

**BEARTOWN ROCKS**  
**Clear Creek State Park, Jefferson County**  
(Hiking)

Distance: 5.9 miles  
Time: 3 ¾ hours

Begin at the beach parking area at Clear Creek State Park off of PA949 approximately 4 miles east of Sigel.

To start, cross PA949, and find the orange-blazed Beartown Rocks Trail at the end of the highway guide rail. The trail follows Clear Creek.

**Mileage log:**

0.4 You'll cross a power line and a bridge. You'll soon see steel pipes littered along the ground. These are the relics of a small oil field that has been pumped dry.

Cross a bridge over Clear Creek, and pass through a meadow. A natural gas engine at this site pumped many oil wells. The power was transmitted to the individual wells by means of steel rods.

Bear right in the meadow, and recross Clear Creek.

Recross Clear Creek and continue upstream, passing the ruins of a dam used for logging in 1870.

0.9 Avoid a bridge to the left. Shortly, turn right on Trap Run Loop and climb on an old road. Continue ahead at a junction.

1.8 You'll pass a side trail to Campers Paradise, which is a commercial campground on PA 949.

2.1 Bear left across Trap Run. Turn right at the gas well and follow the blazes carefully as the trail continues upstream along Trap Run.

2.5 The trail emerges into more open woods and then picks up an old woods road.

3.2 Turn left onto another woods road pass a gas well on the right.

3.3 You turn off the woods road onto a trail. Be careful here, as the turn is not well marked.

3.6 Turn right on Beartown Rocks Trail then cross one woods road and continue on another. Finally, turn left on the trail and you've reached the parking lot at Beartown Rocks. Spend a little time looking around; after all this why you came. Retrace your

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steps to the junction of the Beartown Rocks and Trap Run Trails. Continue ahead on the Beartown Rocks Trail and cross an intermittent stream. Then descend steeply on a log skid road.

4.7 Cross a bridge and come to a trail box where you can register. Continue pass a gas well and cross Trap Run on a bridge to reach the junction with the other end of the Trap Run Loop Trail. Continue ahead on Beartown Rocks Trail, and retrace your steps to the parking lot on PA949.

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