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The Carter Fold, located in the scenic hills of southwestern Virginia, is a hidden gem that captures the soul of Appalachian music. Celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2024, this intimate venue celebrates the legacy of the Carter Family, known as “The First Family of Country Music”, whose impact on American music still echoes throughout the southwest Virginia hills and the world. Nestled in Hiltons, Virginia, this vibrant venue comes alive every Saturday night with fiddle and banjo tunes inviting experienced and beginner dancers alike to fill the floor. But there’s more to the Carter Fold than just music. It’s a place where history lives on, where stories are shared, and where traditions are preserved. The Carter Fold is a must-visit destination for all music enthusiasts traveling along Virginia’s Crooked Road.

JOEY WHARTON





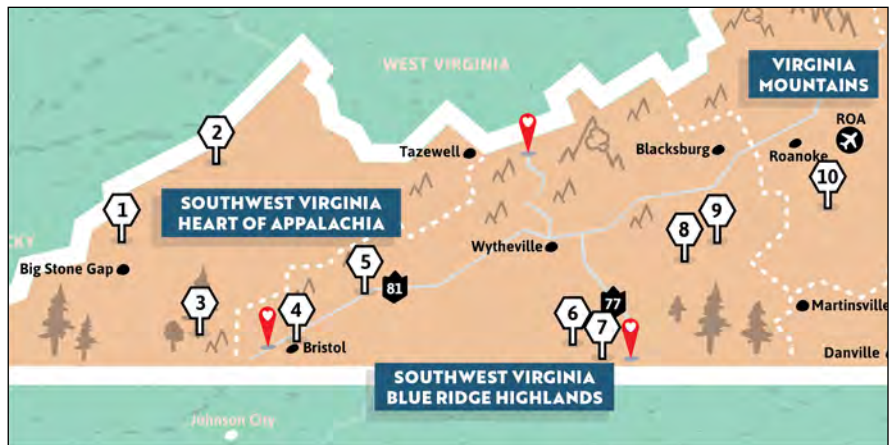
FLOYD COUNTRY STORE
Floyd



THE BIRTHPLACE OF
COUNTRY MUSIC MUSEUM
Bristol



THE RALPH STANLEY MUSEUM
Clintwood



THE CROOKED ROAD

The Crooked Road, Virginia's Music Heritage Trail, winds for some 300 miles through the southwest corner of the state, from the Blue Ridge into deeper Appalachia, and is home to lush green landscapes, rolling mountains, and winding roads that lead you to the heart and soul of Appalachian music. The communities and people along The Crooked Road are steadfast caretakers of their traditions. As you explore the trail, you'll encounter cozy music venues like The Floyd Country Store, Country Cabin, and Carter Family Fold, where the art of music takes center stage most days throughout the year. You'll discover museums celebrating the region's rich musical history, like the Blue Ridge Institute, Birthplace of Country Music Museum, Blue Ridge Music Center, and the Ralph Stanley Museum. A journey along Virginia's Crooked Road connects you to a simpler lifestyle where music, dancing, and gathering with old

1. The Country Cabin
2. The Ralph Stanley Museum
3. The Carter Family Fold
4. The Birthplace of Country Music Museum
5. SWVA Cultural Center & Marketplace
6. Rex Theater/Galax Old Fiddler's Convention
7. Blue Ridge Music Center
8. County Sales
9. Floyd Country Store
10. Blue Ridge Institute & Farm Museum

and new friends alike is at the heart of every mountain town. As the Crooked Road celebrates its 20th anniversary, come visit these vibrant communities, dance to a tune, share a story, relish a home cooked meal and enjoy the beauty of the mountains... you'll understand why early music makers found their inspiration from these hills and why Southwest Virginia's communities are deeply connected to these living traditions.



Learn more about
Virginia's Crooked
Road at Virginia.org/CrookedRoad.

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DISCOVER VIRGINIA'S EARLY AMERICAN CAPITAL

Explore the diverse community of 18th-century Williamsburg and meet the people of the founding generation who helped forge a new nation. Walk the halls of iconic historic sites where the idea of revolution began. See modern-day craftspeople practicing period trades in their shops. Learn how we continue to uncover the past to better inform our future.

ART MUSEUMS

Experience amazing stories, beautifully told, at the Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg, recently expanded with more of our collection on display than ever before. Stroll our extensive American folk art and British decorative art galleries, take a guided tour, or enjoy a live performance at the Hennage Auditorium.



HISTORIC TAVERN DINING

Enjoy the 18th-century ambiance of a candlelit meal at one of our authentic historic taverns and experience modern takes on traditional 18th-century recipes.

MERCHANTS SQUARE

Browse over 40 unique shops and restaurants featuring both locally-owned boutiques and well-known brands. There's plenty to see and do at America's first planned shopping district, located just steps away from our Historic Area and William & Mary.



A WORLD-CLASS RESORT EXPERIENCE

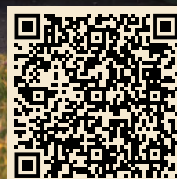
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JUNE 2024



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