

Safety Considerations and Area Rules:

- Obtain a good map and a compass; plan your route; and leave word with someone—just in case you do get lost. Travel with a companion.
- Streams and creeks should be crossed with caution when there are no footbridges.
- Flash flooding occurs occasionally in the valleys, so seek high ground during periods of heavy rain.
- Camping is permitted anywhere on National Forest land, provided campsites are at least 200 feet from all roads, streams, trails, and trailheads. Practice Leave No Trace Outdoor Ethics. Leave a clean camp for those who follow you. When traveling, no matter by what means, make an effort to stay on trails. Carry out all trash and garbage.
- Campfires may be built, but with extreme caution. Only dead and down trees may be used for firewood. The use of small cooking stoves is preferred to campfires.
- Erecting and maintaining structures is prohibited.
- Pets must be under your control at all times.
- Motor vehicles are restricted to roads and parking areas.
- Pack Stock is not permitted in the campgrounds.
- Dress for the weather. Be prepared for sudden changes.
- Wear proper footwear.
- Bring drinking water; otherwise treat water from streams and springs before drinking or cooking to kill harmful pathogens.
- During hunting seasons, hikers are encouraged to wear high visibility clothing.

In Case of Emergency: The following phone numbers will be useful:

- Emergencies: 911
- State Police: (304) 799-4101
- Pocahontas Memorial Hospital, Marlinton, (304) 799-7400

Tea Creek Trail (TR 454)

The Tea Creek Trail travels from Tea Creek Campground to the top of Gauley Mountain. From the campground, follow the Williams River Trail to Tea Creek Mountain Trail, turn left and begin climbing on the Tea Creek Trail. After the trail descends to Tea Creek, the trail follows an historic railroad grade. At 2.8 miles, find the Forks of Tea Creek, a scenic swimming hole with a rustic camping shelter. Near this point the trail crosses the Right Fork of Tea Creek, and begins a one and one-half mile section with a dozen stream crossings. There are no bridges. A second camping shelter is located near the northern end of the trail.
Length: 6.8 miles Fords: approximately 12

The Williams River Trail (TR 487)

This trail begins at Tea Creek Campground, and follows the scenic Williams River the entire way. The trail follows an old logging railroad grade, which makes for an easy bike ride, and provides easy access for anglers. There is a second trailhead located along the Highland Scenic Highway. The trail ends at Little Laurel Creek, which is the boundary with the Handley Public Hunting and Fishing Area.
Length: 2.7 miles Fords: 0

Tea Creek Mountain Trail (TR 452)

This narrow path climbs Tea Creek Mountain, gaining over 1,500’ elevation along the way. Begin at the trailhead on the Highland Scenic Highway, with a vigorous climb to the top of the mountain, elevation 4,541’. The trail traverses the ridge, providing a few nice views. The last mile and a half is a continuous descent to the Williams River Trail, which takes you back to Tea Creek Campground, elevation 2,968’. This trail is popular with expert mountain bike riders.
Length: 4.3miles Fords: 0

Tea Creek Interpretive Trail

This trail helps the visitor understand the ecology of mountain meadows and wetlands. The trail travels through Tea Creek Meadow on a gravel path, and then descends to a boardwalk that meanders through a small wetland and beaver pond. Interpretive signing and rest benches are found along the way.
Length: 0.6 mile Fords: 0

Gauley-Tea Connector (TR 413)

The Gauley-Tea Connector Trail uses an old railroad grade with railroad ties still in place and links the Gauley Mountain and Tea Creek Trail.
Length: 0.5 mile
Fords: 0

Bannock Shoals Run Trail (TR 446)

The Bannock Shoals Run Trail is an old forest road, suitable for horseback riding and hiking.
Length: 4.8 miles Fords: 0



Tea Creek Meadow

For additional information, contact:

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Marlinton, WV 24954
(304) 799-4334, Extension 0

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Right Fork of Tea Creek Trail (TR 453)

The trailhead is located on the Highland Scenic Highway. The trail first passes through Tea Creek Meadow, then links with an old railroad grade. The trail follows the Right Fork and offers beautiful views of this scenic stream. This trail intersects with the Right Fork Connector and Red Run Trails, to offer side trips or loop hikes. The trail ends at the Tea Creek Trail, near the Forks of Tea Creek and a rustic camping shelter.
Length: 3.4 miles Fords: 2

Turkey Point Connector Trail (TR 410)

The Turkey Point Connector links the Bannock Shoals Run Trail with Turkey Point Trail. It follows a trail that switches back three times through a young forest. This trail is steep, so take your time.
Length: 1.3 miles Fords: 0

Turkey Point Trail (TR 447)

The Turkey Point Trail is accessed by the Turkey Point Connector, the Saddle Loop, and the Boundary Trails. The trail follows Turkey Mountain Ridge and offers relatively easy hiking with spectacular views of the Tea Creek valley.
Length: 1.6 miles Fords: 0

Saddle Loop Trail (TR 448)

The preferred access for the Saddle Loop Trail is Forest Road (FR) 135 via Gauley Mountain Road (FR 24). Starting at the trailhead at FR 135 you follow an old forest road for approximately 0.8 mile. The trail leaves the road, continues up and down, and passes through mature forest and rhododendron thickets. The trail ends at the Turkey Point Trail.
Length: 0.9 miles Fords: 0

Right Fork Connector Trail (TR 411)

The Right Fork Connector Trail links the Gauley Mountain and Right Fork of Tea Creek Trail, and makes a nice mile loop with the Highland Scenic Highway. The trail crosses fairly level terrain and is a pleasant hike for the casual hiker.
Length: 0.6 mile Fords: 0

Bear Pen Ridge Trail (TR 440)

The trail is accessed from the Gauley Mountain Trail or the Tea Creek Trail. The Bear Pen Ridge Trail travels through a red spruce forest and a hardwood forest. A rustic camping shelter is located near the mid-point of the trail.
Length: 3.1 miles Fords: 0



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Tea Creek Area Hiking Trails Marlinton Ranger District



Description: The Tea Creek Area offers a backcountry environment, managed for non-motorized recreation activities. The trail system provides access for fishing, hunting, and backpacking throughout the Tea Creek Area. The trails are best suited for hiking, although several trails are popular mountain bike routes. Many of these trails follow the routes of historic logging roads, constructed in the early 1900s. Rails and ties were removed long ago from these grades, so these routes are now scenic paths through these beautiful mountains.

Boundary Trail (TR 449)

The trailhead is located on FR 135, via the Gauley Mountain Road, FR 24. The trail begins as a footpath, passing through rhododendron thickets and red spruce stands, as it gradually climbs to the intersection with Turkey Point Trail. Here you will find vistas of the Tea Creek valley, just a few feet off the trail. The trail connects with an old railroad grade, which descends through hardwood forest to Tea Creek, and the intersection with the Tea Creek Trail. The trail fords Tea Creek, which is passable during periods of low water.
Length: 3.6 miles Fords: 2

Gauley Mountain Trail (TR 438)

The Gauley Mountain Trail follows an old railroad grade and is accessed from the trailhead on the Highland Scenic Highway (State Route 150), or from the trailhead on the Gauley Mountain Road, (FR) 24. The first stretch of the trail (leaving from the Highland Scenic Highway trailhead) has some wet areas with two small footbridge crossing the wettest places. The trail intersects the Right Fork Connector 0.4 mile from the trailhead and passes the Red Run Trail intersection at 2.5 miles; the Bear Pen Trail at 3.5 miles; and the Gauley-Tea Connector at 4.0 miles. The Gauley Trail is an all-purpose trail ideal for mountain biking and hiking.
Length: 5.0 miles Fords: 5

North Face Trail (TR 450)

The North Face Trail is accessed via the footbridge at Tea Creek Campground and the Tea Creek Mountain Trail. The trail follows a wet and rocky route along an old railroad grade that takes you through the area burned by the “disastrous” fire of the 1930s. In an otherwise oak-beech-maple forest, the area is burned is now a lush community of fire cherry-aspen-birch. For the avid hiker, the North Face and Tea Creek Trails make a challenging loop.
Length: 3.6 miles Fords: 0

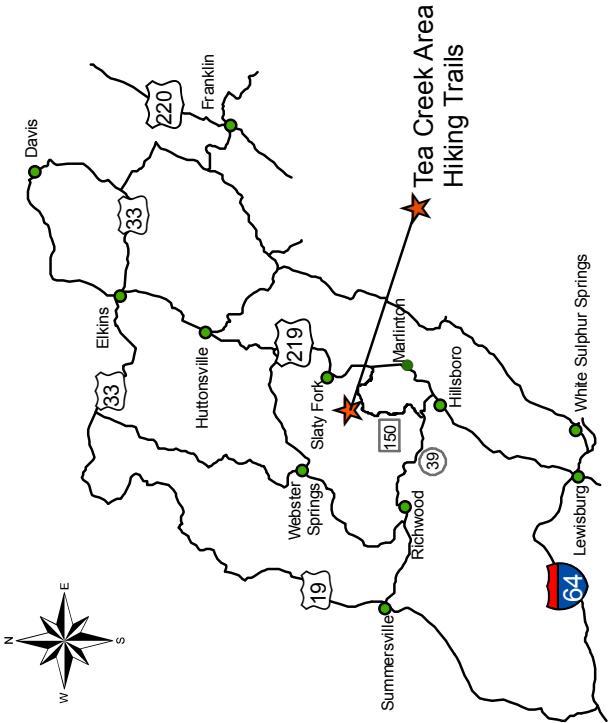
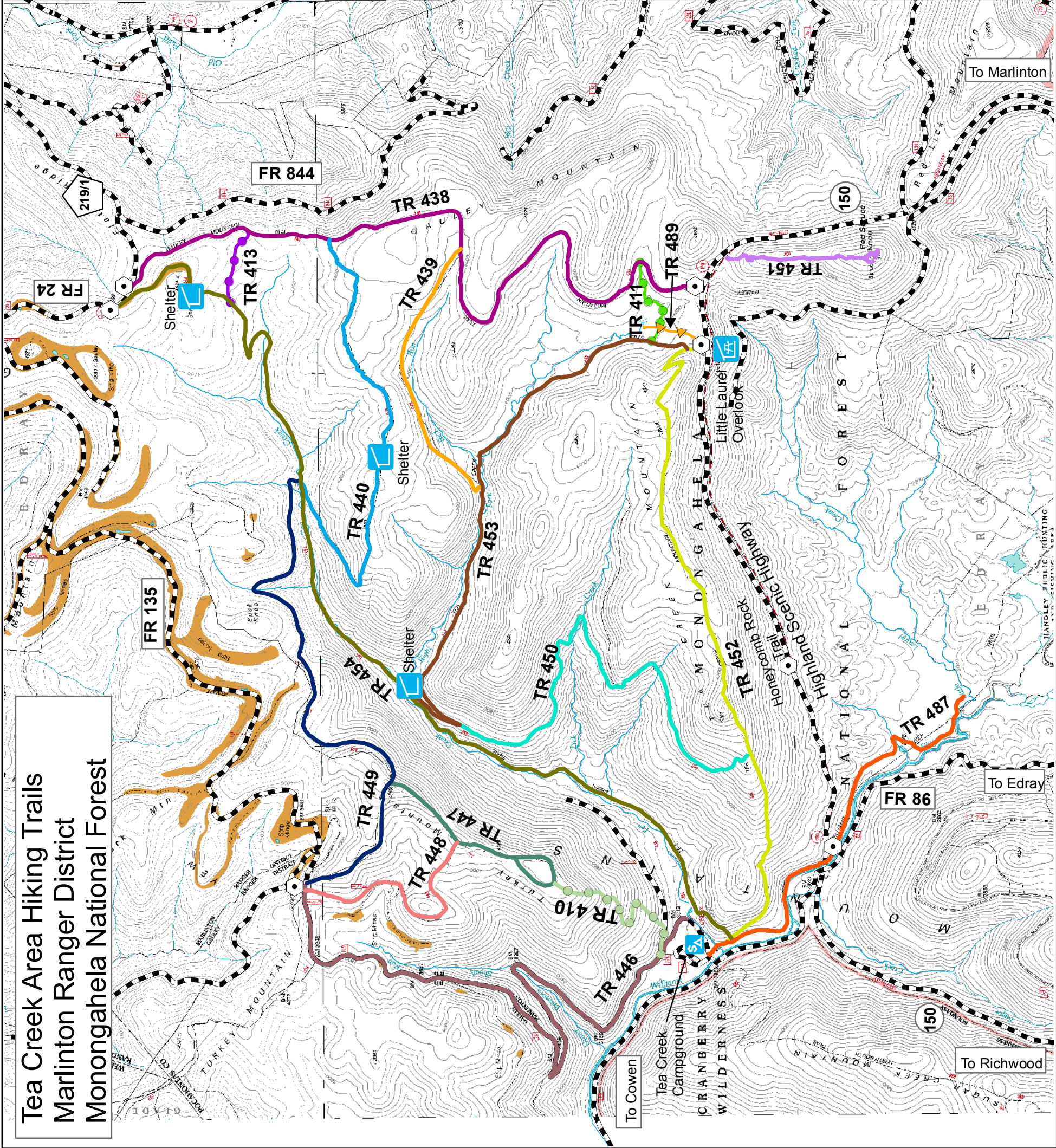
Red Run Trail (TR 439)

Easiest access to the Red Run Trail is via the Gauley Mountain Trail (2.5 miles from the trailhead on the Highland Scenic Highway). The first mile and a half of the trail meanders through red spruce, and then crosses the head of Red Run where it follows an old railroad grade. The trail crosses a footbridge made of black cherry logs and ends with a switchback before it intersects the Right Fork of Tea Creek Trail.
Length: 1.8 miles Fords: 1

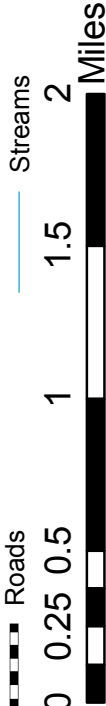
Red Spruce Knob Trail (TR 451)

This short trail takes you to the highest point on the District. Once a location for a fire tower, the area is now a dense red spruce forest with a view only towards the east.
Length: 1.2 miles Fords: 0

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- Legend**
- Trailhead
 - Tea Creek Campground
 - Roads
 - Streams
 - Little Laurel Overlook
 - Trail Shelter



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Trails	Map ID	Length	Name
	TR410	1.2 Miles	Turkey Point Connector
	TR411	0.6 Miles	Right Fork Connector
	TR413	0.5 Miles	Gauley-Tea Ck. Connector
	TR438	5.0 Miles	Gauley Mountain Trail
	TR439	1.8 Miles	Red Run Trail
	TR440	3.1 Miles	Bear Pen Ridge Trail
	TR446	4.8 Miles	Bannock Shoals Trail
	TR447	1.6 Miles	Turkey Point Trail
	TR448	0.9 Miles	Saddle Loop Trail
	TR449	3.6 Miles	Boundary Trail
	TR450	3.6 Miles	North Face Trail
	TR451	1.2 Miles	Red Spruce Knob Trail
	TR452	4.3 Miles	Tea Creek Mountain Trail
	TR453	3.4 Miles	Right Fork Tea Creek Trail
	TR454	6.8 Miles	Tea Creek Trail
	TR487	2.7 Miles	Williams River Trail
	TR489	0.4 Miles	Tea Creek Interpretive Trail