



Brownfields to Recreational Trails

The property that Burning Rock is situated on, is leased from Beaver Coal Company. They have owned this land since the late 1800's. In that time, there have been many locations utilized for coal mining, and other mineral extraction.



Strip Benches and Mountain Top Removal

The large benches created in the 50's and 60's, perfectly lend themselves to motorized recreation. Mountaintop removal sites also provide many unique attributes for a trail.

Strip Benches



- This bench was created in the 50's and 60's by miners pushing overburden out to expose the coal seam, and allow them to auger mine under the mountain tops.

Mountain Top Removal



- This mountain top removal site is our most photographed location. Along with the scenic beauty, it also provides great trails.

Reclamation Sites

There are also many reclaimed mine sites that are utilized at the park. We work with the AML during reclamation to reduce the trails impact on the reclamation work.

Reclaimed Mine Lands



- An example of working with the AML to utilize a reclamation project.



Trailhead

Burning Rocks best example of how we utilize brownfields can be seen at our trailhead. This is a reclaimed 70 acre refuse dump. We have developed world class facilities on this beautiful site.

Trailhead

**Burning
Rock**
OFF-ROAD PARK





Benefits of Brownfields

We have been able to utilize the brownfields available to help us create a world class trail system. Brownfields provide us with great, views, challenging trails, and the opportunity to pass on a little bit of Southern West Virginia history to our guests.