

West Virginia
State Parks and Forests

Pipestem Resort

State Park

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GROUP SERVICES

Conference Facilities

- Corporate meetings, reunions and retreats
- More than 16,000 square feet of space
- Accommodate groups up to 600
- Up-to-date audio-visual equipment
- Full-service catering



NEARBY ATTRACTIONS

- Bluestone State Park and Lake
- Bluestone Wildlife Management Area
- Concord University — Athens, WV
- Historic Bramwell
- Historic Hinton
- New River Gorge National River
- Sandstone Falls National Scenic Area
- Tamarack Arts and Crafts Center
- Whitewater rafting nearby
- Winterplace Ski Resort

FROM SWEEPING VISTAS in remote surroundings to modern convention facilities, restaurants, two lodges and deluxe cottages, **Pipestem Resort State Park** has all of the elements to make your vacation or meeting a memorable one. A windswept plateau and scenic river gorge in southeastern West Virginia provide the setting for this park's astonishing array of accommodations and recreational facilities. The unique name for the resort is taken from the native Pipestem bush (*Clematis lasiantha*) with its hollow, woody stems, which were used by Indian tribes in the making of pipes.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Golf Courses

- 18-hole championship course (year-round)
- 9-hole executive Par 3 course
- Pro shop/practice green/driving area



Nature Center

- Year-round programs/nature displays
- Harris Homestead
- Eagle watching on Bluestone Lake

Long Branch Lake

- 16-acre lake — trout stocked in spring
- Channel catfish stocking
- Paddleboat and canoe rentals

Hiking and Biking Trails

- Miles of hiking trails with scenic overlooks
- Trails for cross-country skiing and mountain biking

Horseback Riding

- Stables open year-round
- Special overnight rides and hayrides available



Swimming Pools

- Outdoor pool/bathhouse
- Open Memorial Day to Labor Day
- Indoor pool/fitness center/sauna (open year-round)

Game Courts

- Lighted basketball and tennis courts
- Playgrounds
- 18-hole miniature golf course

Gift Shops

- Gift shops at McKeever Lodge and Canyon Rim Center
- West Virginia arts and crafts featured
- "Reflections" shop showcases West Virginia art glass



Outdoor Amphitheater

- Summer entertainment series
- Plays, music and oldies events



Picnic Shelters

- Three reservable shelters for group functions

Other cool stuff

- Sleds and cross country ski rentals — winter recreation, weather permitting
- The Pipestem Knob Tower — a scenic advantage at 3,000 foot elevation — Pipestem's highest point

ACCOMMODATIONS

McKeever Lodge

- 113 rooms, year-round
- Gorge view rooms available
- Executive suites
- Wi-Fi
- Many rooms with outdoor balconies
- Theme weekends/special events/packages
- Indoor pool and fitness room



Mountain Creek Lodge

- Remote hideaway at the base of Bluestone Canyon
- 30 rooms, open May through late October
- Accessible only by scenic aerial tram
- Continental breakfast included
- Gourmet evening dining

Deluxe Cottages

- 26 fully equipped/one accessible, year-round
- Electric heat/air conditioning
- Cable television/phones
- Wood burning fireplaces/wood provided
- Completely furnished for housekeeping
- Indoor pool and fitness room privileges
- Charcoal grill and picnic tables
- Weekly rentals June through September — Monday to Monday
- Pet-friendly designated units

Campground

- 82 total campsites
- Deluxe sites — water, sewage and electric hook-up
- Standard sites — electric only
- Central bathhouses with hot showers
- Laundry facilities
- Dumping station
- Grill and picnic table at each site
- Pets permitted on leash



Restaurants

Bluestone Dining Room — McKeever Lodge

- Canyon views
- Home cooked specialties/buffets
- Friday night seafood buffet
- Full-service event catering

Black Bear Snack Bar

- Open year-round

Mulligans — Golf Pro Shop

- Open seasonally

Mountain Creek — Mountain Creek Lodge

- Gourmet specialties
- Open seasonally — reservations recommended



PIPESTEM AERIAL TRAMWAY

The Pipestem Aerial Tramway opened to the public in 1971. The tram sweeps from the Upper Station at the Canyon Rim Center to the floor of the rugged Bluestone Canyon where it crosses the Bluestone River before arriving at Mountain Creek Lodge. The tram is the only public access to this secluded lodge.

Mountain Creek Lodge features 30 modern rooms with telephones, TV, an excellent dining room, meeting facilities, and a game room. This getaway spot is complete with each room featuring a balcony overlooking the river. It is truly a unique getaway.

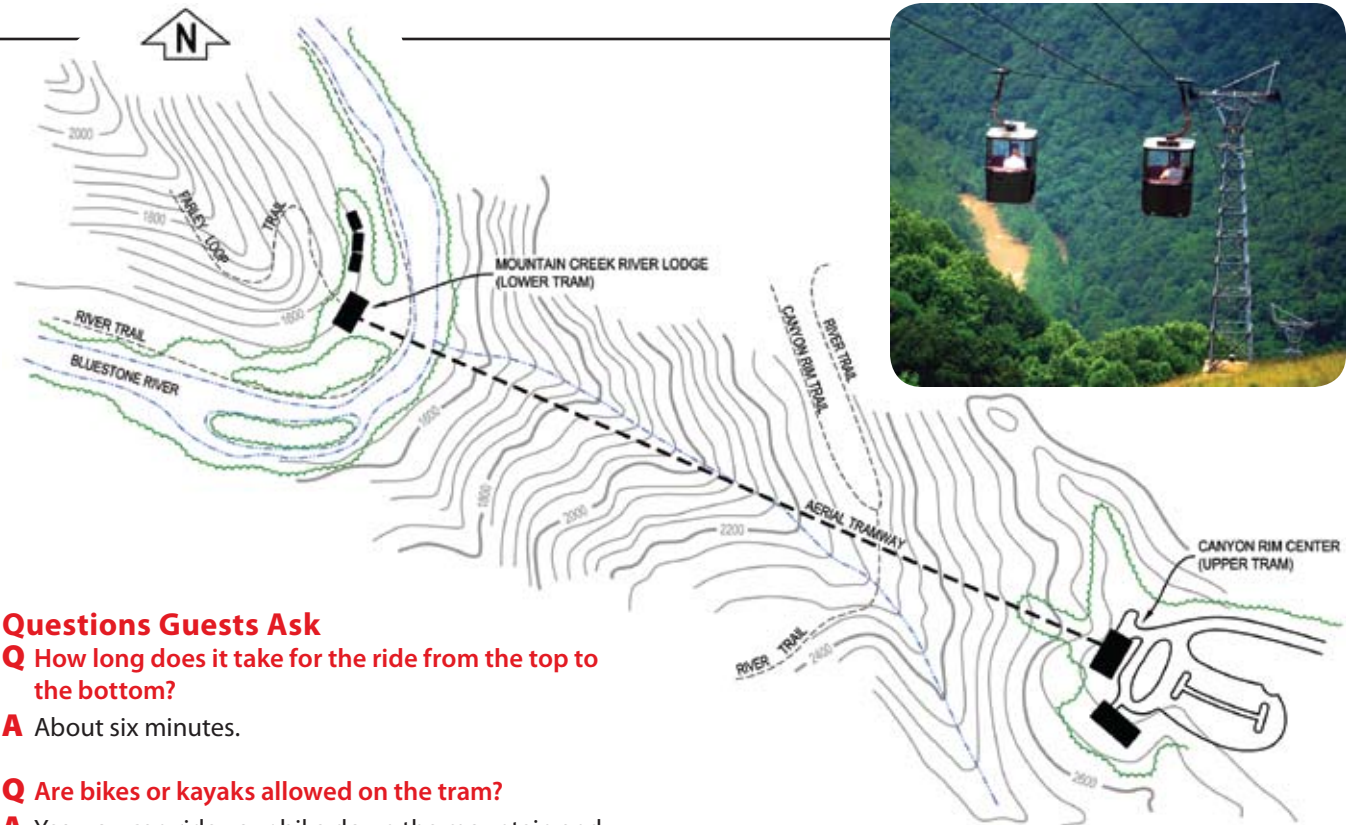
The Bluestone River flows beneath the tram. Eight miles below the tram, the Bluestone River enters Bluestone Lake. The land between here and the lake is all managed by Pipestem Resort or Bluestone state parks, Bluestone Wildlife Management Area, or the US Army Corps of Engineers. Below Bluestone Lake the waters become the New River, famous for its whitewater and rafting.

You'll begin your tramway trip at Pipestem Resort's Canyon Rim Center. This complex houses the Upper Tram Station where you board your tram car. Canyon Rim also houses the Main Gift Shop at Pipestem and the Mountain Artisans Shop that occupies the level below the Gift Shop. The artisans shop offers the best in handcrafted items from our regional craftpersons and artists.

Tram Statistics

The Pipestem aerial tramway was designed by Mueller Lifts.

- Length:** 3,410 feet
- Vertical Rise:** 1,097 feet
- Rope Diameter:** 1-1/8 inches
- Lowest Elevation:** 1,520 feet
- Highest Elevation:** 2,639 feet
- Car Capacity:** 705 pounds
- Capacity per Hour:** 400 persons
- Prime mover:** electric, 75 hp
- Auxiliary:** gasoline



Questions Guests Ask

Q How long does it take for the ride from the top to the bottom?

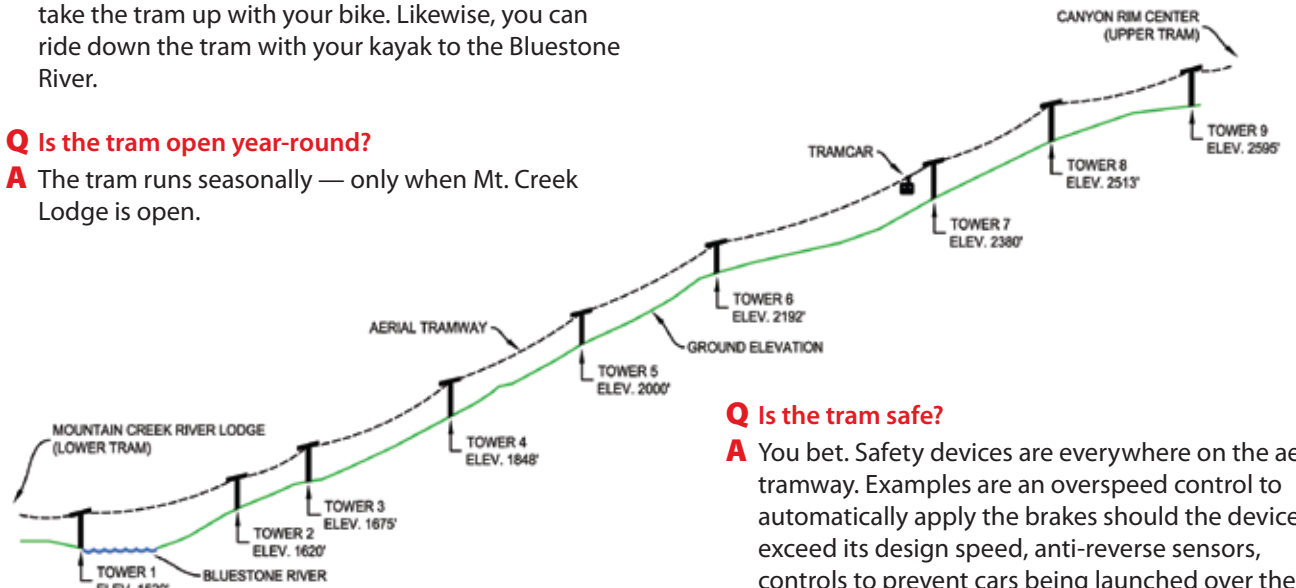
A About six minutes.

Q Are bikes or kayaks allowed on the tram?

A Yes, you can ride your bike down the mountain and take the tram up with your bike. Likewise, you can ride down the tram with your kayak to the Bluestone River.

Q Is the tram open year-round?

A The tram runs seasonally — only when Mt. Creek Lodge is open.



Q Is the tram safe?

A You bet. Safety devices are everywhere on the aerial tramway. Examples are an overspeed control to automatically apply the brakes should the device exceed its design speed, anti-reverse sensors, controls to prevent cars being launched over the splice in the rope, lightning protection, sensors on each tower to detect any variation in the cable locations, sensors to detect any movement on the bullwheel and many others.

RESERVATIONS



Individual reservations may be made up to two years in advance by writing or calling Pipestem directly, or by dialing 1-800 CALL WVA and asking for Pipestem Resort State Park. This toll-free line may be used anywhere in the continental United States or any Canadian province in the Eastern time zone.

Reservations may also be made online for McKeever Lodge and cottages. Advance reservations are suggested at all times.

Lodge Reservations

McKeever Lodge is open year-round. Mountain Creek Lodge is seasonal from May through late October; please call for specific opening and closing dates for this truly unique setting.

The first night's rental fee is required as a deposit for lodge room reservations. A two-night minimum for lodge room reservations may be in effect seasonally and a three-night minimum on some holiday weekends.

Check-in time begins at 4 p.m., with check-out at noon for lodge rooms.

Cottage Reservations

When making cottage reservations for four nights or more, a deposit of one-half the rental fee is required with the balance due upon arrival; the full rental fee is required for reservations of three nights or less.

Reservations made by telephone have 10 days to make deposit payment. Reservations less than 10 days of arrival, as available, are accommodated and a method of guarantee provided at the time the reservation is made.

Cottages may be reserved for a minimum of one week during the summer, beginning the second Monday in June through Labor Day.

Check-in time begins at 4 p.m., with check-out at 10 a.m.

Campsites

The campground at Pipestem Resort is open year-round, weather permitting. Reservations are taken



for 50 percent of the campsites from Friday before Memorial Day through Labor Day for sites designated for reservations; the remaining sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

After Labor Day and prior to observed Memorial Day weekend, all campsites are on a first-come, first-served basis, as available. A minimum stay of two nights, up to a maximum of 14 nights, is required when making campsite reservations.

Reservations must be made 48 hours or more in advance of arrival, as available. Full payment and a \$5 handling fee per site is required.

Online reservations are not available for campsite rental.

Reservations are made for the year beginning each February 15. Only mail-in reservations will be taken from February 15 – March 14. Mail-in reservations postmarked before February 15 will be returned. Phone reservations, in addition to mail-in reservations, will be taken beginning March 15. Walk-in, mail-in, and phone-in reservations will be taken beginning April 1 and throughout the season, as available.

Cancellations

Lodge rooms: Deposit is returned in full, if notice is given 48 hours in advance for lodge rooms.

Cottages: Deposits will be returned less a \$20 handling fee per unit cancelled, if notice is given at least 30 days in advance.

Online Reservations for cottages or lodge rooms: Guests must telephone to cancel an online reservation. Refunds can only be credited to the valid card holder.

Campsites: The full deposit will be refunded, less the \$5 handling fee and the first night's campsite fee when cancellation is more than seven days in advance of arrival. Cancellations for campsite rentals less than seven days prior to arrival forfeit the full deposit and handling fee of the campsite.

Groups

Reservations for groups will be directed to group services for accommodation blocks, rates, and conference or group function requirements.

Pet Friendly

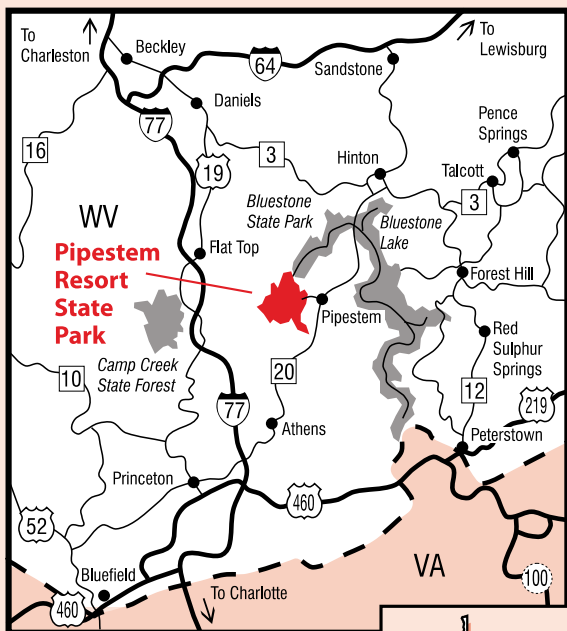
Pets (dogs and cats) are permitted in designated pet-friendly cottages only. The pet policy and associated fees are available online, www.wvstateparks.com. Pets (dogs and cats) are permitted in the campground, provided leash guidelines are observed.



Payment Methods

Personal checks, money orders and major credit cards (VISA, MasterCard, American Express, Discover and Diners Club) are accepted for all reservations. Identification may be requested.

NOTE: All policies are subject to change. Any fees stated in this publication or posted may change without notice. Rate quotes are provided at the time of reservations and those rates confirmed with advance deposits.



LOCATION

Located in the southeastern section of the state, Pipestem Resort State Park is 14 miles north of Princeton and 12 miles south of Hinton on state Route 20. From the west, the Athens Road Exit (#14) of I-77 will bring you within 14 miles of the park. From the Sandstone Exit of I-64, the park entrance is 22 miles south on state Route 20. In addition, the park is located near major airports at Beckley and Bluefield, WV, with rental car services nearby.

Motorcoach, tour groups and conferences welcome!

Pipestem is an affordable choice for overnight lodging, meals, golf and activities, or as a scenic stop.

Call for group planning assistance and special events.



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STATEMENT OF POLICY REGARDING THE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
TO USE FACILITIES AND PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAMS

Visitors are responsible for observing park rules and regulations.

"It is the policy of the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources to provide its facilities, accommodations, services and programs to all persons without regard to gender, race, color, age, religion, national origin or disability. Proper licenses, registration and compliance with official rules and regulations are the only sources of restrictions for facility use or program participation."

"The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources is an equal opportunity employer."

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