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Fun Facts

- The park was established in 1956.
- The mountain was named a National Natural Landmark in 1975.
- The dominant rock in Mount Jefferson is amphibolite, which has properties that make the soil less acidic.
- The mountain is over 300 million years old.
- Average annual snowfall on Mount Jefferson is 56.9 cm.
- The summit ridge line of the mountain is oriented in the southeast to northwest direction.

Land was donated by local residents to create the park.

Activities



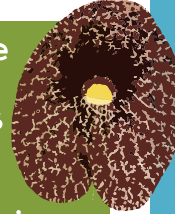
Mount Jefferson State Natural Area is nestled in the far northwestern corner of North Carolina along its border with Tennessee and Virginia. The mountain peak can be seen from the Blue Ridge Parkway. Named after Thomas Jefferson and his father Peter, who owned land in the area in the 1700s, the peak rises 4,683 feet above sea level and 1,600 feet above the town of Jefferson.

Experience the Park!



Mount Jefferson is home to the **Pipevine Swallowtail** butterfly.

The park is home to over 750 different species of plants, including the **Dutchman's Pipevine**.



A 5,000-year-old Kirk Corner Notch spear point was found on the mountain.

The mountain used to be called "Panther Mountain."



FAUNA

- Southern flying squirrel
- Virginia opossum
- Red-tailed hawk
- Eastern Woodchuck
- White-tailed deer
- Chipmunk
- Red Fox
- Raccoon



FLORA

- False lily of the valley
- Trillium
- Pink lady slipper
- Rhododendron
- Mountain laurel
- Flame azalea
- Dogwood



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Park Map

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