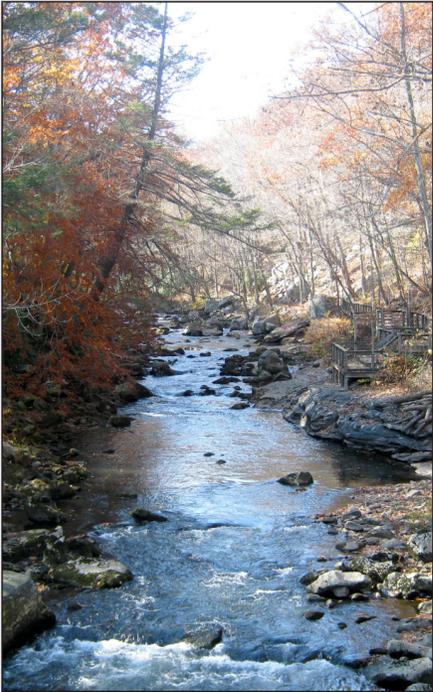


WELCOME



to Savage River State Forest!

Savage River State Forest's more than 54,000 acres of rugged terrain challenges hikers, hunters, anglers and mountain bikers alike. Each season brings the forest to life with delightful colors and sounds, like bright white trillium on a sunny slope and the sounds of migrating warblers taking a brief rest. The tranquility of the secluded forest provides shade over native brook trout streams and a cool place to camp at night.

More than 12,000 acres have been designated as State Wildlands, ensuring the preservation of the forest's unique and unspoiled natural resources.

LEAVE NO TRACE

Savage River is enjoyed by thousands of visitors every year. Please help us protect the forest's natural and historic resources by following these Leave No Trace ethics. Learn more at lnt.org

- Plan ahead and prepare
- Travel and camp on durable surfaces
- Dispose of waste properly
- Leave what you find
- Minimize campfire impacts
- Respect wildlife
- Be considerate of other visitors



All of Maryland's State Forests are trash free — so pack out what you pack in! Thanks for being a good steward of Maryland's outdoors.

Please Play Safe!

Savage River State Forest is a natural area with certain hazards such as overhanging branches, rocky and slippery trails, and venomous snakes. Bottles of water and sturdy shoes are recommended while exploring, as well as blaze orange clothing during hunting seasons. Some of the forest trails are gravel roads, which are open to motor vehicles at various times. Remember, you are responsible for having the necessary skills, knowledge and equipment for a safe and environmentally sensitive visit.



Residents of the Forest

Rhododendron thickets, hickory and oak trees — native to northern hardwood forests — provide habitat to many wildlife species, such as black bears, white-tailed deer, bobcats, raccoons and other small mammals. More than 100 species of birds are identified in the forest, including hawks, owls and songbirds. Eagles have also been spotted soaring over the Savage River Reservoir.



Keep wildlife wild by not feeding them and keeping your distance. Allow others to discover the forest's unique resources by leaving rocks, plants, cultural artifacts and other natural objects of interest as you find them.



CAMPING

The forest's 70 primitive sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Bear Pen — a group camping site — is located off Savage River Road and requires a reservation. More information is available at the forest office.

New Germany and Big Run State Parks, located within Savage River State Forest, offer additional camping and recreational opportunities. To learn more, contact the parks' office at 301-895-5453.

The best way to avoid bear problems is to avoid attracting them in the first place. If a bear comes into camp, don't feed it! Make noise to scare it away.

Black Bear Tips

- Never feed bears.** They will associate people with food. It is illegal to feed bears in Maryland.
- Never keep food in your tent.** Store food in your vehicle or a container on your site, or hang it between two trees.
- Never burn or bury scraps.** Promptly place trash in a dumpster.

HUNTING

Hunting is permitted throughout the forest. Boundaries are marked with yellow paint. No hunting allowed where there are safety zone signs or where posted by private landowners. Hunters should consult the Maryland Hunting Guide — available at dnr.maryland.gov/huntersguide — for exact season dates and bag limits.

Several access roads are available to hunters with disabilities. Hunters must possess a valid permit and display it in their vehicles. More information is available at the forest office.

Savage River Shooting Range

The public can sight in their weapons or enjoy target practice at the Range located off New Germany Road. No fully automatic weapons or skeet/clay pigeons are permitted.

Self registration envelopes are available on site. Yearly passes can be obtained at the Range or the Forest Headquarters Office.



WATER RECREATION AND FRESHWATER FISHING

Savage River State Forest is the birthplace of two mountain rivers separated by the Continental Divide. Popular among advanced paddlers and anglers, the Savage River flows south to the Potomac at 85 feet per minute. Some of the best wild Trout fishing in Maryland happens here.

The Casselman River flows north into the Younghogheny River and eventually empties into the Mississippi. Stocked with Rainbow and Brown Trout, anglers enjoy this freshwater experience. Fishing regulations and other detailed information is available at dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries.

Savage River Reservoir

The Savage River Reservoir provides fishing and paddling opportunities. Boat launches are located at Big Run State Park, Dry Run Road and near the breast of the dam. No gasoline motors are permitted. Anglers can catch Catfish, Trout, Bass and Tiger Muskie. Depending on the season, visitors may see grouse, great blue herons, king fishers, minks and eagles as well. Swimming in the Reservoir is prohibited.

Visitors should always check the weather forecast often when planning trips. The reservoir is situated in a canyon that can experience high winds, making paddling difficult and dangerous.

The reservoir is owned and managed by the Upper Potomac River Commission. They can be contacted directly regarding water releases.



Off-Road Vehicles

Snowmobile and off-road vehicle (ORV) operators can enjoy several miles of scenic trail riding. A current ORV sticker issued by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources must be displayed. Learn more at dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/orv.asp.

TRAILS

Monroe Run Trail

6.4 miles - moderate

Hikers only. Crumbling bridge abutments are the only remaining evidence that this scenic trail was formerly a connection road built by the Civilian Conservation Corps. Frequent stream crossings provide plenty of cool resting spots along the way, ending near the Savage River Reservoir in Big Run State Park.

Margraff Trails

7.5 miles - moderate

A series of circuit, gravel roads provide less technical hiking and mountain biking opportunities, while more advanced cyclists can test their skills on challenging single track trails. With an elevation of 2,800 feet, visitors enjoy splendid views year round. Designated campsites occur along the trail, and some sections are open for snowmobile use.

Mt. Aetna Tract Trails

7.6 miles - moderate

Diverse loop trails offer opportunities for bird watching, mountain biking and hiking. Heavy snowfall supports snowshoeing and cross-country skiing activities during winter months. Trail maps are available at the forest office. The privately owned Savage River Lodge also contains cabins and a gourmet restaurant.

Meadow Mountain Trail

12 miles - moderate

Originally created for fire control, this rocky trail fluctuates in elevation. The four-mile section near I-68 — or East Shale Road — is open for ORV use. The remaining eight miles, southwest of New Germany Road, is closed to ORVs, except for snowmobiles. This portion generally follows the crest of Meadow Mountain and provides an excellent view from the Meadow Mountain Overlook — easily accessible by a three-quarter mile spur trail.

Negro Mountain Trail

8 miles - difficult

Winter sports lovers can enjoy adventurous snowmobiling by following markers. Stream crossings and uneven



terrain make this trail challenging for hikers and mountain bikers.



Big Savage Trail

17 miles - difficult

Hikers only. This popular backpacking trail winds through upland forests of oak and hickory, old pine farmsteads and rocky terrains blanketed by wild azalea and rhododendron. Remnants of an old fire tower remain at High Rock. Hikers should bring plenty to drink, as there are limited reliable water sources along the way.

Backpacker Loop

24 miles - difficult

Featuring the Meadow Mountain, Monroe Run and Poplar Lick trails, this loop of forest roads includes primitive campsites and is great for multi-day backpacking trips. More information is available at the forest office.

New Germany State Park Trails

10 miles - easy to difficult

New Germany State Park, located within Savage River State Forest, offers approximately 10 miles of trails popular for cross-country skiing, hiking and mountain biking. Detailed maps are available at the park office.

DIRECTIONS

Take Exit 22 off I-68, turn left and go south on Chestnut Ridge Road. At the stop sign, turn left onto New Germany Road. Continue for two miles. Turn right onto Headquarters Lane and continue to the forest office on the right.

Approximately 3 hours from Washington, D.C./Baltimore, 2 hours from Pittsburgh.

More information is available at dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/western/savageriverforest.asp or by contacting the forest office.

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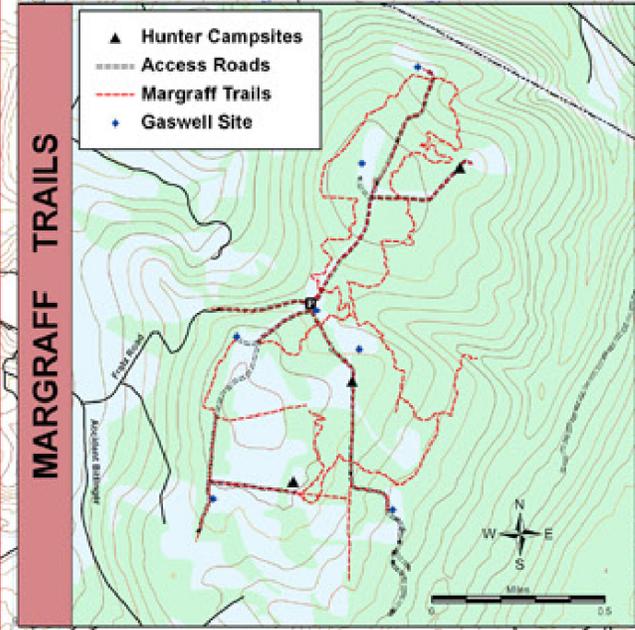
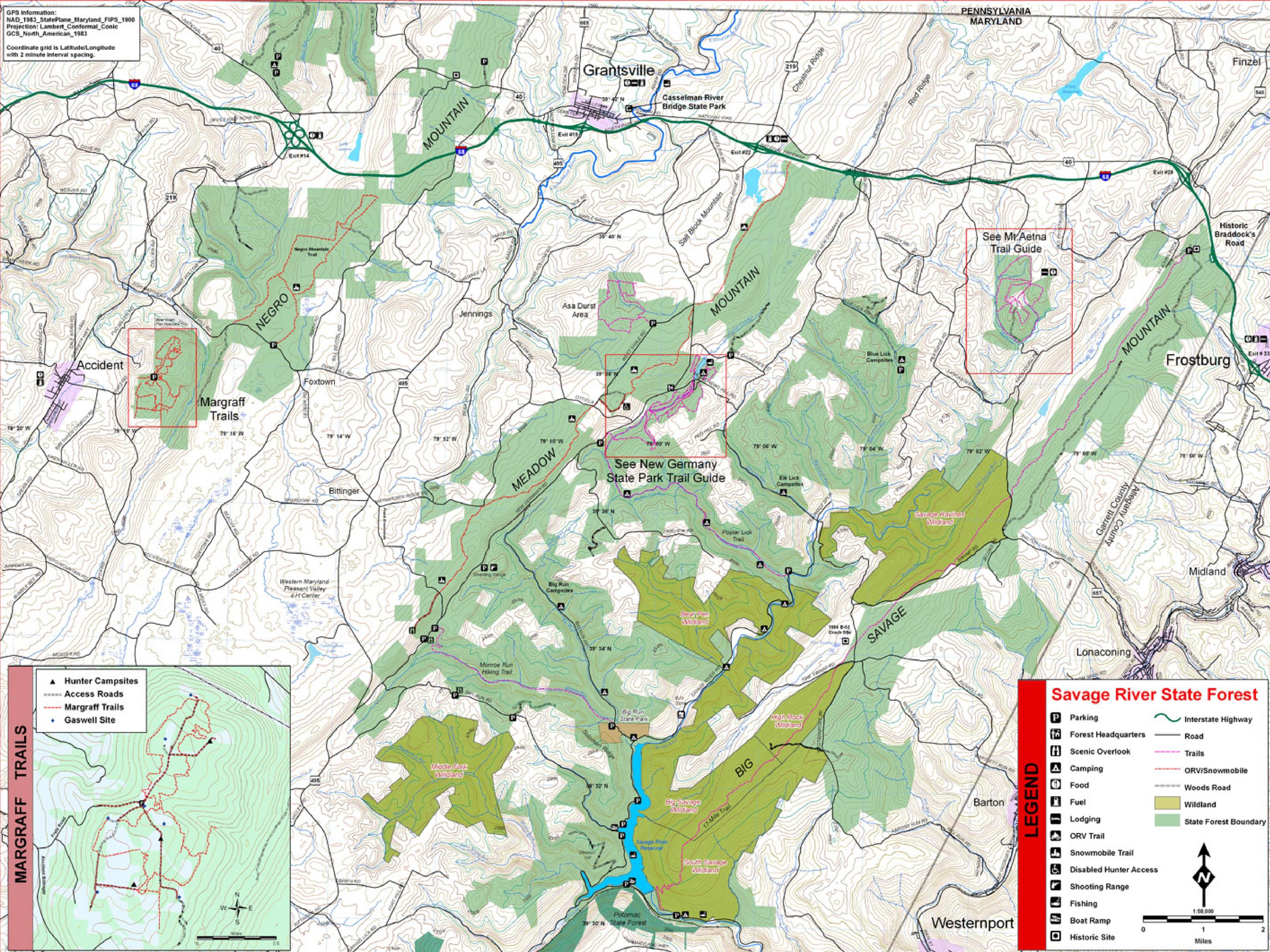


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