## CANAAN VALLEY - BLACKWATER FALLS - TUCKER COUNTY CALLEY - BLACKWATER FALLS - TUCKER COUNTY

**Scenic Overlooks** A trip to the mountains is never complete without visiting one of Tucker County's scenic overlooks. Perched at an average elevation of 3,000 feet, Tucker County has spectacular views into deep canyons and across vast mountains ridges. Here are our top overlooks, for the full list and details go to <a href="mailto:@canaanvalley.org">@canaanvalley.org</a>. Sunrise to sunset, the following scenic overlooks will wow and inspire.

<u>Bear Rocks Preserve</u>: The Nature Conservancies' Bear Rocks Preserve could be the most photographed natural scene in West Virginia. Facing east along the Eastern Continental Divide provides for dramatic sunrises post card are made of. Germany Valley sits nearly 2,000 feet below and Dolly Sods Wilderness flanks the west side of Bear Rocks Preserve. Need a dramatic backdrop? You've got it!

<u>Lindy Point</u>: If you have never heard of a chimney rock, head to Blackwater Falls State Park and Lindy Point for a sight to see. Lindy Point is situated on the rim of the Blackwater Canyon, along with the 35 foot tall balancing rock nestled above the 1,000 foot gorge. A small parking lot and trail head for Lindy Point is found two miles past the Blackwater Falls State Park Lodge.

**Bald Knob**: 4,360 feet above sea level, Bald Knob gazes over the southern end of Canaan Valley. Sunsets are enjoyed atop the grassy meadow in summer and cross country skiers pose for selfies come winter. Skiers and snowshoers gain access from Whitegrass Cross Country & Café on winter excursions. Scenic chairlift rides during summer and fall months at Canaan Valley Resort makes for less than a mile hike to the overlook. Or, take a strenuous hike up Bald Knob Trail from Canaan Valley State Park for the ultimate reward.

<u>Table Rock</u>: Look out over the Red Run Valley, Dry Fork Valley, and Otter Creek Wilderness from the flat stone that make up Table Rock overlook. Access is gained from a 9.5 mile drive out Canaan Loop Road and then 1.2 mile moderate hike out to Table Rock Trail.

<u>Blackwater Falls Gentle Trail Overlook</u>: Built specifically for those with challenges getting around, the Gentle Trail overlooks Blackwater Falls from above. Come fall, as leaves change their color, this is the most dramatic view of the falls. Hang a left at the Blackwater Falls State Park entrance intersection for the parking lot. The trail is a paved path 200 feet long, and handicapped parking is designated.

<u>Seneca Rocks</u>: A 30 minute drive south east of Canaan Valley is Seneca Rocks. The most unique feature in the state of West Virginia is a 900 foot tall "Razor Back" ridge that is no more than 10 feet wide. View adventurous rock climbers from the Seneca Rocks' Visitor Center parking lot or take in the scenery from an observation deck 3/4 of the way up Seneca Rocks.

<u>Dolly Sods/Rocky Ridge Trail</u>: Rocky Ridge Trail runs three miles along the eastern ridge of Cabin Mountain, 1,000 feet above Canaan Valley. The entirety of Rock Ridge Trail is exposed to expansive views to the west, at times among mazes of towering sandstone rock. Access can be gained by either the scenic chairlift at Timberline Four Seasons Resort or Forest Road 80 parking lot and trail head for Dolly Sods Wilderness.