

# *Pipestem State Park*



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# **Pipestem State Park**

**Name derived from a native narrow leaf meadowsweet plant, used for making pipe stems.**

**Funded with grants by Area Redevelopment Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce under the administration of President John F. Kennedy, urged by local community leader, John Faulconer, and WV Senator Robert Byrd. 1**

**4050 acres at an elevation of 2383 ft. Avg. (2932' to 1550')**

**Contains a 1,000 ft. elevation Tram, an 18 hole golf course, a par 3 golf course, 113 guest room McKeever Lodge, 30 guest room Mountain Creek Lodge, 26 guest Cabins, a Campground with 82 sites, horseback riding, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, and several other activities.**

**Park construction began in 1963.**

**Par 3 Golf Course completed 1967.**

**18 hole Golf Course completed 1969.**

**Park officially opened Memorial Day 1970.**

**The Park hosts over a million visitors per year.**

*Construction Photos*  
*1963 - 1969*

**Pipestem State Park– ca1963**  
**Proposed Construction Site**





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**Pipestem State Park– mid1960s**  
**Preparations for Park Headquarters and Amphitheatre**





**Pipestem State Park– mid1960s**  
**Park Headquarters and Main Lodge can be seen in background.**



**Pipestem State Park– mid1960s**  
**Intake weir and spillway at Long Branch Lake**





**Pipestem State Park– ca1968**  
**Long Branch Lake and Dam**





**Pipestem State Park– mid1960s**  
**Preparation for Golf Course**



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**Pipestem State Park– mid1960s  
Preparation for Golf Course**





**Pipestem State Park– mid1960s**  
**Looking toward the main entrance**  
**before the tower was constructed on Pipestem Knob.**



**Pipestem State Park— mid1960s  
Construction of Lookout Tower**



**Pipestem State Park– mid1960s**  
**Base of a Tram Tower**





## Pipestem State Park– mid1960s Campgrounds



**Pipestem State Park– mid1960s  
Construction of Main Lodge**





**Pipestem State Park– mid1960s  
Construction of Main Lodge**





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**Pipestem State Park– mid1960s  
Construction Main Lodge Southwest End**





**Pipestem State Park– mid1960s**  
**Main Lodge - Current Location of Faulconer Room**





**Pipestem State Park– mid1960s  
Construction Outdoor Pool and Par 3 Pro Shop**



**Pipestem State Park– mid1960s  
Construction Barn/Stables**



*Past and Current  
Photos  
Various Years*



## **Eighteen Hole Golf Course**



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## Bolar Lookout Tower





## Bolar Lookout Tower Memorial Plaque





## Bolar Lookout Tower



## Campgrounds



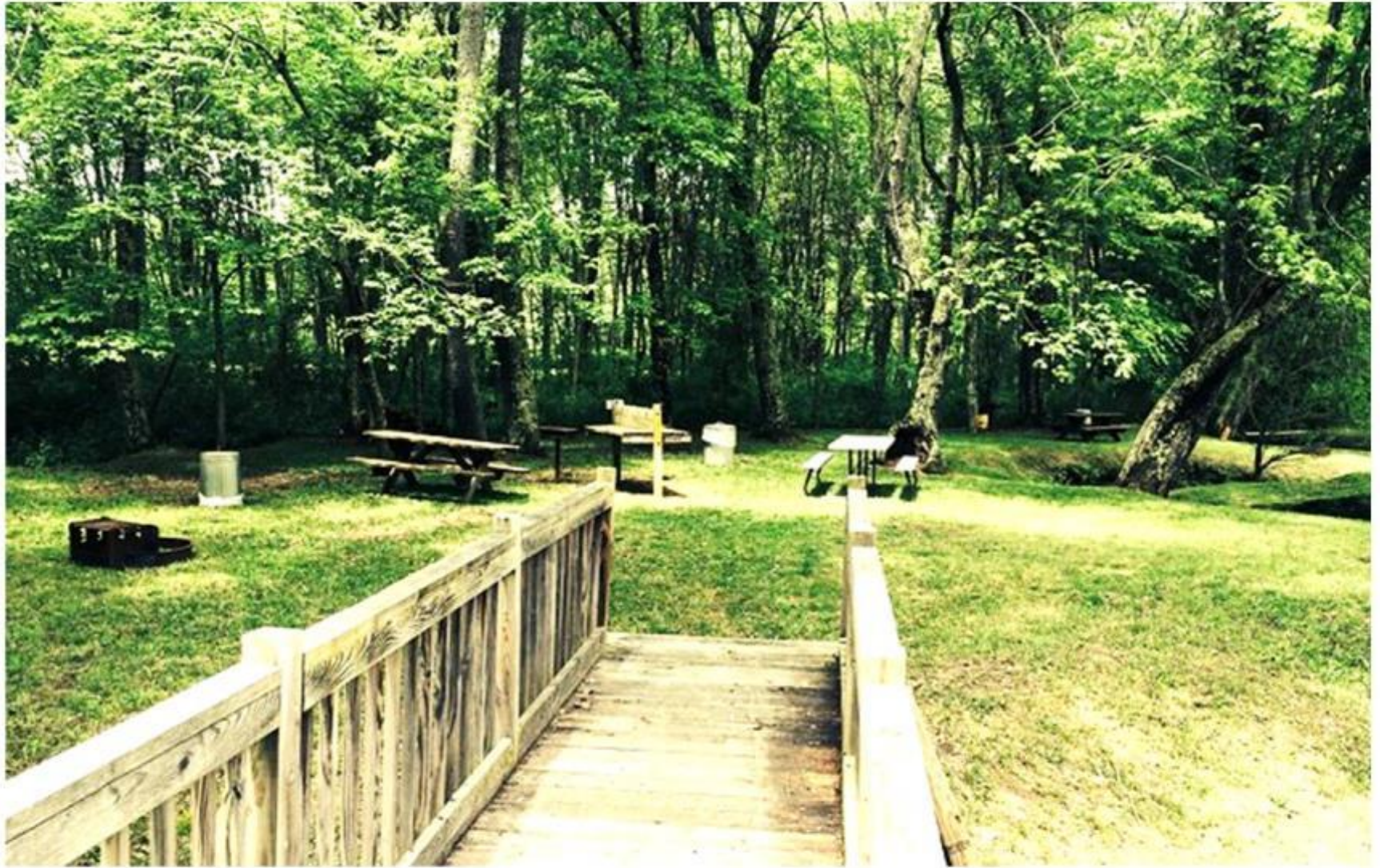


## Campgrounds





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# Aerial View of McKeever Lodge – 1986

(Photo courtesy of Joe Green collection)





## McKeever Lodge



## McKeever Lodge



# **Indoor Swimming Pool**

## **Re-painted my HHSMAD Volunteers in 2017**





## Aerial Tramway Upper Level Platform



**Aerial Tramway  
Elevation Data**

**PIPESTEM STATE PARK  
AERIAL TRAMWAY**

ELEVATION AT UPPER TRAM STATION	2,639 FT.
ELEVATION AT LOWER TRAM STATION	1,542 FT.
LENGTH OF AERIAL TRAMWAY	3,600 FT.
VERTICAL DESCENT	1,097 FT.



## **Aerial Tramway Upper Level Platform**





## Aerial Tramway





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# **Aerial Tramway**

## **Lower Level Platform, Mountain Creek Lodge**





## Mountain Creek Lodge





# Mountain Creek Lodge





## Tennis Courts





# **Tennis Courts**

## **Re-painted by HHSMAD Volunteers in 2016**



## Outdoor Swimming Pool





# Amphitheater





## Riding Stables





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