

From the Appalachian Trail and Wilderness Area to the Montebello Nature Trail, there is a hike for every level of interest and ability in Nelson County. Waterfalls and streams, viewsheds, wildflowers and forests await exploration and adventure. With 40 hikes spanning Nelson County's 471 square mile playground, from the first 30 miles of the Virginia Blue Ridge Parkway to the mighty James River, get outdoors and start conquering your bucket list of the best hikes ever.





Hike Trail Guide

Trail Type



Easy



Moderate



Rugged

Trail Amenities



Wooded



Wild Flowers



Picnic Access



Vista



Waterfalls & Streams

Trail Name Trail Location	Distance Miles	Trail Type	Trail Amenities
Allen Creek Nature Preserve Wintergreen	0.7	E	Wooded, Wild Flowers, Waterfalls & Streams
Appalachian Trail Afton, Tyro, Wintergreen,	45	M	Wooded, Wild Flowers, Vista, Waterfalls & Streams
Blackrock Trail Wintergreen	0.8	R	Wooded, Wild Flowers, Vista
Blue Ridge Tunnel Afton	4.5	E	Picnic Access
Brimstone Trail Wintergreen	0.8	R	Wooded, Wild Flowers, Vista
Cedar Cliffs North Wintergreen	0.7	M	Wooded, Vista
Chestnut Springs Trail Wintergreen	1.1	M	Wooded, Wild Flowers, Waterfalls & Streams
Crabtree Falls Montebello	1.7	M	Wooded, Vista, Waterfalls & Streams, Picnic Access
Devils Knob Wintergreen	0.6	M	Wooded, Wild Flowers, Vista
Fortune's Cove Preserve Lovingston	5.3	M	Wooded, Wild Flowers, Vista, Waterfalls & Streams
Fortune's Ridge Trail Wintergreen	1.1	R	Wild Flowers, Waterfalls & Streams
Hemlock Springs Loop Wintergreen	0.8	R	Wooded, Wild Flowers
Highland Leisure Trail Wintergreen	0.5	M	Wild Flowers, Vista
Humpback Rocks Blue Ridge Parkway	2.0	M	Wooded, Vista, Picnic Access
James River State Park Gladstone	7.0	M	Wooded, Wild Flowers, Waterfalls & Streams, Picnic Access
Laurel Ridge Loop Wintergreen	1.6	M	Wooded, Wild Flowers
Lower Shamokin Falls Trail Wintergreen	1.7	M	Wooded, Waterfalls & Streams
Mau-Har Trail Blue Ridge Parkway	7.0	R	Wooded, Wild Flowers, Vista, Waterfalls & Streams
Montebello Nature Trail Montebello	0.5	M	Wooded, Wild Flowers, Waterfalls & Streams, Picnic Access
Nelson County Wilderness Areas Nelson County	10	R	Wooded, Wild Flowers, Vista, Waterfalls & Streams
North Fork of the Piney River Piney River	0.5	E	Wooded, Wild Flowers, Waterfalls & Streams
Old Appalachian Trail Wintergreen	3.3	M	Wooded, Wild Flowers, Vista
Paul's Creek Trail Wintergreen	0.6	M	Wooded, Waterfalls & Streams
Pedlars Edge Trail Wintergreen	1.6	R	Wooded, Wild Flowers
Pond Hollow Trail Wintergreen	1.0	R	Wooded, Wild Flowers
Raven's Roost Park Wintergreen	0.5	M	Wooded, Wild Flowers, Vista
Rockfish Valley Loop Trail Nellysford	4.0	M	Wild Flowers, Waterfalls & Streams, Picnic Access
Shamokin Springs Nature Preserve Wintergreen	0.3	E	Wooded, Vista, Waterfalls & Streams
Spruce Creek Park Nellysford	1.0	M	Wooded, Wild Flowers, Waterfalls & Streams, Picnic Access
Spy Rock Montebello	6.5	R	Wooded, Wild Flowers, Vista
Stoney Creek Park Nellysford	0.3	E	Wild Flowers, Waterfalls & Streams, Picnic Access
The Plunge Wintergreen	0.2	R	Vista
Three Ridges Wintergreen	13.3	R	Wooded, Wild Flowers, Vista, Waterfalls & Streams
Trillium Field Wintergreen	0.1	E	Wild Flowers
Upper Shamokin Falls Trail Wintergreen	0.4	E	Wild Flowers, Waterfalls & Streams
Upper Shamokin Gorge Trail Wintergreen	0.8	R	Wooded, Waterfalls & Streams
Virginia Blue Ridge Railway Trail Piney River	7.0	E	Wild Flowers, Waterfalls & Streams, Picnic Access
White Oak Trail Wintergreen	0.5	M	Wooded, Wild Flowers
White Rock Falls Blue Ridge Parkway	2.5	M	Wooded, Vista, Waterfalls & Streams



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