

## Cranberry Glades Botanical Area:

The largest area of bogs in West Virginia occurs within this 750 acre National Natural Landmark. Bogs are acidic wetlands typically found in Canada and the northern United States. To protect this fragile area, a half-mile long barrier-free boardwalk has been constructed for visitor use. Guided tours can be specially arranged by contacting the Cranberry Mountain Nature Center.

## Cranberry Mountain Nature Center:

Located at the junction of Rt. 150 and Rt. 39/55, the Center offers information about the National Forest and other nearby attractions. An exhibit hall and audio visual programs provide interpretation of forest ecosystems and local history. Special wildlife programs and guided tours can be arranged.

### Hours:

Open daily May through October

Weekends April and November

Closed December through March

## PLEASE...

Treat the Cranberry Glades with care! A half-mile boardwalk has been constructed through two of the bogs so you can enjoy the area without disturbing this fragile community. Help protect these bogs – and stay on the boardwalk.....

....and, leave the flowers for others to enjoy!

Remember that many of these unique plants are descended from seeds that took root here 10,000 years ago. With your help, they will continue to live here, making Cranberry Glades a special place to visit for a long time to come.



### For additional information, contact:

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**Description:** The Cranberry Glades Botanical Area protects the largest area of bogs in West Virginia. Bogs are acidic wetlands more commonly found in the northern areas of this country and in Canada. The ground in a bog is spongy and consists largely of partially-decayed plant material known as peat. Because of its unique conditions, some unusual plants grow in bogs, including carnivorous or insect-eating plants.

The Cranberry Glades consists of four bogs whose plant and animal life is similar to that found in the bogs or "Muskegs" of the North. This life spread southward with the changing climatic conditions that allowed glaciers to creep across the northern part of our continent. Several species ended their migration here, and the Cranberry Glades are now the southern-most point in North America where some of these life forms are found.

## PLANT LIST\*

### Bog Forest and Shrub Communities

Alder	<i>Alnus rugosa</i>
Allegheny Menziesia	<i>Menziesia pilosa</i>
Bedstraw	<i>Galium aparine</i>
Bishop's Cap	<i>Mitella diphylla</i>
Buttercup	<i>Ranunculus septentrionalis</i>
Canada Lily	<i>Lilium canadense</i>
Canada Mayflower	<i>Maianthemum canadense</i>
Chokeberry	<i>Pyrus spp.</i>
Christmas Fern	<i>Polystichum acrostichoides</i>
Cinnamon Fern	<i>Osmunda cinnamomea</i>
Clintonia	<i>Clintonia spp.</i>
Elderberry	<i>Sambucus spp.</i>
False Hellebore	<i>Veratrum viride</i>
Foam Flower	<i>Tiarella cordifolia</i>
Golden Ragwort	<i>Scenecio aureus</i>
Hay-scented Fern	<i>Dennstaedtia punctilobula</i>
Hemlock	<i>Tsuga canadensis</i>
Indian Pipe	<i>Monotropa uniflora</i>
Jack-in-the-Pulpit	<i>Arisaema spp.</i>
Jacobs Ladder	<i>Polemonium van-bruntiae</i>
Jewelweed	<i>Impatiens spp.</i>
Joe Pye Weed	<i>Eupatorium fistulosum</i>
Marsh Marigold	<i>Caltha palustris</i>
Meadow Rue	<i>Thalictrum polygamum</i>
Monkshood	<i>Aconitum uncinatum</i>
Mountain Laurel	<i>Kalmia latifolia</i>
Northern Coralroot	<i>Corallorhiza trifida</i>
Oswego Tea	<i>Monarda didyma</i>
Purple Fringed Orchis	<i>Habenaria fimbriata</i>
Red Spruce	<i>Picea rubens</i>
Rhododendron	<i>Rhododendron maximum</i>
Sensitive Fern	<i>Onoclea sensibilis</i>
Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier bartramiana</i>
Skunk Cabbage	<i>Symplocarpus foetidus</i>
Spicebush	<i>Lindera benzoin</i>
Spring Beauty	<i>Claytonia caroliniana</i>
St. Johnswort	<i>Hypericum spp.</i>
Trillium	<i>Trillium spp.</i>
Trout Lily	<i>Erythronium americanum</i>
Turtlehead	<i>Chelone glabra</i>
Violet	<i>Viola spp.</i>
Water Parsnip	<i>Sium suave</i>
Wild Raisin	<i>Viburnum cassinoides</i>

## PLANT LIST\*(Cont.)

Wild Sarsaparilla	<i>Aralia nudicaulis</i>
Winterberry	<i>Ilex verticillata</i>
Wood Sorrel	<i>Oxalis montana</i>
Yellow Birch	<i>Betula alleghaniensis</i>
Yew	<i>Taxus canadensis</i>

### Open Glades

Beaked Rush	<i>Rhynchospora alba</i>
Bog Rosemary	<i>Andromeda glaucophylla</i>
Cotton Grass	<i>Eriophorum virginicum</i>
Cranberry	<i>Vaccinium spp.</i>
Grass-Pink Orchid	<i>Calopogon pulchellus</i>
Ground Berry	<i>Rubus spp.</i>
Haircap Moss	<i>Polytrichum spp.</i>
Pitcher Plant**	<i>Sarracenia purpurea**</i>
Reindeer Lichen	<i>Cladonia rangiferina</i>
Rose Pogonia	<i>Pogonia ophioglossoides</i>
Sedge	<i>Carex spp.</i>
Sphagnum Moss	<i>Sphagnum spp.</i>
Sundew	<i>Drosera rotundifolia</i>
Swamp Candle	<i>Lysimachia terrestris</i>
Three-Way Sedge	<i>Dilichium arundinaceum</i>

This is not a complete list of the plants growing in Cranberry Glades. The plants included here are only those most visible from the boardwalk or those most often asked about by visitors.

\*\* Not native.

Use this guide to help you identify some of the unique plants and animals found along the boardwalk, and to learn about the everyday events happening in the Cranberry Glades.

**Take Your Time.....**

**Stop to LOOK and LISTEN.....**

**and Enjoy Your Visit!!!!**

### Trails:

Over 150 miles of trail are accessible from the Highland Scenic Highway. Three barrier-free trails serve the Falls of Hills Creek, the Cranberry Glades, and the Big Spruce Overlook. In addition to hiking and backpacking, many trails are suitable for cross-country skiing. Mountain biking is permitted on most of the trails located outside of the Cranberry Wilderness. Some trails are suitable for horseback riding.

The 750 acre Cranberry Glades Botanical Area is part of the Monongahela National Forest. It is administered by the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. For more information on this area, or other areas on the Monongahela National Forest, please write or call.

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