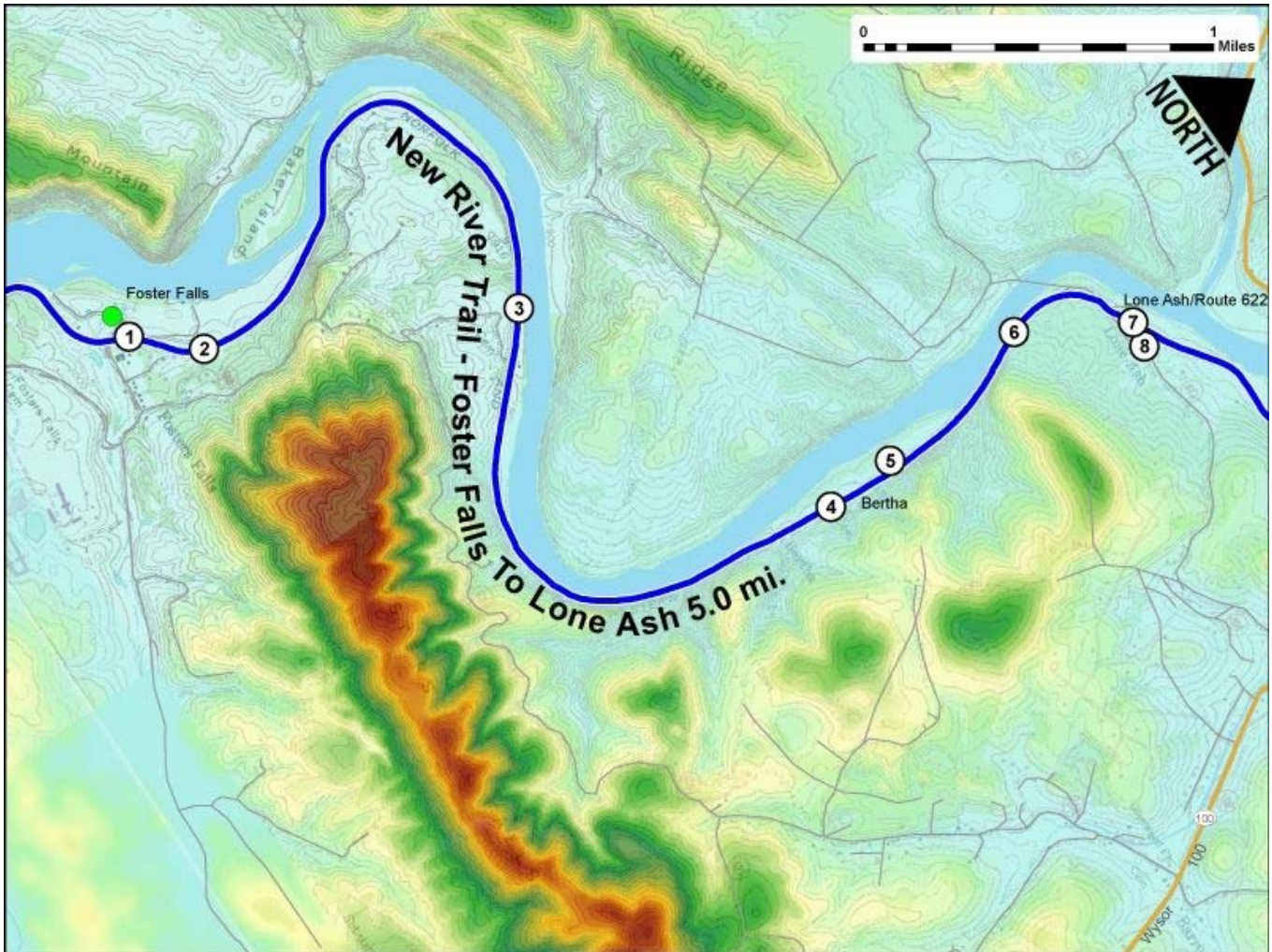


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New River Trail State Park (Foster Falls)
Foster Falls to Lone Ash Map - Blaze Color:



1. GPS: Lat. 36° 53.086, Lon. -80° 51.351
 Foster Falls Parking Area (Park Headquarters): Follow directions to Shot Tower, above. From VA 52, turn right on VA 608 and follow signs 2 miles to park.
2. GPS: Lat. 36° 53.224, Lon. -80° 51.192
 North of the Depot is the Lower Falls Equestrian Area, Playground and Boat Launch. Along the water's edge you can find beautiful views of the falls. Hikers may wish to leave the trail here and follow the river in order to better enjoy the falls for which the area is named.
3. GPS: Lat. 36° 53.93, Lon. -80° 50.759
 MP 22.0: Between the former whistle stop of Bertha and Foster Falls there is a nearly 4 mile long section of winding, somewhat isolated trail that continues to hug the banks of the New River. As you pass milepost 22, try to imagine yourself as an engineer or passenger traveling by rail through this serene and beautiful place.
4. GPS: Lat. 36° 54.304, Lon. -80° 49.715
 MP 20.3: Little remains of this former stop along the line. Not much more than a place to stop and water the locomotives, Bertha leaves a ghostly impression on travelers along the trail.
5. GPS: Lat. 36° 54.474, Lon. -80° 49.701
 MP 20.1: At milepost 20.1 you will find this monument to John Calfee, a Revolutionary War veteran who was born in Ireland about 1716 and later settled here in Wythe County. John died in 1783 and is buried in this small family cemetery adjacent to the former railroad bed.
6. GPS: Lat. 36° 54.922, Lon. -80° 49.851
 MP 19.6: Near the trail is the 100-foot-deep Bertha Cave, where a colony of bats depends on isolation from humans. All caves in Virginia are protected by Virginia State Law or Federal Law. These laws protect the speleothems, animals, and historic and archaeological artifacts from damage or removal. Water percolating through porous limestone rock formed this and countless other caves in the region.
7. GPS: Lat. 36° 55.183, Lon. -80° 49.671
 MP 19.0: The village of Lone Ash is another whistle stop along the route that features restrooms and picnic facilities as well as access via State Route 622. A whistle stop is a station which a train stops at only on request, as when there are passengers or freight to be taken on or discharged. Ordinarily, a flag or other visual indicator would be placed outside the station by the station master if the station had traffic. If a stop was requested by a passenger on the train, a whistle would be sounded by train personnel to alert the locomotive engineer to the need to stop. Often the transfer of mail would also take place, although this practiced maneuver rarely required the train actually stop.
8. GPS: Lat. 36° 55.195, Lon. -80° 49.632
 There is no dedicated parking area at Lone Ash however the trail may be accessed from Lone Ash Rd. SR622 and limited parking is available nearby.

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