OTTER CREEK

LOWER OTTER CREEK OVERLOOK milepost 62.5

OTTER CREEK RESTAURANT and CRAFT SHOP milepost 60.8

In order to negotiate the James River Water Gap, the roadway must leave the ridge and traverse the river. This change in course provided new opportunities for parkway designers. The combination of the new perspective of the valley (as opposed to the ridge), and the water feature, creates the wondrous experience that is Otter Creek. Through this valley, the roadway crosses the creek nine times, providing many intimate views of the riffles. Knowing that water is a favorite of many visitors, parkway designers capitalized on the presence of Otter Creek. All development at the park – the campground, picnic areas, trails, and restaurant – focuses on the creek.

BRIDGE AT MILEPOST 59.2

OTTER LAKE AND DAM milepost 63.1

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