



# WEST VIRGINIA

VACATION GUIDE

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# WEST VIRGINIA BY RAIL

*Destinations for  
Family and Friends*

**It's not just  
a train ride  
anymore – it's  
an experience.**

Join MountainRail Adventures in eastern West Virginia for seasonal train rides through some of the state's most beautiful and remote areas.

With three destinations across Randolph and Pocahontas counties, the MountainRail portfolio includes half-day trips for small children and full-day offerings with on-board lunches, live entertainment and beautiful views. For couples, friends and families looking for a different type of adventure, there are overnight packages available that include layovers in Cass and Elkins

or remote getaways in the beautiful Appalachians in a restored caboose.

While the regular train season includes excursions from April through the end of October, there are a plethora of special events throughout the season to enhance your experience. From Easter-themed trains and Father's Day cookouts to Bluegrass bashes, Wild West-themed train robberies and murder mysteries, there's a unique experience for everyone. Don't forget the Polar Express and Elf Limited Christmas trains!

In Elkins, hop on board the railroad's New Tygart Flyer for a journey to the High Falls and return, or spend a full-day touring the West Virginia highlands on board the Cheat Mountain Salamander. For a more romantic experience, be a part of one of the special Mountain Explorer Dinner Trains

or Murder Mysteries with an evening train ride from Elkins.

Looking for something a bit different? Step back in time on the Cass Scenic Railroad in Pocahontas County to visit the world's largest collection of geared Shay steam locomotives. You'll trace the remnants of a former logging community as you climb through mountainous valleys, switchbacks and eventually to the top of the mountain at Bald Knob.

Know a child who loves trains? They will adore seeing the historic rail equipment aboard the Durbin Rocket in Durbin.

Regardless of your interests, let MountainRail Adventures be your next destination. Special pricing and overnight packages for families and friends are available. Visit [Mtn-Rail.com](http://Mtn-Rail.com) or call **304-636-9477**.



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Pack up for a weekend of family-friendly fun with River Expeditions, a family-owned adventure resort in the adventure capital of the world — the New River Gorge. Here, an authentic and affordable getaway is right at your fingertips with lodging, meals, attractions and, of course, endless adventures!

You can't go wrong with a classic West Virginia whitewater rafting trip as the weekend's main event. With stretches of river that range from mild to wild, you can make your trip here as relaxing or as exciting as you want it to be. The Upper New is a great stretch for kids and beginners, while the Lower New presents Class I through IV rapids that are perfectly challenging for beginners and experts alike. Or challenge yourself on the world-famous Gauley River.

The fun doesn't have to end on the river! Post-rafting entertainment at River Expeditions ranges from cooling

off with a crisp beverage and tasty food at the iconic Red Dog Saloon, indulging in the resort's on-site pool and hot tub or picking up a memorable souvenir at the Outfitters Store! Cozy up for the night with a great selection of accommodations: tent camping, RV park, bunkhouses, bungalows and rustic to luxury cabins.

Overnight guests have access to the Fire Creek Lodge with complimentary Wi-Fi and complimentary breakfast each morning. A new day and a well-rested crew brings new adventures to embark upon. Soar through the trees for the thrill of a lifetime with River Expeditions' zipline course, which includes a skybridge and a rappel finale. Celebrate 50-years of rafting in West Virginia this year as you explore, paddle, soar, connect and share the joy of adventure.

**River Expeditions never misses an opportunity to wow you!**





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# WHEN IN DOUBT, MOUNTAIN MORE *at* SNOWSHOE MOUNTAIN



Skiing and snowboarding at Snowshoe Mountain Resort is a rite of passage for native West Virginians and snow-sport enthusiasts throughout the Southeast. It has long been considered one of the region's premier winter destinations and continues to deliver epic experiences year after year. So, what keeps the adventure exciting and fresh?

For starters, with 1,500 feet of vertical descent and a total trail count of 60, the mountain delivers every single time. Between lake-effect storms, a high elevation and 100 percent snow-making coverage on non-glad-ed trails, the resort is able to extend to guests a "snow guarantee" that ensures Snowshoe has more skiable terrain than any other resort in the area, or the next day on the slopes is free! Seriously.

There's also the mountaintop Village—the island in the sky—which is like a little town all its own.

It's got shops with everything from the gear that got left at home to locally crafted goods, and the Spa for the ultimate relaxation. There are plenty of dining options too, from grab-and-go to gourmet to nightlife.

Want an adventure that doesn't involve skis or a board? Snowshoe has that too! Snowmobile and RZR tours are a guest favorite, as is the Backcountry Hut where Snowshoe recently added a heart-racing escape room called The Woods.

What happens when all that snow melts? Turns out, thanks to all things mountain biking, the warm months are just as exciting as the cold ones. Snowshoe Bike Park is recognized as one of the best in the U.S. It's challenging enough for the most experienced downhill biker, yet still accommodating to beginning riders.

And if braving the steeps on a downhill bike isn't appealing, don't worry, there are plenty of cross-country biking and hiking opportunities across Snowshoe's 11,000 acres of unspoiled wilderness. Snowshoe also offers golf, scenic lift rides, Shavers Lake and a beach area stocked with inflatables, kayaks, SUPs and more. Most weekends contain fun lifestyle events like Wanderlust, WVU Mountaineer Camp or FreeFall Festival.

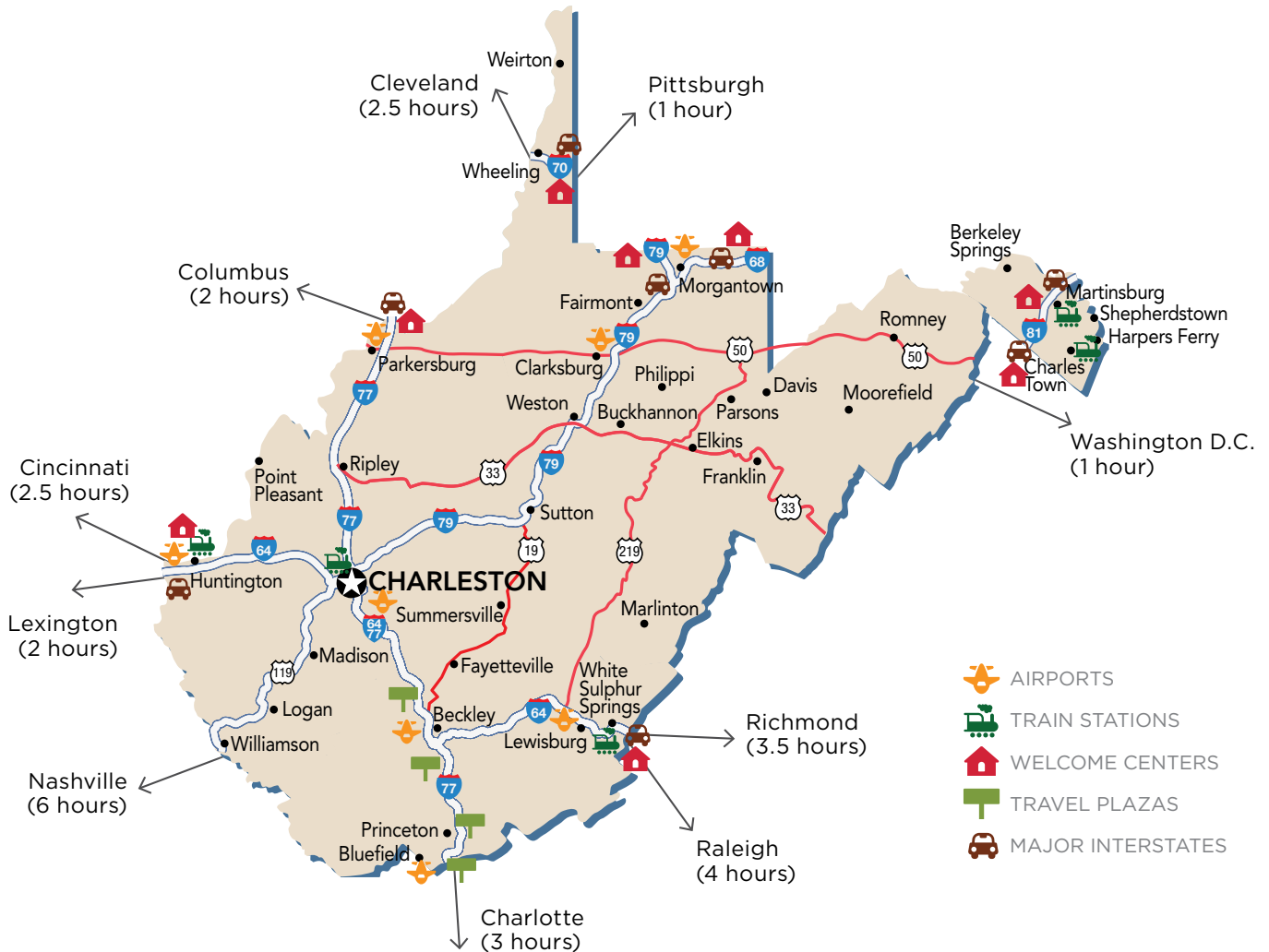
With so much to do, you better pack to stay for a while.

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# TRAVELING TO WEST VIRGINIA IS QUICK & EASY

West Virginia is centrally located between the Mid-Atlantic and Southeast, and within a day's drive of more than 75% of the U.S. population, so it's a great spot for a getaway or a meetup.

Get here by plane, train or automobile, and be sure to stop at our Welcome Centers on the way in for information about what to see and do.



**AIRPORTS** The state has eight commercial airports: Beckley/BKW, Bluefield/BLF, Charleston/CRW, Clarksburg/CKB, Huntington/HTS, Lewisburg/LWB, Morgantown/MGW and Parkersburg/PKB. Most offer direct flights to major regional hubs. [WVtourism.com/travel](http://WVtourism.com/travel)

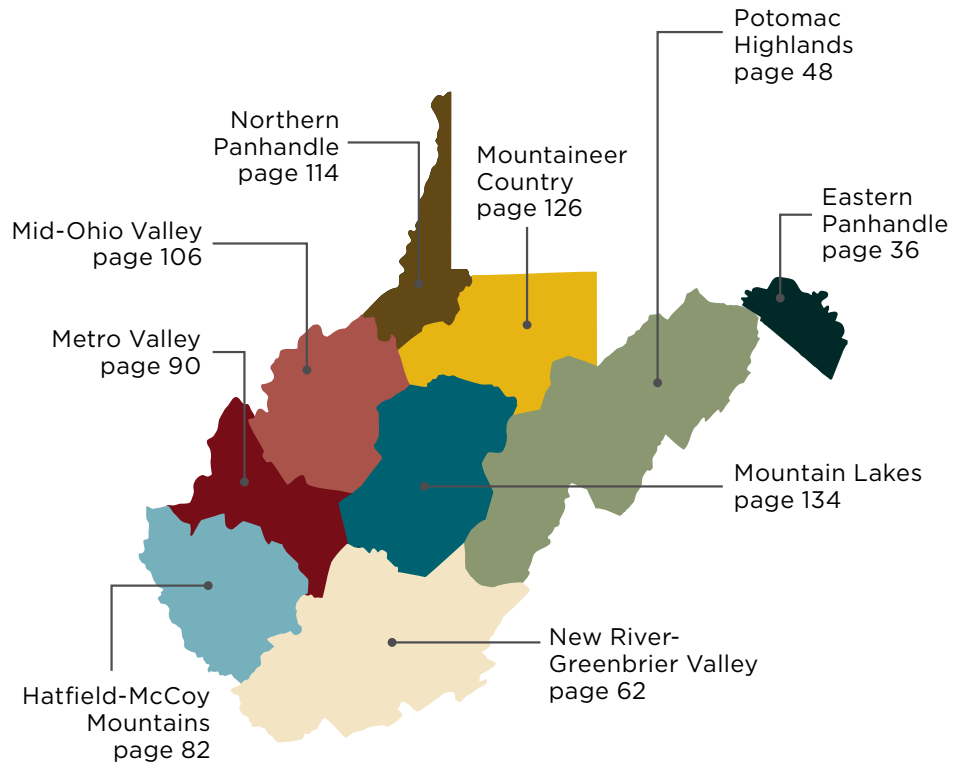




Sandstone Falls

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# LIFE AT THE LAKE

Spend a day, or a week, on any lake in West Virginia, and you may find your slice of #AlmostHeaven. Splash in the shallows. Kayak alongside rocky cliffs and coves. Boat into serene backwaters fringed by wild forests and shady mountain slopes. Pursue fish, or chase nothing but the sun and a good time. It's all part of the lake life in West Virginia—just waiting for you to jump in.



Summersville Lake

## SUMMERSVILLE LAKE

West Virginia's largest body of water is a playground for SCUBA divers. Gear up at **Sarge's Dive Shop** in Summersville to explore the lake's clean, clear depths and dramatic sandstone cliffs. Non-divers love Summersville Lake, too—after all, it's an easy paddle to score a stunning selfie with those signature cliffs.

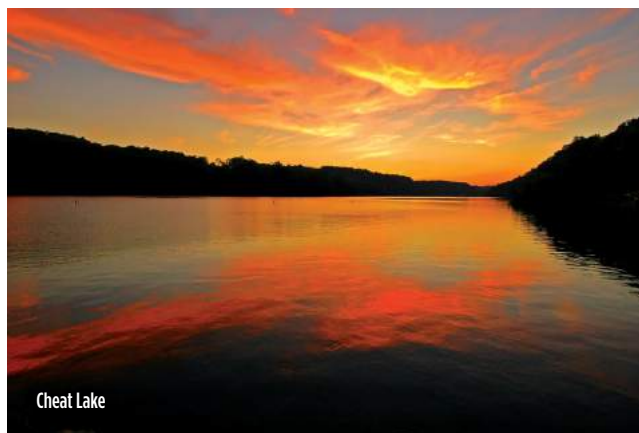
Make **Summersville Lake Retreat** in Mount Nebo your home base, where you can rent anything from a paddleboard to a pontoon boat, tour a lighthouse capped with an open-air panorama of the lake, and then retire to a cabin built of native hemlock.

Or, take advantage of lakefront campsites, a private beach and hiking trails at Summersville's **Mountain Lake Campground & Cabins**. Pack a picnic and prep for the photo op if you hike Long Point. The trail ends at its namesake peninsula with a totally-worth-it view of the lake.

## LAKE SHERWOOD

Amid the mountain ridges, azalea blossoms and hardwood timbers of Monongahela National Forest, keep an eye out for sun-spangled Lake Sherwood. Though Sherwood is the forest's largest lake, it's actually a reservoir, making it just right for small watercraft, swimming and fishing.

Launch your exploration from **Lake Sherwood Recreation Area** in White Sulphur Springs, where you can rent a boat or canoe from the concessionaire. You'll find company in anglers who've come here for the bluegill and catfish, as well as groups of friends piling into canoes. Later, take your pick of two swim beaches—one located on an island. (Cross the photo-worthy footbridge to find it.) With a picnic, set off on a hike along the Lake Sherwood Trail; you can peek at the water through rhododendron thickets and rock gardens. At night, pitch a tent along the shoreline, where moonlight filters through the trees.



Cheat Lake



## STONEWALL JACKSON LAKE

A pretty, tree-lined shore, gently rising mountains and sparkling waters create the classic picture of Stonewall Jackson Lake. But navigate to its inlets and backwaters—by boat, canoe or even on foot—to discover the lake's hidden character. Tucked into its 82 miles of shoreline and designated as minimum-wake zones, these out-of-the-way areas might make you feel like you have the place to yourself. Paddle the pristine waters and fish undisturbed; Stonewall Jackson Lake is one of the surest spots in West Virginia for catching bass and crappie.

You can access the lake at several points, but **Stonewall Jackson Lake State Park** in Roanoke puts everything you need in one place: an Adirondack-style lodge, lakefront cottages, campsites and watercraft rentals (we're talking aqua cycles, miniature powerboats, fishing boats and more). For a guided tour of the lake, hop on the **Little Sorrel**.

## BLUESTONE LAKE

In Hinton, there's a place where limestone outcrops glint so blue-gray, we call the national scenic river flowing through them Bluestone. Bluestone Lake, naturally, is the centerpiece of **Bluestone State Park**.

Thousands of forested acres, rugged mountains and ever-present wildlife give this landscape an enchantingly wild feel. In other words, you won't be the only one who comes away feeling as though you've uncovered a hidden gem, though locals are happy to share it.

Rent a canoe or fishing boat and swap tales with fellow anglers. Drive to the top of Bluestone Dam for an unparalleled view of the lake and its surroundings. Hike to discover those stunning limestone outcrops or the Bluestone National Scenic River itself. By night, idle into a boat-in campsite—what else?!—at the park's primitive **East Shore Campground**. (For the less adventurous, don't worry: fully furnished cabins are available nearby.)

## SUTTON LAKE

You could cruise Sutton Lake on a pedal boat or jet ski, even board a pontoon boat for a guided tour. But why not go all out...on a houseboat? In Sutton, **Sutton Lake Marina** can hook you up with any or all of the above. The "deluxe houseboat," as it's called, accommodates as many as 10 people. Swim, fish or slip-and-slide right off the boat (seriously—a water slide swoops down from the upper deck). Wave to fellow boaters enjoying a day of fishing or pulling the kids on a tube.



Regardless, it's easy to truly escape here—more than 10,000 acres of undeveloped land and sheltering mountains envelop the lake. Stow a smaller vessel on your houseboat, maybe a kayak or stand-up paddleboard, to explore the quiet coastline and its coves. Come evening time, dock anywhere and start all over again the next morning.

## CHEAT LAKE

With generous amenities and a prime location on the shores of Cheat Lake, **Lakeview Golf Resort & Spa** in Morgantown embodies the luxe lake life. The views are gorgeous, as you'd expect. But when you're ready to jump in (and you will be), head to neighboring **Sunset Beach Marina**. The facility rents everything from wakeboards and tubes to pontoon boats to outfit your dream day on the lake. Follow locals to favorite spots: Cheat Lake's calm backwaters and scenic headwaters are popular with friends and families who tie their boats together or drop anchor for a swim break. **Cheat Lake Park** beckons with a swim beach, though the lake's natural beach, formed by a flood in 1985, may be the ultimate meet-up: Dock your boat and join in as locals lounge in the shallow water, tossing footballs and listening to music as kids splash about.



# WHERE TO UNPLUG IN THE MOUNTAIN STATE

“Country roads, take me home...to the place I belong...” sings John Denver in his famous ode to West Virginia. Let the Mountain State’s country roads lead you to refuge from the busy-ness of today’s technology-saturated life. West Virginia’s natural beauty—lush forests, mountain vistas and rushing rivers—is the perfect setting to stage your escape.

## FOR A ROMANTIC RENDEZVOUS

Time for you and your love to put down your phones and spend a weekend of long conversations and bond-building adventure? **Fayetteville** will oblige.

**CLEAR YOUR HEAD** Plan an outing to **New River Gorge National River**, where one of the oldest rivers on the continent continues to carve its way through the rugged landscape. The best way to experience the park is a raft trip, with options for every level. If your rafting route didn’t take you under the **New River Gorge Bridge**, make sure you get a glimpse from the **Canyon Rim Visitor Center**—and bring your camera to capture its graceful arch. For many years, this remarkable structure was the longest steel arch bridge in the world. In the evening, explore downtown Fayetteville and be swept away by a stage play at the **Historic Fayette Theatre**.

**REST YOUR HEAD** **Opossum Creek Retreat** is nestled in the mountains, and each of its cozy cabins has its own hot tub and fireplace, perfect for cuddle time.

## TO GO RADIO SILENT

So, you’re taking this mission to disconnect seriously, and you want to really go off the grid? Then **Pocahontas County** is a smart choice. This is home to the National Radio Quiet Zone, where wireless signals (Wi-Fi and cell phones) are prohibited in order to protect two radio telescopes nearby.

### CLEAR YOUR HEAD

As you drive into the Allegheny Mountains and cross into the quiet zone, your car radio will turn to static and your phone signal will drop. You’re free! Now delve into the **Monongahela National Forest**, where dense stands of pine and lush deciduous trees stretch in every direction. Come prepared for primitive, backcountry camping or just spend a carefree day picnicking and hiking. Within the forest is the **Cranberry Glades Botanical Area**, an acidic wetland that supports 60 plant species (including a few carnivorous plants). And don’t miss what’s been called the forest’s crown jewel: the **Falls of Hills Creek**, a trio of majestic, cascading waterfalls.

**REST YOUR HEAD** Step back in time at **Cass Scenic Railroad State Park**, where you can ride a steam-driven locomotive through the mountains and stay in one of 20 guest houses that were once company lodging for the historic logging town of Cass.

## 10 WEST VIRGINIA STATE PARKS WITH LUSH LODGING

Savor natural beauty in these spots, with amenities varying from mountain-top locations and pools to restaurants, game rooms, private baths and more:

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Blackwater Falls State Park

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Cacapon Resort State Park

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Canaan Valley Resort State Park

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Chief Logan State Park

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Hawk’s Nest State Park

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North Bend State Park

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Pipestem Resort State Park

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Stonewall Jackson Lake State Park

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Twin Falls Resort State Park

10

Tygart Lake State Park



Hatfield-McCoy Trail System



Cass Scenic Railroad State Park



Berkeley Springs

## GET LOST IN THE MOUNTAINS

The little town of **Seneca Rocks** is surrounded by quiet, pastoral scenes and rolling hills along the North Fork South Branch of the Potomac River. In the surrounding mountains, activities revolve around the great outdoors.

**CLEAR YOUR HEAD** Rock climbers will be itching to test their skills at the almost 300 climbing routes at Seneca Rocks in the **Spruce Knob-Seneca Rocks National Recreation Area**. Others can hike to the top of the monolith from the visitor center (for head-clearing views indeed). Further afield is the lesser-known 25-mile **North Fork Mountain Trail**, perfect for unfettered views and fewer folks. A post-adventure cool-off is in order at **Seneca Caverns**, where a tour gives you a close-up look at one of the caves that make up the largest collection of caverns in the U.S. Next, head about an hour and a half away to **Lost River State Park**, where (as the name hints) you can truly lose yourself among the thick forests and secluded mountain landscape. Plan time to hike to the famous Cranny Crow overlook, with a view that takes in five counties.

**REST YOUR HEAD** Like the idea of staying lost for the night? **The Guesthouse Lost River** bed and breakfast sits on 30 private acres and is surrounded by national forest land, making it a peaceful getaway with everything you need on site.

## FOR AN ESCAPE FROM REALITY

The country's first spa, **Berkeley Springs**, was discovered by European settlers in 1747 but had been visited by Native Americans long before that. Do as the earliest inhabitants did and soak away your troubles.

**CLEAR YOUR HEAD** Indulge in a weekend of pampering and rejuvenation. The no-frills, Roman-style baths in **Berkeley Springs State Park** are available for soaking year-round—and many swear by the mineral waters' beneficial properties—while a number of local day spas are nearby for massages, facials, mud treatments and more. Head to nearby **Cacapon Resort State Park Lake** to soak up some sun on the beach. Then return to town to browse the antique mall or gift shops on **Fairfax Street** or go gallery hopping to uncover a wealth of creativity amid the New-Age-y vibes of this little town.

**REST YOUR HEAD** The Victorian bed-and-breakfast **Highlawn Inn** is just right for a weekend of pampering.

## TO RECONNECT WITH NATURE

If you're somebody whose idea of unplugging means getting out to breathe some fresh air and move, then **Chief Logan State Park** is for you.

**CLEAR YOUR HEAD** Grassy, emerald expanses are flanked by mossy forestland, with miles of trails crisscrossing the 4,000-acre recreational area. Plan to hike or bike (with bike rentals conveniently on site), horseback ride, picnic, splash in the swimming pool or fish the stocked lake. Nearby, on the **Hatfield-McCoy Trail System**, get the lead out on the back of an ATV. These trails are legendary with ATVers and are named after America's most famous feuding families.

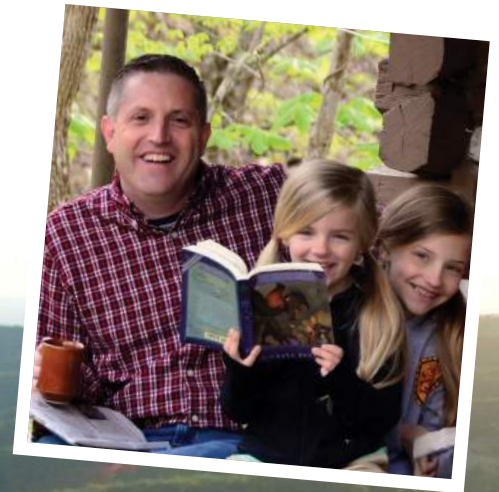
**REST YOUR HEAD** The historic **Mountaineer Hotel** in Williamson will be a welcome retreat after a day in the rugged outdoors. An expansive entryway with a crystal chandelier awaits, as do rooms named after country-music stars, such as Loretta Lynn and Hank Williams, Jr.

# FAMILY FUN AND ADVENTURE

With more than 160,000 acres of rugged terrain to explore, West Virginia's State Parks and Forests offer a variety of recreational, educational and inspiring travel opportunities enjoyed by 7 million visitors each year. Family fun and adventure awaits. There's camping, hiking, biking, fishing, golfing, summer and winter recreation, historical activities and special events. No matter what time of year you visit, West Virginia's state parks and forests are the perfect place for a peaceful getaway or family vacation.



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Left photo: Hiking out to a scenic overlook, like this one at Lost River, is one of the most popular activities at state parks and forests; Right photo: Watoga State Park cabins are a great vacation option for families. State park and forest cabin rentals are available year-round.





### DISCOVER 1,400 MILES OF TRAILS

Get out and explore the great outdoors. Hit the trails on your own, bring a friend or join a guided hike with a park naturalist. Stay overnight at a lodge, cabin or campground. Whether you prefer leisurely strolls or longer treks, hiking in a state park or forest is a fun and rewarding activity.



### TEE UP AT STATE PARK GOLF COURSES

Perfect your golf game at a West Virginia state park, home to five of the most picturesque courses in the state. Enjoy a round of golf on the expertly designed and manicured 18-hole golf courses at Cacapon, Canaan Valley, Pipestem, Stonewall and Twin Falls state parks. Reciprocal play season passes available.



### CAST YOUR CARES AWAY

Grab your bait and tackle and cast a line. West Virginia's State Parks and Forests offer premier fishing opportunities for enthusiasts and beginners alike. Trout, catfish, lake or stream — there's something for every angler to enjoy. Fish for the day or spend the night in a campground, cabin or lodge.



### MEMORIES WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY

West Virginia's State Parks and Forests offer premier outdoor recreation, accommodations and dining—perfect for your next family vacation, reunion or outing with friends. Spend the weekend in a lodge or escape to a quiet cabin. No matter where you go, state parks and forests make time together even more special.



Babcock State Park



Coopers Rock State Forest

## 5 WAYS TO SEE FALL FOLIAGE

Thanks to ups and downs in elevation, fall—along with its fiery foliage—arrives at different times in West Virginia. Visit in September or October to chase the color change throughout the state.

**1 CLIMB TO NEW HEIGHTS.** Cross a wood-planked suspension bridge to reach the **Via Ferrata at Nelson Rocks**, a system of steel rungs and cables designed to help you scale up a pair of quartz ridges that rise from the forest. Don't worry: NROCKS Outdoor Adventures in Circleville will make sure you're "clipped in" for safety at all times. And the views of the surrounding woods and Allegheny Mountains, painted in hues of crimson and amber, are totally worth any jitters you might feel at the outset.

**2 MOUNTAIN BIKE ALONG A SCENIC RAILS-TO-TRAILS ROUTE.** Pedal all (or part—no judgment!) of the 72-mile **North Bend Rail Trail**. This rails-to-trails project repurposes an 1800s railway as a gravel path between Parkersburg and Wolf Summit. Pause along the way for close-ups of forests and rolling farmland touched by fall color—plus tunnels through the rocky landscape, antique bridges and forays into charming towns such as Cairo, home to **North Bend State Park**.

**3 HIKE ALONG COLORFUL NATURE TRAILS.** Discover a picture-perfect autumn scene at **Babcock State Park** in Clifftop, where blazing colors flank the picturesque Glade Creek Grist Mill, a wood-planked mill churning freshly ground cornmeal with its creek-powered water wheel. At **Blackwater Falls State Park** in Davis, stroll along the boardwalk trail leading to the 62-foot Blackwater Falls, or trek Lindy Point Trail for sweeping vistas of Blackwater Canyon as the river below snakes through mountains speckled with gold and burgundy. Explore Monongahela National Forest's **Dolly Sods Wilderness** to take in the scene: stream crossings and moss-covered boulders shaded by mountain ash and holly trees.

**4 RIDE THE RAILS.** At **Cass Scenic Railroad State Park** in Cass, hop on a turn-of-the-century locomotive with **Durbin & Greenbrier Valley Railroad**, and take in the dramatic autumn scenery along the 4.5-hour excursion, which leads to the overlook at Bald Knob, the third highest point in the state.

**5 GO ON A TREASURE HUNT.** Head into **Coopers Rock State Forest**, located in Bruceton Mills, with your GPS-enabled smartphone to join geocachers in the search for 14 caches hidden among the forest's rocky trails, enormous outcrops and epic overlooks; the view of wooded Cheat River Canyon from Raven Rock is absolutely ablaze in autumn.

# 5 REASONS

## ACE IS WEST VIRGINIA'S FAVORITE FAMILY ADVENTURE RESORT

Does planning a vacation that satisfies the entire family seem as likely to you as spotting Sasquatch in the West Virginia wilderness? **ACE Adventure Resort** can change that. This New River Gorge getaway hosts almost every outdoor adventure West Virginia has to offer — in one location.

### 1 Whitewater Rafting for Everyone

ACE loves to share whitewater. They've been at it for almost 40 years! From scenic play trips to challenging New River Gorge adventures tailored to suit your needs, rafting trips are available for kids of all ages, starting at 6 years old. Plus, ACE offers stand up paddleboarding (SUP), mountain biking, rock climbing and a seemingly endless list of other outdoor pursuits.

### 2 A Waterpark in the Mountains?

Yep, Wonderland Waterpark is half spring fed lake, half floating theme park and 100 percent fun. Travelers don't just visit ACE's lake to lounge on the white sandy beaches. They also go to zipline into the water, jump from floating mountains and discover unscripted fun. Insider tip: Don't miss the giant waterslides or famous wood-fired pizzas found onshore.

### 3 The Blob

No, it's not that horror film your parents told you about, but this feature at

ACE's waterpark might scare you before lift off! What's a Blob? Hint: Giant floating pillow + big air = huge fun. Thrill seekers are hooked on "Blobbing"!

### 4 Feed the Need for Speed

Some folks want a land-based adventure, and they want it fast. ACE hosts the only zipline tours on the edge of the New River Gorge. It's perfect for folks who want an easy adrenaline rush with huge views. Guests as young as age 9 can explore nine zips, a swinging bridge and a thrilling freefall finish.

### 5 Starry Skies and Campfires

Remember the first time you popped a marshmallow on a stick and toasted it over a crackling campfire? The first time you saw the Milky Way and chased fireflies? Those are the outdoor memories that stick around for a lifetime. Revisit them or introduce the kiddos to the magic of outdoor memories at ACE.



Now you've got the local scoop. When it comes to outdoor adventures for families of all kinds, ACE Adventure Resort is the Mountain State destination where everybody will live and laugh like a kid again. Learn more at [ACEraft.com](http://ACEraft.com).

Oh, and they've actually spotted Sasquatch, just check their Instagram feed at [@aceadventureresort](https://www.instagram.com/aceadventureresort).



Bunny slopes and black diamonds abound, but the ski is not the limit in West Virginia. Take off the hat (and the gloves, the gaiter and the goggles) to honor the act of après ski—the social activity that is just as much a part of the sport. And even if skiing's not your thing, you can still join the crowds for a platter of ribs, a pint of locally brewed beer and some Appalachian charm.

# SKI GETAWAYS WITH TOP APRÈS-SKI PAIRINGS



Winterplace



Tamarack

Later Alligator



Festival of Lights

## OGLEBAY RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER

**TO EAT** Warm up with a hearty bowl of gourmet soup at **Oglebay Garden Bistro** or dine on artfully prepared dishes developed by Oglebay's executive chef at **Ihlenfeld Dining Room**.

**TO DRINK** Head into Wheeling and warm up from the inside with **Later Alligator's** mad tea concoction of blackberry moonshine and fresh-brewed sweet tea.

**TO DO** From mid-November to the first week of January, cruise the **Oglebay Winter Festival of Lights** featuring 300 acres of lighted attractions and millions of lights across a 6-mile drive.

## CANAAN VALLEY RESORT

**TO EAT** Don't pass up Ellie Mae's barbecue-chicken pizza at **Sirianni's Café** in Canaan Valley. It's only open during ski season, so make sure to hit up nearby **White Grass Café** for the smoked trout dip and mushroom cobbler. Warm yourself by the fireplace at **Hickory Dining Room** at Canaan Valley Resort and tempt your taste buds with the Cabin Mt. Meatloaf.

**TO DRINK** The drink names alone will satisfy your thirst at the resort's **Quencher's Pub**, with specialty cocktails like the Knuckle Dragger or the Jack Daniels Lift-Licker.

**TO DO** Plummet at high speeds down Canaan Valley's multi-lane tube park—the longest in the Mid-Atlantic. Wallow away the muscle pain with a hot stone or deep-tissue massage at the **Spa at Canaan**.

## WINTERPLACE SKI RESORT

**TO EAT** Fuel up with a cinnamon roll nearby at The Resort at Glade Spring's **Small Talk Café** or power through the works of West Virginia artists at **Tamarack** after dining on the restaurant's fried green tomato sandwich or rainbow trout.

**TO DRINK** Escape the bank of deep snow at Winterplace's **Snowdrift Lounge** for \$2 draft beer and 60-cent wings every Monday at 5 p.m.

**TO DO** Sit out amid the fresh mountain air and panoramic views, and you can

almost picture John Denver at **Almost Heaven – The Decks at Winterplace** crooning out tunes about the Blue Ridge Mountains.

## TIMBERLINE FOUR SEASONS RESORT

**TO EAT** Vegetarians looking for alternative options off-resort will appreciate the creative flavors of nearby **Hellbender Burritos**, the West Virginia-inspired "burreatery" with tofu and seitan variations of its barbecue and cheesesteak burritos.

**TO DRINK** Locally sourced maple syrup and honey create unique flavor profiles of **Blackwater Brewing Company's** Goldenrod Gold Ale and seasonal Wood Hick Vanilla Maple Porter.

See and be seen at **Timbers Pub & Fireside Grill** after a day out on Timberline's top-notch runs. With the best view of the slopes, enjoy a glass of wine and hearty, healthy sports bar snacks and meals while watching the snowmaking action from your lofty perch. The scene heats up at night with families and friends dining fireside.

**TO DO** Among its nationally touring acts, Appalachian acoustic music takes center stage at **Purple Fiddle**, a 20-minute drive from Timberline.

## SNOWSHOE MOUNTAIN RESORT

**TO EAT** Refuel on a chilly day at **Old Spruce Tavern** with a bowl of chili and the Lost Cuban sandwich. Lick your fingers clean with the barbecued ribs at **The Foxfire Grille**. Or for fine food on the mountain, go for the Georgia duckling at **South Mountain Grille**.

**TO DRINK** West Virginia beers are what's on tap at **The Old Spruce Draft House**, so try a pint of Old Spruce Citra APA from Big Timber Brewing Company, or sample the Mountain State Brewing Company's selection of Coal Miner's Daughter, Cold Trail Ale or Seneca IPA at **Cheat Mountain Pizza Company**.

**TO DO** If your legs are still holding you up after a day of skiing, dance to New Orleans funk or Appalachian roots rock at The Connection Nightclub's **Beats on the Basin** concert series.

## CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

Just along for the ride but not into downhill skiing or boarding? We've got some other suggestions.

Zip down the waterslide at Snowshoe's **Split Rock Pools**, an indoor/outdoor heated swimming hole.

Take on exhilarating speeds down the **Blackwater Falls Sled Run**—and don't worry about the walk back up. The 1,450-foot Magic Carpet conveyor will bring you back up for more.



Bring home a little Appalachia when you purchase a piece of fine art or glassware at the **Buxton and Landstreet Gallery & Studios** in Thomas.

Take home the best of West Virginia on a stop at **Tamarack**, the 59,000-square-foot craft store with quilts, glassware and woodwork.

Glide across the groomed trails and backcountry terrain at **White Grass** in Davis or climb through the Monongahela National Forest on **Elk River Touring Center's** 25-plus miles of cross-country ski trails.



Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum



Fiestaware



Capon Springs

## YOU MIGHT BELONG IN A MOUNTAIN TOWN IF...

### > YOU WANT TO IMMERSE YOURSELF IN HEALING WATERS AND FAMILY FUN.

For a crowd-pleasing all-inclusive escape, **Capon Springs** never fails to delight. Quaint cottages, a luxurious on-site spa, from-scratch food and loads of kid-friendly activities make this the perfect family retreat.

### > YOU CAN'T RESIST A REAL-LIFE FAMILY FEUD.

America's favorite feuding families, the Hatfields and the McCoys, aired their famous differences all over the region—and today, the historic hamlet of **Matewan** is still populated by their descendants. Take a **Hatfield & McCoy tour**, visit the **Mine Wars Museum** and check out the **Coal House**, which was constructed using 65 tons of coal.

### > YOU LIKE YOUR CANNONBALLS WITH A SIDE OF CARBS.

Nothing says "summer" like a day on the lake—and nothing will help you refuel faster than a plate of fried taters. **Summersville** is your one-stop source for both; every dive off a cliff helps you earn your eats at September's **Nicholas County Potato Festival**.

### > YOU LOVE FALL FESTIVALS MORE THAN YOUR PUMPKIN SPICE LATTE.

If you swoon for sweater weather and pine for seasonal sweets, **Oak Hill** must be on your itinerary; each September, the **Oak Leaf Festival** promises three days of woodsy, rural charm and all the autumnal excitement you can take.

### > YOU'RE A PICKER...AND A GRINNER...AND A LOVER...

**AND A SINNER.** As the home of the definitive bluegrass festival (**Augusta** in August) and some of the best local

theater in the U.S. (**Gandy Dancer Theater**), **Elkins** is basically the county seat of American folk culture.

### > SMALL-TOWN LORE GIVES YOUR IMAGINATION WINGS.

Though many mountain towns boast colorful histories, only one can claim its own monster. The town is **Point Pleasant**, and its resident beast is the Mothman—celebrated with both a year-round museum and a festival each September.

### > NOTHING SATISFIES YOU LIKE A GREAT SCARE.

Are nightmare-inducing tours your basic vacation dream? Look no further than **Weston**, where the **Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum** looms darkly on the horizon—no trip is complete without a ghost hunt among the beautiful, haunting ruins.

### > YOU'RE GEARING UP FOR AN OFF-THE-RAILS

**GETAWAY.** Just a stone's throw from New River Gorge National River and Bluestone State Park, **Hinton** is an ideal gateway for a host of heartracing adventures. But it's the **Railroad Museum** and **Veterans Memorial Museum** that get history buffs really steamed up.

### > IT'S NOT A PARTY AT YOUR PLACE WITHOUT

**FIESTAWARE.** Founded in 1871 by brothers Homer and Shakespeare Laughlin, **Fiestaware** is an enduring American icon. The pottery plant moved to **Newell** in 1906; the suspension bridge built to ferry factory workers across the Ohio River is still operational today.

### > YOU WANT TO ROCK OUT ON THE RIVER.

Perched on a remote stretch of the Potomac, **Shepherdstown** deftly straddles past and present; after taking in a Civil War reenactment, adjourn to one of the town's many riverside cafes for an evening of modern live music.



From top: New River Gorge Whitewater; New River Float Trip; Thrilling Zipline Tours; Vacation Rentals - Rustic to Luxury Cabins

# FIND YOUR ADVENTURE

Discover history, nature, culture and endless adventures in the New River Gorge. Explore our mountains, rivers and trails on an unforgettable, authentic vacation. Reconnect with family and friends for an exciting, affordable getaway including lodging, meals and attractions.

## RAFTING ADVENTURES

Experience classic whitewater rafting and scenic float trips along on the New and Gauley Rivers.

## ZIPLINE TOURS

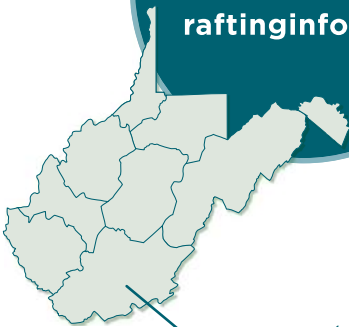
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Stay in beautiful vacation rentals with fireplaces, hot tubs and amenities plus campground and RV sites.

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Valley



# RAISING THE BAR

## A GUIDE TO MADE-IN-WEST VIRGINIA LIBATIONS

Boyd Steakhouse



Smooth Ambler Spirits



Black Draft Distillery



Hawk Knob



In West Virginia, the spirits culture runs deeper than the vintage stills once used to craft moonshine from field corn and creek water.

The smoky hills and hidden hollows that long provided perfect cover for bootleggers are now home to a new class of distillers, vintners, brewers and mixologists—each working to elevate moonshine and other Mountain State spirits out of the jug and into the spotlight.

Here, we uncork the secrets and ingredients that make West Virginia’s spirits almost heaven.

## THE WEST VIRGINIA DISTILLERY TRAIL

Want to taste our state’s homegrown hooch straight from the source? Plan a tour of these top-shelf distilleries (but never, ever drink and drive).

### BLACK DRAFT DISTILLERY

Martinsburg, [blackdraftdistillery.com](http://blackdraftdistillery.com)

Tucked into the northeastern corner of the state, Black Draft is the first distillery to make its own straight bourbon whiskey since Prohibition in Martinsburg. Tours and tastings are by appointment only, but visitors will get a rare chance to sip seasonal cocktails crafted by co-owner Tara Price.

### APPALACHIAN DISTILLERY

Ripley, [appalachian-moonshine.com](http://appalachian-moonshine.com)

You’ve never tasted moonshine quite like this. Appalachian Distillery offers daily tours and tastings of moonshine in a variety of unexpected flavors, including blackberry, caramel apple, Mountain Mud Coffee and pawpaw—a big, banana-like fruit native to Appalachia.

### HATFIELD & MCCOY MOONSHINE

Gilbert, [drinkofthediabol.com](http://drinkofthediabol.com)

What’s in a name? At Hatfield & McCoy, everything. The recipe for their signature moonshine, crafted from 100 percent West Virginia-grown corn, was created by Devil Anse Hatfield—patriarch of the famous feuding Hatfield clan. That’s why this ‘shine is officially dubbed “Drink of the Devil.”

### SMOOTH AMBLER SPIRITS

Maxwelton, [smoothambler.com](http://smoothambler.com)

“Patiently crafted” is how the makers of Smooth Ambler describe their small-batch spirits, ranging from Whitewater Vodka to Greenbrier Gin to a slew of whiskeys and ryes. The tasting room offers complimentary samples plus a peek into how they make them, from grain to glass.

### BLOOMERY PLANTATION DISTILLERY

Charles Town, [bloomerysweetshine.com](http://bloomerysweetshine.com)

And now for something completely different: Bloomery Plantation’s SweetShines are one-of-a-kind liqueurs, perfect for punching up all that whiskey and moonshine. The portfolio includes earthy Cr , fruity Peach Shine and zesty Limoncello.



The Greenbrier

## BIRTH OF A CLASSIC: THE GREENBRIER MINT JULEP

It contains just four ingredients—bourbon, mint, sugar and crushed ice—but the history of the mint julep is far from simple. Most historians agree it emerged in the American South sometime in the late 1700s, and some trace its roots to **The Greenbrier** in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia.

Here in the hallowed halls of “Old White,” travelers were ordering juleps as early as 1816 at a cost of just 25 cents. In 1866, writer Charles Dudley Warner observed that guests were greeted by attendants “who avowed that there was no time of day or night when a mint julep or any other necessity of life would not be forthcoming at a moment’s warning.”

Today, you can still order the traditional Greenbrier Mint Julep during your stay, best enjoyed in a rocking chair on a sultry summer evening.



FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF CRAFT BREWERIES IN WEST VIRGINIA, VISIT [WVTourism.com/BEER](http://WVTourism.com/Beer).

## WEST VIRGINIA'S WINE COUNTRY

The words "wine country" may conjure up images of California or France, but the lush hills of West Virginia are home to one of the nation's oldest wine-producing regions, pre-dating the Civil War. Today, West Virginia wines and meads (honey wines) are experiencing a renaissance due in large part to outstanding vintners like these, each with tasting rooms open to visitors.

### **FORKS OF CHEAT WINERY & DISTILLERY**

Morgantown | [www.wines.com](http://www.wines.com)

### **LAMBERT'S WINERY**

Weston | [lambertswinery.com](http://lambertswinery.com)

### **CHESTNUT RIDGE WINERY**

Spencer | [chestnutridgewinery.com](http://chestnutridgewinery.com)

### **KIRKWOOD WINERY**

Summersville | [kirkwood-wine.com](http://kirkwood-wine.com)

### **WEST-WHITEHILL WINERY**

Moorefield | [westwhitehillwinery.com](http://westwhitehillwinery.com)

### **DANIEL VINEYARDS**

Crab Orchard | [danielvineyards.com](http://danielvineyards.com)

### **MOUNTAIN DRAGON MAZERY**

Fairmont | [mountaindragonmazery.com](http://mountaindragonmazery.com)

## CIDERS: A GROWING TRADITION

Hard ciders are a time-honored tradition in West Virginia. It's only natural; the Golden Delicious apple was discovered right here in the Mountain State, after all. The pressed apples ferment into a beverage so tart and bubbly it could make Champagne grapes green with envy. Taste it for yourself at these up-and-coming cideries.

### **HAWK KNOB APPALACHIAN HARD CIDER & MEAD**

Lewisburg | [hawkknob.com](http://hawkknob.com)

West Virginia's first hard cidery uses only local apples in its artisanal, hand-crafted beverages. Standouts include Appalachian Classic Hard Cider and Cyser, a dry mead

made from heirloom apple juice and regional wildflower honey that sells out quicker than they can make it.

### **SWILLED DOG HARD CIDER**

Franklin | [swilledog.com](http://swilledog.com)

This newly opened family operation employs a range of fermentation processes to make its semi-dry ciders, like the flagship Walk the Dog and palate-pleasing Bunny Slope.

## HOP TO IT

Thought we forgot about beer? Think again. West Virginia's craft brewing scene is on the rise, with new breweries popping up from Beckley to Berkeley Springs. Here's a roundup of some of our favorites:

### **SCREECH OWL BREWING**

Bruceton Mills | [screechowlbrewing.com](http://screechowlbrewing.com)

### **CHESTNUT BREW WORKS**

Morgantown | [chestnutbrewworks.com](http://chestnutbrewworks.com)

### **BRIDGE BREW WORKS**

Fayetteville | [bridgebrewworks.com](http://bridgebrewworks.com)

### **BERKELEY SPRINGS BREWING CO.**

Berkeley Springs | [berkeleyspringsbrewingcompany.com](http://berkeleyspringsbrewingcompany.com)

### **DOBRA ZUPAS**

Beckley | [dobrazupas.com](http://dobrazupas.com)

### **MORGANTOWN BREWING COMPANY**

Morgantown | [morgantownbrewing.com](http://morgantownbrewing.com)

### **PARKERSBURG BREWING CO.**

Parkersburg | [parkersburgbrewing.com](http://parkersburgbrewing.com)

### **GREENBRIER VALLEY BREWING CO.**

Maxwelton | [gvbeer.com](http://gvbeer.com)

### **MOUNTAIN STATE BREWING CO.**

Morgantown | [mountainstatebrewing.com](http://mountainstatebrewing.com)

### **STUMPTOWN ALES**

Davis | [stumptownales.com](http://stumptownales.com)

### **SHORT STORY BREWING**

Rivesville | [shortstorybrewing.com](http://shortstorybrewing.com)

**"It's just natural to use West Virginia ingredients. Our philosophy is to keep our cocktails as local as possible."**

— ALI OHLINGER, GENERAL MANAGER OF HILL & HOLLOW, ON THE PHILOSOPHY BEHIND THE RESTAURANT'S INVENTIVE, LOCALLY DRIVEN BAR PROGRAM.

# HOMEGROWN COCKTAILS

Forget farm-to-table; West Virginia's locavore movement has gone farm-to-glass. Featuring state-made spirits and homegrown ingredients, these cocktails take local flavor to new heights. Grab a glass and start mixing.



Hill & Hollow,  
Morgantown

## MOUNTAIN MARTINI

Helmed by 12th-generation West Virginian Marion Ohlinger, Hill & Hollow restaurant leans heavily on local ingredients for its food and cocktail menus. "Pawpaws and ramps are synonymous with Appalachia, and we want to put those ingredients forward to give our drinks a taste of West Virginia," says co-owner Ali Ohlinger. "Also because ramps are great, man."

### INGREDIENTS

**2.5 oz.** Wicked Spirits  
Endless Wall Vodka

**0.5 oz.** Local ramp-infused  
vodka (if you're patient, you  
can make your own by  
steeping wild West Virginia  
ramps in a mason jar of good  
vodka for at least a week)

**5 oz.** Dry vermouth  
Olives (for garnish)

### DIRECTIONS

Pour ingredients into a  
shaker over ice. Shake and  
strain into a chilled martini  
glass. Garnish with olives.

Black Draft Distillery,  
Martinsburg

## BACK PORCH SIPPIN' TEA

It wouldn't be a list of West Virginia cocktails without a little white lightning. This slow-sipper features the spoils of the Mountain State's modern-day moonshine masters, Black Draft Distillery.

### INGREDIENTS

**1-2 oz.** Black Draft Distillery  
First Harvest Moonshine

**2 tbsp.** Lemon

**16 oz.** Sweet tea of  
your choice

### DIRECTIONS

Fill half glass with ice. Add  
moonshine, lemon and tea.  
Stir and garnish with a peach  
wedge and sprig of basil.

Bloomery Plantation  
Distillery, Charles Town

## CRÉ JULEP

This only-in-West Virginia julep recipe features Cré—a "SweetShine" that is America's first and only all-natural green liqueur. The name is Gaelic for "of the earth," and the flavor is mysteriously reminiscent of a dewy West Virginia morning.

### INGREDIENTS

**2 oz.** Bourbon

**5 oz.** Bloomery Plantation  
Cré SweetShine

**1** Sugar cube

**5** Mint leaves (plus more  
for garnish)

### DIRECTIONS

Add sugar cube, mint and  
Cré to a mixing glass. Muddle  
by gently pressing and  
twisting to dissolve the sugar  
and release the oils of the  
mint. Add bourbon and stir.  
Strain over crushed ice. Add  
extra crushed ice on top and  
garnish with mint.

Bridge Road Bistro,  
Charleston

## BLACK WALNUT MANHATTAN

West Virginia is famed for its black walnuts, and this cocktail—dubbed one of the 50 best in America by the Food Network—puts a fresh-cracked Appalachian twist on the classic Manhattan.

### INGREDIENTS

**1.5 oz.** Your favorite West  
Virginia bourbon

**0.5 oz.** Bloomery Plantation  
Distillery Black Walnut  
SweetShine

Splash of Fee Brothers  
Walnut Bitters

Cherry garnish

Serve over ice

### DIRECTIONS

Pour bourbon, Black Walnut  
SweetShine and bitters into  
a glass. Tumble (never shake)  
and enjoy straight up or on  
the rocks.

# A FOODIE'S LONG-WEEKEND ROAD TRIP

Foodies, start your engines. Let your taste buds be your compass as you follow this flavor-driven tour of several of our culinary capitals, roadside diners, markets, wineries and mom-and-pop stops.



## FRIDAY

*Cruise through Huntington, Charleston, Lesage and Nitro*

**START: HUNTINGTON** West Virginia's second-largest city sits on the grassy banks of the Ohio River and is home to Marshall University. And where there are college students, there's plenty of good food. In between your visits to the legendary eateries below, make time to stop in the **Huntington Museum of Art**, especially for its glass collection and on-site plant conservatory, and the **Museum of Radio and Technology**.

- **Central City Cafe** Featured on the Food Network's "Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives," this friendly cafe has comfort food like you've never tasted. Tuck into a bowl of white-bean chili and don't forget a slice of homemade cornbread.
- **Frostop Drive-In** Look for the giant-size mug of root beer on the roof and be sure to order up a human-size one once you're parked, along with the signature double cheeseburger—all for less than \$5.
- **Black Sheep Burrito & Brews** This close-to-campus burrito joint blows expectations away with items like the Bulgogi, filled with ginger- and sesame-marinated steak, house-made kimchi, cilantro dijon and cashews.
- **Old Village Roaster** Fuel up for your road trip at this mom-and-pop coffee shop, where they roast their own beans to perfection.

**BRIEF DETOUR: LESAGE** Among the rusty, converted school buses, license-plate-covered trees and hub-cap displays at **Hillbilly Hot Dogs**, a counter welcomes you to "Order Grub

Rite Cheer." Try the legendary "Home Wrecker" dog, if you dare.

**PIT STOP: NITRO Diehl's Restaurant** is a humble, wood-paneled roadside stop with a selection of to-die-for cream pies. Opt for a slice of the coconut or graham cracker pie.

**DESTINATION: CHARLESTON** In West Virginia's capital city, you'll want to hit the high points, like a free tour of the **Capitol building and Governor's Mansion** and shopping in the **Elk City Historic District**. But leave plenty of time for exploring the food scene, starting with the **Capitol Market**, fragrant with fresh coffee, spices, chocolate and wine. Then onto a **Mountain State Food Tours** progressive walking dinner tour, or if you time it right, a festival like the **Green Chili Shootout** (March) or **Taste-of-ALL Charleston** (Memorial Day weekend). Still have room for more? Choose one of the following:

- **South Hills Market and Cafe** This inviting brasserie-style restaurant gets rave reviews for its Kobe-beef burger and steak frites, among dozens of other dishes.
- **Dem 2 Brothers and a Grill** An avid fan following only reinforces the fact that this laid-back joint is a can't-miss for Southern-style barbecue with all the fixins.
- **Lola's Pizza** Inside a cute little cottage, Lola's stone hearth oven turns out fresh, handmade, Neapolitan-style pizzas. Don't miss the fig, jam and rosemary pizza or the spicy shrimp and sausage.
- **Mi Cocina De Amor** For a festive night out, this authentic Mexican restaurant cooks up generations-old Gonzales family recipes. The expansive outdoor patio is a popular place to savor their signature margaritas.

# SATURDAY

Visit Fayetteville and Sutton with a pit stop in Summersville

## DESTINATION: FAYETTEVILLE

Burn off some calories from yesterday's excesses by careening down famed mountain-biking trails, scaling some of the world's best rock-climbing routes or simply taking a stroll through downtown. Fayetteville's food scene is powered by a local demand for fresh, yummy food to refuel after the day's adventurous outings. Take an active part in the culinary culture with a cooking class at **Gourmet on the Gorge**. Or visit during **Bridge Day**, the one day a year the famous **New River Gorge Bridge** is closed to auto traffic and open to pedestrians, BASE jumpers, skydivers, high liners, rappellers and more, to help judge the **Bridge Day Chili Cook-Off**. And be sure to try some of the hotspots below.

- **Secret Sandwich Society** Challenging the notions of what usually goes between two slices of bread, this creative sandwich shop uses fresh ingredients to elevate traditional West Virginian flavors. Savor the Truman: turkey, peach jam, blue cheese and crispy onions.
- **Pies & Pints** The original location of this beloved West Virginia chain is the primo place to experience the fabled grape-and-gorgonzola pizza and a lager from Fayetteville's own Bridge Brew Works.
- **Studio B Art Boutique Wine & Beer Gallery** Studio B combines Fayetteville's passions for creativity and good libations, selling regional crafts and a well-curated selection of beer and wine.

- **The Station** With a passionate emphasis on regionally sourced ingredients, there's an elegance to every dish here (from the pan-seared trout to the shepherd's pie) that makes it beloved by locals.
- **Arrowhead Bike Farm** Everything Fayetteville loves in one place: a beer garden; fresh, tasty food (order up a bratwurst); bike rentals and trails right next door. If you've got an extra day in your itinerary, you can even spend the night in one of their campsites.

## PIT STOP: SUMMERSVILLE

Torn between wine and bourbon? You're covered at **Kirkwood Winery & Isaiah Morgan Distillery**. Follow a pretty little rural road to this farm where you'll be treated to tastings of their sweet fruit wines, moonshine and whiskey. Call ahead to arrange a tour, too. They host a Grape Stomping Festival in September.

*Always drink responsibly, and ensure you have a designated driver for the remainder of today's road trip.*

## DESTINATION: SUTTON

Your final stop for the day is much more than just a place to spend the night. **Cafe Cimino Country Inn** has 10 cozy rooms along the Elk River and—more importantly to gourmands like you—a true culinary treasure at the helm: Chef Tim Urbanic, a Best Chefs America award recipient. At a table for two beside a goldfish pond and fire pit, or inside the historic mansion, you'll enjoy the chef's authentic, mouthwatering Southern Italian cuisine.

# DELICIOUS DETOURS



## THOMAS AND DAVIS

This charming pair of small towns has colorful storefronts and a surprising number of eateries. The area is becoming known for its booming craft-beer scene; try **Stumptown Ales** or **TipTop** for coffee, beer and cocktails.

## PARKERSBURG

Parkersburg is known in flavor-focused circles for the authentic and delectable **Chams Lebanese Cuisine** and the **Point Park Marketplace's** year-round, indoor market with wine, pizza, bread, barbecue and more, as well as a spring-to-fall outdoor farmers' market. Other delish points of interest include **Spats** at the Blennerhassett Hotel for satisfying apps and cocktails, **Parkersburg Brewing Co.** for fresh brews and the beloved **Der Dog Haus** for signature beef dogs and hand-crafted Black Angus sausages.

## WHEELING

The culinarily curious are drawn to this town's Centre Market for shopping and dining, **Later Alligator's** inventive sandwich menu, old favorites like **Coleman's Fish Market**, Italian fare at **Figaretti's** and **DiCarlo's Pizza**, and decadent buffet dinners at Oglebay Resort's **Ihlenfeld Dining Room**. Wash it all down with a pint from **Wheeling Brewing Company**, where you can chat with the brewmaster about his latest creations.



Cafe Cimino



New River Gorge Bridge



## SUNDAY

Visit Morgantown with pit stops in Weston and Fairmont

### PIT STOP: WESTON

**Lambert's Vintage Wines** is a hillside vineyard with a Gothic-inspired tasting room, where tours and samples are offered daily. With two dozen wines on the tasting list at last count, you're certain to find a few bottles to take home.

### PIT STOP: FAIRMONT

West Virginia's state food, the pepperoni roll, originated right here at the **Country Club Bakery** in the late 1920s. Try the original roll, or branch out to sample a few variations.

### FINISH: MORGANTOWN

Your last stop, like the first, is a college town—this one home to West Virginia University. Morgantown was recently recognized as the "Tastiest Town in West Virginia" by the *Charleston Gazette-Mail*. Work up an appetite at WVU's exceptional art museum and sculpture garden or by strolling the city's Core Arboretum and Morgantown Glass Museum. If you visit during **Hops on the Mon Craft Beer and Food Festival** or the **WV Wine and Jazz Festival** (both in

September), you'll get an even richer taste for Morgantown. In between museums and sightseeing, pull up a seat at one of these low-key restaurants.

- **Atomic Grill** Taking barbecue up a notch (and that's saying something in West Virginia), Atomic Grill uses locally sourced ingredients to make their smoked brisket, pulled pork, pulled chicken and burgers.
- **Black Bear Burritos** "A burrito joint? Really?" you might be asking. All hesitations will be put aside when you taste the creamy queso and chips, unique burritos like the Jamaican-inspired Irie Member, and frosty margaritas.
- **Mountain People's Co-op** With a high ceiling and exposed bricks, this warm and welcoming natural-food grocer invites you to browse a selection of handicrafts, bulk spices, fresh produce and local products.
- **Tailpipes Gourmet Burgers and Shakes** For those who believe food should be fun, Tailpipes is a whimsical take on the burger joint, with shakes named Fruity Pebbles and Funfetti and flavor bombs like the Challenger Burger (topped with banana pepper, jalapeño, pepper jack and "fire sauce").
- **The Grind** Sip a maple latte, flavored with locally harvested maple syrup, while gazing out at WVU's downtown campus.



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# ONLY-IN-WEST VIRGINIA PLACES TO STAY

As we hope you've gathered as you explore this guide, West Virginia is truly a one-of-a-kind place—and that applies to our accommodations, too. To ensure your visit is every bit as unique as this glorious place we call home, we've gathered up our favorite “here and only here” lodging options: eight can't-miss overnights positively brimming with West Virginia personality.

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Thorny Mountain Fire Tower

## HISTORIC HOTSPOT

It's quite a distinction to be known as “America's Resort,” but **The Greenbrier** has spent more than two centuries earning this distinguished description. Welcoming guests since 1778, this National Historic Landmark has hosted 27 of America's 45 presidents and continues to exemplify American luxury hospitality. In the shadow of the Allegheny Mountains, the 710-room resort is surrounded by a glorious 11,000-acre playground—including amenities such as championship golf, designer boutiques, a mineral spa and more than 55 activities.

## RURAL RELAXATION

**East Lynn** is one of West Virginia's oldest working farms, and the B&B at its heart is a wonderful place to spend a night or two. With the Blue Ridge and Bull Run mountains rising beyond, you'll stay in a historic brick farmhouse

updated with “country-elegant” furnishings and ultra-gracious hosts. Start each day with a hearty farm breakfast made with just-picked ingredients, then explore the farm's 143 acres before retiring to the porch for panoramic mountain views.

## LAZY TRAIN

Every kid, at some point, dreams of riding the rails. And now, thanks to the **Castaway Caboose**, you can take that ride in style. Board the Durbin Rocket, a restored Wabash Railroad steam train, for a journey through the lush woodlands of the Potomac Highlands. Now, for the best part: The caboose is a fully equipped efficiency suite for four. So pack up your dinner fixins—you'll be dropped off in the wilderness, with the music of the Greenbrier River and crackling campfire to lull you to sleep.

## SELF-CONTAINED SOJOURN

For the traveler seeking total immersion without leaving the hotel grounds, **Oglebay Resort** in Wheeling is an exciting prospect—or shall we say prospects, plural, because there is so much to do here. This 1,700-acre estate is a marvelous microcosm of all West Virginia has to offer: elegant accommodations, Arnold Palmer and Robert Trent Jones, Jr.-designed golf courses, horseback riding, mountain biking, tennis, gourmet dining and a splurge-worthy on-site spa.

## BIRD'S-EYE VIEW

Sometimes, it just takes a little shift in perspective to change your entire outlook on life—so why not start at the top? Tucked away in the tranquil groves of the New River-Greenbrier Valley, the **Cabins at Pine Haven** in Beaver give visitors a unique opportunity to wake among the treetops to the sound of birdsong. Their two log-cabin-style tree houses are basically the adult version of your childhood dream, right down to the outdoor hot tub and observation/grilling deck.

## MOUNTAIN MODERN

If the words “get away from it all” give you a frisson of excitement, **lostrivermodern** should definitely be on your list. This modern pre-fab cabin is truly a minimalist

mecca, furnished in sleek mid-century style and designed specifically to let the tranquility of the forest flood its airy indoor spaces. It's also the ideal home base for exploring the Lost River Valley—including the Lost River Artisans Cooperative and Museum, Blackwater Falls State Park and so much more.

## FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN

Heads up, #picsoritdidnthappen crowd! Towering 65 feet above the Seneca State Forest—the state's oldest and second largest—the **Thorny Mountain Fire Tower** may just be the state's most Insta-worthy overnight. Definitely not for the faint-of-heart (or afraid-of-heights), this recommissioned U.S. Forest Service fire tower offers 360-degree views and easy access to the area's 23 miles of hiking trails.

## OLD-WORLD CHARM

History buffs and Europhiles, take note: Shepherdstown is about to rock your old world. The oldest settlement in the state, it's also central to Civil War history; the storied Antietam battlefield is nearby, as is Harpers Ferry—the site of John Brown's capture. Happily, it's also home to the **Bavarian Inn**, a charming alpine-style escape with AAA Four-Diamond credentials. After busy days brushing up on your American history, you can retire in high European style.



The West Spa at Oglebay Resort



The Greenbrier



Bavarian Inn





Mountain Stage



Kanawha State Forest



Clay Center

# DAY & NIGHT

## IN WEST VIRGINIA'S CITIES

Whether you're just in town for the afternoon or staying overnight in one of our vibrant cities, there's no shortage of things to see and do.

From breathtaking trails to buzzing nightlife, here's a peek at what West Virginia's biggest cities have to offer.

### CHARLESTON

West Virginia's capital city is humble in size but rich in culture, character and around-the-clock activities for the whole family.

#### BY DAY...

**J.Q. Dickinson Salt-Works** For seven generations, the Dickinson family has been hand-harvesting salt from ancient sea beds beneath the Appalachian Mountains. Taste their one-of-a-kind crystals on a seasonal tour of the family's farm.

**Museums (and More Museums)** From art to history to hands-on science, there's a museum for you in Charleston. At the Clay Center for the Arts & Sciences of West Virginia,

you'll find the Juliet Art Museum and the Avampato Discovery Museum, where kids can explore climbing structures, a planetarium and an Inventor's Lab. Down the road, the West Virginia State Museum is a window into our state's fascinating history.

**Get Outside** To fully appreciate Charleston, you need to experience its breathtaking natural beauty. Just seven miles from downtown, Kanawha State Forest boasts 9,300 acres of lush trails with diverse bird and wildflower populations. Nature lovers will find much to explore within city limits, too, including Magic Island, Haddad Riverfront Park and the historic Carriage Trail.

#### BY NIGHT...

**Feast on Art & Culture** Charleston isn't just the state capital, it's our cultural capital. The world-class offerings here include performances by the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra, Charleston Ballet, Charleston Light Opera Guild and Mountain Stage with Larry Groce.

**East End Nightlife** When the sun sets, Charleston's lively East End heats up. Sip a craft cocktail and enjoy live music at local institutions like the Empty Glass, or savor an outstanding meal at Tricky Fish.

**Laugh It Up** For a raucously romantic date night, laugh 'til your sides hurt at the Comedy Zone. The country's top stand-up performers pass through here, and there's a full bar and food menu if you want to make a night of it.

### HUNTINGTON

History is a big part of life in West Virginia's second largest city. Perched on the banks of the Ohio River, Huntington invites visitors to explore its compelling past and vibrant present.

#### BY DAY...

**Heritage Station** Once a Baltimore & Ohio Railroad depot, Heritage Station now houses everything from eclectic boutiques to a trendy wine and whiskey bar.



Heritage Farm Museum & Village



WVU Football

**Heritage Farm Museum & Village** Immerse yourself in Appalachia's rich history at this Smithsonian Affiliate, complete with thousands of artifacts, authentic 19th-century log cabins, and frequent quilting, woodworking and blacksmithing demonstrations.

**Huntington Museum of Art** Whether you love art or nature, they're both on display at the Huntington Museum of Art. This top-notch facility—the largest of its kind in the region—houses whimsical Appalachian folk art, Ohio Valley glassworks and distinguished collections of American, European and Asian fine art, all set amid more than 40 acres of woodlands.

**BY NIGHT...**

**Keith-Albee Theatre** This Spanish Baroque-style 1928 theater with a simulated starry sky was recently restored to its original glory. These days, the venue hosts national music acts, film screenings and Broadway productions.

**Downtown Entertainment** All along the Ohio River, Huntington's walkable downtown offers much to see and do after dark. Hear live music at V Club, do dinner and a movie at popular Pullman Square or see why Huntington



**PURPLE FIDDLE CAFE, BREWS AND STAGE**

The Purple Fiddle is a family-friendly music venue, deli-style restaurant and bar located in historic Thomas. Every weekend, enjoy professional touring acts from around the world.

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is the "Weenie Capital of the East" at Bahnhof Wvvrsthaus & Biergarten.

**Marshall University Football** Our beloved Marshall Thundering Herd is the heart and soul of Huntington. The team's tragic story was immortalized in the 2006 movie "We Are Marshall," and everyone will be chanting along by the end of the game.

**MORGANTOWN**

As the home of West Virginia University, Morgantown buzzes with activity day and night. It's also situated in one of the state's most scenic areas, with an abundance of outdoor adventure.

**BY DAY...**

**Flower Power** See what makes West Virginia's flora so special at the WVU Core Arboretum and West Virginia Botanic Garden, which both boast a wide variety of habitats with hundreds of colorful species.

**Rails & Trails** A local favorite for cyclists, the stunning Deckers Creek Rail-Trail starts downtown at Hazel Ruby McQuain Riverfront Park and rambles along 19 lovely miles of rapids, waterfalls and hemlock forest.

**Bird's-Eye Views** Located 13 miles from Morgantown, Coopers Rock State Forest offers sweeping views of the Cheat River Canyon, along with climbing, numerous trails and historic sites.

**BY NIGHT...**

**Brewery Hop** Where there's college, there's beer. Sample the city's impressive craft beer offerings at Mountain State Brewing Co., Morgantown Brewing Company and Chestnut Brew Works.

**Live Music at 123 Pleasant Street** Everyone from the Red Hot Chili Peppers to The Avett Brothers has played this legendary music hall, which could give any big-city venue a run for its money.

**Root for the Home Team(s)** Settle in beneath the stars for a WVU Mountaineer football game or West Virginia Black Bears Minor League Baseball game—the perfect way to enjoy a warm West Virginia night.



# KID-APPROVED ACTIVITIES ADULTS WILL ALSO LOVE

Every good parent knows there's only a small window of time before children start whining "are-we-there-yet-this-is-boring-he-did-it-don't-take-my-cell-phone-away," or they proclaim, "This family vacation was, like, uh-mazing." So, we've taken the homework off your plate, done away with the places where you'd have to sacrifice your sanity, and rounded up the best West Virginia attractions for both the children and the inner-child in you.

## FOR THE WEE ONES

It's just like bathwater in the constant-74.3-degree mineral springs at **Berkeley Springs State Park**; see if you agree with Native Americans who believed in the curative powers of the natural spa.

The little ones will love strolling along **West Virginia State Wildlife Center's** 1.25-mile trail in French Creek, past enclosures of black bears, bison, elk, wolves and more than 20 other species native to the state. Interpretive signs will let you offer a little lesson as you make your way through the mature hardwood forest.

Let the babes sort through the gemstones among the dirt and rocks at **Seneca Caverns** in Riverton, or roll up your toddlers' sleeves for water play at The Clay Center's **Avampato Discovery Museum** in Charleston.

Even the littlest ones will be delighted by an animal encounter at **Oglebay Good Zoo** in Wheeling, where toddlers (2 and up) can "Meet the Keepers" to learn about snakes, skunks or armadillos, and let them toss crickets or mealworms to the zoo's meerkats.

## FOR SCHOOL-AGED KIDS

Get down—and dirty—on a four-hour trip through Lewisburg's **Lost World Caverns** and some of its passageways. In winter, escape the cabin fever and pick up some speed when you fly down the slopes or lanes on a snowtube at **Canaan Valley**, **Snowshoe** or **Winterplace** ski resorts.

The kids may appreciate the natural, wooded setting at **Lost River State Park** in Mathias more if they are seeing it from horseback. Or, hop in the saddle at **Oglebay Park Stables** in Wheeling where you'll learn basic English riding with an emphasis on dressage.

Mild whitewater may seem like an oxymoron, but the **Upper New River** offers the whole family a tranquil introduction to rafting for the entire crew, even children as young as 6.

Show the kids what a strong parent you are as you rappel or freefall at **Grand Vue Park's** seven high-rope obstacles. And, the kids won't even mind sharing a bed with each other if you score a night in one of the Moundsville park's treetop villas.



Winterplace



Oglebay Good Zoo



Oglebay Park Stables



ACE Adventure Resort



Adventures on the Gorge



New River Gorge

## FOR TEENS & TWEENS

Letting go of your children is a challenge—doing it over a swaying suspension bridge is another story, but you're in good hands (and harnesses) in the **New River Gorge**. Old-growth hemlock never looked so beautifully blurry as it does flying through the air on a canopy tour with **Adventures on the Gorge**. Reach speeds of up to 40 mph and catch a view of the gorge from **ACE Adventure Resort's** zipline tour, traverse platforms and bridges with **River Expeditions** and, if the kids aren't afraid of the dark, take **TimberTrek Adventure Park's** MoonTrek; holiday lights lead you along the aerial obstacles.

High above the heritage of Harpers Ferry, lay down Superman-style for a race against siblings on **River Riders'** 1,200-foot zipline, or work together on one of nine aerial challenges at the **Aerial Forest Adventure Park at Harpers Ferry**.

You'll be blown out of the water by the rafting offerings along the New River. Beginners will appreciate the drop-pool style of the river, with its alternating rapids and calm pools. For adrenaline junkies, the Lower New River's

complex currents and monster waves formed by large-shelf drops and boulders take you for a ride.

The **Cheat River's** unregulated status means there is no cheating the drastically changing water levels and thrilling waves. Beginners should check out the mild, family-style rafting along the Cheat Narrows in Albright; experienced rafters should pursue the raging Class V whitewater through Cheat Canyon.

Maybe, just maybe, your teens and tweens won't be embarrassed to travel with you if you take them to something creepy or cool like the **Ghost Tours of Harpers Ferry**, exploring the legends and unexplained phenomena of the Civil War-era town. Or, check out the gothic-style **West Virginia Penitentiary** in Moundsville, where they can see what it feels like to be holed up in a 5-foot-by-7-foot cell. Then, test their breakout skills at one of West Virginia's escape rooms: Bust out of detention at **Morgantown Escape Room**, find your way out of an abandoned coal mine—and lair of the Mothman—at Fayetteville's **Epic Escape Game**, or find your way to the communication room of the RMS Titanic before the ship sinks at **Escape Room Glade Springs**.

# EASTERN PANHANDLE

## TIME TRAVEL

Tucked among the area's emerald hills, discover fascinating landmarks, notable sites and picturesque towns. Plan to spend a couple of days exploring, adding this list of historic hotspots to your itinerary.



Martinsburg Roundhouse Center

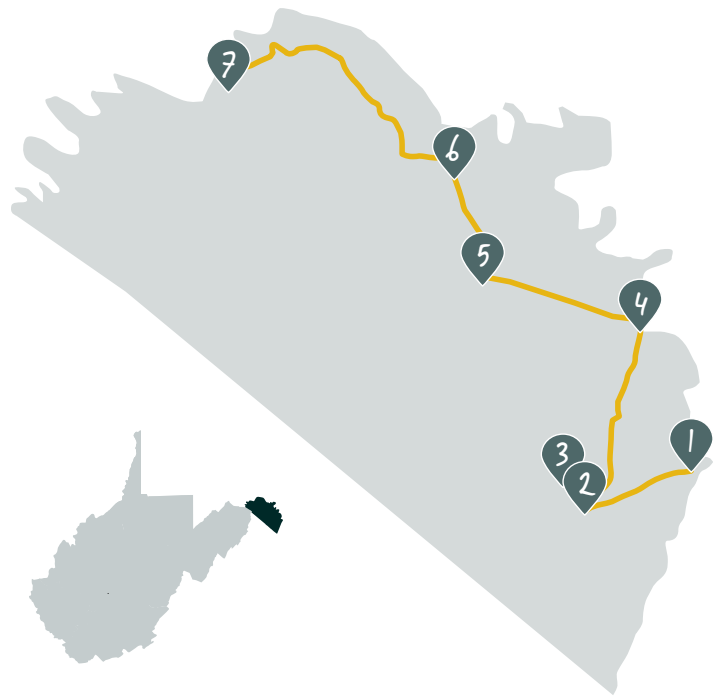
### Washington Heritage Trail

Follow in George Washington's footsteps along the Washington Heritage Trail, a 136-mile National Scenic Byway loop that winds through three counties and includes Washington-family homes, early industrial landmarks and noteworthy Civil War locations. Along the main loop are five towns—Berkeley Springs, Martinsburg, Shepherdstown, Harpers Ferry and Charles Town—and more than 40 official sites, not to mention breathtaking panoramas of the region's pristine mountains and valleys.



### Harpers Ferry National Historical Park

One essential stop is Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, the perfect place to gain insight into West Virginia's natural and cultural legacy. Located at the confluence of the Shenandoah and Potomac rivers, this unique park includes the village of Harpers Ferry, as well as many gorgeous hiking trails. Make time for a workshop on historic trades to brush up on 19th-century skills like blacksmithing and pie baking.



### Charles Town

Heading south, you'll come to Charles Town, founded by George Washington's brother Charles in 1786. His stately home, **Happy Retreat**, is located on the edge of town and includes an 18th-century mansion, a kitchen/smokehouse and an octagonal schoolhouse.

Take in more of Charles Town's history at the **Jefferson County Courthouse**, the site of two major treason trials: John Brown and his men for the 1859 raid on Harpers Ferry and unionizing leaders of the United Mine Workers of America after protests in the early 1920s.

Charles Town is also where you'll find **Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races**. In addition to gaming, there's live horse racing, including the annual Charles Town Classic each spring, and concerts featuring classics like Smokey Robinson and the Charlie Daniels Band.



### Ranson

For more thrills, the nearby town of Ranson offers whitewater rafting, as well as more relaxing activities like hiking, fishing and horseback riding. Finish your day by sipping craft cordials and cocktails at nearby **Bloomery Plantation Distillery**.



### Shepherdstown

Northwest of Harpers Ferry is Shepherdstown, the oldest incorporated town in West Virginia. This distinction, along with the picturesque Colonial architecture, makes Shepherdstown a charming portal to the past. Pick up a handy map of the **Historic Shepherdstown Museum's** self-guided walking tour, which provides context for the landmarks and historic buildings around town.



Berkeley Springs

Your visit to Shepherdstown isn't complete without a trip to **O'Hurley's General Store**, a local mainstay where you can wander through aisles of time-tested merchandise, including glassware, crockery, furniture, toys, hardware and much more.

Have a meal at **The Press Room**. Once home to a local newspaper, this inviting Shepherdstown staple focuses on simple, fresh food ranging from steak and seafood to pasta.

If you have the time, stay the night at the **Bavarian Inn**, a AAA Four Diamond hotel with an infinity pool overlooking the Potomac River and a casual-dining brewpub, the Rathskeller, featuring night caps and live entertainment on weekends.

## 5 Martinsburg

Travel west from Shepherdstown to the vibrant town of Martinsburg, known as the "Gateway to the Shenandoah Valley." Delve into Civil War history at Martinsburg's **Berkeley County Museum**, located in the Belle Boyd House—once the home of notorious Confederate spy Marie "Belle" Boyd.

At the **Martinsburg Roundhouse Center**, you'll see three historic B&O Railroad buildings, including an enclosed 1866 cast-iron frame roundhouse. It was here that Stonewall

Jackson started his raid in 1861, and it was also the site of the first national labor strike in 1877.

If you like your history with a side of the paranormal, add a Haunted History and Legends walking tour to the agenda. As you stroll **Old Town Martinsburg**, you'll hear spine-tingling tales of the past, spanning from the time of the Tuscarora people to the American Revolution and Civil War. (Can't get enough thrills and chills? Haunted history tours are available in Harpers Ferry and Shepherdstown, too.)

## 6 Hedgesville Historic District

Next, make a stop in the town of Hedgesville, located at the site of a natural limestone spring and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Hedgesville boasts many interesting antebellum structures, as well as historic log homes.

## 7 Berkeley Springs State Park

At the northernmost point of the trail and in the center of the town of Berkeley Springs, take a healing 19th-century-style dip at the Roman bathhouse in Berkeley Springs State Park. In use since Colonial times, the springs' famous mineral waters flow at a constant 74 degrees. It's still a popular spot for spa treatments today. Nearby is the grand **Berkeley Castle**, completed in 1891, and now a private residence.



Harpers Ferry National Historical Park



Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races

## EASTERN PANHANDLE



# TRAVEL HILL & DALE

The Eastern Panhandle's rolling green hills and expansive valleys make for more than just striking scenery—these landscapes are also the setting for exciting adventures and activities that will take you high and low. Combine any two for a full day of exploration.

### > TREK PART OF THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL

Headquartered in Harpers Ferry, the iconic Appalachian Trail is the longest hiking-only footpath in the world, spanning 2,190 miles from Maine to Georgia. The 4-mile stretch through the Eastern Panhandle affords views of the famed Shenandoah Valley. Passing through the Harpers Ferry Historic District, it leads to **Jefferson Rock**—a shale rock formation with a vantage point that the third U.S. president declared “worth a voyage across the Atlantic.”

### > GEOCACHING IN MARTINSBURG

Go on a high-tech hunt for “treasure” trinkets while connecting with nature. The area around this town in Berkeley County has become one of the top destinations for geocaching in the country, offering two active trails. Using a GPS-based device and a set of coordinates, participants navigate to specific sites to collect trackable geocoins—signs of the expedition's success.

### > RIVER RIDERS FAMILY ADVENTURE RESORT IN HARPERS FERRY

If thrills are what you seek, River Riders' plethora of activities won't disappoint. Take to the treetops on a guided **Harpers Ferry Zipline Canopy Tour**, where you'll soar through the air on eight ziplines ranging from 200 to 800 feet in length. Or, challenge yourself to the nine courses that make up the **Aerial Adventure Park**. Whitewater rafting, tubing and kayaking trips are additional ways to tap into your adventurous side.

### > GOLF AT THE WOODS IN HEDGESVILLE

Perfect your swing with 36 holes of golf at this luxurious retreat set on 1,800 lush acres. Spread across a wooded plateau, the championship Mountain View course boasts

fairways framed by dogwood, maple, oak and pine trees, and Third Hill Mountain dominates the views. The mid-length Stony Lick course is a fun but challenging option for players of all ages and abilities.

### > CHESAPEAKE & OHIO CANAL IN SHEPHERDSTOWN

For nearly 100 years, coal, lumber and agricultural products floated down this 184.5-mile passage—also known as the C&O Canal Towpath—to market, providing a lifeline to communities along the Potomac River. These days you can hike or rent a bike from Shepherdstown Pedal & Paddle to ride down the towpath, soaking up the beauty of **C&O Canal National Historical Park** and connecting to other canal towns.

### > HORSEBACK RIDING THROUGH CACAPON RESORT STATE PARK

Located within the 6,000-acre state park's boundaries, **Triple C Outfitters** riding stable will have you saying “giddy up” in no time. Let the experts match you with a steed to suit your skills, then get ready to meander over hills, through forests and alongside tranquil streams. Guided rides range from an easy-going, one-hour loop to overnight excursions, as well as moonlight outings on certain evenings.

### > BIRDING WITH THE POTOMAC VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

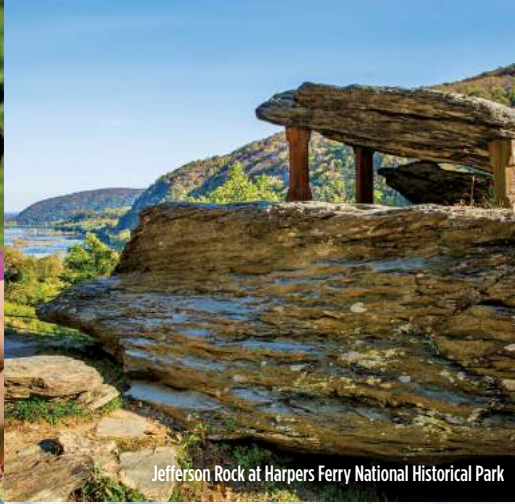
Grab your binoculars and enjoy the wonderful opportunities for wildlife viewing year-round with the help of the Potomac Valley Audubon Society. Based in Shepherdstown, the organization hosts numerous birding trips throughout the year. Use the birding trail map to identify local birding hotspots, or visit the four nature preserves that are managed by the society.



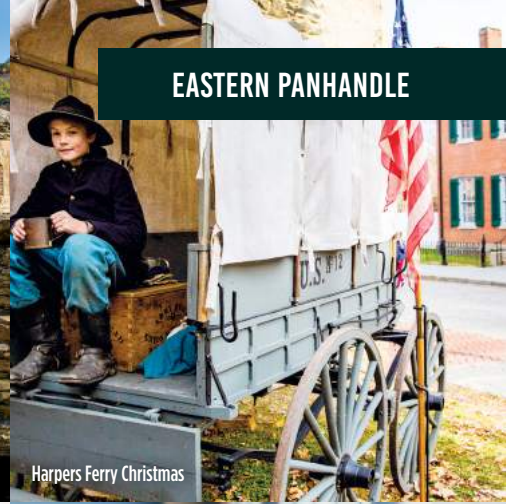
## EASTERN PANHANDLE



Orr's Farm Market



Jefferson Rock at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park



Harpers Ferry Christmas



General Adam Stephen House



Appalachian Food Evangelist



Blue Moon Cafe



Black Draft Distillery



Shepherdstown Shopping



Cacapon Resort State Park

## OTHER MUST-VISITS, STAYS & EATS

Angler's Inn B&B and Vintage Lady Boutique in Harpers Ferry • Skyline Terrace and Inn at Charles Town (both at Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races), Sumittra Thai Cuisine, Elle's Niche, Art Deco Dekor, Alfredo's Mediterranean Grill & Steakhouse and Hillbrook Inn in Charles Town • Dickinson & Wait Craft Gallery, Blue Moon Café and Domestic Restaurant in Shepherdstown • Summit Point Motorsports Park in Summit Point • Tari's Café in Berkeley Springs





# COME OUT & PLAY!



Jefferson County, West Virginia is the perfect getaway. Enjoy whitewater rafting, hiking, biking and zip-lining as you take in spectacular scenic beauty. And nobody does adventure better than **River Riders Family Adventure Resort**. For 30 years, River Riders has been the premier adventure outfitter in the Eastern Panhandle.

If you crave a different kind of excitement, try **Hollywood Casino and Inn at Charles Town Races**. Live thoroughbred racing, table games and slots, and top entertainment keeps the excitement meter charged.

**The Bavarian Inn** in Shepherdstown overlooks the Potomac River and is unsurpassed in providing incredible food and wine, luxury accommodations and the most spectacular infinity pool you have ever seen.

If history is your passion, **Harpers Ferry National Historical Park** is a must-see for every visitor. In our three charming towns, wander through boutique shops, filled with charming handmade goods, and try the area’s top-notch independent restaurants that cook flavorful meals from locally sourced ingredients. All just an hour from D.C.

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# EVERY DAY EXTRAORDINARY

Whatever your extraordinary,  
live it in Berkeley County.

From custom adventures to blissful relaxation, every experience is your own in Berkeley County. Hike along the Great Eastern trail, find your zen in a salt cave, sip locally distilled moonshine, eat at off-the-beaten-path favorites, play a round of golf in the mountains and geocache for world-class caches — only in Berkeley County.

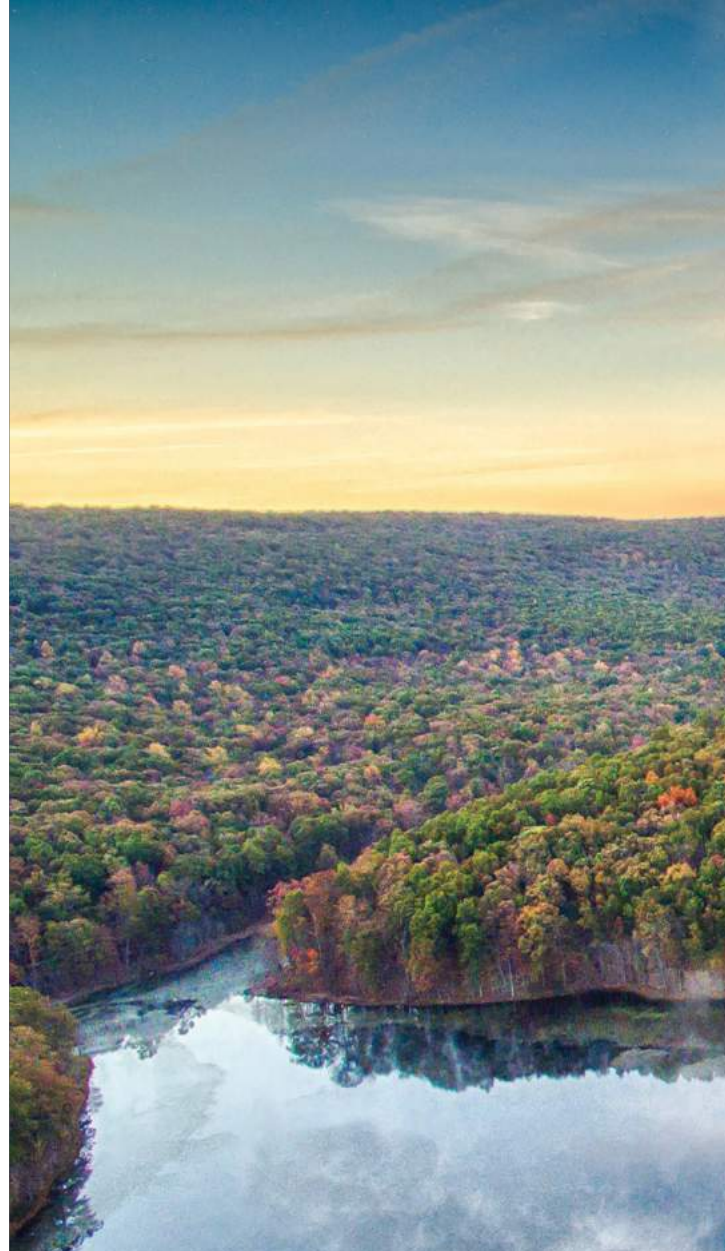
Live for the outdoors? Hike your way through Berkeley County as you conquer a piece of the 1,600-mile Great Eastern Trail or tackle the extensive trails throughout Sleepy Creek, a 23,000-acre wildlife management area where you can also indulge in fishing, boating, hunting and camping.

Learn the history not taught in books as you walk through the home of female Civil War spy Belle Boyd, who used her feminine charm to aid the Confederacy. Slip down the secret tunnel inside the 1700s home of Revolutionary War general Adam Stephen, Martinsburg's founder

Come live your extraordinary in Berkeley County.



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Clockwise from top: Sleepy Creek Lake; Adam Stephen House; Golfing at the Woods; Black Draft Distillery



CITY PERKS WITHOUT THE HASSLE

# THE HEART OF JEFFERSON COUNTY

Relax, rejuvenate and recreate in beautiful historic Ranson! Just outside the hustle and bustle of Washington, D.C this charming city sits at the heart of Jefferson County, making it the perfect place to stay when taking in regional sights and sounds, whether you are on the search of stress relief on the fairway or unique weekend getaway!



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### **HOLLYWOOD CASINO AT CHARLES TOWN RACES**

Get all the excitement of a casino mixed with a small town feel! Visit Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races, just minutes from Ranson! Join in the fun with live horse racing.

304-725-7001 // [hollywoodcharlestown.com](http://hollywoodcharlestown.com)



### **HOLLYWOOD CASINO ENTERTAINMENT**

Looking for some entertainment? Check out The Event Center. Whether you're laughing it up at a comedy show or singing your heart out to your favorite artist, we know you'll love the big name shows, just minutes away from Ranson.

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### **BLOOMERY DISTILLERY**

Hoping to savor that small town flavor? Head over to The Bloomery Sweetshine Distillery. Boasting an artisanal blend of vice and virtue, you'll feel right at home in Bloomery's casual and relaxed tasting room with free tastings, live music, and fun.

304-725-3036 // [bloomerysweetshine.com](http://bloomerysweetshine.com)



### **LOCUST HILL GOLF COURSE**

If you're looking for just the right mix of fun and relaxation, Locust Hill is for you! Its beautiful greens, personalized instruction, and daily specials earned them the #5 spot to golf in all of West Virginia by Golf Week Magazine.

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# EXPERIENCE SPLENDOR

**P**anorama Overlook captures two rivers, three states, a railroad and canal, and it is easily accessible, located only three miles from town. The abundant wilderness surrounding Berkeley Springs makes the historic town especially appealing providing lovely scenic views and outdoor adventures including hiking, biking, golf, boating and more.



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Feeling good is easy with healing warm spring water, a half dozen spas and healing centers, and more than 55 treatments.

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## EXPERIENCE HISTORY

Berkeley Springs State Park, location of the warm springs, has served as the center of town life since the mid-18th century.

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## EXPERIENCE ART

Art is everywhere! Participate or just watch the activities of Berkeley Springs, a nationally recognized art destination.

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## CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN THEATER FESTIVAL

Shepherdstown, WV

The oldest town in West Virginia produces the newest plays in America. Each July, the Contemporary American Theater Festival brings you bold, daring new plays that inspire, intrigue and ignite your mind. See all six plays in just two or three days, or take an entire week to enjoy our new plays and explore historic Jefferson County. You'll find the ultimate theater experience at CATF.

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AT SHEPHERD UNIVERSITY



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## BERKELEY SPRINGS STATE PARK

Treat your body and soul to soothing spa services at historic Berkeley Springs State Park. Stay at nearby Cacapon Resort State Park for a luxurious getaway.

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Dolly Sods Wilderness



Purple Fiddle



Lost River Brewery

# POTOMAC HIGHLANDS

## MAGICAL MOUNTAIN TOWNS

Make these charming small towns your base for exploring the Potomac Highlands.

### ELKINS

Explore the **Monongahela National Forest** by day and spend the night in this town on its border, where you can shop the works of more than 20 artisans at **Artists at Work**, dine on Venezuelan dishes at **El Gran Sabor** and toast your trip with a glass of vino at **Vintage Restaurant & Wine Bar**. Stay at **The Forks Inn** and be treated to awe-inspiring views atop Kelly Mountain.

### MARLINTON

Outdoor enthusiasts will want to check out this small town that's close to adventures like biking on the **Greenbrier River Trail** and fall-color cruises on the **Highland Scenic Highway**. Pick up pieces by West Virginia artisans at **4th Avenue Gallery of Fine Arts & Crafts** and **Gunter's General Store**. Dine at the **Locust Hill Pub** and stay overnight at the tranquil **Inn at Mountain Quest**.

### THOMAS & DAVIS

Nestled in the Allegheny Mountains, Thomas is an old coal-mining town with a frontier spirit. Browse the art galleries and antique shops on East Avenue. Catch live music at the **Purple Fiddle** (and spend the night at its **Fiddler's Roost Guesthouse**) or stop in at **TipTop**, a coffeehouse that also serves up craft cocktails. In neighboring Davis, explore the former lumber town and its historic buildings. Grab dinner at **Hellbender Burritos** and a handcrafted beer at **Blackwater Brewing Company** (named for nearby Blackwater Falls).

### WARDENSVILLE

History buffs will love Wardensville, which dates back to the mid-1700s and has a blacksmith shop/town jail combo. At **Lost River State Park**, spot wildlife like deer and bears. Hunting and fishing opportunities also abound: The 44-acre **Warden Lake** is stocked with trout, and **Wardensville Wildlife Management Area** offers fishing as well as hunting.

# TAKE THE SCENIC ROUTE

Nearly every route in the Potomac Highlands is the scenic route. Spend a day or two discovering why, whether on a train ride through the storybook-like mountains, paddling along a crystal-clear river or hiking through an endless hardwood forest.

## > ROLL ALONG RAIL LINES

Make tracks to **Cass Scenic Railroad State Park**, one of America's only museums dedicated to lumber railroading. The nearly frozen-in-time logging town of Cass, original steam-driven locomotives, a company store and museum, and restored homes that are now charming vacation cottages transport visitors back to the days when trains were an integral part of daily life. Book the seasonal **Cass Scenic Bald Knob Trip** and enjoy a four-and-a-half-hour excursion aboard a refurbished Shay logging locomotive that includes lunch with postcard-perfect valley views as you ride.

Or return to an era of elegant train car dining aboard the **Mountain Explorer Dinner Train** (our state's only dinner train). You'll depart from Elkins Depot for a four-hour

ride on a diesel train as it winds its way through beautiful backcountry to the scenic High Falls of Cheat River. During the trip, a four-course meal is served on board as you sit back and soak up splendid Mountain State scenery.

And you're nearly guaranteed a sight of a regal bald eagle on the **Potomac Eagle Scenic Railroad**, which departs from the Wappocomo Station in Romney. The four-hour narrated train ride journeys past centuries-old farmsteads and through The Trough, a six-mile-long wooded gorge carved by the Potomac River that is known as the eastern home of the American bald eagle. Pick a seat in an open-air car or a covered coach and keep your camera trained to catch our national symbol gliding through the sky above blue-hued mountains and ridges.



Potomac Eagle Scenic Railroad



Pocahontas County

### > HEAR NATURE SING IN STATE PARKS

Join a guided horseback tour with **Hidden Trails Stables** and ride wooded trails through the lush forestland of **Lost River State Park** in Mathias. Spur your guide to the Cranny Crow overlook at the top of Big Ridge Mountain, where you'll get a commanding view of five different counties.

Another option is to hike through **Beartown State Park** in Marlinton, a 110-acre natural area on the eastern summit of Droop Mountain, spanning across both Greenbrier and Pocahontas counties. Walk along the winding half-mile boardwalk for an up-close look at the park's famed natural marvels, including rocky formations, huge boulders and overhanging cliffs.

There's also **Canaan Valley Resort State Park** near Davis, tucked into a high plateau in the rugged Allegheny Mountains. Although it's a year-round destination (and a favorite of mountain bikers), Canaan Valley is best known for its major ski resort. With more than 180 inches of snow each year and a vertical drop of 850 feet, Canaan Valley's slopes are prime territory for skiers and boarders. The nearby **Blackwater Falls State Park** is a year-round destination but has the longest sled run on the East Coast, plus 10 miles of trails fit for cross-country skiing.

### > SOAK UP NATIONAL TREASURES

The massive **Monongahela National Forest** encompasses nearly 1 million remote acres of breathtaking woodlands and mountain scenery. Start with the ultimate selfie in front of the amber waters of **Blackwater Falls**, one of the most photographed sights in West Virginia. The cascading 62-foot waterfall's distinctive hue comes from fallen red spruce needles.

Head south for some rock climbing at **Seneca Rocks**, a West Virginia icon. Guides from the **Seneca Rocks Climbing School** can assist climbers of all skill levels (even first-timers!) up the magnificent 900-foot-tall rock formation. Non-climbers can visit the **Seneca Rocks Discovery Center** and hike the 1.3-mile interpretive trail for a less arduous journey to the top of the rocks and behold the panoramic valley and North Fork River below.

Next, journey farther south for a walk along the half-mile boardwalk in the **Cranberry Glades Botanical Area**, consisting of four bogs typical of more northern latitudes. Spy a staggering number of animals and plants—many of which arrived in the area 10,000 years ago via glacier.

Other destinations to consider are the sprawling **George Washington and Jefferson National Forests**, which stretch through the Appalachian Mountains in West Virginia near the Virginia border (just east of the Monongahela). Hike, bike or horseback ride through the rugged terrain that snakes through hardwood forests and skims along shimmering lakes and rivers. The **Allegheny Trail** offers jaw-dropping views as it traverses 300 miles through West Virginia, passing through parks and forests, as well as wild wilderness areas. Section 3 of the trail runs between Neola and Cass in this region.

Located in the rolling mountains of Pocahontas County west of the trail, **Watoga State Park** is West Virginia's largest and a favorite of hikers, swimmers and boaters. Paddle Watoga Lake, best known as a hotspot for anglers looking for good fish tales (expect to hook trout and largemouth bass).

## Checklist: 9 HISTORIC SIDETRIPS

Make time on your journey through the Potomac Highlands to stop at these sites for a rich helping of West Virginia heritage.

- 1 The **Augusta Heritage Center of Davis & Elkins College** presents live performances of traditional folk music and dance, including celebrations of early country music, blues, bluegrass and more.
- 2 **Beverly Heritage Center** tells the stories of the Battle of Rich Mountain and the first campaign of the American Civil War through exhibits in four historic buildings.
- 3 **Rich Mountain Battlefield**, also in Beverly, was the site of a key win that gave the Union control of most of western Virginia during the Civil War.
- 4 **Camp Allegheny** near Elkins features earthworks, gun positions and chimney falls from its days as a Civil War encampment.
- 5 The **Fort Mill Ridge Civil War Trenches** near Romney feature some of the best-preserved battle trenches from the Civil War.
- 6 **Pearl S. Buck Birthplace** in Hillsboro is the childhood home of the famed author who wrote the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *The Good Earth*. Visit to see artifacts from her life in America and China.
- 7 The **Indian Mound Cemetery** of the Hopewellian tribe features a historic monument commissioned by local Romney citizens.
- 8 **Helvetia** is like a scene out of the Swiss Alps when it celebrates the end of winter, or Fasnacht, with some Old World festivities.
- 9 Look for the **Civil War Trails** markers that lead to a variety of historic sites around Moorefield, site of the storied Battle of Moorefield.



Augusta Heritage Center



Pearl S. Buck Birthplace

### > OUT OF THE WOODS

Shift gears from the inspiring mountain scenes you've undertaken to creating some of your own. Nestled between the Cass Scenic Railroad State Park and Green Bank Observatory, **Green Bank Art Center** showcases the works of local artisans, and invites you to take a class as well. Pick up a brush and create your own masterpiece in dreamy watercolors.

Or stop by the **Buxton and Landstreet Gallery & Studios** in Thomas, housed in the former 1901 Davis Coal and Coke Company store. Home to two galleries and Appalachian artists' studios, resident artists teach public classes that include everything from painting to stained glass and ceramics.

Inside a renovated historic church (which still features its sandstone angels), the **Randolph County Community Arts Center** in Elkins hosts art exhibits, live music and cultural performances. Drop in on an art class or workshop.

### OTHER MUST-VISITS, STAYS & EATS

Highland Scenic Highway • North Fork Mountain Trail • Allegheny Highlands Rail Trail • Corridor H/Route 48 • White Grass Touring Center, Stumptown Ales, Bright Morning Inn, Blackwater Bikes and Timberline Four Seasons Resort in Davis • Pickin' in the Park gatherings in Elkins • Autumn Harvest Festival, Locust Hill Inn, Inn at Mountain Quest and Pocahontas County Opera House in Marlinton • Ice Mountain Preserve in Bloomery • Cooper House B&C in Thomas • Trough General Store in Moorefield • Guesthouse Lost River in Lost River • Breath of Heaven B&B and Garton Originals in Petersburg • Snowshoe Mountain Resort in Snowshoe • Capon Springs & Farms • Valley View Golf Course in Moorefield • Sirianni's Pizza in Davis



Left photo: Suit up for mountain biking at Snowshoe Mountain Resort; Right photo: Cruise the Highland Scenic Highway to view fall foliage



## ADVENTURE MORE!

### Nature's Mountain Playground — Pocahontas County

**W**elcome to Pocahontas County — your mountain destination for epic adventure. Nature's Mountain Playground boasts four unprecedented seasons of outdoor recreation. From downhill skiing at Snowshoe Mountain Resort to biking hall of fame inducted Greenbrier River Trail, there's fun for everyone. A family-friendly destination, Pocahontas County's quaint towns offer cozy cabins, inns and bed & breakfasts to rest after exploring our great outdoors. Five state parks, two state forests and the great Monongahela National Forest — find yourself hiking, mountain biking and kayaking all in a day's time.





### **MOUNTAIN RAIL ADVENTURES**

Play the rails of West Virginia on board the Cass Scenic Railroad with a steam-powered train ride to Bald Knob or a half-day trip to Whittaker logging camp. Plan your railroad getaway in conjunction with one of our special event trains. Transition your day trip into a weekend getaway with one of our vacation packages. Trains run April-December.

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### **GREENBRIER RIVER CABINS**

Stay with Greenbrier River Cabins, where your front yard is the Greenbrier River and your backyard is the Greenbrier River Trail.

304-653-4646  
greenbrierrivercabins.com



### **GREEN BANK OBSERVATORY**

Experience the National Radio Quiet Zone and explore radio astronomy at the Green Bank Observatory. Home of the world's largest steerable telescope, Green Bank Observatory features tours and hands-on exhibits to help you discover the marvels of the universe. Don't forget to stop by the Starlight Cafe for lunch after playing astronomer for the day.

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# HARDY COUNTY IS A PLACE FOR ADVENTURE



You'll need more than a day, or even a weekend, to take in all the breathtaking beauty of Hardy County. So, stay a while. Find a place to camp under the stars; sleep in an historic log cabin, a traditional hotel or motel, atop a mountain in a rustic barn or under a comfy quilt at a bed and breakfast or inn.

Enjoy exceptional four-season outdoor recreation: Take a horseback ride up to the Civilian Conservation Corps shelter at Cranny Crow and view the quiet mountaintops. Cycle the back roads through the farmlands or hike the mountains that hug the valleys. Float and fish in runs, rivers and lakes; visit Trout Pond, West Virginia's only natural lake. Backpack and camp on the protected lands of Lost River State Park or George Washington National Forest, which also allows hunting. Enjoy great scenic vistas as you venture across the Mountain Skyway (aka Route 48), then meander over Hardy County's back roads. Be sure to have your binoculars handy so you can watch bald eagles soar over the rivers and adjacent farms.

Join in seasonal festivities and explore historic sites — everywhere you look you'll see history. Follow the Civil War Trail Markers or join in celebrating agricultural heritage at local fairs and festivals.

Come hungry! Pick up snacks, sodas and sandwiches at convenient markets. Stop for ice cream, sweet tea and pulled pork in a country modern café. Enjoy a burger and cold brew or a traditional meal in a local restaurant. End your day with a candlelit dinner and glass of wine. Seasonal country markets offer fresh local produce and meats, specialty pastries and unique prepared foods. Whatever your taste, you can find it here!

Shop local, from antiques to handmade West Virginia crafts and a bottle of local wine or a six-pack of microbrews, you'll find nearly anything imaginable while roaming the countryside — no traffic or crowds. And, while you are out wandering, folks you don't know will wave to you. Wave back and experience the Hardy Effect!







## OLD-FASHIONED CHARM IN HISTORIC BEVERLY

Founded in 1790 as the Randolph County seat, Beverly was an important crossroads and prize of the 1861 Battle of Rich Mountain. Today, Historic Beverly offers a fascinating glimpse into days gone by, with more than a dozen pre-Civil War buildings still in use in the historic district. The Rich Mountain Battlefield Civil War Site is nearby on the Staunton-Parkersburg Turnpike National Scenic Byway.

Visitors start their experience at the Beverly Heritage Center where four historic buildings combine in a visitor center and heritage museum featuring exhibits on regional history and the First Campaign of the Civil War. Explore the Randolph County Museum, Historic Beverly Antiques and other unique shops featuring local artisans and antiques, or attend one of the annual special events held throughout the year.

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Clockwise from top: Fall Lodge; Mountain Views; Winter Escape

## MOUNTAINS OF FUN

Canaan Valley Resort offers four seasons of fun at this destination resort in the Allegheny Mountains. With skiing, golfing, snow tubing, scenic chairlift rides and miles of trails within the park or nearby national wildlife refuge to explore, there's always something for guests to do when visiting the area. Plus our lodge rooms, dining area and swimming pools feature beautiful sweeping views of the valley. Banquet and conference services are available for special events, meetings or mountain top weddings. Bring the family for a visit to Canaan Valley Resort, no matter the season.



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Outstanding musical  
entertainment for the whole  
family; Heritage festivals  
filled with music; Explore  
our pristine beauty by rail

# EXPERIENCE RANDOLPH COUNTY!

Randolph County offers visitors outstanding scenic mountain train excursions, live Branson-style theaters, Civil War history, unique shopping opportunities, fairs, festivals, historic homes and museums. Come, experience Randolph County. We'll provide a lifetime of memories.



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Clockwise from top: B&O 722 traveling through the Trough; American bald eagle spotted along the river; Passengers enjoy views from the observation cars

## RIDE WHERE EAGLES FLY!

Your journey begins at Wappocomo Station, situated next to a charming homestead and a sprawling view of the mountains. Enjoy the sounds of vintage diesels as they lead you through beautiful pastures and farms dating back to the 1700s. As you wind along the South Branch of the Potomac River, you'll enter a visually striking gorge known as The Trough. One of the most scenic spots along the South Branch, The Trough is home to American bald eagles. Whether you're celebrating a special occasion or making family memories, be sure to include Potomac Eagle. History and scenic beauty combine for an awesome travel experience.



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[potomaceagle.info](http://potomaceagle.info)



# COME TO HAMPSHIRE

Enjoy a quiet getaway to Hampshire County, the gateway to the Potomac Highlands: a naturally gorgeous area enveloped by mountains, rivers and springs. Experience the roots of American history at museums, cemeteries, trains and along marked trails.



## SOUTH BRANCH INN

Enjoy modern convenience with the warmth of a country inn at this 24-hour spot in historic Romney. Motorcyclists are welcome.

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wvafun.com/southbranchinn



## FESTIVALS

Come to Hampshire County and enjoy year-round events and festivals including South Branch Valley Bluegrass Festival, Capon Crossing Farm Homestead, West Virginia Peach Festival and Capon Bridge Founders Day.

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## CAPON SPRINGS & FARMS

Experience an all-inclusive vacation retreat where you can completely relax and not have to worry about anything.

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Clockwise from top:  
Blackwater Falls; Endless  
summer family adventures;  
Three great ski resorts

## GET TUCKER'D

Far removed from the hustle and bustle of the city, Tucker County is more than half national forest, federal wilderness, fish and wildlife refuge, and state park lands. Endless outdoor adventure, from Blackwater Falls State Park to Dolly Sods Wilderness, means you can Get Tucker'd in all the right ways. Thanks to the high elevations of Canaan Valley, four seasons of endless outdoor recreation will leave you elevated and inspired. The charming small towns of Davis, Thomas and Parsons are home to cozy pubs, eclectic cafés and colorful shops and galleries.



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### **BLACK BEAR RESORT**

Black Bear Resort is centered between two breathtaking West Virginia state parks, a federal wildlife refuge and three ski areas. This unique family resort offers miniature golf, playground, fitness trail, tennis courts, swimming pool and fishing ponds for year-round fun.

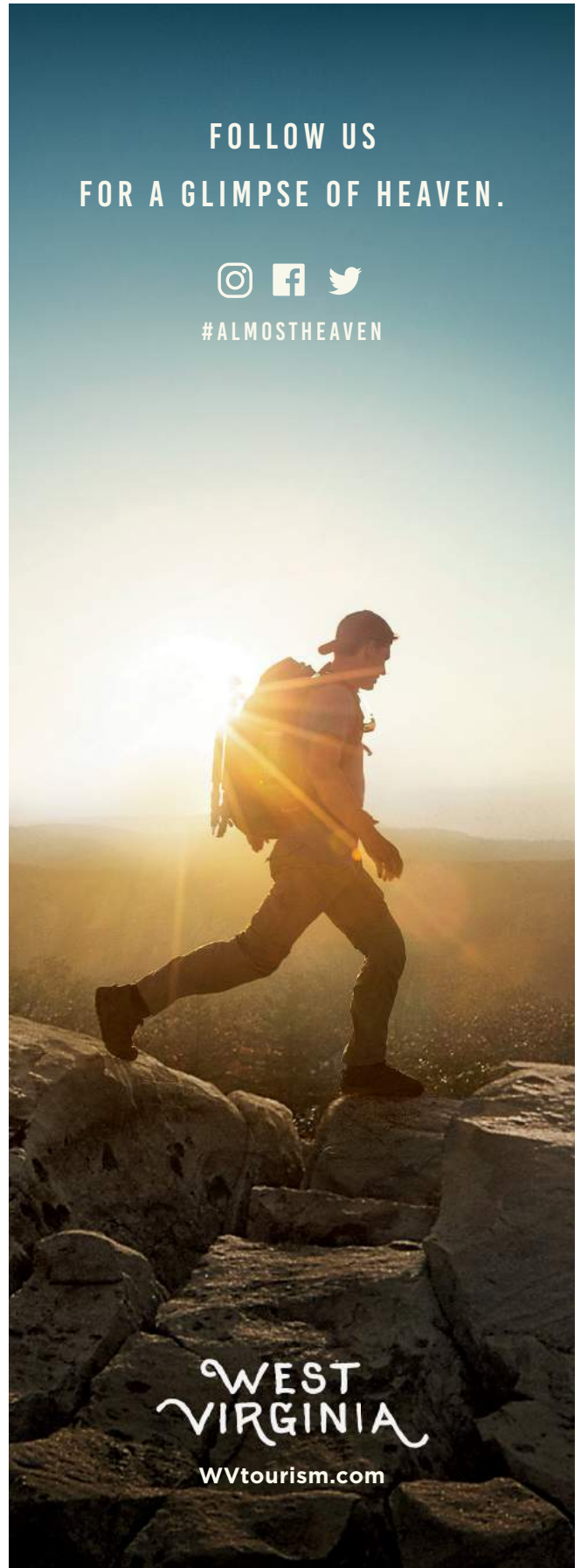
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### **WV HIGHLANDS ARTISANS GALLERY**

Discover the Art & Artist group of West Virginia — an association of artists and artisans representing diverse media and presenting work as a cooperatively owned and run gallery.

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# NEW RIVER - GREENBRIER VALLEY

## TEST THE WATERS

If waterside fun floats your boat—or your kayak, canoe or SUP—this region is the perfect place to cruise the blues for a couple of days.

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## WHITewater

The **New River Gorge National River** is basically nature's wildest water rollercoaster, with several licensed whitewater-rafting outfitters to choose from. Hit the Lower New River for a day of massive waves and thrilling drops or the Upper New River for rippled shoals and mellow rides. Balance your adventurous day with a luxurious stay at the **Morris Harvey House Bed and Breakfast** in nearby Fayetteville. Another option is **River Expeditions**, a rafting company that also offers lodging ranging from "safari tents" (already set up on wooden platforms and complete with mattresses) to a bunkhouse. After a good night's sleep, experience other adventures with River Expeditions, like ziplining, ATViing or rock climbing.

## TUBE-TACULAR

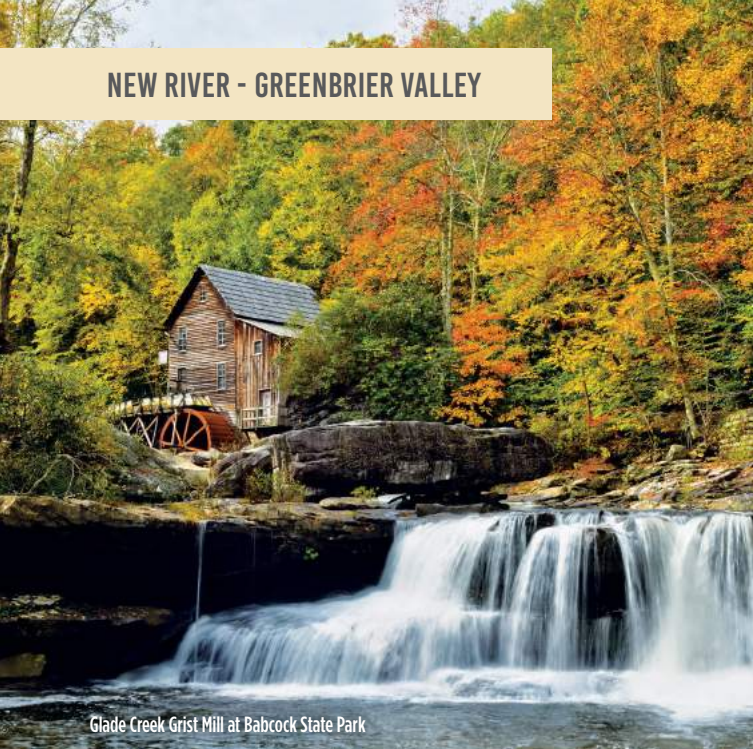
Not feeling up for Class V rapids? Tubing through the **Bluestone River Gorge** at **Pipestem Resort State Park** is the ultimate way to get your fill of chill. Guided full-day float trips typically include a picnic lunch, but you'll want to fuel up first at **Chestnut Revival** in Hinton. Try the Jekyll & Hyde, an espresso concoction that's equal parts sweet and strong.

## NEW HEIGHTS

Enjoy an unforgettable avian perspective on the New River from the **aerial tramway** at **Hawks Nest State Park** or the breathtaking **New River Gorge Bridge Walk** (thrill-seekers can also opt for a New River jetboat tour). If you can, walk the bridge just before sunset, then adjourn to Lansing for dinner in the treetops at **Smokey's Steakhouse at Adventures on the Gorge**.



## NEW RIVER - GREENBRIER VALLEY



Glade Creek Grist Mill at Babcock State Park



Glade Springs

### PADDLE ON ▼

Fringed by lush greenery and blessed with long stretches of calm water, the New River is a serene place to learn to canoe or kayak with an experienced guide. A half-day lesson will give you plenty of time to take a detour to nearby **Nuttallburg** and **Thurmond**, two abandoned mining towns rich in local lore.

### CAST AWAY ▼

You'll find well-stocked waters (including largemouth bass, bluegill and channel catfish) for anglers of every kind at **Babcock State Park**. The nearby Greenbrier River is great for light tackle and fly-fishing opportunities, with smallmouth bass as the main draw. **Greenbrier River Campground** guides let you wade in from the shore, or cast your line from a pontoon, kayak or canoe.

### READY TO RIDE ▼

The longest trail of its kind, the **Greenbrier River Trail** follows a former railroad through part of this region. The southernmost access point is near Caldwell, and the trail follows the river up 78 miles through neighboring regions. Biking this part of the trail is a relaxing way to connect with nature and experience an only-in-West Virginia activity.

### SADDLE UP ▼

**The Resort at Glade Springs** in Daniels is best explored on horseback. Meander through 4,100 gloriously green acres with bubbling mountain streams as your soundtrack. Then, head into town for a cozy, upscale comfort food experience at **The Dish Café**, where the cajun shrimp over creamy polenta is a longtime crowd favorite.

### SPLASH DOWN ▼

In addition to water slides, **ACE Adventure Resort's** spring-fed **Wonderland Waterpark** also has an armada of colorful inflatables as well as ziplines and an attraction affectionately known as "The Blob." To lure the kids away, tempt them with dinner at **Pies & Pints Pizzeria** in nearby Fayetteville, which was tailor made for refueling after a day of fun.

### SPA SOAK ▼

Conclude your valley adventures with a treatment at **The Salt Cave and Spa** in White Sulphur Springs, **Spa Orange** at The Resort at Glade Springs or **The Greenbrier Resort's Mineral Spa**, where a heavenly soak in their famous white sulphur spring water is a must. And, whether or not you're spending the night, you can extend your stay just a bit with dinner at the resort's **Prime 44 West**.

## OTHER MUST-VISITS, STAYS & EATS

Pocahontas ATV Trails • Winterplace Ski Resort • Greenbrier Valley Theatre, Carnegie Hall, General Lewis Inn, WV Fine Artisans, Bella the Corner Gourmet, The French Goat, Stardust Cafe, The Livery Tavern and Jim's Drive-In in Lewisburg • Beckley Exhibition Coal Mine • Chuck Mathena Center, RiffRaff Arts Collective and Princeton Railroad Museum in Princeton • Abandoned Lake Shawnee Amusement Park in Rock • Millionaires' Coal Town and The Corner Shop in Bramwell • Cold War Bunker at The Greenbrier • Country Road Cabins in Hico • Wisteria Gifts in Fayetteville • Blue Mountain Mercantile and The RailYard in Bluefield

## #INSTAWORTHY

If a gripping, colorful Instagram feed is what nurtures your soul, you've come to the right place—the New River - Greenbrier Valley is brimming with natural wonders, from misty, blue-mountain views to fiery fall-color drives.



New River Gorge Bridge

### LIVE STREAMING

With nearly 50 named rivers within its borders, West Virginia is the kind of place where moving water is never more than a few miles away—and many waterfalls are surprisingly easy to get to, including **Sandstone Falls**. Other photogenic beauties near stunning cascades include **Glade Creek Grist Mill** at **Babcock State Park**, featuring a picturesque wooden mill, and **Pioneer Farm at Twin Falls State Park**, a reconstructed pioneer homestead.

### VIEW FINDER

The area also offers incredible geological diversity, with vistas to dazzle every visitor. Hit **Pinnacle Rock State Park** for its signature cockscomb formation and panoramic valley views; or walk among massive rock formations at **Beartown State Park**. Meanwhile, **Hanging Rock Raptor Observatory** in Union is a converted fire tower offering Allegheny Trail views, plus occasional glimpses of hawks, eagles and falcons.

### FRUITFUL TRIP

With so much fertile farmland in the valley, you could probably fuel a full-day photo session exclusively with local produce and treats. Start by picking your own blueberry breakfast at **White Oak Blueberry Farm** in Renick, with excellent selfie ops in front of the red barn. Take a tractor tour at **Byrnside Branch Farm**, where local legend Johnny Spangler pops fresh kettle corn from crops grown on site. Other places to add an extra-sweet ending to a fruitful day include **Sunset Berry Farm & Produce** in Alderson, **Mountain Top Farm** in Renick and **Morgan Orchard U-Pick** in Sinks Grove.

### WONDER UNDER

Some of the area's most compelling scenery is actually under your feet. A trip to **Organ Cave** near White Sulphur Springs will not only yield stunning pics of the spooky descent and the cave's signature "organ" formation—but also a fascinating history lesson that includes saber-tooth cats, Native Americans and Civil War soldiers.

At **Lost World Caverns** near Lewisburg, a standard 45-minute tour will take you along the half-mile route through one-of-a-kind formations like the Snowy Chandelier and the Bridal Veil, while the four-hour Wild Cave Tour takes you into its deepest, darkest depths.

### HAPPY TRAILS

Cultural trails offer total immersion in our rich history—distilled into an easy drive.

If Appalachian tunes are your jam, hop on the **Mountain Music Trail** at any point along US-219 between Monroe and Tucker counties. This is deep pickin' country, and every venue on the trail is 100-percent authentic.

Continue exploring the scenic countryside of Monroe County, as well as the area's rich crafting tradition, as you follow the **Rural Heritage Quilt Trail**. This unique sightseeing route features 24 points of interest along US-219 and nearby routes, with each spot grounded in the history of a particular quilt block with both antique and modern displays.

### COVER STORY

Covered bridges are iconic rural-America structures—and some of the state's most photographed sights. Dating from the late 1800s, **Herns Mill** and **Hokes Mill** are the only remaining two covered bridges in Greenbrier County; both provided access to their namesake milling facilities. **Indian Creek Covered Bridge** near Red Sulphur Springs dates from the same period, and **Laurel Creek** is the state's youngest (1910) and shortest (34 feet).

### DELICIOUS FINALE

End your photo-filled day with supper in **Princeton**, **Hinton**, **Welch** or **Beckley**—all of which have charming downtown areas. **Dobra Zupas** in Beckley has a menu featuring craft beer and inventive American dishes like coffee-rubbed ribeye and crab risotto.

# GREENBRIER VALLEY

## World-Class Pampering & Small-Town Charm



### REVITALIZE YOUR MIND AND BODY.

The Salt Cave and Spa is equipped with an extensive menu of gratifying treatments and a manmade cave lined with Himalayan salt — touted for its beneficial respiratory effects, while the Greenbrier’s acclaimed Mineral Spa continues to infuse its therapeutic and restorative treatments with the healing properties of its sulphur springs.

Warm Southern hospitality, a wealth of vibrant cultural offerings and an array of historic and luxurious lodging options are just a few reasons why the Greenbrier Valley makes for an especially rewarding escape. Whether you’re looking to indulge in a sumptuous spa treatment or top off a day of golf with an evening at the theater, the opportunities are endless. Here are just a few ideas.

### IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE ARTS.

With multiple performing-arts venues to choose from, treating yourself to dinner and a show has never been easier. Carnegie Hall has an expansive schedule of live performances, independent films and gallery exhibits. The Greenbrier Valley Theatre puts on celebrated theatrical productions, including stage favorites like “Julius Caesar,” “A Night in Hollywood” and “A Day in Ukraine.”

### SLUMBER IN ELEGANCE.

The Greenbrier’s opulent offerings are legendary worldwide. Reside in the royalty-worthy Windsor Club, please your palate at 19 different restaurants and lounges, and choose from several renowned golf courses. Other unforgettable places to stay include the Historic General Lewis Inn, a stately property that dates back to 1834, and The Escape, a boutique hotel tucked in enchanting downtown Lewisburg.



### DISCOVER ONE-OF-A-KIND FINDS.

Locally owned boutiques and treasure-filled antique shops line the streets of Lewisburg, White Sulphur Springs, Alderson and other intimate Greenbrier Valley towns. An energetic downtown deeply rooted in small-town traditions, Lewisburg’s historic district is packed with stroll-worthy art galleries, specialty shops and boutiques featuring fashionable clothing and accessories. Visit during one of its unique festivals, like the Lewisburg Chocolate Festival in April or Lewisburg Literary Festival in August, when refreshing mountain breezes are a pleasant reprieve.



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## LIVE FREE THIS SUMMER

Freedom is born in adventure; fun is too! This year put a smile on your face with the amazing range of outdoor adventure that West Virginia offers. You, your family, and friends can experience it all at ACE Adventure Resort. Enjoy your vacation and relax—we'll handle the details!

### PLAY ON THE RIVER

Find views rarely seen and have some crazy fun whitewater rafting.

### ENJOY COZY LODGING

Snuggle up in a cabin in the woods or get rustic camping under the stars.

### DISCOVER ADVENTURE

Fly through the treetops on the only canopy tour with Gorge views. Climb, bike, hike or just relax. Live free and have fun this summer at ACE.



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Clockwise from top: Tamarack's main entrance features large outdoor sculptures; West Virginia fresh grilled salmon is a must-taste for Tamarack guests; Center Courtyard Dining

# MAKE MEMORIES AT TAMARACK

Tamarack's striking peaked red roof and attractively landscaped grounds draw half a million visitors annually into a welcome respite of visual beauty, Appalachian sounds and distinctive aromas. Tamarack, with its unique artisan products and extraordinary food, started out as a simple vision to promote the Mountain State's wonderful image. Wildly popular after over 20 years, Tamarack greets hundreds of thousands of guests annually with a memorable experience.



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## SHOP WITH US

Trends and traditions, as well as unusual specialty products, are among the long list of artisan-made Tamarack items. Apparel, jewelry, souvenirs, wood, glass, furniture, pottery, outdoor decor, fine arts and crafts, musical instruments, music, books and homemade specialty food items are all on the Tamarack shopping list.



## UNIQUE DINING OPTIONS

Tamarack's restaurant offers unique offerings and many options: deli sandwich shops, a grill restaurant to satisfy everyone in the family and a bakery with sweet treats. Every item is made fresh while you wait. Among the many favorites are the popular fried green tomato sandwiches and the rainbow trout.

# EXPLORERS WELCOME!

Princeton • Bluefield • Bramwell

Discover small towns with rich history, exciting attractions, local cuisine and unique shops—conveniently located off Interstate 77.

Find adventure on the Hatfield-McCoy Trails—one of the largest ATV trail systems in the nation and open year round. The trailhead for the Pocahontas Trail System is right in Bramwell. ATV rentals make it easy.

Pinnacle Rock State Park’s easy rock staircase is fun for children and adults, and the view from the top of the rock is epic! Camp Creek State Park’s Turkey Loop Trail leads to two of the best waterfalls in West Virginia—Mash Fork and Campbell.

Visit Lake Shawnee’s Abandoned Amusement Park—one of the most haunted places in West Virginia! Stories of eerie happenings and past troubles make this a favorite with paranormal groups and folks who like a good scare.

Bramwell was a hub of wealth during the coal boom. You can still explore Millionaire Row, and during the spring and Christmas tours, you can even get a peek inside these historic homes.



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Clockwise from top: Pinnacle Rock in Bramwell is known for its unique rock formation; Bramwell was known as the “Town of the Millionaires”; 700+ miles of ATV trails wind through our mountains; Lake Shawnee closed in 1966 and has been abandoned since.



# STAY A LITTLE LONGER

You've come for an experience. In Southern West Virginia, you'll find adventure and fun for the whole family. Looking for an educational journey? Explore our enduring heritage; a trip to the Beckley Exhibition Coal Mine or a hike through one of the New River Gorge's ghost towns will excite and educate visitors of all ages.

Want to kick things up a notch? Go on a heart-pounding adventure! Raft our famous whitewater rivers; the New River offers roller coaster waves for the whole family, and every fall, the Gauley River (also known as the Beast of the East) roars to life, making for one of the best, most exciting whitewater experiences on the East Coast. Climb our sandstone cliffs and take in mountain views from an entirely new perspective. Go for a hike or mountain bike on our winding mountain trails, with something new waiting to be discovered around each bend. And go flying through the treetops on a zipline and walk suspension bridges in tree canopies, hundreds of feet off the ground.

Want to unwind? There's no need to rush; relax in easy mountain living and enjoy the fresh air from a campsite or the deck of a cabin. The sound of a waterfall welcomes you, and you know that you've found true bliss. When it's time to refuel, delight in our local cuisine, farm fresh and delicious.

With so much to discover, you're going to need a few days to experience everything Southern West Virginia has to offer. Start planning your trip today!



## MOUNTAIN VISTAS

Scenic views are waiting around every curve of our country roads.



## BREATHTAKINGLY BEAUTIFUL VIEWS

There's no better way to take in a mountain sunset or brilliant fall foliage than a trip to one of the state parks.



## MARVEL AT MODERN ENGINEERING

Did you know the longest steel arch bridge in the Western Hemisphere is in Southern West Virginia?



# STAY HERE. PLAY EVERYWHERE.

When it comes to Beckley, the middle is anything but average. Stay in the hub of Southern West Virginia to experience the best that the area has to offer. Learn about coal history and heritage at the Beckley Exhibition Coal Mine; marvel at beautiful mountain views along the Grandview Area Trails; finish your day with some delicious local cuisine. Spend some time here, and you'll see that Raleigh County is your gateway to playtime in Southern West Virginia.

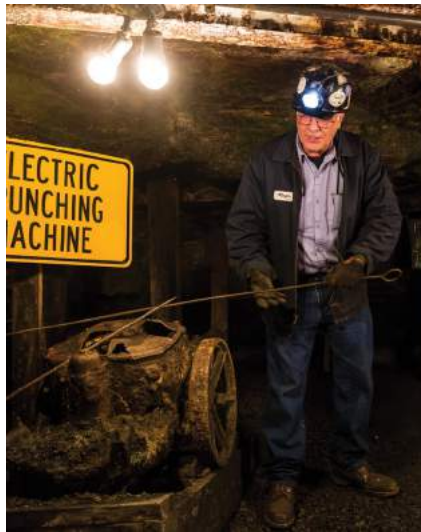
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Greenbrier Valley



## DIG IN

Flavorful Appalachian-inspired cuisine is waiting for you at one of the local restaurants.



## HISTORY AND HERITAGE

Learn about the rich history of coal and heritage in Southern West Virginia at the Beckley Exhibition Coal Mine.



## UNWIND IN STYLE

Practice your swing at the Resort at Glade Springs, or relax at the award-winning spa.



### QUALITY INN NEW RIVER GORGE

Enjoy New River Gorge Country's most complete lodging facility with newly renovated rooms along with a pool, tennis courts and laundry facilities. Pets are always welcome.

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### PIPESTEM RESORT STATE PARK

Everything you need for the perfect family vacation is here at Pipestem Resort State Park. Make your trip memorable by staying at one of our lodges or cabins and enjoying dining, golfing, hiking and more.

304-466-1800 // [wvstateparks.com](http://wvstateparks.com)



### THE RESORT AT GLADE SPRINGS

Located just south of Beckley, The Resort at Glade Springs is a premier full-service southern West Virginia resort offering 200 guest rooms, three championship 18-hole golf courses, an equestrian center, indoor leisure center, full-service spa and salon with world-class fly fishing, boating and miles of hiking and biking trails. The Resort features a state-of-the-art conference center, a beautiful wedding venue and group lodging facilities for meetings and family reunions. The Resort combines unique recreational activities and upscale accommodations making it a perfect getaway for escaping everyday life.

855-293-3929

[gladesprings.com](http://gladesprings.com)



### WINTERPLACE SKI RESORT

Winterplace is two minutes off Interstate 77, at exit 28, between Beckley and Princeton and offers 27 trails and the state's largest snow tubing park. Discounted group rates available.

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## SUMMIT BECHTEL RESERVE

The Summit brings together the Boy Scouts of America and Wild, Wonderful West Virginia. SBR boasts some of the most amazing action sports venues in the country and quick access to the New River Gorge. The Reserve provides high adventure, Scout Camp, and training opportunities as well as hosting BSA's National Jamboree. In 2019, SBR welcomes the world as host of the World Jamboree.

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## COUNTRY ROAD CABINS

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**COUNTRY ROAD  
CABINS**



## BECKLEY EXHIBITION COAL MINE

Take an underground tour with experienced miners 1,500 feet into the mountain. Visit the Mine Museum, Coal Camp, Gift Shop, Youth Museum, Mt. Homestead and campground. Open annually April - November.

304-256-1747 // [beckley.org](http://beckley.org)



## HEMLOCK HAVEN LUXURY CABINS

An amazing vacation should include a wonderful place to stay. Hemlock Haven Luxury Cabins offer all the comforts of home plus private hot tubs, Wi-Fi, DirecTV, gas grills, outdoor fire rings and large fenced yards for kids and dogs.

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From top: Kayaking the New River Gorge National River; Heritage Point at Pipestem Resort State Park; Bluestone Lake; Summers County Courthouse in Hinton

# PEACEFUL & PLAYFUL

Surrounded by rolling mountains and winding rivers, Summers County offers a picturesque escape from the everyday hustle and bustle. Stunning parks, quiet forests, scenic rivers and peaceful lakes create an abundance of recreational activities. Small town charm awaits with cozy lodging, savory dining, quaint shops and local museums. See you soon!

## PIPESTEM RESORT STATE PARK

This jewel is a “must stay,” with mountaintop and riverfront lodging.

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pipestemresort.com

## BLUESTONE STATE PARK

Nature abounds at this 2,155-acre treasure along the Bluestone.

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bluestonesp.com

## HINTON HISTORIC DISTRICT

Rich in history, this charming “Railroad Town” is a gem to discover.

304-466-3255  
hintonwva.com

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Valley

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# ADVENTURES ON THE GORGE

In this age of vicariously watching others experience life, why not let our guides show you what it is like to truly live? At America's Premier Adventure Resort, our passion is leading the world outdoors. It drives everything we do. From an adrenaline-filled run down the mighty Gauley River to a relaxing, family float trip down the Upper New River, every adventure will change you forever.



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Left photo: The Lower New— Our Most Popular Raft Trip;  
Right photo: Family Fun on the Upper New





## CONQUER THE SKY

TreeTops Canopy Tour features zips and sky bridges through a stunning old-growth hemlock forest. If you want speed, Gravity Zip Lines offers 1.5 miles of high-speed fun. Families love our TimberTrek Adventure Park with courses for ages 6 and up.

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## CREATURE COMFORTS

From high-end luxury cabins with hot tubs to tent camping and everything in between, Adventures on the Gorge has the perfect lodging option for your adventure vacation all just a short walk from adventures, dining and shopping locations on campus.

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## SECOND TO NONE

Perched on the rim of the spectacular New River Gorge, we have taken great care to exist as one with the natural world that surrounds us. From our stunning Canyon Falls swimming pool to our new Lookout Post Conference Center, every amenity fits comfortably within our surroundings. Equally stunning is our food. Smokey's Steakhouse and Chetty's Pub are favorites of our guests and locals alike.

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# YOU'VE FOUND THE NEW RIVER GORGE

Welcome to a place full of adventure, history and fun. Meet New River George, explorer of the Gorge—he knows this wild, wonderful place better than anyone. Follow George off the beaten path for family fun, excitement and surprises. Did you know that the No. 1 National Park hike in the whole country is right here? How about “America’s Coolest” small town? Or the East Coast’s most exciting whitewater rivers? But don’t forget to travel off the beaten path for some surprises. There are hidden towns, historic mysteries, secret waterfalls and so much more. You never know what you’ll discover. Adventure is waiting in the New River Gorge. See you soon.



New River Gorge

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## MAKING FAMILY MEMORIES

Go on an adventure. Whether you want to raft, bike, hike or even stand-up paddleboard, you’ll find your thrill in the New River Gorge.



## STOP AND LISTEN TO TIME PASSING

The Gorge is home to some incredible history, including the grist mill at Babcock State Park. Discover local history and heritage during your next visit.



Howdy, folks! I'm New River George—nice to meet you! Follow along with me for the inside scoop on all the adventure and fun to be had in the New River Gorge region.



### THRILL YOUR TASTE BUDS

Explore the Gorge through your taste buds. Local restaurants offer unique cuisine for every taste.



### HANG OUT WITH THE CLOUDS

Did you know the New River Gorge is home to a national park? The New River Gorge National River has plenty of hiking trails with incredible views. Hint: The Long Point trail is a must.

# HATFIELD-McCOY MOUNTAINS

Hatfield-McCoy Trails

## WILD RIDES:

### *An Adventurer's Weekend Itinerary*

If you're looking for an outdoor adventure, you're in for a rip-roaring ride on this trip through the Hatfield-McCoy Mountains. From airboats soaring along rural waterways to all-terrain vehicles conquering anything nature puts in front of them, West Virginia boasts the toys and the places to play with them. So buckle up and hold onto your hat with this weekend itinerary made for adventurers.



Hatfield & McCoy Moonshine Distillery

## Day 1

Blazing through dense forests, across rocky creek beds and atop remote plateaus boasting awe-inspiring views, the **Hatfield-McCoy Trail System** is composed of seven legendary off-road trails that offer hundreds of miles of adventure for all-terrain vehicle riders. Just off the trailheads, you'll also find ATV-friendly towns and businesses, from rustic cabins that offer ATV rentals to casual eateries where you're bound to find plenty of fellow riders (just judging by the number of ATVs and mountain bikes in the parking lots).

Get in on the action when you start your weekend in Gilbert, where **Mountaintop ATV Rentals and Tours** offers rentals to zoom along the many trails in the area, including Devil Anse, Buffalo Mountain, Bearwallow and Rockhouse. After a full day on the trails, get a taste of **Hatfield & McCoy Moonshine**, made from the Hatfields' original family recipe. Stop into the distillery for an introduction to how it's made. After a day of kicking up dirt on the trails, spend the night in the rustic cabins at **Big Bear Lodge** or **Twin Hollow Campground & Cabins**.

## Day 2

The next morning, explore some of the **Devil's Den** motorcycle routes. These nine routes wind along more than 1,000 miles of scenic West Virginia countryside, and their curvaceous loops and switchbacks make for some unforgettable riding. (Hint: Even if you don't have a motorcycle, you'll still love the views as you drive along these routes.)

Drive from Gilbert to Matewan along US-52 and WV-65, which follows Heaven's Gate route and cuts onto the Sid Hatfield route. Once in Matewan, get ready for a high-speed adventure with **Hatfield & McCoy Airboat Tours**. You'll rip along the Tug Fork River while spotting wildlife and dramatic landscapes along the way. Your guide might even share some of the area's folklore, from the infamous Hatfield and McCoy feud to moonshining myths (that are probably mostly true) to the treacherous history of the local coal-mining marches and massacres. Spend the rest of the day exploring the lovely downtown, and for the night, make yourself at home at the **Historic Matewan House Bed and Breakfast**.



Hatfield-McCoy Trail System

## Day 3

In the morning, drive from Matewan to **Beech Fork State Park**, just outside of Barboursville, a 2-hour drive that hugs the Tug Fork River as it winds along the West Virginia and Kentucky border.

Afterward, stretch your legs at this 3,144-acre green space with nature trails looping throughout the park, such as the Overlook Trail, a 1.4-mile hiking trail with gorgeous lake views as a reward. Rent a canoe or kayak from the seasonal boat launch, and spend the afternoon paddling or fishing on **Beech Fork Lake**. This 720-acre reservoir is known for its largemouth and hybrid striped bass, crappie, bluegill and catfish. Cap off your weekend with a crackling campfire at one of the lakefront sites at **Beech Fork Campgrounds**.

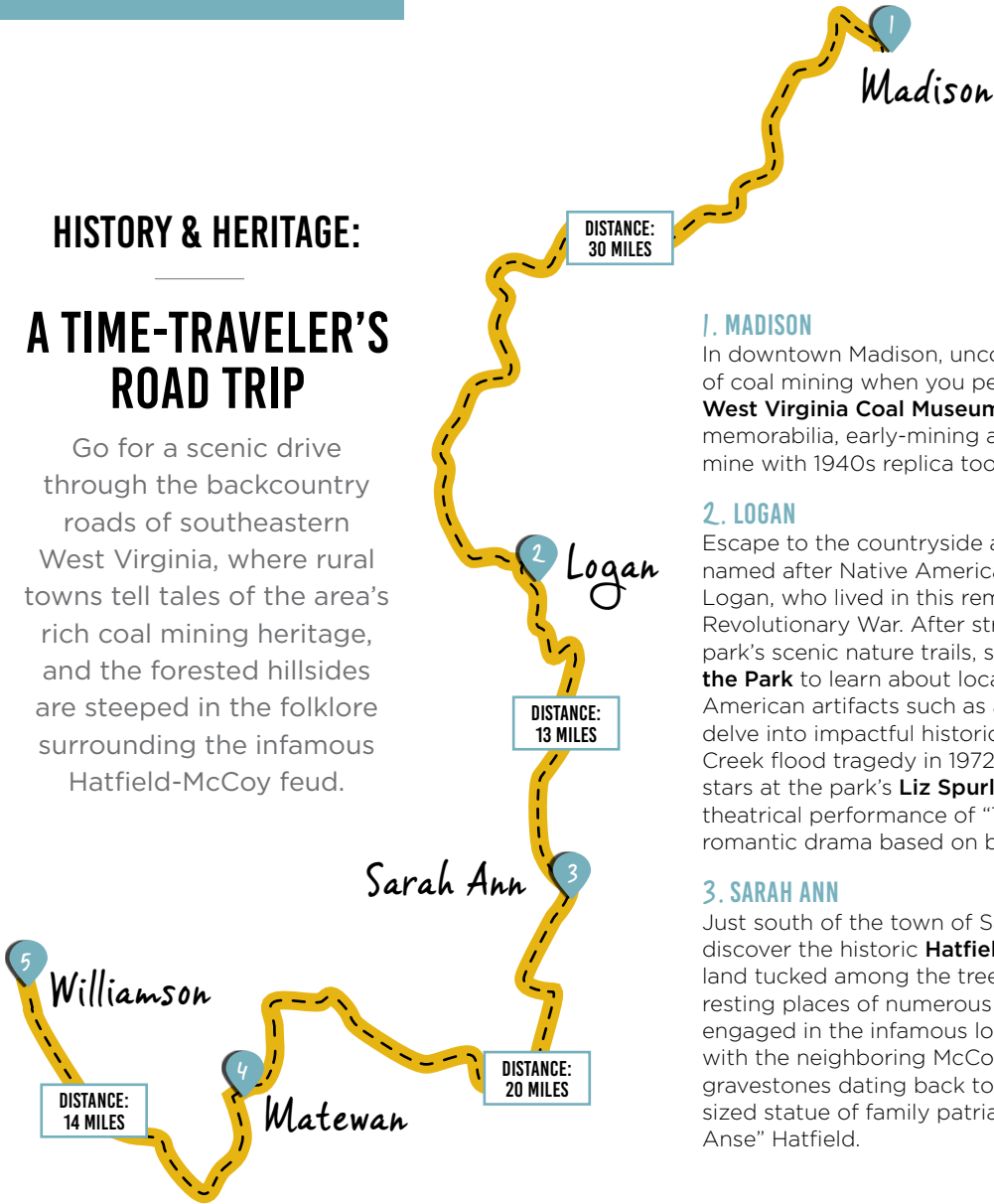


Campfire Singers

**HISTORY & HERITAGE:**

**A TIME-TRAVELER'S ROAD TRIP**

Go for a scenic drive through the backcountry roads of southeastern West Virginia, where rural towns tell tales of the area's rich coal mining heritage, and the forested hillsides are steeped in the folklore surrounding the infamous Hatfield-McCoy feud.



**1. MADISON**

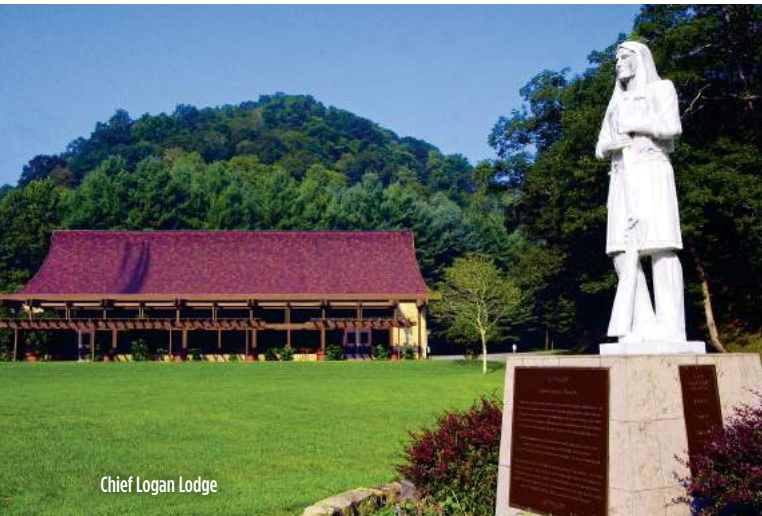
In downtown Madison, uncover the history and impact of coal mining when you peruse the exhibits at the **West Virginia Coal Museum**. You'll marvel at Civil War memorabilia, early-mining antiques and a simulated coal mine with 1940s replica tools.

**2. LOGAN**

Escape to the countryside at **Chief Logan State Park**, named after Native American Mingo tribe leader Chief Logan, who lived in this remote area before the American Revolutionary War. After stretching your legs along the park's scenic nature trails, stop by the on-site **Museum in the Park** to learn about local coal-mining history, see Native American artifacts such as arrowheads and jewelry, and delve into impactful historic events such as the Buffalo Creek flood tragedy in 1972. In the summer, sit beneath the stars at the park's **Liz Spurlock Amphitheater** to catch a theatrical performance of "The Aracoma Story," a historical romantic drama based on both facts and local legends.

**3. SARAH ANN**

Just south of the town of Sarah Ann along State Route 44, discover the historic **Hatfield Cemetery**, a quiet stretch of land tucked among the trees. There, gravestones mark the resting places of numerous Hatfield family members, who engaged in the infamous long-running murderous feud with the neighboring McCoy family of Kentucky. You'll see gravestones dating back to the late 1800s, as well as a life-sized statue of family patriarch Captain Anderson "Devil Anse" Hatfield.



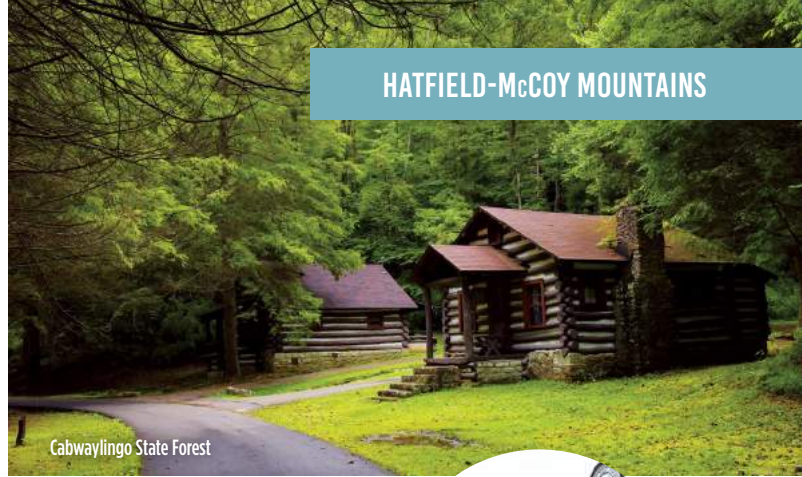
Chief Logan Lodge



Chief Logan State Park



Hatfield Cemetery



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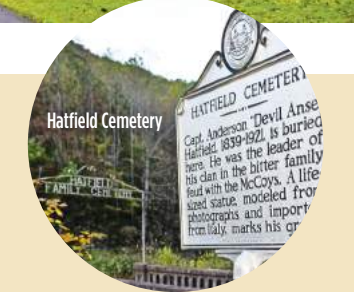
HATFIELD-McCOY MOUNTAINS

4. MATEWAN

Learn even more about the Hatfield-McCoy feud at the **Matewan Depot Replica and Museum**, where an illustrated timeline shows how the drama unfolded. The town of Matewan has deep roots in the coal-mining industry, making it the perfect place for the **West Virginia Mine Wars Museum** (open seasonally). Peek into the dismal coal camp life and learn about the miners' struggle for fair wages and workers' rights at the turn of the century, as well as tumultuous conflicts such as the Matewan Massacre, the 1921 Miners March, the Paint Creek-Cabin Creek Strike of 1912-1913 and the Battle of Blair Mountain.

5. WILLIAMSON

Take a picture next to **The Coal House**, a 1933 building constructed from 65 tons of hand-sawn blocks of bituminous coal joined by black mortar. Then, continue your education of the Hatfield-McCoy family feud at the **Hatfield McCoy Country Museum**, featuring photographs, historic documents and even bullets fired by battling kin. Stop into the homey diner **34:Ate** (only open for lunch) for a sandwich, salad or soup—and save room for pie! After a long day of driving, spend the night at the **Hatfield McCoy House Inn**, a historic bed and breakfast outfitted in cozy touches like quilted bedspreads and old-fashioned wallpaper.



Hatfield Cemetery

ADD A DAY:  
COAL HERITAGE  
TRAIL

Have an extra day (or two) to spare? Go on an epic drive through more than 187 miles of Appalachian country when you explore the Coal Heritage Trail in the **National Coal Heritage Area**. You'll pass through National Historic Districts, see important sites in the legendary Hatfield-McCoy family feud, and witness rural American towns that played an integral role in fueling the country's commerce, growth and innovation during the American Industrial Revolution—all through the power of its coal miners.



Nu-Era Bakery

OTHER MUST-VISITS, STAYS & EATS

- Guyandotte Water Trail • Hatfield-McCoy Tours and Matewan Historic District in Matewan • Coalfield Jamboree, Hot Cup Coffee Shop, Nu-Era Bakery, Four Seasons Country Store & Deli, Morrison's Drive-In, Chirico's Ristorante and Southern Coalition for the Arts in Logan • Dingess Tunnel in Dingess • Twisted Gun Golf Course in Wharncliffe • The Surrey House and Almost Heaven Cabins in Chapmanville • Mountaineer Hotel in Williamson • Cabwaylingo State Park in Dunlow



# TAKE A RIDE ON THE HMT!

Take a ride on the Hatfield-McCoy Trail System — West Virginia’s all-terrain amusement park. Open 365 days a year with over 600 miles of mountain trails, and ATV-friendly towns along the way, there’s a lot to explore on the HMT. Whether you’re looking for heart-pounding, pulse-racing thrills or just good family fun, you’ll find your adventure on the best trails in the country. NEW — Bear Wallow Off-Road Park for Jeeps, Hummers and all full-sized off-road vehicles.



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### GUYANDOTTE WATER TRAIL

The Guyandotte Water Trail is a recreational river trail that stretches 160 miles from Wyoming County to Cabell County offering unique and scenic recreation opportunities.

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## BLAZE A NEW TRAIL!

Visit Hatfield-McCoy Country for a legendary vacation.

**T**ired of the “been there, done that”? Then it’s time for an adventure that puts your family in the footsteps of American legends. With over 600 miles of off-road trails open 365 days a year, the Hatfield-McCoy Trail System puts you on the ridges and peaks traversed by Devil Anse himself. And adventure is met with comfort, as an array of lodging choices and amenities offer a unique stay. Delight in family-owned stores, bakeries, coffee shops and restaurants, offering beloved local treats and new spins on old favorites. Hatfield-McCoy Country will make your vacation one for the history books.

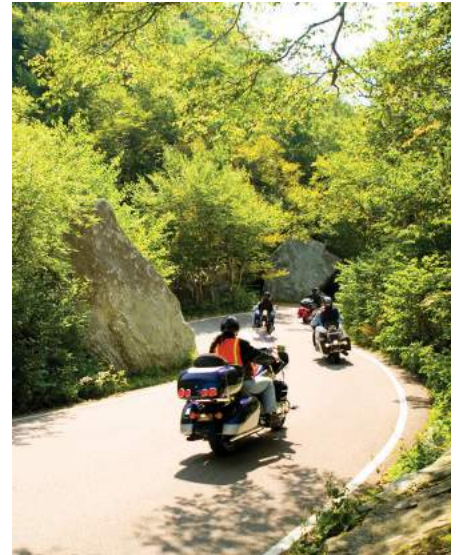


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### ALMOST HEAVENLY ACCOMMODATIONS & FOOD

Our lodging options let you be you. Feel at home in a family-friendly hotel or a cozy B&B. Enjoy your visit mountain style at a custom built cabin featuring state of the art comforts. Enjoy the delights of Nu-Era Bakery, your coffee of choice at The Hot Cup or the delicacy of butter brickle at Chirico's Ristorante.



### ON ROAD ADVENTURE

From tunnels to switchbacks, motorcycle enthusiasts love the smooth mountain highways and welcoming small towns.



### UNIQUE ADVENTURES OFF THE TRAILS

Hatfield-McCoy Country is famous for its beautiful scenery and rich culture. Hike the hills, tour a moonshine distillery or enjoy live music and performances at our amphitheater. Kayak on the placid Guyandotte River or take an airboat excursion on the storied Tug River. Let imagination be your guide.



### FAIRS, FESTIVALS, FUN

It's always the time of the season for celebration. Fairs and festivals fill the calendar year round.

# METRO VALLEY

## A PERFECT DAY IN CHARLESTON

Nestled on the banks of the Kanawha River, West Virginia's capital city seamlessly pairs a beguiling small-town feel with the appeal of city life. Populated by a unique blend of artists, makers, politicians, lawyers and outdoor enthusiasts, this is the spot to take in natural beauty, indulge in gourmet restaurants, browse local boutiques and watch live entertainment.

Charleston



9:30 a.m.

Stroll through the **West Virginia State Capitol Complex** to snap an Instagram-worthy picture of the morning sunlight gleaming off the gold-domed capitol building, which was completed in 1932. Then, see the stately **West Virginia Governor's Mansion**, a columned Colonial Revival building completed in 1925.



10 a.m.

Head into the heart of the Downtown Charleston Historic District for brunch at **First Watch**, where savory and sweet options range from traditional—any-style eggs with your choice of a protein and carb—to less so, like the lemon-ricotta pancakes topped with berries. Other interesting pancake flavors include banana granola crunch and carrot cake.



11:30 a.m.

From handcrafted chocolates to interesting wines to gourmet coffee drinks, **Capitol Market** houses numerous merchants and farmers selling specialty foodie splendors. While you're here, pick up a made-in-West Virginia souvenir, such as Blenko glass décor or small-batch jams and jellies. (Just be sure to save your appetite for lunch.)



12:45 p.m.

Back in the Downtown Charleston Historic District, make your way to **Black Sheep Burrito & Brews** to fill up on colorful tacos, globally inspired burritos (from Korean-style bulgogi to Indian vindaloo curry) or torta sandwiches, paired with craft beer.

## SEE IT LIVE

Catch a live performance of the long-running Mountain Stage show on occasional Sundays, when musical performances at the Culture Center Theater and beyond are turned into the famous live radio show hosted by Larry Groce and distributed by NPR Music.



Mountain Stage



2:15 p.m.

Turn the corner onto tree-lined Capitol Street for a scoop of specialty ice cream or gelato at **Ellen's Homemade Ice Cream**. This sweet shop features standard flavors like butter pecan and raspberry chocolate chip, as well as a rotating list of seasonal options such as cherry-basil sorbet and egg-nog ice cream.



3 p.m.

Ready for some shopping? Explore downtown's cute shops: Find the latest fashions at **Ivor's Trunk**, pick up a bestseller at **Taylor Books** and find the perfect gift (from handcrafted soaps to quirky jewelry) at **Oddbird: A Gift Emporium**. Head across town to the Elk City neighborhood to stock up on super-soft tees and sweatshirts at **Kin Ship Goods**, and pick out letterpress posters, prints and cards at **Base Camp Printing Company** next door.



5:30 p.m.

For dinner, take your pick from creative dishes on the ever-changing menu at the cozy and casual **Noah's Restaurant & Lounge**. You could find everything from grilled Spanish octopus to duck-and-chorizo cassoulet to a juicy Tomahawk ribeye steak.



8 p.m.

Keep the night going over at **The Boulevard Tavern**, where you can kick back with a beer or cocktail and watch live music performed by all kinds of bands: folk artists, reggae bands, DJs spinning electronic music and even smooth jazz ensembles. Or catch a Broadway musical or West Virginia Symphony Orchestra performance in the Clay Center's **Maier Foundation Performance Hall**.

Field Days for Families:

# ALL AGES, ALL SEASONS

From sun-drenched summer to snow-speckled winter, West Virginia is a playground for families all year long. Bring the little ones, invite the grandparents and maybe even get your teenagers to crack a smile with these seasonal ideas in and around Huntington for family fun.



Beech Fork State Park



Charleston FestivalALL

## SPRING

The tentative warmth and hearty rainfall of spring mean lush foliage, blooming flowers and the perfect chance to get outdoors. At **Ritter Park** in Huntington, stroll along the tree-lined walking path and let the kids loose on the playground. While you're here, be sure to stop and smell the roses (literally) at the rose garden, bursting with more than 3,000 blooms. At **Beech Fork State Park**, a 3,144-acre oasis that sprawls from Cabell County into Lincoln County, explore the scenic trails and dramatic overlooks on an easy hike or bike ride, or pack a picnic to enjoy along the riverfront at **Tu-Endie-Wei State Park** in Point Pleasant.

## SUMMER

Enjoy the blaze of hot summer days as you zoom down the waterslides at **Waves of Fun**, splash at the **Sprayground** in Hurricane or paddle down the Ohio and Guyandotte rivers on a stand-up paddleboard from **Appalachian Boarding Company**. Kids will love spending a summer's day on the unique rides at **Camden Park's** 26-acre amusement park in Huntington. Warm days also mean a packed calendar of festivals and fairs; shop locally grown food every Wednesday and Saturday at **Barboursville Farmers Market**. Jam out to live musical performances at **Huntington Music & Arts Festival**.

## OTHER MUST-VISITS, STAYS &amp; EATS

Mason County Quilt Trail • Brass Pineapple B&B, West Virginia Power Baseball at Appalachian Power Park, Sullivan's Records, Gonzoburger, The Block and Rock City Cake Company (both on Capitol Street) in Charleston • River & Rail Bakery, The Peddler, Le Bistro, 21 at the Frederick, Savannah's, Prime on 4th and Red Caboose in Huntington • Blenko Glass Company in Milton • Gritt's Farm in Buffalo • Cornfed's Smokehouse and Grill, Lowe Hotel and Point Pleasant River Museum in Point Pleasant • Main Street Shops and Bridge Cafe in Hurricane • Mardi Gras Casino & Resort in Cross Lanes



**FALL**

Autumn welcomes a dazzling canopy of vibrant orange, red and yellow leaves, transforming the countryside into a picture-perfect palette of colors. Celebrate harvest season in the Appalachians with an escape to **Heritage Farm Museum & Village** in Huntington, where you can go on a wagon ride, explore the historic log buildings and watch artisans demonstrating traditional arts and crafts. At **Huntington Museum of Art**, take in the breathtaking beauty of fall foliage as you hike the property's nature trails, or head indoors to see Appalachian folk art, American furniture, glass arts and more. Or, tap into your own creative side in a pottery or painting class at Hurricane's **Arts & Thoughts Studio**.


**WINTER**

Snowy weather is the perfect excuse to head indoors. Start your day with a rich, buttery latte (literally—butter is one of the secret ingredients) at **Bridge Cafe and Bistro** in Hurricane, and after strolling the shops along Main Street, spend the afternoon cozied up with a book, board game and a pint of local craft beer at **Books & Brews**. Discover something unexpected at **Mothman Museum** in Point Pleasant, where you can see memorabilia and props from "The Mothman Prophecies" movie while learning more about this spooky legend. For a day of shopping, peruse big-name brands at **Huntington Mall**, or find something unique at the local shops at **Heritage Station**, housed in a former railroad station. At **Blenko Glass Factory** in Milton, get a behind-the-scenes peek into the process of handcrafting glassware, and then shop one-of-a-kind vases and décor in the gift shop.

# CABELL COUNTY

Home to America's Best Community!

Recently named "America's Best Community," Huntington and her neighboring cities of Barboursville and Milton offer local attractions and unexpected urban amenities. Enjoy eclectic shops and eateries and then catch a show at the historic Keith-Albee Theatre or explore West Virginia's largest shopping mall — all nestled within a charming Appalachian Community.



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Left photo: The Keith-Albee Theatre; Right photo: Cityscape





## HUNTINGTON MUSEUM OF ART

Situated on 52 acres with extensive nature trails, the Huntington Museum of Art maintains a world-class art collection of more than 15,000 objects and is home to the only subtropical plant conservatory in the region. The museum features permanent exhibits of Near Eastern art and artifacts, antique firearms, and contemporary and historically important glass. The museum also regularly hosts temporary exhibitions.

304-529-2701  
hmoa.org



HUNTINGTON  
MUSEUM OF ART



## HUNTINGTON TRI-STATE AIRPORT

Huntington Tri-State Airport is the second busiest airport in West Virginia and is less than 10 miles from Huntington. It is easily accessible from Interstate 64 via U.S. Route 52.

The airport has two major airlines, American Airlines and Allegiant Air serving three year-round non-stop destinations, including: Charlotte, Orlando, St. Petersburg/Clearwater and two non-stop seasonal destinations, Punta Gorda and Myrtle Beach.

HTS offers convenient, close-to-the-terminal parking at affordable rates. A large selection of rental vehicles are available on site. Taxi, Lyft, Uber, limousine and hotel shuttle services are also available.

The Huntington Tri-State Airport is proud to have Tudor's Biscuit World and Gino's Pizzeria & Pub on location. Tudor's Biscuit World offers a wide variety of breakfast and lunch selections. Gino's Pizzeria & Pub offers a full bar with an extensive menu of wine and beer selections.

The Tri-State Airport gift shop is the perfect place to grab any last-minute travel items, books, magazines, snacks or even a special gift. The shop features many gifts unique to our area, such as coal sculptures and hand-blown glass, as well as college team apparel.

304-453-6165  
tristateairport.com





# WAYNE COUNTY

Wayne County is the perfect destination for relaxing and outdoor activities. Camp in one of our beautiful state parks, or take the boat out for a spin on one of our lakes. Delicious Italian food awaits at Rocco's Ristorante. Don't forget the world-famous Pumpkin House every October.

## AUSTIN'S HOMEMADE ICE CREAM

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304-453-2071  
facebook.com/austinsicecream

## RUSTIC RAVINES

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304-385-1085  
rusticravines.com

## HERMITAGE OF THE HOLY CROSS

This Russian Orthodox Church monastery produces handmade soaps and more.

304-849-2072  
holycross-hermitage.com



Metro Valley



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## NEW RIVER TRAIN EXCURSIONS

Experience a journey unlike any other as you travel through the New River Gorge onboard the New River Train. Hosted the last two weekends in October by the Collis P. Huntington Railroad Historical Society, enjoy a full-day train ride through southern West Virginia. The journey begins in Huntington and passes through the state capital of Charleston, under the New River Gorge Bridge, and through the historic coal town of Thurmond. You'll detrain to experience the nearby Railroad Days Festival in Hinton before returning to Huntington. Looking for something else? Ask about trips to New York City, Washington D.C., and more.

866-639-7487 // [newrivertrain.com](http://newrivertrain.com)



## THE MUSEUM OF RADIO & TECHNOLOGY

Interested in antique radio and television?

Visit one of the largest collections of electronic technology in the country. Early radios, computers, televisions, Hi-Fi, amateur radio and much more are on display.

The museum also has a section dedicated to the West Virginia Broadcasting Hall of Fame. The state boasts many people who were instrumental in the initial days of broadcasting history. Pictures, a story book and a wall of names provide an interesting area of the museum for visitors.

304-525-8890  
[mrtwv.org](http://mrtwv.org)



## HERITAGE FARM MUSEUM & VILLAGE

Heritage Farm is a replica 19th century Appalachian village with award-winning museums and multiple attractions. As West Virginia's first Smithsonian Affiliate, Heritage Farm has interactive, educational programming for all ages with artisans and early artifacts to see. Guided tours are offered during colder months, with the village having a more open feel during the warmer months. Lodging and reception halls are also available for events and long weekend stays. Saturdays from May to December are known as "Way Back Weekends" and include in-depth programming, while Wednesdays in the Summer are "Kids' Days" with reduced admission and a focus on children's activities.

304-522-1244  
[heritagefarmmuseum.com](http://heritagefarmmuseum.com)





Clockwise from top:  
Nature trail just outside  
Barboursville; Vineyard  
in the Village; Outdoor  
Movie Night

## IN YOUR BACKYARD

What is it that makes West Virginia's backyard so special? It's easy to find out. In the Village of Barboursville, the focus is on experiences and quality of life. With hiking, biking, playing sports and socializing with neighbors, visitors and locals alike can make unforgettable memories. Discover what #betterville is all about.



**304-733-1500**  
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### **BLENKO GLASS COMPANY**

Blenko has been hand-blowing glass for over 100 years. Take a free tour of the factory to see a century's old tradition live. Before leaving, visit the incredible gift shop to take a piece of West Virginia home with you.

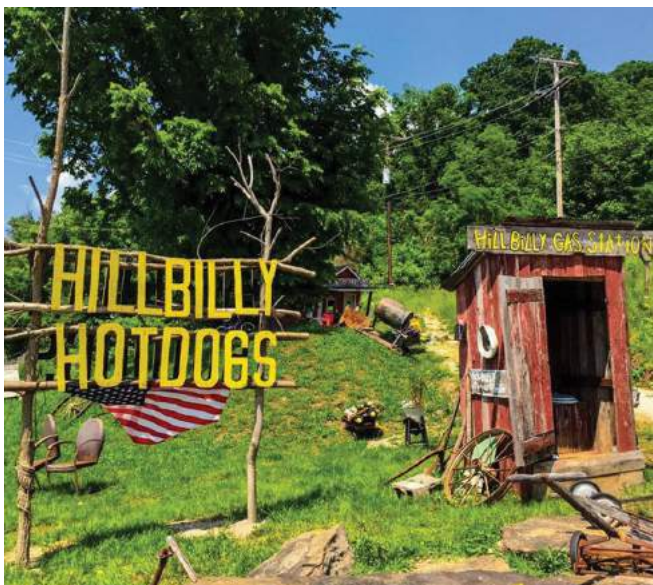
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blenko.com



### **CAMDEN PARK**

Camden Park, West Virginia's only amusement park, is home to more than 30 attractions including the historic wooden roller-coaster The Big Dipper and the Log Ride, built in 1983 to celebrate the parks 80th Anniversary. Visit us from May through October.

304-429-4321 // camdenpark.com



### **HILLBILLY HOT DOGS**

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304-762-2458  
hillbillyhotdogs.com



### **THE RED CABOOSE**

The Red Caboose is a regional artisan center located at Heritage Station in downtown Huntington. The shop features locally-created fine art, bath products, jewelry, and food items. Give a piece of West Virginia to your family, friends, or yourself!

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# West Virginia Book Festival

## WEST VIRGINIA BOOK FESTIVAL

Meet some of your favorite authors October 26-27, 2018 at the Charleston Civic Center, and explore a giant used book sale with vendors and exhibits, writing workshops, kids’ activities and book signings.

304-343-4646 // [wvbookfestival.org](http://wvbookfestival.org)



## CAPITOL MARKET

Tucked in a restored train station, Capitol Market is a lively mix of farm goodness and specialty shops. Grab a quick bite or pick up West Virginia-made gifts to take home. You’ll love this year-round, indoor-outdoor gem in the state’s capital city.

304-344-1905  
[capitolmarket.net](http://capitolmarket.net)



## MOUNTAIN STAGE

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**MOUNTAIN  
STAGE**  
— *With Larry Groce* —





# HEART OF THE VALLEY

Nestled between Huntington and Charleston, find a warm welcome at the heart of the Metro Valley in Putnam County. Explore the Kanawha River with stand-up paddleboard lessons or rentals. Discover surprising art, culture, food and heritage across the region while enjoying a relaxing pace in a place full of small town charm.



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## VALLEY PARK

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304-562-5896  
hurricanewv.com





# WHEREVER YOU ARE, HISTORY IS NEARBY

Take a walk through history from prehistoric times to present day at the State Museum in Charleston. With more than 6,000 artifacts, the museum is a perfect place to learn about the Mountain State's history and heritage. Visit the state's archives library while you're here.

**West Virginia  
Division of Culture  
and History**  
304-558-0220  
wvculture.org

Independence Hall  
Grave Creek Mound  
State Museum  
Camp Washington-Carver



## WEST VIRGINIA INDEPENDENCE HALL

Visit this historic landmark in Wheeling, the birthplace of West Virginia statehood.

304-238-1300  
wvculture.org/museum/  
wvihmod.html



## GRAVE CREEK MOUND COMPLEX

Moundsville is home to one of the largest Adena burial mounds and an archaeological collection spanning 12,000 years.

304-843-4128  
wvculture.org/museum/  
gravecreekmod.html



## CAMP WASHINGTON- CARVER

Located at Clifftop, this former African American 4-H camp is the setting for the Appalachian String Band Music Festival.

304-438-3005  
wvculture.org/museum/  
campcarvermod.html



## FESTIVALL CHARLESTON

FestivALL has become the state's largest multi-arts festival, which features live music, visual art, theatre, and dance events for ALL to enjoy. The city of Charleston becomes a work of art for 10 days in June, and through other year-round events, welcoming attendees to enjoy the arts all over town. From national touring bands at the Mayor's Concert to hundreds of artists and entertainers at the Capitol Street Art Fair, there is a little something for everyone.

304-470-0489

[festivallcharleston.com](http://festivallcharleston.com)



## CHARLESTON CVB

"A city that has time for you is a win. In Charleston, you can park your car all day for \$3, catch free live music almost every night and be seated right away – sans reservations – at the city's best restaurant. Servers and shopkeepers have the time to exceed expectations, often in delightful ways."

- The Washington Post

304-344-5075

[charlestonwv.com](http://charlestonwv.com)





Clockwise from top:  
Clay Center for the Arts & Sciences; Ashton's Climbing Structure; Maier Performance Hall

# WEST VIRGINIA'S HOME FOR ARTS & SCIENCES

The Clay Center for the Arts and Sciences houses performing arts, visual arts and science all under one roof! Located in the state capital of Charleston, the Clay Center is home to the Avampato Discovery Museum, Caperton Planetarium and Theater, Maier Performance Hall and Juliet Art Museum.

Built to inspire creativity, learning and wonder through experiences in the arts and sciences, the Clay Center consistently hosts educational programming and entertaining performances for all ages, genres and interests.



# MID-OHIO VALLEY

## HIT THE ROAD

Graced as it is with wooded, rolling hills and history-rich hamlets, the Mid-Ohio Valley is a charming place for a driving tour. We've rounded up one-, two- and three-day itineraries to help you craft your cruise.



Henderson Hall Plantation



Parkersburg Oil & Gas Museum



North Bend Rail Trail

### > LITTLE KANAWHA: 1 Day

A one-way trip along this scenic byway is about two hours of drive time. It's an easy day trip that will take you through some of West Virginia's most tranquil rural areas, punctuated with picturesque farmhouses and off-the-beaten-path towns.

Start in pretty Glenville and take a scenic drive into Parkersburg, where you can admire grand Victorian homes that are part of West Virginia's storied history or visit the **Oil & Gas Museum**. End your day with dinner, savoring international flavors at **Mango Latin Bistro** or the German-inspired **North End Tavern and Brewery**.

### > FOUR COUNTIES: 2 Days

This easy drive takes you through four historic West Virginia counties. Without stops, the route is only about three hours of driving—but the whole point is perusing points of interest along the way.

**DAY 1:** From Parkersburg, breeze through Elizabeth to Burning Springs, where you can check out the **Ruble Log Church** and **Rathbone Well**, the oldest operational oil well in the country. Continue through Grantsville to Harrisville, named for Union Army commissioner Thomas Harris, then head to **North Bend State Park** for a relaxing afternoon by the lake. Spend the night in one of the park's eight cedar cabins.

**DAY 2:** From Harrisville, you'll follow the **Old Northwestern Turnpike** (U.S. Route 50, via State Route 16) to Pennsboro. Tour the old **Pennsboro B&O Railroad Depot** or go for a hike along part of the 72-mile **North Bend Rail Trail**, which

features 13 tunnels—at least one of which is rumored to be haunted. Check out the historic **Stone House Museum** in Pennsboro before heading to Cairo for a visit to **RC Marshall Antiques and Barbershop**, open spring through fall.

### > GONE FISHIN': 3 Days

The top of the Mid-Ohio Valley is both beautiful country and serious trophy-fish territory, with channel catfish, freshwater drum, sauger, walleye, musky and multiple bass varieties in abundance.

**DAY 1:** Start your three-day road trip in Parkersburg with an early, about one-hour drive on State Route 14 to **Charles Fork Lake**. A frequent host of bluegill and bass fishing tournaments and home to the **Tour de Lake Mountain Bike Race** in March, Charles Fork Lake is prime Appalachian backcountry and a great place to spend a day on the water. Stay at the quaint **Arnott House Bed & Breakfast** in nearby Spencer.

**DAY 2:** The early bird gets the worm...then catches the fish! Take a morning drive up State Route 16 (via U.S. Route 119) for about 90 minutes to **North Bend Lake**, which is pretty as a postcard and brimming with catch-and-release largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass. Spend the night at **The Blennerhassett Hotel**.

**DAY 3:** You can sleep in a bit, because your final fishing hole—**Mountwood Park** in Waverly—is only about 30 minutes away. If you're visiting in June, plan your trip around the **Moon Over Mountwood Fishing Festival**, where kids fish free during the daytime, and adults keep casting into the wee hours.

Bonus Tour  
**SOUTHERN OHIO RIVER: 2 DAYS**

In just over three hours of total drive time, you'll follow the Southern Ohio River basin from Parkersburg to Ravenswood through beautiful countryside rich in Civil War history. See the **Sayre Log House** in Ravenswood, then stay the night at **The Ravenswood Inn Bed and Breakfast** adjacent to downtown. In the morning, head 20 minutes south to Ripley and take in the treasure that is the 1887 **Staats Mill Covered Bridge**. The **Alpine Theatre** is another historical attraction, with touches like the original "coming attraction" frames. Live up your day with a visit to **Appalachian Distillery**, where flavors like blackberry, strawberry lemonade and "pawpaw" (a native-to-West Virginia fruit similar to banana) are available alongside original moonshine.



Blennerhassett Island Historical State Park



The Blennerhassett Hotel

## SLOW ON DOWN

Much of the small-town charm that defines the Mid-Ohio Valley demands 100 percent unhurried exploration, preferably with the support of comfy walking shoes. Here are a few favorite ways to spend a few days while slowing down to embrace the joys of a simpler time.

### WALK THE WALK

Parkersburg's **Julia-Ann Square Historic District** is the state's largest and oldest registered heritage neighborhood, with 126 gorgeous homes representing a variety of Victorian architectural styles. Self-guided walking tours include 44 points of interest; stop at **Mulberry Lane Country Store** for souvenirs.

Supplement your leisurely stroll with other forms of old-timey transport at **Blennerhassett Island Historical State Park**. To get there, catch the sternwheeler riverboat from Point Park in Parkersburg. Once on the island, you can tour the mansion and museum on foot or ride a horse-drawn carriage.

### BROWSING HISTORY

If offbeat backstories get you fired up, the museums of the Mid-Ohio Valley have much to offer. Absorb five generations of fascinating facts at **Historic Henderson Hall** in Williamstown, a perfectly preserved Italianate mansion and Civil War museum. In Parkersburg, learn how fossil fuels made millionaires at the **Oil & Gas Museum**, then hit **Burning Springs Park** in Elizabeth to see the world's oldest producing oil well. Other not-to-miss locales include **Cliff's Museum of Car Memorabilia** in Harrisville and **Veterans Museum of Mid-Ohio Valley** in Parkersburg.

In Harrisville, work up an appetite perusing **Berdine's Five and Dime**, America's oldest dry goods store. In continuous operation since 1908, it's basically a clapboard time machine—tin toys, antiquarian remedies and generations of friendly service beckon from its cluttered, colorful aisles.

### RETAIL ROVING

**Arlo's Antiques** in Harrisville contains more than 10,000 square feet of vintage treasures, including everything from costume jewelry to Victorian-era furniture. **Williamstown Antique Mall** specializes in Fenton and Carnival glass. **Fenton Art Glass Company** is no longer actively creating, but you can find its wares at the nearby **Fenton Gift Shop** in Williamstown, as well as antiques malls throughout the region. For instance, **Spencer's Antique Mall** in Spencer combines the wares of more than 40 individual dealers in a bright, pleasantly cluttered space.

Finally, every one of us needs more art in our lives—and the Mid-Ohio Valley is very fertile ground for creative types. **The Parkersburg Art Center** houses six separate galleries with regular exhibits and a gift shop offering custom framing. Kill two birds with one stone in Spencer, where the **Chestnut Ridge Art Colony** and **Winery** share the same verdant campus. Meanwhile, the **Mountain State Art & Craft Fair**, annually held at the **Cedar Lakes Conference Center** in nearby Ripley, is recommended in the best-selling "1,000 Places to See Before You Die" series.

### COUNTRY CHARISMA

For locally crafted varietals and stunning views, wind your way up to **Stone Road Vineyard in Rockport**. For those of you who can't get enough of those covered bridges, the Mid-Ohio Valley has two of note: **Sarvis Fork** near Sandyville and **Staats Mill** near Ripley.



Henderson Hall Plantation



Berdine's Five & Dime



Blennerhassett Island Historical State Park

## OTHER MUST-VISITS, STAYS & EATS

Point Park, Parkersburg Art Center in Parkersburg • Ben's Run Dam • Holl's Chocolates in Vienna • Ripley's Fourth of July Celebration, Crabby Patti's and Mill Creek Water Trail • Log House Homestead B&B in Cairo • Robey Theatre in Spencer



## RITCHIE COUNTY TOURISM

If you love to hike, bike, fish, hunt or explore nature, Ritchie County is perfect for you. North Bend State Park is a relaxing family getaway providing lodging, dining and outdoor adventures. Explore the 72-mile North Bend Rail Trail on bike, foot or horseback. Learn to rock climb, play a round of golf or enjoy a picnic by the lake. Don't forget to visit our charming towns full of unique shops and restaurants.

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# RIPLEY BELIEVES!

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## RIPLEY 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

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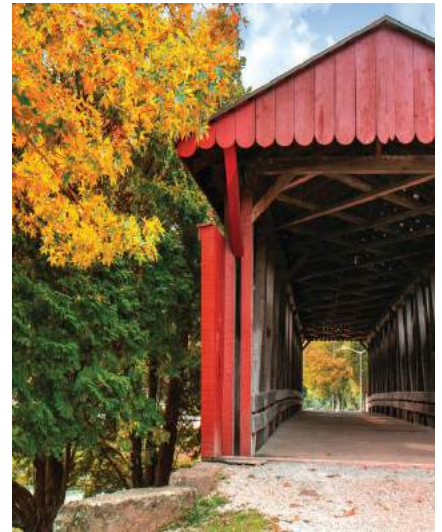
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ripley4thofjuly.us



## MAIN STREET RIPLEY SHOPPING

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304-422-3131

[theblennerhassett.com](http://theblennerhassett.com)



## BERDINE'S FIVE & DIME

Opened in 1908, take a giant leap back in time by visiting Berdine's Five and Dime, America's oldest dime store, with pressed tin ceilings, bins of old-time toys, bulk candies sold from antique oak cases and much more. Berdine's is where generations have come for gifts and practical items.

Find unique books and old-time remedies, along with kitchen gadgets and sewing notions that have been used for generations. If you cannot find it anywhere else — try Berdine's. Your grandparents did.

Visit from 9-5 Monday through Saturday.

304-643-2217

[berdinesdimestore.com](http://berdinesdimestore.com)

106 North Court Street, Harrisville



## OIL & GAS MUSEUM

Discover the intriguing history of the oil and gas industry going back to the first oil well in America and the dawn of the industrial age.

304-485-5446

[oilandgasmuseum.org](http://oilandgasmuseum.org)



## HENDERSON HALL

One of America's finest heritage assets, Henderson Hall is home to a unique collection of relics preserved since 1838 by six generations that tell a first-person story of early plantation history in West Virginia.

304-375-2129 // [hendersonhallwv.com](http://hendersonhallwv.com)



Clockwise from top: Blennerhassett Island Historical State Park; Island Belle Sternwheeler; Craft Brew at the North End Tavern

# ESCAPE. DISCOVER. PLAY.

Discover the greater Parkersburg area, with its three West Virginia State Parks, intriguing history and heritage attractions, and a variety of festivals and events. A sternwheeler ride to Blennerhassett Island Historical State Park or a stroll through West Virginia's largest historic district is a memorable journey back in time, while North Bend State Park and the North Bend Rail Trail allow you to unleash your inner explorer through outdoor adventure. A unique selection of eclectic shops and a range of restaurants featuring three craft breweries within minutes of each other will add flavor to your visit.

Mid-Ohio Valley



# NORTHERN PANHANDLE

## CULTURAL TREASURES & FUN FINDS

Though communities like Wheeling were once industrial hubs, the Northern Panhandle now bustles with cultural activity. Take a two-day trip to uncover what these historic sites, homes and theaters, architectural gems and other unique locales have to offer.



Palace of Gold

## Day 1

Begin your journey in New Martinsville, where the **Lincoln Theater**, originally opened in 1920, has been beautifully restored. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, today it operates as a community theater and hosts traveling and local performances.

Head north to Moundsville, where a handful of places show off the historic and unexpected. If you can handle a little spookiness, book one of the daily tours at the former **West Virginia Penitentiary** to learn about daily life for both inmates and guards, and perhaps even experience a bit of the paranormal in this Gothic-style fortress.

Across the street, the **Grave Creek Mound Archaeological Complex** is one of the largest and most famous burial mounds built by the Adena people more than 2,000 years ago. Standing at 62 feet high, it's an impressive reminder of the effort undertaken by this prehistoric culture, and the adjacent **Delf Norona Museum** provides insight on its construction, as well as interpretative exhibits.

Save room for dessert—**Quality Bake Shoppe** offers pies, cookies and donuts like the Mad Dog, filled with vanilla, chocolate or peanut-butter cream.

Make a final stop in Moundsville at the historic **Strand Theatre** to catch a movie, performance or concert. Though its grand opening was in 1920, an extensive renovation over the last couple of decades has spruced things up to their original glory, allowing surrounding communities to enjoy the arts.

Just up the road in Glen Dale is the **Cockayne Farmstead**, a veritable time capsule of rural American life in the

1800s. The 1850s farmhouse and its assortment of more than 3,000 artifacts tell the story of the prominent Cockayne family as early settlers to the area during an age of rapid economic development.

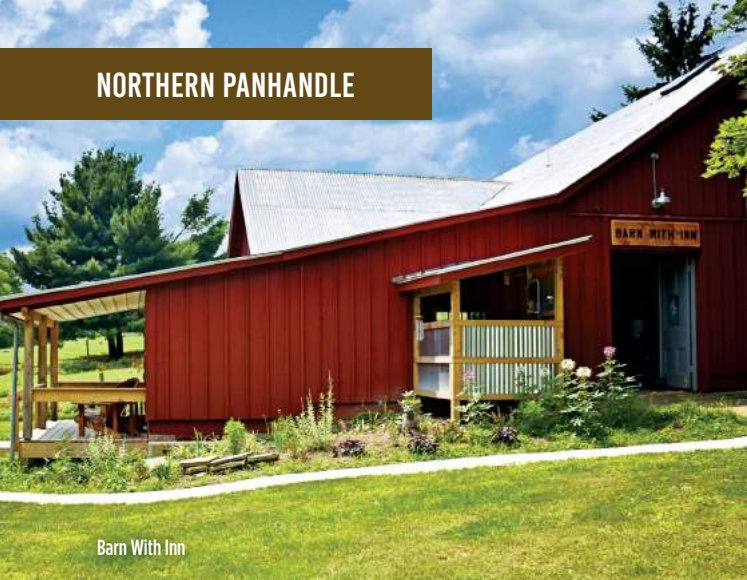
Take a turn eastward to the community of New Vrindaban, home of what may be the most surprising attraction in the Northern Panhandle: the **Palace of Gold**. Brilliant stained-glass windows, ornate marble hallways, lush gardens and, of course, a glittering exterior make for a visual treat as “America’s Taj Mahal,” originally built for the founder of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness.

As night falls, make your way to Wheeling for an overnight stay, which will be your base for the next day’s adventures. Choose from one of several area hotels or tuck in at **Oglebay Resort**.

## Day 2

Rise and shine in “the Friendly City,” where you can explore much of it on foot. Using the **Wheeling Heritage Trails**—13 miles of former railroad beds converted into paved walking and biking routes—as a guide, begin your walking tour at **West Virginia Independence Hall**, the state’s official birthplace. Now a museum and National Historic Landmark, you can tour meticulously restored period rooms and browse interpretive and interactive displays, including a rare collection of Civil War battle flags.

Also downtown is a pair of historic venues: the **Capitol Theatre** and **Victoria Theater**. The former brims with glamour and is home to the world-class Wheeling Symphony Orchestra, as well as Broadway shows, concerts and movies, while the latter is the oldest operating theater in the state.



Barn With Inn



Fostoria Glass Museum

At lunchtime, stop into **Figaretti's Restaurant** for old-school Italian that's been around since the 1940s. Fuel up with a hearty meatball or sausage sandwich, homemade gnocchi or stuffed shells.

Proceed north into the Victorian Old Town District to catch a glimpse of the grand Victorian-era homes that are a hallmark of Wheeling. One of the most notable is the **Eckhart House**, a three-story, Queen Anne-style town home with well-preserved original architectural features. Book a one-hour historic guided tour of the home, or make reservations for afternoon tea.

Next, you'll want to hop back in the car to pay a visit to the **Oglebay Institute**, a collection of six venues dedicated to creative, cultural and nature-oriented pursuits. Highlights include the **Stifel Fine Arts Center**, which is housed in the historic Edemar Mansion and offers rotating art exhibitions and events throughout the year; nature classes and workshops at the **Schrader Environmental Education Center**; stagings of hit plays at **Towngate Theatre**; and the **Museums of the Oglebay Institute's** popular live

glassmaking demonstrations at the Glass Museum or the Mansion Museum's holiday events.

Lastly, depart Wheeling for one last peek at a National Historic Landmark, the **Alexander Campbell Mansion** in Bethany. Here, you'll find the 19th-century home of a renowned educator and religious leader who founded Bethany College. Original wallpaper from 1840 and some of the furniture still remain, as well as his hexagonal brick study building, a schoolroom and the family's cemetery.

Leaving Wheeling, head up to Weirton and spend some time at **Mountaineer Casino Racetrack & Resort**. Not into gaming? Watch horse races, take in live entertainment or relax at The Spa at Mountaineer.

When you've gotten as far north as you can go and still be in West Virginia, you'll find a few colorful surprises waiting for you. In Newell, pick up some bright Fiesta dinnerware at the **Homer Laughlin China Company**. A few miles away, stop and see the **World's Largest Teapot** in Chester. This tribute to area pottery stands 14 feet tall.

## MEET THE MAKERS, BY THE NUMBERS

Artisans have been attracted to this part of West Virginia for decades, and the tradition of handcrafting one-of-a-kind wares continues today. Here's a look at some of the stats behind these vendors and where to find them.

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A beautiful three-story atrium is at the heart of the **Wheeling Artisan Center**, a renovated industrial building that now houses a 7,500-square-foot exhibition space, "Made in Wheeling" exhibits and The Emporium, a retail mix of arts, crafts and a large selection of West Virginia's best food products.

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Newell's **Homer Laughlin China Company** launched its famous Fiesta line with five original colors (red, yellow, cobalt blue, green and ivory) in 1936. The dinnerware collection remains a popular staple in kitchens today.

## OTHER MUST-VISITS, STAYS &amp; EATS

Wheeling Island Hotel-Casino-Racetrack, The Vagabond Kitchen, Good Mansion Wines, Avenue Eats and DiCarlo's in Wheeling • Tomlinson Run State Park in New Manchester • The Barn With Inn in Wellsburg



Wheeling Artisan Center

## ✓ 99

Gone, but not forgotten, the Fostoria Glass Company created eye-catching glassware for 99 years, from 1887 to 1986. In Moundsville, the **Fostoria Glass Museum** now pays homage with its extraordinary collection of delicate stemware that was especially popular at the White House.

## ✓ 165

In 2018, the **Centre Market** in Wheeling turns 165, which happens to be older than the state itself. Stop by to relish the eclectic variety of shops and eateries, from Wood-n-Stitches' carved gifts to Coleman's Fish Market.

## ✓ 700

The Conlon family maintains 700 beehives at their **ThistleDew Farm** in Proctor, resulting in an array of high-quality honey and beeswax products, such as candles and creams, sold at their retail shop.

## ✓ 2,200

It's hot business making glass—2,200 degrees Fahrenheit, in fact, that limestone, soda ash and sand are heated to when producing the **Paul Wissmach Glass Company's** signature colored sheet glass in Paden City.

# DISCOVER A NEW WHEELING IN WILD, WONDERFUL WEST VIRGINIA

A familiar place with vibrant landmarks, iconic resorts and parks, destination retail and nightlife, and a unique restaurant scene, Wheeling is a culturally alive and diverse city located on the Interstate 70 corridor between Columbus, Ohio and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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Anyone interested in American history can appreciate Wheeling, since the city served as a pivotal point in both the Revolutionary and the Civil wars. Visitors can see where West Virginia became a state in 1863 at Independence Hall, a Renaissance Revival-style structure that is a National Historic Landmark and currently houses a museum with exhibits, a collection of battle flags and more. The Suspension Bridge has plenty of history behind it, as well as the Eckhart House, an 1892 town home in the heart of Wheeling's Victorian Old Town that offers tours and afternoon tea.





Catch a show at the historic Capitol Theatre, home to the Wheeling Symphony Orchestra and a lineup of Broadway shows, concerts and movies. Get the “Wheeling Feeling” at Wheeling Island Hotel Casino Racetrack. This venue for fun and entertainment boasts six restaurants, a gaming floor with more than 2,000 slots and 63 table games, and a greyhound-racing track.

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Find unique shopping in a variety of places, like the Centre Market. This iconic public market is older than West Virginia itself and bustles with a fantastic collection of shops and eateries, each with their own style and flair. Pick up handcrafted gifts, jewelry and art, and stop for a bite to eat or sweet treats like homemade cookies and tarts. East of Wheeling, The

Highlands shopping, dining and entertainment complex features big-name brands, while the downtown Wheeling Artisan Center is where to go for creations by regional artists and a large selection of West Virginia food products — all housed in a renovated industrial building that pays homage to the city’s rich cultural heritage.

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Learn more at [visitwheelingwv.com](http://visitwheelingwv.com)



# WETZEL COUNTY

Nestled among the foothills of the Alleghenies along the shores of the Ohio River, scenic Wetzel County is one of West Virginia's best kept secrets. Wetzel County presents many fantastic opportunities for all outdoor enthusiasts. The kayak trails are second to none. Wetzel County is also home to the best free music festival on the east coast, the Back Home Appalachian Arts & Music Festival, which in 2018 will be held June 29th through July 1st.



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## BACK HOME FESTIVAL

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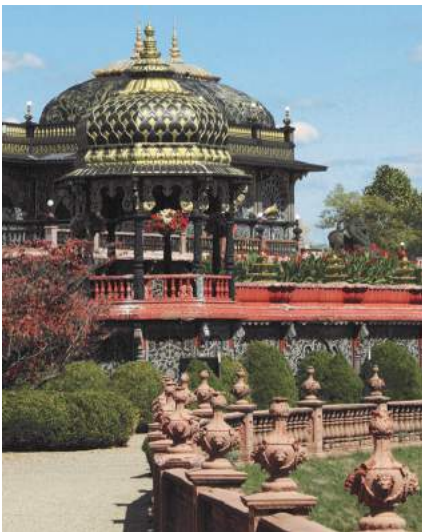


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Morgantown Rail Trail



Tygart Lake State Park

# MOUNTAINEER COUNTRY

## ARTS & EATS

Morgantown bustles with college-town energy and the natural beauty of the Monongahela River. Having West Virginia University as its creative epicenter, the whole town benefits from a lively arts scene. Check out pottery studios, art galleries, performance venues and more, with stops for sustenance at the many tasty restaurants around town during your stay.

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Coopers Rock State Forest



## > ART GALLERIES & SHOPS

At **Zenclay Pottery** browse the handmade ceramic pottery, including terra cotta vases and glazed bowls, crafted on site. Classes are offered in the studio.

One-of-a-kind pieces are made by artisans using natural gemstones, sparkling crystals and precious metals at **Silver Pennies Jewelry Design Co.**

The **Old Stone House**, built circa 1795, is the oldest stone dwelling in Monongalia County. The gift shop carries many items handmade by locals, including glassware and holiday decorations.

**Appalachian Gallery** features finely handcrafted works by West Virginia artists and artisans. You'll find hand-turned wooden bowls, blown glass and stoneware pottery displayed in the historic Sandcastle building.

In the restored Seneca Glass Company factory, **Seneca Center** features its original brick walls and worn wooden floors. Stores include the **Country Roads Quilt Shop** and jewelry at **The Little Studio**.

Make a side trip out to **Allegheny Treenware** in Thornton to find wooden utensils made with local West Virginia hardwoods. Each item is shaped by hand, with wood burnings on the backs of the handles marking the year the piece was made and the shop's signature.

Peruse the extensive collection of the **Art Museum of WVU**, which includes folk art, paintings, sculpture, ceramics and works on paper. The museum also features touring art exhibits, along with artist demos, workshops and lectures.

Head to **West Fork Pottery** in Fairmont, where small batches of pottery are made in an on-site studio. Sharing space with the **Joe N' Throw Co-Op** (which offers pottery classes), West Fork Pottery sells beautiful mugs, bowls and plates.

## > MUSIC & PERFORMANCE VENUES

For scenic value, nothing beats **Hazel Ruby McQuain Amphitheater** at Riverfront Park, an outdoor summer venue that presents concerts overlooking the Monongahela River. A particular favorite is the Movies on the Mon series. And just a 20-minute drive over to Fairmont, **Palatine Park Amphitheater** also presents summertime concerts and shows on the Mon.

The **WVU Creative Arts Center** hosts everything from headliner singers to dance and theater companies, and WVU's **Met Theatre** showcases smaller-scale touring performances. Previous shows have run the gamut from "A Christmas Story, The Musical!" to Navy Sea Chanters, Banff Mountain Film Festival and WVU Chamber Winds.

Two galleries at the **Monongalia Arts Center** feature the works of international and emerging artists, while its Tanner Theatre provides a stage for local community productions, along with visiting performers.

One of the city's most legendary live music venues, **123 Pleasant Street** is located within an 1890s row house that still features its original tin ceilings. Performers of all genres take the stage, from punk to Motown to poetry slams.

There's always something happening at **Mainstage Morgantown**. Catch touring regional and national bands and fun events like a Guitar Hero tournament and Comedy for a Cause.

## > TOP PICKS FOR DELISH DINING

**Iron Horse Tavern** is a cozy gastropub offering New American cuisine (we highly recommend the Drunken Mussels), West Virginia craft beers and specialty cocktails.

Located at the historic Clarion Hotel Morgan, **The Montmartre** is an elegant restaurant with a rooftop terrace that serves globally inspired dishes like Jamaican jerk chicken.

Choose from more than 300 selections of wine from around the world at **The Wine Bar at Vintner Valley**. Pair your glass with an Italian-inspired small plate, like the capicola-and-ricotta pizza.

Housed in a historic downtown building, **Tin 202** is known for its seasonal dishes made with locally sourced ingredients (think salmon with spaghetti squash and spinach in a pomodoro sauce) and creative cocktails spiked with small-batch spirits.

**Oliverio's on the Wharf** features authentic Italian cuisine (like Veal Marsala) and a sweeping view of the Monongahela River from its outdoor deck.

**Forks of Cheat Winery** produces a variety of award-winning wines at its vineyard overlooking the Cheat River. Visit the tasting room and sample a favorite like the Bad Cat Catawba, a fruity medium-sweet blush wine.



Joe N' Throw Co-Op



Fairmont Splash Park

# ONE OF EACH, PLEASE!

We've rounded up some of the region's best vacation activities, from kids' attractions to outdoor adventures and heritage sites, so you can pick and choose your interests and build the perfect Mountaineer Country itinerary.

## > FOR THE FAMILY

**Hovatter's Wildlife Zoo** in Kingwood is home to more than 300 exotic animal residents, including tigers, giraffes and lions. Look for opportunities to feed some of the resident critters!

Let the kids bounce off some energy at **Launch Pad Trampoline Park** in Westover, where the fun includes a rock climbing wall and launch hoops.

## > ROCKIN' & ROLLIN' IN THE OUTDOORS

Whiz high above the University Research Forest treetops during the **WVU Zipline Canopy Tour** in Morgantown, with ziplines and an aerial bridge. Hopefully you can release your grip long enough to admire the scenery whipping by.

**Cheat River Outfitters** in Albright takes thrill seekers on guided whitewater rafting runs on the Cheat River for beginner and experienced paddlers. The guides are known for being helpful and patient with passengers of all skill levels.

To see diverse landscapes, try the **Mon River-Caperton-Deckers Creek Trail**. Made up of three biking trails that connect to form one 48-mile-long rail trail, it travels from the city streets of Morgantown to the Monongahela River valley.

Just outside of Morgantown, **Coopers Rock State Forest** offers easy access to some of the most challenging bouldering in the state, with a rock labyrinth that's fun for kids to explore. The park also offers amazing views of the Cheat River Canyon for hikers.



## > PICTURE YOURSELF IN THE PAST

**Prickett's Fort State Park** near Fairmont commemorates life on the West Virginia frontier with interpreters dressed in period clothing and features a reconstruction of the original Prickett's Fort, where you can watch a real blacksmith at work.

Go back in time to the 1930s at **Arthurdale**, championed by First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt as a community to help West Virginia residents during the Great Depression, and visit the **New Deal Homestead Museum** to see how the homesteaders lived.

Located in Clarksburg, the historic **Waldomore** is a grand two-story, Neo-Classical brick mansion built in 1839 for the politically connected Goff family, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. They occasionally open for tours; if that doesn't coincide with your visit, the mansion's exterior makes for amazing pics.

Located in a repurposed historic barn on the Fairmont State campus, the **Frank and Jane Gabor West Virginia Folklife Center** preserves and presents the region's rich cultural heritage through exhibitions and fun events such as old-fashioned folk dances/cakewalks.

Take a guided tour of the stately brick **Adalund Mansion** and its historic barn on farmland settled by the Modisett

family in 1807, located in Philippi and close to several Civil War sites.

## > FEELING FESTIVE

On the banks of the Cheat River in Albright, the **Cheat River Festival** features live music from Appalachian bands, an art market and local foods.

Held every July, the **MountainFest Motorcycle Rally** attracts riders from around the world to cruise in the Parade of Bikes, listen to live music and chow down on local foods in Morgantown.

The family-friendly **Preston County Buckwheat Festival**, held in late September in Kingwood, celebrates with a carnival, arts and crafts, livestock and car shows, live music and plenty of buckwheat pancakes smothered in butter and maple syrup (or applesauce!).

Bring your taste for vino and vignettes to the **West Virginia Wine & Jazz Festival** in Morgantown. Held in September, this annual fest features local wines, live jazz and artisans selling their wares.

In October, watch as the sky over Morgantown fills with more than a dozen colorful hot-air balloons for the weekend-long **Balloons Over Morgantown**.



Balloons Over Morgantown



Prickett's Fort State Park

## OTHER MUST-VISITS, STAYS & EATS

Lakeview Golf Resort & Spa, Morgantown Marriott at Waterfront Place • Valley Falls State Park, Arts & Antiques Marketplace, Marion County Historical Society & Museum, Muriale's Italian Kitchen and Sagebrush Round-Up in Fairmont • Historic Jackson Cemetery in Clarksburg • Rhododendron House B&B in Mannington • Tygart Lake State Park in Grafton • Oliverio's Ristorante and Mia Margherita in Bridgeport



Cooper's Rock overlook

# 4 WAYS TO EXPERIENCE GREATER MORGANTOWN

Greater Morgantown — home to West Virginia University — bustles with the energizing college town ambiance, celebrated sports offerings, numerous events, as well as an impressive roster of tasty restaurants. Surrounded by the stunning natural beauty of northern West Virginia, the area is also a haven for outdoor adventurers. There are several ways to eat, play, shop and stay while you're visiting, but here are just four ways to fall in love with Greater Morgantown.

## EAT

1

Voted "Tastiest Town" by the Charleston Gazette-Mail, Greater Morgantown abounds with delicious dining options, including upscale eateries, neighborhood bistros and spirited pubs. Devour mouthwatering burritos from locals' fave Black Bear, savor the chicken and waffles on Sargasso's brunch menu, delight in the zesty wings at Mario's Fishbowl Bar & Grill, and try unforgettable buckwheat cakes at eateries all over Preston County. Find more options at [tourmorgantown.com/eat](http://tourmorgantown.com/eat)



Bourbon Pine Burger



## EXPLORE

2

There's an array of activities for visitors with all kinds of interests in Greater Morgantown, from lovers of culture or the outdoors. Hike, bike or cross-country ski along miles of wooded and paved trails, like the popular Monongahela River Trail; encounter an ancient hemlock forest at Cathedral State Park; or paddle the rapids on a whitewater-rafting excursion. Coopers Rock State Park is a huge "exploring" highlight for us as well as the Zipline Canopy Tours at the WVU Adventure West Virginia Outdoor Education Center. View-seekers can stroll the lush landscapes of Core Arboretum, while history buffs can delve into the past at Morgantown History Museum, Greatest Generation World War II Museum and Cook-Hayman Pharmacy Museum. Learn more at [tourmorgantown.com/play](http://tourmorgantown.com/play)

league baseball's West Virginia Black Bears games at Monongalia County Ballpark. Morgantown Ice/Sports Arena also hosts basketball, volleyball and lacrosse games. Discover more at [tourmorgantown.com/sports](http://tourmorgantown.com/sports)



West Virginia University Football

## CELEBRATE

4

Greater Morgantown residents love any excuse to celebrate, a testament of their robust schedule of festivals and events. Sip creations from local brewers at the Cabin Fever Beer Festival in February, just one of several craft beer events held in the area throughout the year; rev your engine at the MountainFest Motorcycle Rally in July, a bash that attracts more than 40,000 motorcycle enthusiasts; or enjoy the Preston County Buckwheat Festival, Wine and Jazz Festival or the Morgantown Marathon — all of which take place in September. Browse more happenings all year long at [tourmorgantown.com/fairs-festivals](http://tourmorgantown.com/fairs-festivals)

## CHEER

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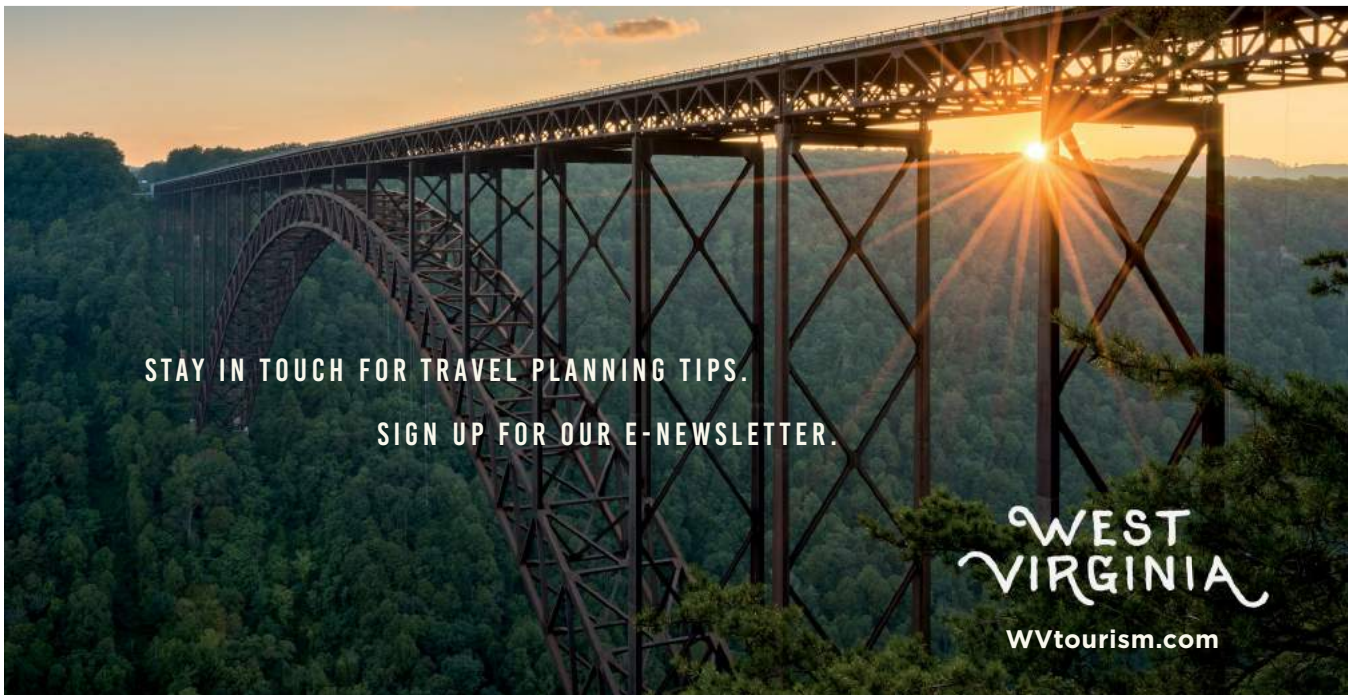
Greater Morgantown is Mountaineer Country — and you can revel in the excitement of a West Virginia Mountaineer football game at Milan Puskar Stadium and basketball games at the WVU Coliseum. Meanwhile, baseball fans can catch West Virginia University or minor



## LAKEVIEW GOLF RESORT & SPA

Whether seeking a family friendly hotel, an all-inclusive golf and conference resort or a scenic wedding celebration, Lakeview Golf Resort & Spa offers a tranquil atmosphere tucked into the rolling hills just outside Morgantown. Lakeview features 36 holes of championship golf, award-winning restaurants, 25,000 square feet of event space, and a fitness center and spa — making it a premier golf and conference destination.

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Clockwise from top: At Valley Falls State Park, create an unforgettable day trip; Joe N' Throw Coffee and Pottery, a cafe with a pottery studio, craft beer, and artisan fare; Prickett's Fort State Park, where history comes to life

## THE DIFFERENT VACATION

**B**roaden your horizons on a trip to the middle of everywhere. Marion County's eccentric attractions appeal to imaginations of all ages. Start with a tour of Prickett's Fort, a recreated 18th-century bastion with costumed guides and historic trades. Then, discover the joys of disc golf, 9-pound ice cream sundaes, craft spirits and weekly country music shows. You're not far from wild, wonderful scenery, either. Wander miles of historic rail trails or relax by the lively Tygart River. Indoors or out, historic Marion County has culture that you can encounter, taste and explore.

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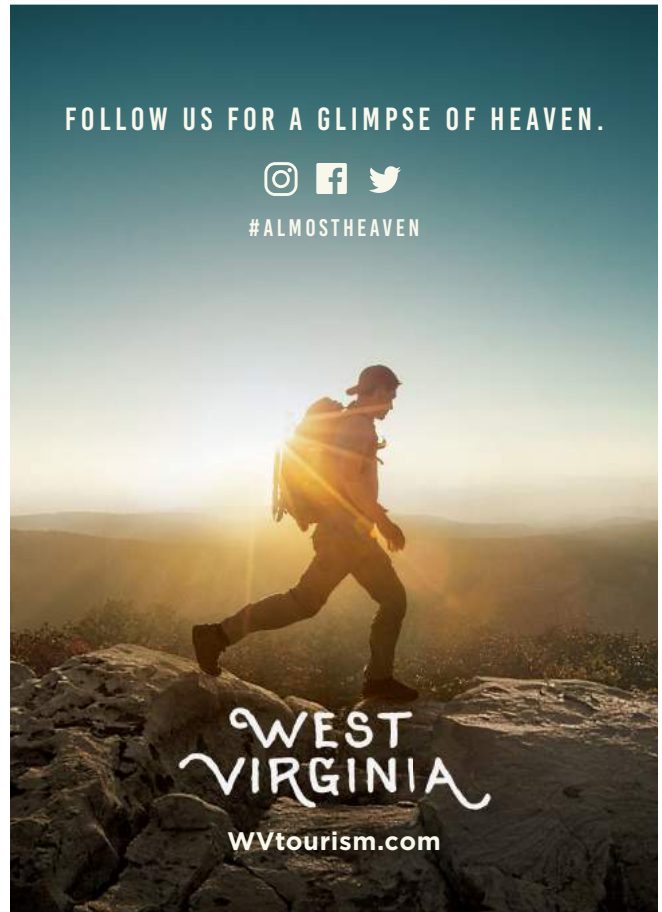
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# MOUNTAIN LAKES

## LAKE LIVIN'

There's nothing more delightful than a sun-soaked day on the lake, and West Virginia has some of the country's best watering holes—mountain oases enhanced by dreamy landscapes, welcoming small towns and plenty to see and do both on and off the water.





## Day 1

Start your morning by renting a kayak or canoe from **Stonewall Outfitters at Stonewall Resort** to explore 2,600-acre Stonewall Jackson Lake's inlets and backwater areas. You can also rent paddleboards, paddleboats, pontoon and fishing boats, CraigCats (compact powerboats) and aqua cycles (pontoon paddleboats) to survey the tranquil waters.

Before driving to **Stonecoal Lake Wildlife Management Area** for some birding and wildlife watching, stop for lunch at **Thyme Bistro** in Weston, known for serving up dishes created with as many locally sourced ingredients as possible. Flanked by verdant hardwood forests, sprawling pastures and rolling hills, beautiful Stonecoal Lake is a prime place to spy on deer, bears, turkeys, blackbirds, killdeer, bluebirds, meadowlarks and other creatures.

Spend the night at **A Governor's Inn** in Buckhannon, a bed and breakfast housed in a stately abode built in the late 19th century by West Virginia senator and governor, Daniel D.T. Farnsworth. Book The Abbey, the inn's largest room, which is furnished with antiques and cozy modern touches like a king-size bed and Jacuzzi tub.

## Day 2

Fuel up with a multi-course breakfast at A Governor's Inn before making your way to **Burnsville Lake Wildlife Management Area** in Napier to spend the rest of the morning on the shore. One of the largest lakes in central West Virginia, 968-acre Burnsville Lake teems with a bounty of potential catches, including smallmouth and largemouth

bass, trout, walleye and catfish. Drop a line in the lake, and keep your eyes peeled for deer, grouse and turkeys.

Your next stop is **Sutton Lake Marina at Sutton Lake** to rent a roomy houseboat. Equipped with full kitchens, four queen beds, bathrooms, gas grills, upper decks with canopies and waterslides, the houseboats have all the amenities for the perfect floating vacay. Spend the rest of the day sunbathing and swimming in the lake's sapphire-blue waters.

## Day 3

Pick up ingredients for brunch on your houseboat at **Amish Farms Bulk Food and Cheese Store** in Flatwoods, or try one of their delicious pastries or deli sandwiches (the apple fritters are a crowd favorite). Then, hop in your car for a trip to **Summersville Lake**, where you can snap photos of beautiful sandstone cliffs.

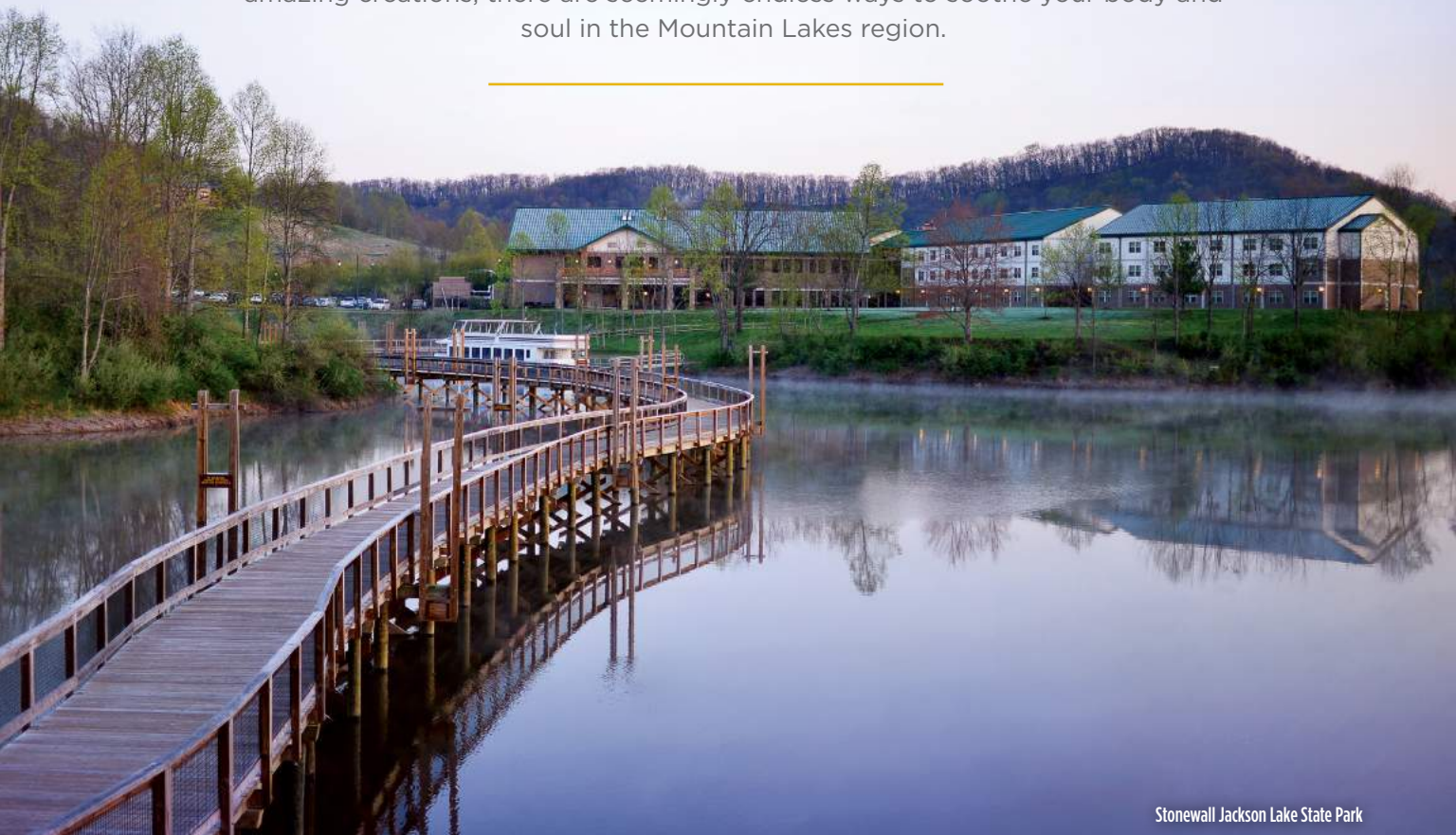
Don't pass up a tour of the **Summersville Lake Lighthouse** (open daily April through October and by reservation November through March), and climb 122 steps to the 360-degree deck with show-stopping vistas of the lake and Gauley River National Recreation Area. You can also plan your trip around the Summersville Lake Lighthouse Festival and Car Show in August to admire dozens of hot rods and vintage automobiles, dance to live Appalachian music and peruse booths showcasing works by local artisans.

On the way back to your home away from home on Sutton Lake, detour off Highway 19 to **Powell Mountain**, about 12 miles north of Summersville. Look up above at the cliffs to see if you can spot **Powell's Mountain Goat**, a solitary, free-range goat who has famously called the rocky area home for more than 17 years.



## PLAYING & PAMPERING

Whether your idea of relaxation involves wine tasting at a local vineyard, indulging in a luxe spa treatment or watching master glass blowers produce amazing creations, there are seemingly endless ways to soothe your body and soul in the Mountain Lakes region.



Stonewall Jackson Lake State Park

### Day 1

A location on the shores of Stonewall Jackson Lake, a pampering spa and an Arnold Palmer Signature Golf Course are just a few things that make **Stonewall Resort** the ultimate restful retreat. Book a room at the plush Adirondack-style lodge or opt for a lakeside cottage. Once you arrive, make an appointment at the spa for a body treatment, facial or massage, and reserve a tee time if you'd like to play 18 holes at the resort's celebrated Palmer Course.

Then, rent a pontoon boat from **The Marina at Stonewall** for a cruise on the lake to appreciate spectacular vistas of the surrounding rolling hills, which are even lovelier when framed by West Virginia's blue skies and the lake's glittering waters. There are three options for dinner at Stonewall Resort. We recommend snagging a table at **Stillwaters** for comforts like short-rib Wellington and fried-green tomatoes with pimento-cheese aioli.

### Day 2

Before delving into the art of glassblowing in Buckhannon, stop at the Donut Shop for some hot coffee and a freshly baked treat (their pepperoni rolls are also a local treasure). At **Ron Hinkle Glass**, admire the intricate work of Ron Hinkle, a Buckhannon native and accomplished master glass artist. Ron typically offers demonstrations Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Head to Weston to browse exhibits at **West Virginia Museum of American Glass**, an institution dedicated to the rich glass heritage of West Virginia and the United States. Stroll rows of displays filled with rare artifacts to learn about the industry's people, factories and products. Afterward, head to **Appalachian Glass** to pick up some vibrant pieces to brighten up your home and watch local glassblowers do their best work.



Lambert's Winery



Stonewall Jackson Lake State Park



Appalachian Glass Company

## MOUNTAIN LAKES

Plan to attend a farm dinner at **Fish Hawk Acres** in Rock Cave, which includes a seasonal gourmet meal, live music and a tour of the farm about 14 miles from Buckhannon (check the schedule at fishhawkacreswv.com). Or grab a fresh meal from their market and cafe in downtown Buckhannon, which stocks products from local family farms.

### Day 3

Spend the morning indulging in some retail therapy at **Flatwoods Factory Outlet Stores** in Sutton. Stores at the outlets featuring made-in-West Virginia products include Everything Fiesta's collection of beloved, colorful dinnerware and kitchen accessories, and Lost Road Candles.

Reserve the rest of the afternoon for tasting some of the state's finest wines. Your first stop is **Lambert's Vintage Winery** in Weston, where the views are almost as amazing as the vino. Situated on a hillside, the winery's rustic tasting

room is built from hand-cut stones gathered from all over the state. Tours and tastings are available daily.

**Kirkwood Winery**, nestled in a valley about 3 miles north of Summersville, is your next destination. Rodney Facemire and his family have used an old oak press to produce more than 4,000 gallons of wine annually with grapes and fruit grown on site for nearly two decades. You can also sip local rye whiskey, moonshine and grappa at **Isaiah Morgan Distillery**, conveniently located on Kirkwood's grounds.

Treat yourself to dinner and a movie in downtown Buckhannon at the **3/4 Café** and **Lascaux Micro-Theater**, both hidden in the historic 1908 Stockert Building, just off the town's Main Street. The European-inspired small plates at 3/4 Café are a tasty prelude to a flick at the ultra-intimate Lascaux Micro-Theater. Walk down the street to top off the evening with cake in a jar at **C.J. Maggie's American Grill**.

## OTHER MUST-VISITS, STAYS & EATS

The Custard Stand Chili in Webster Springs and Elk River Water Trail • Little Kanawha River Trail • Jackson's Mill 4-H Camp Historic District in Weston • West Virginia Wildlife Center in French Creek • Holly River State Park in Hacker Valley • Carnifex Ferry Battlefield State Park and Mountain Lake Campground and Cabins in Summersville • The McNemar House, The Shops at 46 Main, Artistry on Main, Pringle Tree Park in Buckhannon • The Spot Dairy Bar in Flatwoods • Addison Visitors Center and Gallery in Webster Springs



Clockwise from top: Pirates Cove; Muddlety Trail; Civil War History



## ENJOY A DAY IN EVERY DIRECTION

Summersville has endless opportunities for fun days of relaxation, adventure and history. Enjoy beautiful Summersville Lake: swimming, boating, fishing, scuba diving—even rock climbing. Explore many hiking and biking trails, discover Civil War history at Carnifex Ferry Battlefield State Park or climb the Summersville Lake Retreat Lighthouse. Golf in the morning or try a game of miniature golf at Mountain Lake Campground. Head over to Kirkwood Winery for the afternoon. The area offers hotels, cabins, camping, shopping and restaurants for any budget. Don't forget to look for the Powell's Mountain Goat



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Clockwise from top:  
The heart of downtown,  
Jawbone Park hosts events  
year-round; Watch hand-  
blown glass be created at  
Ron Hinkle Glass; Hike or  
bike trails on the outskirts  
of Buckhannon

# SMALL TOWN GETAWAY, BIG TIME CHARM

Visit downtown Buckhannon for local restaurants, specialty shops, boutiques and some wild and wonderful West Virginia hospitality. Be sure to stop by Ron Hinkle Glass to watch artists create custom hand-blown glass from start to finish.

A quick drive south, you'll shift to the great outdoors and find the West Virginia Wildlife Center, trails to hike and bike, pristine rivers for fishing and peaceful scenic views to create a laid-back trip to West Virginia.

Within 30 minutes, you'll find a resort and spa, excursion train rides and endless opportunities to create an adventure and lasting memories.



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# LOCAL LEGENDS!

Uncover the legend of the Flatwoods Monster, walk in the foot steps of the eye witnesses and visit Monster-themed attractions including: the Flatwoods Monster Chairs, The Spot Dairy Bar and the Monster Museum. Braxton is also the home of Cafe Cimino Country Inn, named one of "The Best Inns of the South," by Southern Living magazine!

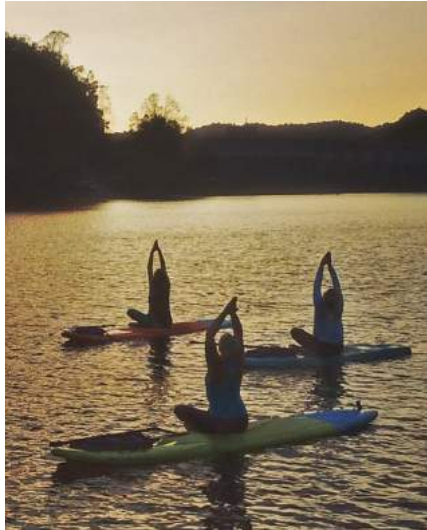
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### TREAT YOURSELF!

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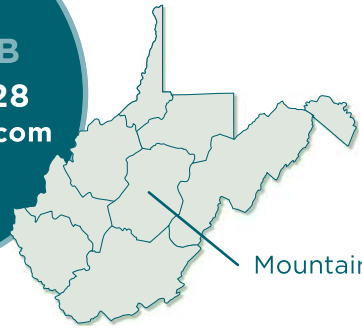
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Mountain Lakes

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Mountain Lakes

# TOUR A LIVING MONUMENT

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