins University, Carvins Cove Natural Reserve is the second largest municipal park in the United States. This 12,700 acre park's watershed and reservoir supply drinking water for the majority of the Roanoke Valley.

Land use and boating rules and fees help provide recreational opportunities for visitors while still maintaining the safest, highest quality drinking water possible.

Land Use Information

Almost 60-miles of trails and service roads in the park are available for hiking, biking and horseback riding. The terrain is moderately to steeply sloped with an elevation gain of more than 1,000 feet from the reservoir to the peaks of the surrounding mountains. Carvins Cove is a wilderness area, and you may encounter wildlife, including bears, during your visit. Bear proof trash cans for your use are located at the picnic shelter near the Boat Landing.

Your dog is welcome in the park, but all dogs must remain leashed. Please help take care of the watershed by picking up all waste from visiting dogs and horses.

Daily Pass: \$3 per person

Annual Pass: \$25 per person

Passes are required for anyone over the age of 16. Visitors age 15 or under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Passes may be purchased at the Security Office (9644 Reservoir Road) or at the payment drop boxes located at the Bennett Springs and Timberview parking lots. Passes must be purchased with cash or personal checks. Debit and charge cards are not accepted at this time. Annual passes are good for one year from the date of purchase.

Rent a Boat

Kayaks, Jon Boats and Paddle Boats are available for rental to anyone age 16 or older on a first-come/first-served basis. All rental rates include a required life jacket and paddle if needed.

Single Kayak or two-seat Paddle Boat:

\$7 for one hour or \$11 for two hours

Double Kayak or four-seat Paddle Boat:

\$9 for one hour or \$15 for two hours

Row Boats and Jon Boats:

\$5 per hour or \$15 per day

\$2 additional fee if you bring your own motor

Rental Hours: April 1 - September 30: rentals start at 7am and the last rental is at 5pm (return by 6pm)

Between Memorial Day & Labor Day boats may be checked out until 6:30pm as long as they are returned by 7:30pm.

Bring Your Own Boat

Daily Rate: \$5 no motor | \$10 up to 10hp

Annual Rate: \$75 no motor | \$100 up to 10hp
annual boat passes valid Jan 1 - Dec 31

Boat Launching Hours

April 1 - September 30: 6:30am - 9:30pm

October 1 - March 31: 8:30am - 6:30pm

- Boat launching is only permitted from the Boat Landing at Reservoir Road.
- To maintain water quality, all boats can not be in waters other than Carvins Cove for 21 days.
- The maximum motor size is 10hp, and the maximum boat length is 20 feet.
- Boat operators must be 16 years of age or older.
- Boat inspection for evidence of mussels, prohibited bait/bait containers is required.
- No aquatic bait or bait containers allowed.

Stand Up Paddleboarding is permitted with an approved class and access badge. See www.westernvawater.org/sup for details.

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Your guide to
using and protecting
this beautiful
watershed



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TRAIL	MILES	DIFFICULTY	USAGE	ELEV. +/-
1	6.71	Easy	Multi	539
2	9.81	Easy	Multi	1668
3	0.72	More Difficult	Multi	51
4	1.44	Very Difficult	Multi	441
5	0.52	Very Difficult	Multi	395
6	2.47	More Difficult	Multi	601
7	1.87	Extremely Difficult	Multi	713
8	0.71	More Difficult	Multi	69
9	1.88	More Difficult	Multi	206
10	1.53	More Difficult	Multi	192
11	0.66	More Difficult	Multi	40
12	0.29	More Difficult	Multi	42
13	2.05	Extremely Difficult	Multi	1092
14	1.08	Very Difficult	Multi	636
15	1.50	Very Difficult	Multi	513
16	1.14	More Difficult	Multi	196
17	1.52	Very Difficult	Multi	804
18	1.24	Easy	Multi	88
19	0.43	Easy	Multi	177
20	0.97	More Difficult	Multi	260
21	1.62	More Difficult	Multi	133
22	0.34	Easy	Multi	26
23	1.17	More Difficult	Hiker Only	690
24	2.13	More Difficult	Multi	275
25	0.69	More Difficult	Multi	75
26	2.28	Extremely Difficult	No Horses	364
27	0.83	Easy	Multi	117
28	0.80	Extremely Difficult	No Horses	666
29	0.92	More Difficult	Multi	147
30	0.55	Very Difficult	Bikes Only	339
31	3.70	More Difficult	Multi	524
32	2.24	More Difficult	Multi	388
33	0.13	Very Difficult	Multi	40
34	0.12	Extremely Difficult	No Horses	63



LEGEND

- INFORMATION
- PARKING
- SHELTER
- RESTROOM
- NO HORSES
- NO BIKES
- NO HIKERS
- APPALACHIAN TRAIL
- BOAT LAUNCH
- PICNIC AREA
- EASY
- MORE DIFFICULT
- VERY DIFFICULT
- EXTREMELY DIFFICULT
- SINGLE TRACK TRAIL
- DOUBLE TRACK TRAIL



Easy: These routes are appropriate for novice through advanced users. They generally follow obvious, well marked trails and roads. Grades are gentle, and only minor obstacles will be encountered.

More Difficult: These routes are appropriate for intermediate through advanced users. Terrain will be steeper, trails narrower, and obstacles such as rocks and loose stone will be encountered.

Very Difficult: These routes are recommended for physically fit users with technical skill. Terrain is steep and difficult obstacles will be encountered.

Extremely Difficult: These routes are recommended only for physically fit users with technical skill. Users need to control speed, watch for surface hazards, and be familiar with trail location. Terrain is steep, and technical obstacles will be encountered.