

# *Wild Adventures* **WONDERFUL MEMORIES**



# **RANSON**

**WEST VIRGINIA**

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# RANSON

WEST VIRGINIA

Nestled in the middle of Jefferson County, Ranson is a community that doesn't do anything halfway. Just an hour's drive from the nation's capital, our serenity and amenities burst with Blue Ridge Mountain charm. Whether you're a roamer or a romantic, Ranson's people, places, and historic spaces aim to please.

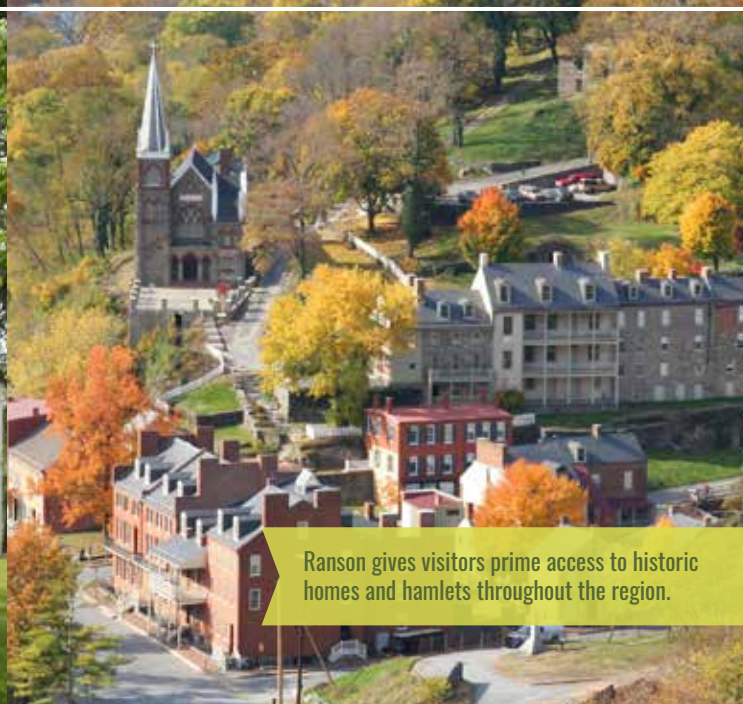
From the exhilaration of American independence to the struggles of the Civil War, our regional history is both triumphant and tumultuous. While visiting, tread the trails of pre-Revolutionary pioneers. March in the footsteps of Civil War soldiers from Harpers Ferry to Antietam. Recall the past and relish the present.

From shopping to eating, gaming to daydreaming, Ranson is a retreat from life's routines. Experience first-hand why John Denver called the Blue Ridge Mountains and Shenandoah River "Almost Heaven."





# HAPPY Retreat



Ranson gives visitors prime access to historic homes and hamlets throughout the region.

## Antietam National Battlefield

301.432.5124 – 5831 Dunker Church Rd., Sharpsburg, MD – [nps.gov](http://nps.gov)

The bloodiest one-day battle in American history left 23,000 soldiers killed, wounded, or missing after 12 hours of brutal combat. Explore the museum and battlefield, attend a talk, or take a self-guided hike through Civil War history.

## Charles Town

304.728.3939 – 110 N. George St., Charles Town – [charlestownwv.us](http://charlestownwv.us)

Commemorated as a “Preserve America” city, Charles Town embraces its compelling past through loving restoration of its historic spaces. Established in 1786 by Charles Washington (the youngest brother of U.S. President George Washington), Charles Town was the site of abolitionist John Brown’s imprisonment, trial, and hanging, and the scene of Civil War skirmishes.

## The C & O Canal National Historical Park

301.722.8226 – 171 Shoreline Dr., Harpers Ferry – [nps.gov/choh](http://nps.gov/choh)

Spanning 184.5 miles between Washington, D.C. and Cumberland, Maryland, the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal is a National Historic Park revered for its recreation opportunities. Operating for nearly 100 years, the canal was a lifeline for Potomac River communities as coal, lumber, and agricultural products floated down the waterway to market. Today, thousands of visitors run, bike, fish, and hike along this scenic path throughout the year. Located steps away from the canal towpath, the Visitors Center provides trail history and route information.

## Happy Retreat

322 W. Washington St. Charles Town – [happyretreat.org](http://happyretreat.org)

Explore the historic home of Charles Washington, the founder of Charles Town and George Washington’s youngest brother.

## Harpers Ferry National Historical Park

304.535.6029 – 171 Shoreline Dr., Harpers Ferry – [nps.gov](http://nps.gov)

A “must see” destination for visitors of all ages, Harpers Ferry preserves the memory of the Civil War. Visit the site of abolitionist John Brown’s raid, hike trails and battlefields, and explore Jefferson County’s role in the War Between the States.

## Harpers Ferry Train Museum and Joy Line Railroad

304.535.2521- Bakerton Rd., Harpers Ferry

Admire a large collection of old toy trains and railroad memorabilia. The museum is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. from mid-April to October. Children can take a ride on the train on Saturdays between 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. for a minimal fee.

## The Jefferson County Museum

304.725.8628 – 200 E. Washington St., Charles Town – [jeffctywvmuseum.org](http://jeffctywvmuseum.org)

The Jefferson County Museum houses over 2,000 artifacts from the early Native Americans to World War II. You can even see the wagon that carried John Brown to his hanging. A treasure trove of relics and local history, the museum honors our country’s past.

## Living Civil War History Museum

703.967.5269 – 343 Campground Rd., Harpers Ferry

Experience the Civil War firsthand at this kid-friendly museum. Open May through November, be sure to visit on Saturdays to experience live cannon fire.

## Shepherdstown

304.876.2786 – 129 E. German St., Shepherdstown – [shepherdstownvisitorscenter.com](http://shepherdstownvisitorscenter.com)

The oldest town in West Virginia, Shepherdstown blends its historic past with modern sensibilities. Its historic downtown boasts fine dining, specialty shops, and cultural attractions pleasing to visitors of all ages. Live music, seasonal festivals, and a thriving arts scene create a community feel throughout the year.

## Washington Heritage Trail

304.724.3862 - 216 N. Mildred St., Ranson – [washingtonheritagetrail.org](http://washingtonheritagetrail.org)

The Washington Heritage Trail offers a rich timeline of American history. Spanning Jefferson, Berkeley, and Morgan Counties, our local section of the 136-mile National Scenic Byway guides visitors past such historic sites as Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, the Jefferson County Courthouse & Museum, and Washington family heritage homes.

## Zion Episcopal Cemetery

304.725.5312 - 301 E. Congress St., Charles Town – [zionepiscopal.net](http://zionepiscopal.net)

View headstones dating back to the 1700s honoring Revolutionary fighters, Confederate soldiers, and 70 descendants of the Washington family.



# SLEEP *In OR Out*



Area lodging boasts ample amenities and family fun!

## *Sleep In*

### Budget Inn

304.725.1447 – 401 N. Mildred St., Ranson – [budgetinn.com](http://budgetinn.com)

The centrally-located Budget Inn offers 15 rooms with comfortable accommodations and free Wi-Fi.

### Hampton Inn & Suites

304.725.2200 – 157 Pimlico Dr., Charles Town – [www.charlestownsuites.hamptoninn.com](http://www.charlestownsuites.hamptoninn.com)

The hotel features 131 rooms with free Wi-Fi, an indoor pool and fitness center, shuttle service to and from Hollywood Casino, as well as an ideal lodging location in the Blue Ridge foothills.

### Holiday Inn Express

1.888.HOLIDAY – 681 Flowing Springs Rd., Ranson – [holidayinnexpress-charlestown.com](http://holidayinnexpress-charlestown.com)

The hotel offers welcoming traveler touches, including 145 rooms, free continental breakfast, conference room, an outdoor pool, shuttle service to the Hollywood Casino, and instant access to Ranson attractions.

### Robinson House

304.582.9191 – 410 S. Mildred St., Ranson – [victorianpropertieswv.com](http://victorianpropertieswv.com)

The Victorian-era property features period antiques, wrap-around porches, and peaceful gardens. Perfect for a family getaway or a girls' weekend, guests rent the home on a nightly or weekly basis.

### Home2 Suites

Opening Summer 2017 – Pimlico Dr. Charles Town – [www.home2suites.com](http://www.home2suites.com)

The hotel will feature 93 rooms, continental breakfast, a conference room, and an indoor pool. Coming soon in 2017.

## *Sleep Out*

Celebrate nature's beauty beneath the stars!

### Harpers Ferry Campground

800.326.7238 – 408 Alstadts Hill Rd., Harpers Ferry – [campingharpersferry.com](http://campingharpersferry.com)

Potomac River views, cabins, and tent rentals let visitors experience nature in comfort.

### Harpers Ferry/Civil War Battlefields KOA

800.562.9497 – 343 Campground Rd., Harpers Ferry – [harpersferrykoa.com](http://harpersferrykoa.com)

Recreation abounds in this KOA campground featuring an outdoor pool, cabins, RV hook ups, miniature golf, grills and more!

### Moulton Park Campground

304.728.3207 – 716 Bloomery Rd., Charles Town – [jcprc.org](http://jcprc.org)

The half-mile of Shenandoah River frontage features picturesque campsites, a boat ramp, and rousing recreational fun. The boat ramp and picnic area are available year-round if weather permits.

WHETHER YOU SEEK HIGH THREAD COUNTS OR HIGH MOUNTAINS, AREA LODGING OFFERS AMPLE AMENITIES AND FAMILY FUN.



# BLUE RIDGE *Bargains*

**BURSTING WITH  
HOSPITALITY, OUR  
SHOPKEEPERS CARRY  
TREASURES SUITED TO  
EVERY TASTE**

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Our retail scene is a  
shopper's dream!



## Art Deco Dekor

304.724.6004 – 114 E. Liberty St., Charles Town – [artdecodekor.com](http://artdecodekor.com)

Specializing in vintage items from the 1900s to the 1960s.

## B Vintage

304.725.6752 – 304 W. Washington St., Charles Town – [shopbvintage.com](http://shopbvintage.com)

B Vintage offers home décor including furniture, lighting, and signs. The shop highlights up-cycled ideas and vintage style.

## Bars and Booths

1.800.507.7632 – 200 W. Washington St., Charles Town – [barsandbooths.com](http://barsandbooths.com)

Providing a retro retail experience like no other, furniture and period pieces are made to order.

## Elle's Niche

681.252.0302 – 103 W. Liberty St., Charles Town

Retail boutique featuring fun, functional, and handmade products.

## Ellsworth Music

304.728.7060 – 217-6 Oak Lee Dr., Ranson – [ellsworthmusiconline.com](http://ellsworthmusiconline.com)

Full-service music shop provides musical instruments and instruction to enthusiasts of every age.

## Et Cetera

304.724.7003 – 130 W. Washington St., Charles Town

Vintage and specialty goods for decorating, gifting, and entertaining.

## Home Depot

304.728.6464 – 230 Oak Lee Drive, Ranson

## Kohls

304.724.5700 – 260 West Virginia Way, Ranson

## Natalie's Nails

304.725.7771 – 217 Oak Lee Drive Suite #14, Ranson

## Needful Things

304.725.6315 – 218 W. Washington St., Charles Town – [needfulthings-website.com](http://needfulthings-website.com)

Antiques, furnishings, and collectibles reign at this nostalgia shop.

## Olympia Sports

304.725.6143 – 217 Oak Lee Drive, Suite #18 Ranson

## Petco

304.724.7973 – 217 Oak Lee Drive Suite #16, Ranson

## Southern Charm

304.724.7722 – 131 W. Washington St., Charles Town

Trendy fashions and upscale consignments burst with Southern style.

## STS Taxidermy

681.252.1112 – 101 S. Mildred St., Ranson

Offers new and gently used outdoor apparel and equipment. This is the perfect one-stop shop for hunting and fishing gear.

## UPS

304.724.2006 – 17 Oak Tree Dr. Ste 10 – [www.upsranson.com](http://www.upsranson.com)

Store offering packaging, printing, office supplies and other services.

## Washington Street Artists' Cooperative

304.724.2090 – 108 N. George St., Charles Town – [wstreetgallery.com](http://wstreetgallery.com)

Celebrating the work of local artists, the artists' collective and gallery space showcases a variety of media.

## Weis Market

304.725.9559 – 217 Oak Lee Drive Suite #15, Ranson

# REGIONAL *Eats*



Area restaurants serve up friendly service and international flavors.



## **Andy's Pizza**

304.728.ANDY – 733 N. Mildred St., Ranson – [andypizzaranson.com](http://andypizzaranson.com)

## **Applebee's**

304.728.8866 – 129 Jefferson Crossing Way, Charles Town – [applebees.com](http://applebees.com)

## **Billie's Restaurant**

304.725.9973 – 807 N. Mildred St., Ranson – [billiesrestaurant.com](http://billiesrestaurant.com)

## **The Black Dog Coffee Company**

304.724.9040 – 8001 Charles Town Rd., Shenandoah Junction – [blackdogcoffee.net](http://blackdogcoffee.net)

## **Brother's Pizza**

304.725.9711 – 114 Patrick Way, Charles Town – [brotherspizzeriaiw.net](http://brotherspizzeriaiw.net)

## **Burger King**

304.728.6549 – 737 Willow Springs Dr., Charles Town – [bk.com](http://bk.com)

## **California Tortilla**

304.724.1303 – 217 Oak Lee Dr., Ranson – [californiatortilla.com/locations/ranson](http://californiatortilla.com/locations/ranson)

## **Casa Gonzales**

304.725.1032 – 611 N. Mildred St., Ranson

## **Chick-Fil-A**

304.728.1175 – 156 Joshua M. Freeman Blvd., Ranson – [chick-fil-a.com](http://chick-fil-a.com)

## **China Fortune**

304.725.8868 – 309 S. Mildred St., Ranson – [www.chinafortunecharlestown.com](http://www.chinafortunecharlestown.com)

## **Dairy Queen**

304.724.7417 – 1189 S George St., Charles Town – [dairyqueen.com](http://dairyqueen.com)

## **Domino's Pizza**

304.725.2095 – 201 N. Mildred St., Ranson – [dominos.com](http://dominos.com)

## **Dunkin Donuts/Baskin Robbins**

304.724.7030 – 33-1 West Virginia Way, Ranson – [dunkindonuts.com](http://dunkindonuts.com)

## **El Pollon**

304.725.8635 – 38 Joshua M. Freeman Blvd., #102, Ranson – [elpollonchicken.com](http://elpollonchicken.com)

## **Five Guys**

304.724.7739 – 38 Joshua M. Freeman Blvd., Ranson – [fiveguys.com](http://fiveguys.com)

## **Ginza Japanese Steakhouse**

304.728.9888 – 91 Saratoga Dr., Charles Town

## **Glory Days Grill**

304.728.9000 – 190 Oak Lee Dr., Ranson – [glorydaysgrill.com](http://glorydaysgrill.com)

## **Grandma's Diner**

304.724.9960 – 227 W. Washington St., Charles Town

## **Great Wall Chinese Restaurant**

304.728.0898 – 176 Flowing Springs Rd., Charles Town – [greatwallcharlestown.com](http://greatwallcharlestown.com)

## **Jersey Mike's Subs**

304.725.0070 – 71 Jefferson Crossing Way, Charles Town – [jerseymikes.com](http://jerseymikes.com)

## **John's Café & Grill**

304.724.8110 – 33-3 West Virginia Way, Ranson



# REGIONAL *Eats*



## **John's Family Restaurant**

304.725.4348 – 847 Berryville Pke., Charles Town

## **La Mezzaluna Café**

304.728.0700 – 90 Somerset Blvd, Charles Town – [lamezzalunacafewv.com](http://lamezzalunacafewv.com)

## **KFC**

304.725.7681 – 620 E. Washington St., Charles Town – [kfc.com](http://kfc.com)

## **Ledo Pizza**

304.724.8100 – 217 Oak Lee Dr., Ranson – [ledopizza.com/store/ranson/](http://ledopizza.com/store/ranson/)

## **Little Caesars**

304.728.3993 – Joshua M. Freeman Blvd., Ranson – [littlecaesars.com](http://littlecaesars.com)

## **McDonalds**

304.724.1171 – 108 Joshua M. Freeman Blvd., Ranson

## **Mediterranean Café**

304.724.9992 – 132 W. Washington St., Charles Town – [alfredosmedcafe.com](http://alfredosmedcafe.com)

## **Mellow Moods**

304.876.0608 – 119 W. German St., Shepherdstown – [mellowmoodsjuicebar.com](http://mellowmoodsjuicebar.com)

## **Mi Degollado Mexican Restaurant**

304-725-0333 – 92 Somerset Blvd., Charles Town – [midegolladowv.com](http://midegolladowv.com)

## **Mountain View Diner**

304.725.8522 – 811 Willow Springs Dr., Charles Town

## **New China Restaurant**

304.725.6104 – 1026 N. Mildred St., Ranson

## **Ortega's Taco Shop**

304.728.4321 – 211 S. Mildred St., Ranson

## **Paddy's Irish Pub**

304.725.4999 – 210 W. Liberty St., Charles Town – [paddys-wv.com](http://paddys-wv.com)

## **Panera Bread**

304.728.6050 – 217 Oak Lee Dr., Ranson – [panerabread.com](http://panerabread.com)

# REGIONAL *Eats*



## **Pizza City**

304.724.1234 – 702 N. Mildred St., Ranson – [pizzacitywv.com](http://pizzacitywv.com)

## **Pizza Hut**

304.728.0018 – 184 Flowing Springs Rd., Charles Town – [pizzahut.com](http://pizzahut.com)

## **Royalicious**

304.728.4663 – 126 Patrick Henry Way, Charles Town – [royaliciousbagelbakery.com](http://royaliciousbagelbakery.com)

## **Roy Rogers**

304.728.6050 – 217 Oak Lee Dr., Ranson – [royrogersrestaurants.com](http://royrogersrestaurants.com)

## **Ruby Tuesday**

304.728.6680 – 701 Willow Springs Dr., Charles Town – [rubytuesday.com](http://rubytuesday.com)

## **Skipper's Downtown Dips and Deli**

304.725.3477 – 114 West Washington St., Charles Town – [skippersdowntown.com](http://skippersdowntown.com)

## **Subway**

304.728.0488 – 5 Ranson Sq., Ranson

304.724.6511 – 217 Oak Lee Dr., Ranson – [subway.com](http://subway.com)

## **Sugar Rush Café & Bakery**

304.728.2253- 43 Ruland Rd., Suite J, Kearneysville

## **Sweet Frog**

304.728.3780 – 190 Flowing Springs Rd., Charles Town – [sweetfrog.com](http://sweetfrog.com)

## **Taco Bell**

304.725.2772 – 64 Flowing Springs Rd., Charles Town – [tacobell.com](http://tacobell.com)

## **Wendy's**

304.725.1980 – 764 E. Washington St., Charles Town – [wendys.com](http://wendys.com)

## **White Horse Tavern**

304.535.6302 – 4328 William L. Wilson HWY, Harpers Ferry

**FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF DINING OPTIONS,  
VISIT RANSONWV.US.**



# RENEWAL

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OUR LOCAL HAVENS  
OF RELAXATION

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Local spa experiences  
relax and reenergize.



## Head Hunters Salon & Day Spa

304.725.8080 - 212 W. 3rd Ave., Ranson - [headhunterssalonspa.com](http://headhunterssalonspa.com)

Sublime treatments for hair, skin, body, and nails.

## Hillbrook Inn & Spa

304.725.4423 - 4490 Summit Point Rd., Charles Town - [hillbrookinn.com](http://hillbrookinn.com)

Distinctive massage, facial, and body treatments for individuals and groups

## Vivo Salon and Day Spa

304.535.1110 - 1315 Washington St., Harpers Ferry - [vivotayspa.com](http://vivotayspa.com)

Primping and pampering from your tips to your toes!

## Charles Town Farmers Market

304.579.0924 - 100 South Samuel Street, Charles Town - [panhandlefarmfresh.com](http://panhandlefarmfresh.com)

Locally grown products highlight our agricultural talents and seasonal flavors  
(Saturdays, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., April - October).

## Morgan's Grove Market

304.870.4230 - 207 S. Princess Street, Shepherdstown - [morgansgrovemarket.com](http://morgansgrovemarket.com)

Bringing fresh flavors from their farm to your table  
(Mondays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-7:00 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m.-5 p.m.).

## Shepherdstown Farmers Market

304.876.2786 - S. King St., Shepherdstown - [panhandlefarmfresh.com](http://panhandlefarmfresh.com)

Area growers harvest fresh food and fun in historic Shepherdstown  
(Sundays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., April - December).

# FARM To Market

HARVESTED WITH PRIDE IN  
THE EASTERN PANHANDLE!



# COUNTY *Culture*

## SHEPHERD UNIVERSITY'S CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY ARTS



The arts are center stage in Jefferson County, a Certified Arts Community (CAC).

### Black Box Arts Center

304.876.1350 – 113 S. Princess St., Shepherdstown – [blackboxartscenter.com](http://blackboxartscenter.com)

Artistic expression is alive in the Black Box, which schedules a variety of stage shows throughout the year.

### The Bridge Gallery

304.876.2300 – 8566 Shepherdstown Pke., Shepherdstown – [bridgegalleryandframing.com](http://bridgegalleryandframing.com)

Showcasing local and regional fine art, The Bridge Gallery has served as an artistic outlet for the community since 1991.

### Charles Town Opera House

304.725.4420 – 204 N. George St., Charles Town – [oldoperahouse.org](http://oldoperahouse.org)

Affectionately known as the "Old Opera House," this turn-of-the-century venue presents timeless performances and acting instruction to area hopefuls.

### Craftworks

304.728.6233 – 1469 Lloyd Rd., Charles Town – [wvcraftworks.org](http://wvcraftworks.org)

Situated on 12 acres, this non-profit art organization combines experiences of art, nature, and sustainable living. Take a class, stroll the trails, or visit Cool Spring Art Gallery.

### Ranson Civic Center

304.725.2437-431 W. Second Ave., Ranson- [ransonwv.us](http://ransonwv.us)

Ranson's Convention and Visitors staff puts the fun in every function. Our 40,000-square-foot venue is a premiere space for expos, conferences and special events.

### Shepherdstown Opera House

304.876.3704 – 131 W. German St., Shepherdstown – [operahouselive.com](http://operahouselive.com)

A celebrated artistic venue, the Opera House features acclaimed artists, live music, and films throughout the year.

### Shepherd University Performing Arts Series

304.876.5000 – 301 N. King St., Shepherdstown – [shepherd.edu](http://shepherd.edu)

Inspired literary, music, and dance programs enthrall patrons throughout the year.

### Steam at Harper's Ferry

304.885.0094 – 180 High St., 1-B, Harpers Ferry – [steamathf.wordpress.com](http://steamathf.wordpress.com)

An eclectic gallery and gift shop featuring Victorian and steampunk-themed art.

### Washington Street Artists' Cooperative

304.724.2090 – 108 N. George St., Charles Town – [wstreetgallery.com](http://wstreetgallery.com)

This local artists' collective and gallery space nourishes Charles Town's creative spirit.



# PLAY *Time*



FROM CHAMPIONSHIP  
GOLF TO CLASS V RAPIDS,  
RECREATION IS A ROARING  
GOOD TIME!



## *Fishing*

Go fishing on the Shenandoah and Potomac Rivers and experience the great outdoors at its best. Purchase your fishing license and reel in the fun for a day or a weekend getaway!

### **White Fly Outfitters**

**304.876.8030 – 4332 William L Wilson Frwy, Harpers Ferry – [whiteflyoutfitters.com](http://whiteflyoutfitters.com)**  
Situated right next to the Potomac and Shenandoah River, take a guided trip, rent a kayak or pick up gear and apparel for your fishing needs.

## *Golf*

### **Cress Creek**

**304.876.3375 – 100 Cress Creek Drive, Shepherdstown – [cresscreek.com](http://cresscreek.com)**  
The private, 18 hole championship course challenges golfers with 220 acres of rolling terrain.

### **Locust Hill Golf Course**

**304.728.7300 – 278 St., Andrews Dr., Charles Town – [locusthillgolf.com](http://locusthillgolf.com)**  
Rated #5 in West Virginia by Golfweek Magazine for its superb public access, Locust Hill features 35 acres of lakes and Blue Ridge beauty. Equally appropriate for novice and veteran golfers, four sets of tees on every hole welcome players at all levels.

### **Sleepy Hollow Golf & Country Club**

**304.725.5210 – Country Club Rd., Charles Town – [golfsleepyhollow.com](http://golfsleepyhollow.com)**  
Set in the majestic Blue Ridge foothills, Sleepy Hollow welcomes golfers of all abilities. No tee times, all day green fees, and affordable rates make for family fun.

## *Horseback Riding*

### **Elk Mountain Trails**

**301.834.8882 – 921 Hoffmaster Rd., Knoxville, MD – [elkmountaintrails.com](http://elkmountaintrails.com)**  
Elk Mountain provides memorable horseback adventures through the Blue Ridge Mountains and on the banks of the Potomac River.

### **Majestic Reins Stables**

**304.283.7727 – 4937 Shepherdstown Pke., Shenandoah Junction**  
Learn the ropes of horseback riding on Majestic Reins' scenic trails.

## *Hiking & Biking*

### **The Appalachian Trail Conservancy & Visitors Center**

**304.535.6331 – 799 Washington St., Harpers Ferry – [appalachiantrail.org](http://appalachiantrail.org)**  
As the psychological halfway point of the 2,000-mile trail from Maine to Georgia, this haven offers respite for hikers "going the distance". Along the four miles of trail passing through Jefferson County, elevations range between 265 and 1,200 feet.

### **Bolivar Heights Battlefield Trail**

**304.535.6029 – 171 Shoreline Dr., Harpers Ferry – [nps.gov](http://nps.gov)**  
Walk in the footsteps of Abraham Lincoln and Stonewall Jackson on this family-friendly trail.

### **The C & O Canal National Historical Park**

**301.722.8226 – 171 Shoreline Dr., Harpers Ferry – [nps.gov/choh](http://nps.gov/choh)**  
Located just over the Maryland line in Cumberland, the C&O towpath boasts scenery and fresh mountain air. Beloved by bicyclists, runners, hikers, walkers, and horseback riders, the path is an outdoor enthusiast's dream.

### **Jefferson Rock**

**304.535.6029 – 171 Shoreline Dr., Harpers Ferry – [nps.gov](http://nps.gov)**  
Get a bird's-eye view of the convergence of the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers atop this rock formation, which Thomas Jefferson deemed "worth a voyage across the Atlantic."

### **Maryland Heights**

**304.535.6029 – 171 Shoreline Drive, Harpers Ferry – [nps.gov](http://nps.gov)**  
A challenging hike with Civil War forts, ruins, and river views.

### **Virginus Island**

**304.535.6029 – 171 Shoreline Dr., Harpers Ferry – [nps.gov](http://nps.gov)**  
Two easy hiking loops yield discovery in once-thriving industrial town along the Shenandoah River.

### **WV Route 9 Bike Path**

**304.724.3862 – [trailink.com](http://trailink.com)**  
The WV Route 9 Bike Path follows the busy thoroughfare from Martinsburg to the Charles Town/Ranson area. Note that the path runs through open space with little to no shade. While the southern portion of the trail is fairly flat, the northern half is somewhat hilly. A biking enthusiast's dream!



## *The Green Scene*

### **Adventure Park at Harpers Ferry**

304.535.2663 – 408 Alstadts Hill Rd., Harpers Ferry – [harpersferryadventurepark.com](http://harpersferryadventurepark.com)

Thrill-seekers enjoy zip line canopy tours and aerial forest challenge trails.

### **Lance-Slusher Park**

304.725.2437 – 216 N. Mildred St., Ranson – [cityofranson.net](http://cityofranson.net)

Playgrounds, a tennis court, a basketball court, picnic tables, and a pavilion are designed for outdoor fun for family reunions and picnics.

### **Morgan's Grove Park**

304.728.3207 – Kearneysville Pke., Shepherdstown – [jcprc.org](http://jcprc.org)

A local favorite for community gatherings, this local park features twenty acres of shade trees, meadows, playgrounds, and streams.

## *Racing*

### **Hollywood Casino at Charlestown Races**

1.800.895.7001 – 750 Hollywood Dr., Charles Town – [hollywoodcasinoharlestown.com](http://hollywoodcasinoharlestown.com)

Experience live thoroughbred racing under the lights!

### **Summit Point Motorsports Park**

304.725.8444 – 201 Motorsports Park Cir., Summit Point – [summitpoint-raceway.com](http://summitpoint-raceway.com)

Designed for sports cars, motorcycles, and carts, Summit Point hosts races and delivers expert instruction to fans of all ages.

## *Wet and Wild*

### **River Riders**

1.800.326.7238 – 408 Alstadts Hill Rd., Harpers Ferry – [riverriders.com](http://riverriders.com)

From leisurely tubing to white water rafting, River Riders is Jefferson County's source for water recreation. Offering instruction and equipment rentals to cyclists, canoers, kayakers, fishermen, and hikers, River Riders equips thrill-seekers for the great outdoors.

What's your need for speed?



# PLAY *Time*

## MAKE IT A RACE TO RANSON!





# ADRENALINE

## Adventure

EXPERIENCE ADVENTURE  
FROM TREETOP TO  
HAIRPIN TURN!



### *Harpers Ferry Adventure Center*

**540.668.9007 - Adventure Center Ln., Purcellville**

Harpers Ferry Adventure Center takes an adrenaline rush to another level. Aside from high-octane activities, the beautiful property can be used as a venue rental for weddings and other special events.

#### **River Activities**

- Canoeing
- Kayaking
- Rafting
- Tubing

#### **Aerial Activities**

- Zip line Tours
- Ropes Course

#### **Land Activities**

- Off Road Segways
- Jumping Pillow
- Team Building

### *River Riders*

**1.800.326.7238 - 408 Alsadts Hill Rd., Harpers Ferry**

River Riders' expert instruction and commercial-grade equipment rentals ensure safe adventures via water, land, and sky.

#### **Water Adventures**

- Canoeing
- Fishing
- Kayaking
- Tubing
- Paddle boarding
- Whitewater Rafting (Class I-V)

#### **Land Adventures**

- Biking Excursions (along the C&O Canal)
- Paddle & Pedal Packages

#### **Sky Adventures**

- Aerial Adventure Course featuring zip lines, rope bridges, and scenic sky views
- Canopy Tour featuring two to three hours of aerial fun along eight riverside zip lines

### *Summit Point Raceway*

**304.725.8444 - 201 Motorsports Park Cir., Summit Point**

Summit Point offers road racing and instruction in a high-octane environment. Offerings include:

**Drift Nirvana** - Teaches the hottest drift techniques to drivers at the beginner and intermediate levels.

**Friday at the Track** - Provides an introduction to high performance streetcar driving.

**Jefferson 500** - One of the most respected vintage races on the East Coast, this spring event welcomes over 200 participants a year for three days of motor madness.

Reboot your sense of adventure





# Are You **GAME**



## *Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races*

**800.795.7001 - 750 Hollywood Dr., Charles Town**

**[hollywoodcasinocharlestown.com](http://hollywoodcasinocharlestown.com)**

Featuring Vegas-worthy slots, gaming, racing, dining, and entertainment, Hollywood is “all in” for your pleasure.

Within the casino paradise, 2,800 slots bring blockbuster payoffs at all denominations. Offering blackjack, roulette, craps, poker, and everything in between, live gaming is spirited and suspenseful.

Racing “reins” at Charles Town. Home to the Charles Town Classic, Race for the Ribbon and the West Virginia Breeders Classics, Hollywood Casino offers some of the nation’s best full-field, nine-race cards. They also simulcast horses and dog races around the country 365 days a year.

If gourmet dining is more appealing than gaming, Hollywood Casino boasts red carpet-worthy dining and entertainment. Whether you crave Asian fusion or award-winning wines, restaurants deliver flavors to savor.

## *Casino Restaurants*

### **Epic Buffet**

**800.795.7001 - 750 Hollywood Dr., Charles Town - [hollywoodcasinocharlestown.com](http://hollywoodcasinocharlestown.com)**

An all-you-can-eat extravaganza serving up delicious dishes for lunch and dinner!

### **Final Cut Steakhouse**

**800.795.7001 - 750 Hollywood Dr., Charles Town - [hollywoodcasinocharlestown.com](http://hollywoodcasinocharlestown.com)**

This contemporary American steakhouse features hand selected USDA Mid-Western Prime Beef and a 300 bottle wine list.

### **Skybox Sports Bar**

**800.795.7001 - 750 Hollywood Dr., Charles Town - [hollywoodcasinocharlestown.com](http://hollywoodcasinocharlestown.com)**

Award-winning wings, draft brews, and dozens of screens to catch your favorite game.

### **Skyline Terrace**

**800.795.7001 - 750 Hollywood Dr., Charles Town - [hollywoodcasinocharlestown.com](http://hollywoodcasinocharlestown.com)**

Steak and seafood specialties are served up with Shenandoah mountain and racetrack views.

### **9 Dragons**

**304.724.4259 - 750 Hollywood Dr., Charles Town - [hollywoodcasinocharlestown.com](http://hollywoodcasinocharlestown.com)**

Featuring sushi, Hong Kong-style cuisine, and the best noodles on this side of the Atlantic.



# MONTHLY *Must Dos*



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## *Spring*

### **Charles Town Classic Horse Races**

(April) - [hollywoodcasinoharlestown.com](http://hollywoodcasinoharlestown.com)

The Charles Town Classic has become an annual stop for visitors and residents alike! With a plump purse and some of the top horses in the world, it's a springtime must-do in Jefferson County.

## *Summer*

### **Ranson Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show**

(June) - [ransonwv.us](http://ransonwv.us)

Held in conjunction with the Ranson Festival, the Ranson Car, Truck & Motorcycle show features classic and contemporary makes and models. From Model T's to Triumphs, the show celebrates vehicle restoration and modern craftsmanship in a "wheely" fun, family-friendly environment.

### **Historic Heritage Festival**

(June) - [ctheritagefestival.com](http://ctheritagefestival.com)

A seasonal tribute to Charles Town's heritage, featuring food, cultural events, and children's activities.

### **Contemporary American Theatre Festival**

(July) - [catf.org](http://catf.org)

An internationally-acclaimed salute to the stage hosted by Shepherd University. The multi-week festival welcomes fine actors, playwrights, and visitors from around the globe.

### **African American Heritage Festival**

(August) - [ransonwv.us](http://ransonwv.us)

African American history and culture shine in Charles Town and Ranson.

### **Jefferson County Fair**

(August) - [jeffersoncountyfairwv.org](http://jeffersoncountyfairwv.org)

A celebration of food and festivity featuring agricultural demonstrations, carnival games, and live music.

### **Charles Town Car Show**

(August/September) - [charlestownwv.us](http://charlestownwv.us)

Charles Town shuts down Main Street for full-throttle fun with over 300 cars!



Jefferson County celebrates its traditions and talents throughout the year. Save the dates for serious fun!



## Fall

### Mountain Heritage Arts & Crafts Festival

(September) - [jeffersoncountywvchamber.org](http://jeffersoncountywvchamber.org)

The Shenandoah Junction-based showcase features fine art, food, wine, and bluegrass.

### Race for the Ribbon 5K

(September) - [hollywoodcasinocharlestown.com](http://hollywoodcasinocharlestown.com)

In partnership with the West Virginia affiliate of Susan G. Komen, Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races presents a weekend of activities dedicated to the fight against breast cancer. Come see the Race for the Ribbon track walk, an evening of Thoroughbred horse racing, or a 5K fun run.

### Freedom's Run Marathon

(October) - [freedomrun.org](http://freedomrun.org)

Fitness enthusiasts participate in a marathon, half marathon, 10k, 5k, or kids' run through our national parks.

### West Virginia Breeders Classics

(October) - [wvbc.com](http://wvbc.com)

Pure(bred) excitement reigns at this Hollywood Casino race, featuring star-studded entertainment.

### A Ghostly Tour of Harpers Ferry

(Year-Round) - [harpersferrywv.net](http://harpersferrywv.net)

A lantern-lit tour of Harpers Ferry's paranormal past.

### Charles Town Ghost Tours

(Year-Round) - [wvcommerce.org](http://wvcommerce.org)

A two-hour exploration of Charles Town's haunted history.

### Over the Mountain Studio Tour

(November) - [studiotourwv.org](http://studiotourwv.org)

Local artisans share their works at locations throughout Jefferson County.

## Winter

### Ranson Tree Lighting

First Saturday after Thanksgiving - [ransonwv.us](http://ransonwv.us)

Ranson kicks off the holidays with ceremony and seasonal joy. Santa and Mrs. Clause will attend on a horse drawn sled with wagon rides from 6-8 pm.

### Charles Town Tree Lighting

(November-December) - [charlestownwv.us](http://charlestownwv.us)

Charles Town spreads comfort and joy with carols, cocoa, and Kris Kringle.

### The Charles Town- Ranson Christmas Parade

(December) - [ransonwv.us](http://ransonwv.us)

A twinkling town tradition featuring floats and marching bands in holiday finery.

### Sip. Shop. Celebrate.

(December) - [charlestownwv.us](http://charlestownwv.us)

Charles Town merchants ring in the season with sales and sips.

### Cupid's Crawl Sip and Shop

(February) - [charlestownwv.us](http://charlestownwv.us)

Love melts the winter chill at this downtown Charles Town event featuring carriage rides, sales, and seasonal treats.

### Common Ground International Book Fest

(March)- [jeffersoncountywvchamber.org](http://jeffersoncountywvchamber.org)

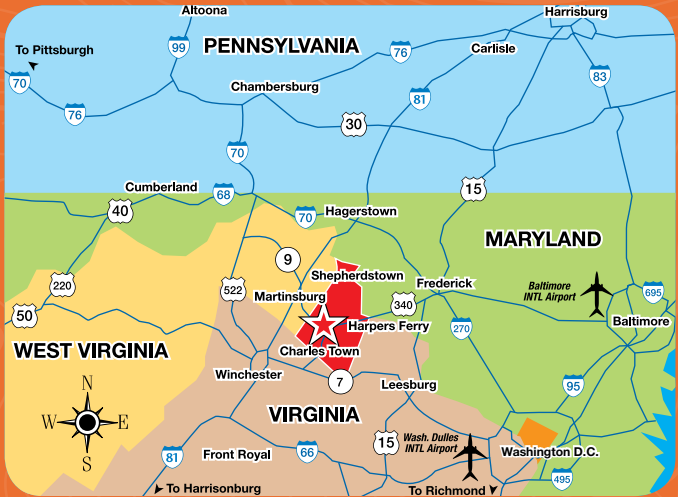
The family-friendly event at Shepherd University spotlights authors, playwrights, and artists.

# MONTHLY *Must Dos*





# GETTING *Here*



## *Road*

Located off U.S. Route 340, Ranson is close to Washington, D.C. (60 miles west) and Baltimore, MD (75 miles east).

## *Rail*

Amtrak service is available in Washington, D.C., Baltimore, MD, or Harpers Ferry, WV. Maryland Area Rail Transit (MARC) Train Service provides regional service to Harpers Ferry from Washington, D.C. and Baltimore-area locations.

## *Sky*

Baltimore Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport is 75 miles away.

Dulles International Airport is 40 miles away.



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