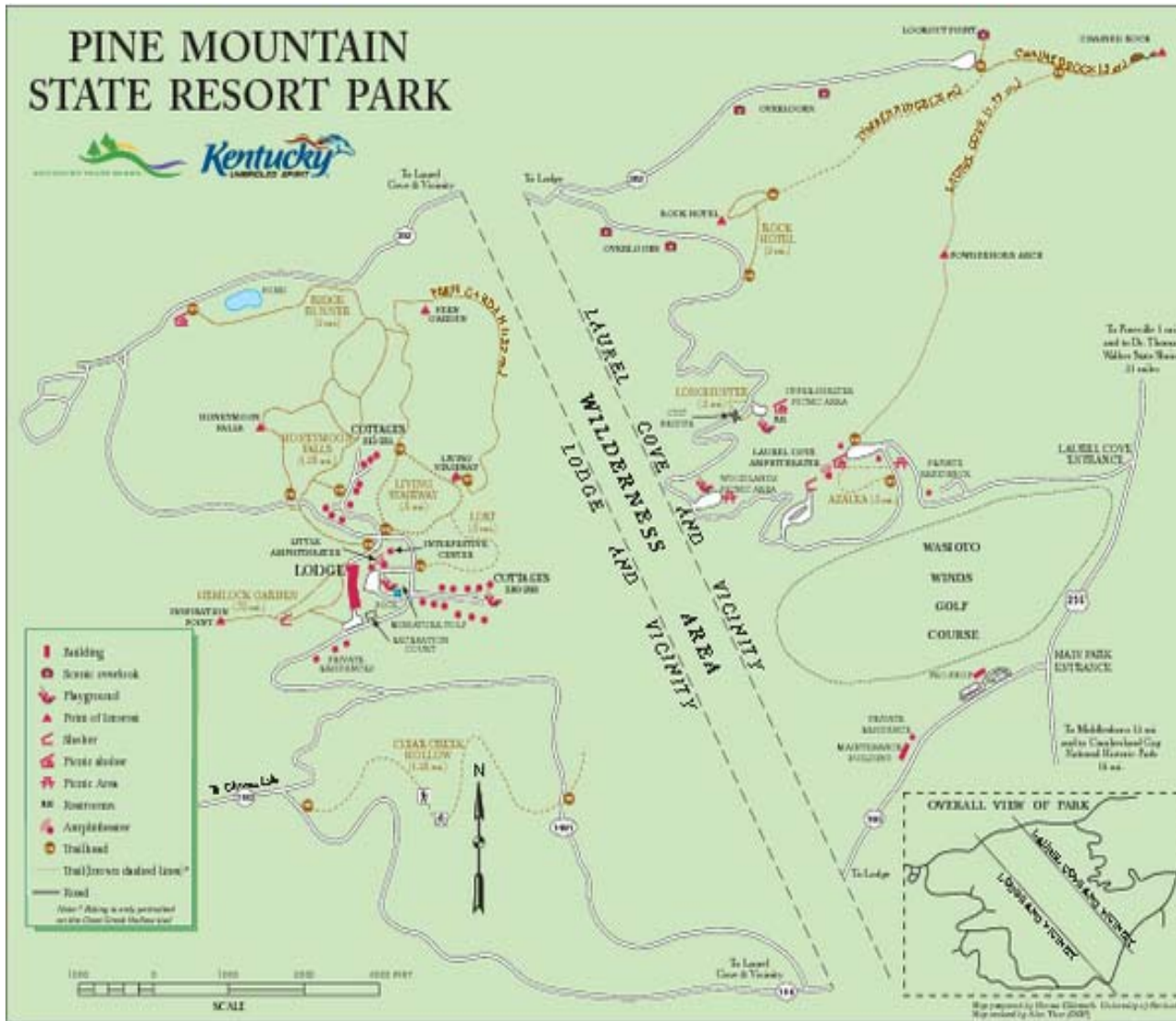


PINE MOUNTAIN STATE RESORT PARK



Kentucky Questing sites can be found across the Commonwealth. Go to <http://eeinkentucky.org> to find one near you.

Pine Mountain Interpretive Center Quest

The park's Interpretive Center, combining exhibits with a graphics-driven interactive kiosk, provides visitors with a great place to begin exploring the park's rich natural history. The center's interior blends state-of-the-art technology with old-fashioned charm inherent to the historic structure. The center is open from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. daily.

Approximate time for Quest: 45 minutes
Type of trail: Gravel; uneven
Difficulty level: Easy
Handicap Accessible: Yes

Directions to starting point: Bell County - Pine Mountain State Resort is located south of Pineville, KY on US 25E and 10 miles north of Middlesboro, KY. From I-75 South or North, take exit 29 at Corbin onto US 25E, then travel south on 25E, approximately 34 miles to Pineville, KY. Continuing on 25E south, the park entrances that are located about 1.5 miles south of Pineville. Buses and larger vehicles should use the south entrance, just past Wasioto Winds Golf Course. The Herndon J. Evans lodge is located 4.5 miles from the official park entrance; park signs mark the route. Quest begins in the lobby of the Lodge



Clues: (quest begins in the lower lodge lobby at visitor's desk)

#1 Get Into the Hunt

Go out the main doors and into the sun,
your questing adventure has just begun.
Bear left on the sidewalk then right at the fork,
then shoot straight ahead like popping a cork.
You'll pass a brown sign for the Nature Center,
a smooth gravel path is where you'll next enter.

#2 Millions and Millions

Ahead in the distance, you'll spy a cool spot,
but what resides there is much more than a rock.
A tall column with ridges and parts scattered round,
take just a moment to inspect what you've found.
It's rare, it's old, and since death has been chillin',
not just a few years but 300-hundred-million!
By now, there's no mystery for surely you see,
You've discovered the park's one and only...

Answer: Fossil Tree

#3 Man with a Plan

Just ahead, up the hill, the next stop on your odyssey,
A commemorative plaque for a man of much modesty.
With fervor and vision, through times bright and dark,
This man became known as the "father of parks".
a historian, a geologist, a writer, and then some,
Let us be thankful for the work of...

Answer: Willard Rouse Jillson

#4 Wonder Muds of Straight Creek

Still further on up, near the top, by the building,
lies a curious creation, resolute and unyielding.
As water dried up crystals formed in the cracks,
until geologic time stopped it dead in its tracks.
Pause for a moment, consider, and take stock,

Behold the quaint curiosity of...

Answer: Turtle Rock

#5 Back and Making Tracks

By now, you've noticed the interpretive center,
So step up, catch your breath, and prepare to enter.
Inside, on the mantle above the fireplace,
there's a show about critters that need lots of space.
For 150 years, there was none to be found,
but they're back in the mountains and making their rounds.
Through the willingness of souls to provide lots of help,
you can now go afield to see great herds of...

Answer: Elk

#6 An Indoor Forest

We all know that forests are much more than trees,
but you've probably not seen any that are quite like these.
They tell about wildlife and of themselves make mention,
and suggest what it takes to make a good ecosystem.
Mountain forests are rich and the variety is good,
How many trees stand in our simulated woods?

Answer: Eight

#7 That's One Long Mountain

The sounds overhead match pics on the screen,
The video tells all, scene after scene.
After viewing the intro, see the *Geology* section,
Choose *Mountain Formation* to make a connection.
View the video and listen, now don't get this wrong,
but Pine Mountain is about how many miles long?

Answer: 120

#8 Ancient Sunshine

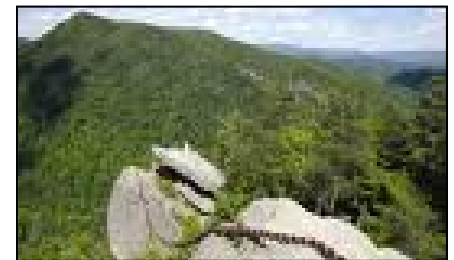
Just one more thing before leaving this place,
Find our hands-on area and look for the trace,
of a sedimentary rock made of fossilized plants,
that's used as a fuel, and upon it flames dance.
With high amounts of carbon anyone should know,
That you're looking, of course, for a small block of...

Answer: Coal

#9 Leader of the Pack

Return to the lodge on the same path you came,
but look for a room where wood logs make the frame.
High on the sandstone a massive beast is displayed,
He once was herd master of all he surveyed.
His impressive headgear will grab your attention,
And used to fill rivals with much apprehension.
And here now at rest, he's regal once more,
Can you tell us the measure of this monster's gross score?

Answer: 350



Chain Rock at Pine Mountain State
Resort Park