

EXPERIENCES THAT DEFINE THE REGION

The Trails

With a name like Blue Ridge Highlands, you know there will be mountains and hills to explore (aka: trails galore!). And, every trail reaps a reward - blissful Blue Ridge Mountain vistas. So, don't forget your hiking shoes or sneakers.

The Music

Home to the Birthplace of Country Music, this region is undoubtedly a music mecca. Bristol Rhythm & Roots Reunion and FloydFest, some of Virginia's largest music festivals, happen here. Plus, it's easy to find local tunes and live performances anywhere you go.

Scenic Blue Ridge Parkway

It's hard to deny the enchanting blue aura of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The famed Blue Ridge Parkway winds right through this region, providing endlessly gorgeous mountain views without leaving your car - or motorcycle!

WHAT WE RECOMMEND **FOR FIRST-TIMERS**

Hike the Appalachian Trail

This region is home to a beautiful piece of the Appalachian Trail. What's fantastic is its accessibility - you can choose a beautiful mild hike for the day or go all in and camp for days. The choice is up to you.



Don't Miss Wythe County

A whole county to explore may sound like a challenge. But Wythe County does have it all. From historic museums to charming downtown Wytheville to an Alpaca farm, there are adventures for everyone to enjoy.

Birthplace of Country Music Museum

Bristol, Virginia is the place where country music began. So, why not explore its roots at its namesake museum with interactive exhibits of country music heritage? And, if you're a real fan, you can stay a night at The Sessions Hotel, the museum's music-inspired sister hotel.

LOCAL FAVORITES

Park Place Drive-In

There are very few drive-in movie theaters left, and one of them is in Marion. The Park Place Drive-In transports you back to the 1960s with an ice cream parlor to match. Do note it's open seasonally, Spring through Fall.

Lover's Leap Overlook

A sea view may be romantic, but a sea of mountains may just beat it. Named after a 17th-Century Romeo and Juliet-like tale, this overlook located in Stuart, Virginia has been a romantic spot for centuries with a majestic view of never-ending mountain bliss.

The Floyd Country Store

This country store is a charming Floyd staple. It's a place to find local knickknacks and bites. Even better, it's also a hub for Appalachian music and dance. How could you turn down lunch with live music?



Welcome Center at Bristol vo

Virginia Tourism Corporation Mile Marker 0. I-81 Northhound Bristol 24201 276-466-2932

Welcome Center at Rocky Gap vo

Virginia Tourism Corporation Mile Marker 61, I-77 Southbound Rocky Gap 24366 276-928-1873

Welcome Center at Lambsburg vo

Virginia Tourism Corporation Mile Marker 0, I-77 Northbound Lambsburg 24351 276-755-3931

Blue Ridge Parkway

Mileposts 162.9 to 192.5, Meadows of Dan: 828-298 0398: nps.gov/blri. "America's most scenic drive." Shopping, gas, food and scenic views.

The Crooked Road: Virginia's Heritage Music Trail

One Heartwood Cir. Abingdon; 276-492-2409; thecrookedroadva.com. Promotes the traditional music heritage of Southwest Virginia. **₹**

Virginia Creeper Trail

vacreepertrail.org. Multi-use rail-trail. Open year-round to hiking, biking and equestrian

ABINGDON

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VIRGINIA MAIN STREET COMMUNITY

Abingdon Visitor Center I-81, Exit 17, 208 West Main St., Abingdon; 276-676-2282; visitabingdonvirginia.com. Open seven days a week, public restrooms and free

Virginia Creeper Trail Welcome Center

300 Green Spring Rd., Abingdon; 276-676-2282; visitabingdonvirginia. com. Visitor information merchandise and maps, open Friday-Monday, 10am-4pm. 📽

THINGS TO DO

128 Pecan 128 Pecan St., Abingdon; 276-Local, quirky, fun little

698-3159; 128pecan.com. restaurant with simple good food and friendly professional

Abingdon Muster Grounds

1780 Muster Pl., Abingdon; 276-525-1050; abingdonmustergrounds.com. Revolutionary War historic site and Overmountain Victory Trail visitor center.

Abingdon Olive Oil Company 152 Fast Main St

Abingdon; 276-525-1524; Over 85 varieties of olive oil. Experience the taste of good

Barter Theatre

127 W. Main St., Abingdon; 276-628-3991: bartertheatre com. Experience the Historic State Theatre of

Bonefire Smokehouse

260 West Main St Abingdon; 276-623-0037; thebonefiresmokehouse.com Delicious smoked meat. unique southern high country side dishes and live music.

Historical Society of

Washington County 341 W. Main St., Abingdon; 276-623-8337; hswcv.org. Free genealogy & local history library and exhibits. 🖚 🕹

Holston Mountain Artisans 214 Park St., Abingdon; 276-628-7721; holstonmtnarts.com. One of the oldest traditional craft cooperatives in the nation.

Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail's Commemorative Motor Route 1780 Muster Pl., Abingdon; 276-525-1050; nps.gov/ovvi. Start of driving trail following

patriots' march to Kings

Mountain. Plumb Alley Day

Plumb Alley, Abingdon; abingdonkiwanis.org/ plumballeyday. Plumb Alley comes alive with a variety of arts, crafts, food, book sales, and much more!

'Round the Mountain: Southwest Virginia's Artisan Network

One Heartwood Cir., Abingdon; 276-492-2400; roundthemountain.org. Unique handmade artisan products from Southwest Virginia.

Sinking Spring Cemetery

Russell Rd., between Main & Valley Sts., Abingdon: 276-676-2282: visitabingdonvirginia. com. Graves dating to 1776 self-guided tours available.

Southwest Virginia Cultural Center & Marketplace

One Heartwood Cir., I-81 Exit 14, Abingdon; 276-492-2400 swyaculturalcenter.com Your gateway to Southwest Virginia raft, music and local culture

Sprout Consignment

123 Charwood Dr., Abingdon; 276-206-8941; sproutconsignment.com Handpicked kids items from vour favorite brands

Tumbling Creek Cider Co.

112 Court St., Abingdon; 276-477-9184: tumblingcreekcider com. Heritage inspired. handcrafted hard cider, live performance and great food

Virginia Creeper Trail Bike Shop 201 Pecan St. Abingdon: 276-676-2552;

vacreepertrailbikeshop.com Daily shuttle service, bicycle rentals and your expert source for creeper trail information.

Virginia Highland Festival 276-623-5266;

vahighlandsfestival com July 22-31, 2022.

White's Mill 12291 Whites Mill Rd..

Abingdon; 276-628-2960; whitesmill.org. 1797 waterpowered grist and flour mill.

William King Museum of Art 415 Academy Dr., Abingdon; 276-

628-5005; williamkingmuseum org. Three exhibition galleries featuring art of the region and the world.

BLAND COUNTY

Includes Bastian

THINGS TO DO

Wolf Creek Indian Village & Museum

6394 N Scenic Hwy., Bastian; 276-688-3438; indianvillage.org. Re-created prehistoric village, museum, gift shop, picnic area.

BRISTOL

Discover Bristol: Bristol Convention & Visitors Bureau

20 Volunteer Pkwv., Bristol: 423-989-4850; discoverbristol. org. Advancing the economic vitality of Bristol as a yearround destination

THINGS TO DO

Birthplace of Country Music Museum

101 Country Music Way, Bristol; 423-573-1927; hirthnlaceofcountrymusic org Celebrating Bristol's music history; a Smithsonian Institution affiliate.\$

Bristol Rhythm & Roots Reunior 423-573-1927

birthplaceofcountrymusic.org/ festival. September 8-10, 2023.

Bristol SignState St., Historic Downtown,

Bristol; 423-989-4850; discoverbristol.org. National Register of Historic Places landmark spanning downtown Bristol, TN/VA.

Bristol Speedway 151 Speedway Blvd Bristol: 866-415-4158: bristolmotorspeedway.com. Group tickets, travel packages and track tours available

The Cameo Theater

703 State St., Bristol; 276-296-1234; thecameotheater.com. Circa 1925, newly renovated. Come experience music in its purest form

Country Music Mural and Marker

810 State St. Bristol: 423-764-4171; bristoltn.org. 1927 "Bristol Sessions" noting Bristol as the Birthplace of Country Music A

Hard Rock Hotel & Casino

500 Gate City Hwy., Bristol, 276-696-3660 hardrockhotelcasinobristol com. Coming summer 2024. Featuring over 870 slots, 21 table games, 3 restaurants

South Holston Lake

Off Hwy. 421, South Holston Lake. Bristol: 423-878-6931: tya org Known for smallmouth bass fishing and many fishing tournaments every yéar.

CARROLL COUNTY

Includes Fancy Gap, Hillsville Woodlawr

Blue Ridge Plateau Regional Visitor Center

I-77 Exit 14, 239 Farmers Market Dr., Hillsville; 276-730-3100; visittheblueridge. com. Traveler and visitor information regarding Plateau Region. 💳📽

Town of Hillsville Visitors

Center 410 N. Main St., Hillsville; 276-728-2128; townofhillsville.com Small visitor center open 24/7 in downtown Hillsville

THINGS TO DO

Carroll County Historical Museum

515 N. Main St., Hillsville; 276-728-4938; visittheblueridge. com. History exhibits and information. Tuesday-Friday 10:30am-4pm; Saturday, 10am-

Crooked Creek Wildlife Management Area

Access Route 620 south from Route 58 at Woodlawn, Hillsville; 276-783-4860; pickplaystay.com. 1,600 acres, six miles of stocked trout streams, hiking, birding trails. ******

Devil's Den Nature Preserve

Cemetery Rd., Fancy Gap: 276-730-3100; pickplaystay. com. 280 acres, cave, forest, open meadow, trails and picnic facilities. 🖚 📽

Harmon's Museum 5122 Carrollton Pke.

Woodlawn: 276-236-4884 harmonstore.com. Home of Stoneman historical marker Artifacts. Open Monday-Saturday, 9am-6pm.

Historic Hale-Wilkinson-Carter

405 N Main St Hillsville: 276-728-2494; townofhillsville.com. 4.5-story home of industrialist George L. Carter refurbished in

Historic Sidna Allen Home

5935 Fancy Gap Hwy., Fancy Gap; 276-728-2594; visittheblueridge.com. Historic Queen Anne-style home, tours, listed in National Register.

Stewarts Creek Wildlife

Management Area State Rt. 795, Hillsville; 276-728-4938; itsourstyle. com. 1,087-acre preserve below crest of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

DAMASCUS

Town of Damascus

P.O. Drawer 576, Damascus; 276-475-3831; visitdamascus. org. Beautiful small town destination for those seeking outdoor recreation! 🖚 📽

Virginia Creeper Trail Welcome

The Red Caboose. Damascus Town Park, Damascus; vacreepertrail.org. Virginia is for Lovers merchandise, visitor information for the entire trail outdoor rec attractions and history.

Damascus Trail Center

209 West Laurel Ave appalachiantrail.org. Regional hub for outdoor recreation in Southwest Virginia, provides information and programs for visitors and volunteers

THINGS TO DO

Adventure Damascus Bicycles

128 West Laurel Ave.. Damascus; 276-475-6262. adventuredamascus.com Virginia Creeper Trail bike rentals and shuttles. Open seven days a week year-round. Located where all the trails cross, 8:30am-6pm, daily, Fxit 19 & 29 off I-81 Visit downtown Damascus, More info at: DoltInDamascus.com.

Damascus Outfitter

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128 West Laurel Dr., U.S. Rt. 58, Damascus; 276-475-6252; damascusoutfitter.com Your one-stop source for gear and trail information for all trails in the Damascus area. Appalachian Trail resupply and gear purveyor. 9am-6pm, daily, year-round.

FLOYD COUNTY

Includes Willis

Floyd Chamber of Commerce 108 West Main St., Floyd; 540-745-4407; floydchamber. org. Providing information and support to the Floyd area

Floyd County Visitor Center & Tourism Office

business community.

108 West Main St., Floyd; 540-745-4407; visitfloydva. com. Providing information to visitors, vacationers and Floyd residents.

THINGS TO DO

Bell Gallery and Garden

112 N. Locust St Floyd; 540-745-4494; bellgalleryandgarden.com Features the work of 100+ local and regional artists/ craftspeople

Buffalo Mountain Natural Area Preserve

Moles Rd. SW, Willis; 276-676-5673; dcr.virginia.gov/dnh/ buffalo.htm. At nearly 4,000 feet this rounded summit features beautiful hiking 🕊

Floyd Artisan Trail

540-745-2784; floydartisantrail org. Annual June Tour featuring local art, craft and agricultural products.

The Floyd Center for the Arts 220 Parkway In S Floyd: 540

745-2784; jacksonvillecenter. org. Art galleries, gift shop, artist studios, art & craft workshops.

Floyd County Historical Society

217 North Locust St. Floyd: 540-745-3247 floydhistoricalsociety.org. Préserving and sharing a unique history in SW Virginia.

540-745-6550; junebugcenter org. A community space for

June Bug Center

251 Parkway Ln., Floyd;

theatre and life-enhancing events.\$ 💳 📽 Mabry Mill Blue Ridge Parkway, M.P. 176.1, Meadows of Dan; 540-952-2947; brptrails.com/brp1762.

Rock Castle Gorge National

Recreation Trail Milepost 167, Blue Ridge Parkway, Floyd; 540-593-3503; blueridgeparkway.org/vatrails. htm. Moderate 10.8-mile loop trail through diverse terrain.

htm. One of the Blue Ridge

Parkway's most visited sites

Rocky Knob Visitor Center

Milepost 169, Blue Ridge Parkway, Floyd; 276-952-2947; nps.gov/blri/rockknob. htm. Blue Ridge Parkway information, picnic area and Blackridge trailhead parking.

The Sun Music Hall

302 S. Locust St., Floyd; 540-745-6836: sunmusichall.com Diverse national and regiona music! Concerts, dances and workshops.

GALAX

Includes Max Meadows

Galax Visitors Center

110 E. Grayson St., Galax; 276-238-8130: visitgalax.com Capital of old-time music. antiques, artisans, quaint shops, outdoor recreation

144 VIRGINIA IS FOR LOVERS VIRGINIA.ORG 145 6402 Whitetop Rd.

Elk Creek Dragway

711 Victory Ln., Ell

Society 107 East Main St.,

Creek; 276-655-4551;

Troutdale; 276-293-1232:

the Blue Ridge Mountains

elkcreekdragway.com. Drag

racing every Saturday night

Grayson County Historical

Independence; 276-773-3320.

Dedicated to uncovering and

preserving the rich history of Grayson County.

Grayson County Virginia

Independence, Promotes

preserves and educates the

. cultural heritages of Grayson

Grayson Crossroads Museum

ndependence; 276-773-3711:

historic1908courthouse.org.
Old photos of the county, old

maps and cultural antiques.

Heritage Foundation

578 Fast Main St

107 E. Main St.,

blueridgediscoverycenter.org.

sharing the natural history of

Dedicated to exploring and

THINGS TO DO

Chestnut Creek School of the Arts and Museum

100 N. Main St., Galax; 276-236-3500; chestnutcreekarts. org. Preserves cultural heritage through classes in traditional crafts and music.

Jeff Matthews Memorial

Museum 606 W. Stuart Dr., Galax; 276-236-7874; Displays Indian artifacts, Civil War memorabilia and more

Judge Matthews State Forest 106 Matthews Ln., Galax; 276-236-2322; dof.virginia

gov. Hiking, biking, natural resource education programs, wildlife watching.

New River Trail State Park vg 116 Orphanage Dr., Max Meadows; 276-699-6778; virginiastateparks.gov/new river-trail.

Old Cranks Motorcar Museum 407 Railroad Ave Galax:

276-236-5114; oldcranks. com. Collection of vintage automobiles and farm equipment. Open weekends.

The Rex Theater

113 East Grayson St., Galax; 276-236-5309: rextheatergalax. com. Venue for music, theater and weekly live bluegrass radio broadcasts. \$ -----

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GILES COUNTY

Includes Pearisburg, Pembroke, Narrows, Ripplemead

Giles County 203 N Main St. Pearisburg; 540-921-2079: virginiasmtnplayground.com. For Giles County tourism

THINGS TO DO

Cascades Falls

Route 460 to Pembroke, right onto Rt. 623 for four miles. Pembroke: 540-552-4641: virginiasmtnplayground. com/cascades. Enjoy a four-mile round-trip hike to a majestic 69-foot vertical waterfall.\$

Dismal Falls

Take Exit 98 from I-81 going north on VA-100 then Rt. 42 toward Bland, Pearisburg; 540-552-4641; virginiasmtnplayground.com/ dismal-falls 15-foot Dismal Falls is peaceful, pretty and easily accessed. 📽

Giles County Historical Society Museum and 1829 Andrew Johnston House

208 North Main St., Pearisburg; 540-921-1050: facebook.com/ gilescountyhistoricalsociety. Historic house, museum and Civil War site.

Glen Alton

From Rt. 460, two miles west of Pembroke to Rt. 635 for 13 miles, Ripplemead; 540-552-4641; virginiasmtnplayground. com/outdoors. Restored early 20th century farm.

Historic Newport Covered

Rt. 601, Pearisburg; 540-921-2079; virginiasmtnplayground. com/history. Historic covered bridge with public access & picnic area. 📽

Mill Creek Nature Park

Northview St., Narrows: 540-726-2423; virginiasmtnplayground.com/ parks-and-recreation. Offers waterfalls, hiking trails, biking trails & easy parking. 🖚 📽

New River Water Trail

New River, Pearisburg: 540-921-2079; newriverwatertrail com. Water activities for all experience levels. Fishing, paddle sports, nature

Pearis Cemetery

Old Rt. 100, Pearisburg; 540-921-2079. Trailhead to A.T. & historic cemetery.

Tangent Outfitters

201 Cascade Dr., Pembroke; 540-626-4567: newrivertrail com. Canoeing, kayaking. rafting and guided fishing. Outfitters store and cafe.

Whitt-Riverbend Park

Pearisburg; 540-921-0340; pearisburg.org. On the banks of the New River, walking trails, public. 🖚 📽

GRAYSON COUNTY

Includes Elk Creek, Fries, Independence, Mouth of Wilson, Troutdale, White Top

Fries Visitor Center

Main St., Fries; 276-233-1104; friesva.com. Visitor center, local arts and crafts, regional

Grayson County Tourism Office

107 E. Main St. Independence; 276-773-8002; graysoncountyva.com. Information on lodging, camping, outdoor recreation, attractions, events, dining and shopping.

Grayson County Welcome

107 E. Main St., Independence; 276-773-8002: graysoncountyva.com, Visitor Center, Museum, auditorium rental, gift shop and weekly

Town of Fries

276-235-9294; friesva.com. Four seasons of family fun on the New River.

THINGS TO DO

Appalachian Trail - Elk Garden Trailhead/Whitetop Trailhead State Route 600, Whitetop. Access the Appalachian Trail at several locations in Gravsor County.

Blue Ridge Discovery Center MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Includes Blacksburg, Christiansburg,

Blacksburg-Christiansburg-**Montgomery County Regional** Tourism vo

Mailing address: 755 Roanoke ., Suite 2E, Christiansburg; 540-394-4770; gotomontva. com. Go To Town in Montgomery County with two of Virginia's largest towns - Blacksburg and Christiansburg. In the heart of the New River Valley among the Blue Ridge Mountains of Southwest Virginia. Home to the Huckleberry Trail and Virginia Tech. Easy access to the Appalachian Trail. Blue Ridge Parkway, Brush Mountain Biking and the TransAmerica Bicycle Trail (U.S. Route 76). 🖚 🛦

Downtown Blacksburg, Inc.

318 N. Main St., Blackburg; 540-951-0454; downtownblacksburg.com. Featuring unique cuisine, boutique shopping, art galleries, a farmers market and a historical movie theatre Annual festivals include Summer Solstice fest, Art at the Market and Steppin' Out. **₹**

THINGS TO DO

829 Grayson Highland Ln., Mouth of Wilson; 276-579-7092; virginiastateparks.gov/grayson-highlands.

Grayson Highlands State Park

Historic 1908 Courthouse and **Grayson County Visitor Center** 107 F Main St

Independence; 276-773-8002; graysoncountyva.com. History museum and tourism information. Free live music Wednesday nights 6:30 pm. rain or shine

Historic Fries Theater

Main St., Fries; 276-744-2531. Weekly jam every Thursday at 6:30pm, a Crooked Road

Matthews Living History Farm Museum

476 White Pine Rd. Galax: 276-773-3080: matthewsfarmmuseum.org. Preserving cultural heritage of upper New River Valley since

Matthews State Forest **Mountain Bike Trails**

655 White Pine Rd., Galax; mtbproject.com/trail/7016941/ matthews-state-forest-mtbtrail. 8.2 miles of single-track adventure.

Alexander Black House & Cultural Center

204 Draper Rd. SW Blacksburg; 540-443-1600; blacksburgmuseum.org. Historic home of Alexander

Cambria Historic District

500 Depot St., Christiansburg Historic railroad depot. antique and specialty shops

Coal Mining Heritage Park

Mile 4 of The Huckleberry Trail, Christiansburg; 540-382-6975; montva.com/ parks-and-rec/parks-facilities/ coal-mining-heritage-park. The former Merrimac Mine is a passive park and trail. 📽

Fotheringay House

Route 11/460. Elliston: 202-354-2211; waymarking.com/ waymarks/wm1k4q_fotheringay_ elliston_virginia. Legend of American Revolution Colonel said to be buried standing

The Huckleberry Trail

755 Roanoke St., Christiansburg; 540-382-6975: huckleberrytrail org. Maintained rail to trail winds between Blacksburg and Christiansburg.

Kentland Farm

5250 Whitethorne Rd. Blacksburg; 540-731-9353; vaes.vt.edu/college-farm. College farm includes a manor house, meat house and dairy.

LOVEworks Sculpture in Christiansburg 595 North Franklin St.,

Christiansburg; 540-394-2120; virginia.org/listings/thearts/ loveworkinchristiansburg. A water-themed sculpture representing connection to the



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Holiday Inn Express 130 Cook St./276-477-1200

Martha Washington Inn & Spa 150 W. Main St./276-628-3161

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Barter Theatre 127 W. Main St./276-628-3991

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Virginia Creeper Trail Bike Shop 201 Pecan St./276-676-2552

Virginia Highlands Festival vahighlandsfestival.com

FOOD & DRINK

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contact The Crooked Road at

info@thecrookedroad.org

or call 276,492,2409

The Lyric Theatre

135 College Ave., Blacksburg; 540-951-0604: thelyric.com. This historic theatre offers films, live music and more!

Montgomery Museum of Art and History

4 East Main St. Christiansburg; 540-382-5644; montgomerymuseum.org. Artifacts from the New River Valley and local art exhibits.

Moss Arts Center 190 Alumni Mall

Blacksburg; 540-231-5300; artscenter.vt.edu. Serves southwest Virginia with performing and visual arts experiences.\$ == 6.7

Nature Conservancy's Falls Ridge Preserve

Falls Ridge Rd., Elliston; 434-295-6106; hikingupward. com/ovh/fallsridgepreserve. A breathtaking travertine waterfall, old limekiln and caves.

SEEDS - Blacksburg Nature

Historic Price House, 107 Warren St. SE, Blacksburg; 540-961-1132; seedskids.org/ naturecenter.html. Rain or shine, fun discovery learning for children and the young at

Virginia Tech Campus, Blacksburg; 540-231-9593; vt.edu/about/locations/ buildings/solitude.html Historic home circa 1801; home to two Virginia governors

St. Luke and Odd Fellows Hall

203 Gilbert St., Blacksburg; 540-443-1600; blacksburgmuseum.org. Museum of African American Culture. Open by appointment 540-443-1600.

Starlite Drive-In Theater

275 Starlight Dr. SE, Christiansburg; 540-382-2202; starlitedriveinya com One of the few original drive-in theaters in the country!\$

Virginia Tech 314 Burruss Hall, Blacksburg: 540-231-3548; vt.edu. One of Virginia's largest universities. Museums, galleries open to public.

Virginia Tech Museum of Geosciences

2062 Derring Hall, VT Campus, Blacksburg; 540-231-3001; geos.vt.edu/museum-ofgeosciences.html. Largest display of minerals in Virginia plus seismograph, gemstones, fossils.

William Preston's Smithfield

1000 Smithfield Plantation Rd., Blacksburg; 540-231-3947; historicsmithfield.org. Historic home of Colonel William Preston. Interpreters and demonstrations.\$

Wonder Universe: A Children's

782 New River Rd., unit 812, Uptown Christiansburg Mall, Christiansburg; 540-953-0103; wonderuniverse.org. Enjoy the benefits of playful learning! Ideal for kids birth-age

PATRICK COUNTY

Includes Ararat, Bassett, Critz, Meadows of Dan, Stuart, Woolwine

Blue Ridge Visitor Center

2609 JEB Stuart Hwy., Meadows of Dan; 276-694-6012: natrickchamber.com Located one minute from the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Patrick County Visitors Center

126 North Main St., Stuart; 276-693-2005; visitpatrickcounty. org. Discover Patrick County's wonders - Eat, stay & play!

THINGS TO DO

Fairy Stone State Park 967 Fairvstone Lake Dr. Stuart; 276-930-2424; virginiastateparks.gov fairy-stone. Home of the fairy stones cabins trails and more

IC DeHart Memorial Park

2631 Charity Hwy, Woolwine; 276-694-3917; dgif.virginia. gov/vbwt/sites/i-c-dehartmemorial-park. Home to the Virginia State Championship Mountain bike trails.

Jack's Creek Covered Bridge 1274 Jacks Creek Rd.,

Woolwine: 276-693-2005: visitpatrickcounty.org. Built in 1914, one of eight remaining covered bridges.

Laurel Hill: Birthplace of Gen. J.E.B. Stuart

1091 Ararat Hwy., Ararat; 276-251-1833; jebstuart.org. Birthplace and home of Civil War General J.E.B Stuart.

Lover's Leap Scenic Overlook

8550 Jeb Stuart Hwy., Meadows of Dan: 276-693-2005; visitpatrickcounty.org. An impressive mountainside cliff tied to an Appalachian love story.

Mayberry Presbyterian Church

MP180.1, Blue Ridge Parkway, Meadows of Dan; 276-952-8422; mayberrypres.org. Built in 1925, one of five historic rock churches.

Mayberry Trading Post 883 Mayberry Church Rd.

Meadows of Dan; 276-952-2155. Offering local artisan crafts, antiques, gems, refreshments and more.

Patrick County Historical

116 West Blue Ridge St., Stuart; 276-694-2840; patcovahistory. org. Features Moonshine & Civil War history, Genealogy room & more. 🗯 🐇 🛦

Philpott Lake Recreation Area 1058 Philpott Dam Rd.,

Bassett; 276-629-2703. Offering boating, swimming, picnicking, hiking, biking, hunting, fishing and camping.

Primland Auberge Resort 2000 Busted Rock Rd..

Meadows of Dan; 276-633-4413; aubergeresorts.com/ primland. A luxury resort featuring world-class golf, spa and fine dining.

Reynolds Homestead

463 Homestead Ln., Critz; 276-694-7181: revnoldshomestead vt.edu. National historic plantation/birthplace of R.J. Revnolds. \$ 💳 📽 🖧

Stanburn Winery

158 Conner Dr., Stuart; 276-694-7074; stanburn.com Nature uncorked with the rolling hills of the Piedmont and the mountains as a

Villa Appalacchia Winery 752 Rock Castle Gorge

Rd., Floyd; 540-593-3100; villaappalaccia.com. Italian inspired wines located on the Blue Ridge Parkway between milepost 170 and 171. &

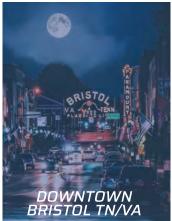


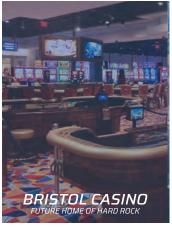


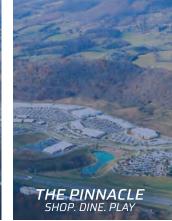




















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Wood Brothers Racing

21 Performance Dr Stuart; 276-694-2121; woodbrothersracing.com. Features Wood Brothers Racing, the longest active NASCAR racing team.

PULASKI COUNTY

Includes Draper, Dubin, Newbern

Pulaski County Visitor Center 4440 Cleburne Blvd., Dublin; 540-674-4161: pulaskichamber info Fxit 98 I-81 Dublin 9am-5pm, seven days a week.

THINGS TO DO

Claytor Lake State Park

6620 Ben H Bolen Dr. Dublin: 540-643-2500: virginiastateparks.gov/claytor

D. C. Wysor Observatory and

600 Dunlap Rd., Dublin; 540-643-0755. Meade 16" LX200 telescope, vast collection of fossils and more

Draper Mercantile & Trading

3054 Greenbriar Rd., Va. Route 658, Draper; 540-994-5659; drapermerc.com. Restored 1800s mercantile with restaurant, crafts, live music

Fine Arts Center for the New

River Valley 21 W Main St Pulaski 540-980-7363; facnrv.org. Art exhibits by local and regional

New River Trail

New River Trail State Park; 800-933-7275; virginiastateparks.gov. 52 miles of biking, hiking, horseback

Pulaski Railway Station

20 South Washington Ave., U.S. Route 11. Pulaski: 540-994-8696; pulaskitown.org. Restored 1880s depot, farmers market and Dora Connector to the New River Trail.

Pulaski Theatre

14 West Main St., Pulaski; 540-994-9555: pulaskitheatre org Restored 1911 vaudeville house. Movies, live performances. \$===

Raymond F. Ratcliffe Memorial Transportation Museum

51 Commerce St., Pulaski; 540-980-2307; theratcliffemuseum. com. Milton Brockmeyer O-Gauge Diorama, a scale replica of Pulaski's downtown.

Wilderness Road Regional Museum

5240 Wilderness Rd., Newbern; 540-674-4835; newriverhistoricalsociety.com Located in 1800s house. Local area books, records, \$

Radford Info & Welcome Center

701A W. Main St., Radford; 540-267-3153; visitradford. com. Stop by for info about Radford University, the New

THINGS TO DO

Glencoe Mansion, Museum & Gallery

600 Unruh Dr., Radford; 540-731-5031; glencoemuseum. org. Museum & art gallery. Tuesday-Saturday 10am-4pm & Sunday 1-4pm.

Ingles Farm

9 Wilderness Rd., Radford; 540-267-3153; visitradford.com. Re-built Mary Draper Ingles cabin. Open dates available at VisitRadford.com.

Mary Draper Ingles Statue

Radford: 540-267-3153: marydraperinglestrail.com. Frontier heroine Mary Draper Ingles, adjacent to Radford Visitor's Center.

Museum of the Earth Sciences Center for the Sciences,

Radford University, Radford; 540-831-1171: radford.edu. An educational resource for earth science-related themes.

Radford Fiddle & Banjo Jam, a **SMYTH COUNTY/** Crooked Road Affiliated Venue MARION

THINGS TO DO

IncludesAtkins, Chilhowie, Saltville

Smyth County Regional Visitor 408 Whitetop Rd. Chilhowie; 276-646-3306;

visitsmythcountyva.com. Explore Virginia's highest peaks, wildest adventures and coolest small towns. 🖚 🛎 🕹

Radford University Art

333 W Main St Radford:

1065 E. Main St., Radford;

540-639-0722: radfordtheatre.

com, Landmark 1935 theatre

with first run movies, special

Exhibitions open to the public

throughout the year.

801 F Main St Radford

children's shows. 🚐

6248 University Park Dr.,

Paranormal investigation site/

Radford; 540-260-3111;

stalbans-virginia.com.

St. Albans

540-831-5441: radford edu/

planetarium. See website or

call for showtimes, special

Radford University

Radford Theatre

oldie screenings. \$

540-838-2399. Monday evening

bluegrass jam, all musicians

Museum on Tyler 214 Tyler Ave., Radford; Appalachian Spirit Gallery 540-831-5754; radford.edu.

Marion; 276-709-2909; appalachianspiritgallery.org. Celebrate the arts, traditions lore and spirit of our

Hungry Mother State Park vg 2854 Park Blvd., Marion; 276-

781-7400; virginiastateparks. gov/hungry-mother.

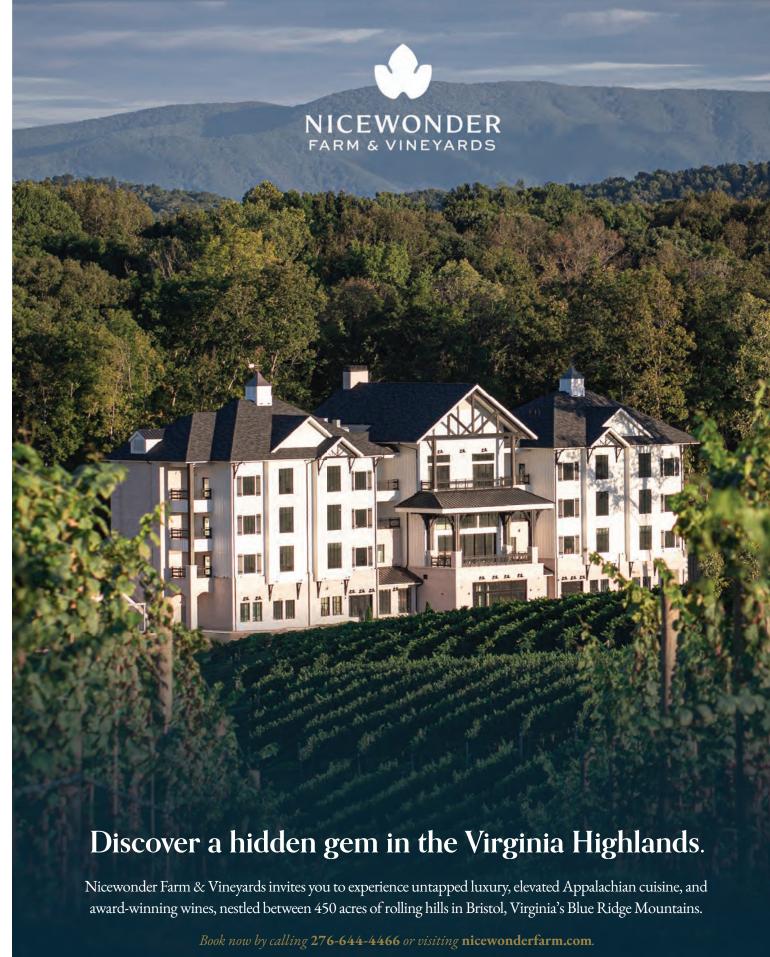
The Lincoln Theatre

117 E. Main St., Marion; 276-783-6092: thelincoln.org. Historic landmark featuring live performances including Song of the Mountains.\$ 5

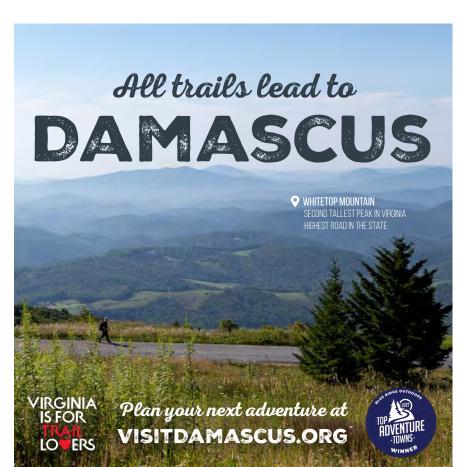
Mount Rogers National Recreation Area

3714 Highway 16, Marion; 276-783-5196; smythcounty.









Museum of the Middle

Appalachians 123 Palmer Ave., Saltville; 276-496-3633; museumofthemiddleappala-chians.org. Explore the Geology, ice-age, Woodland Indians, salt and gypsum industry, company town life and video tour of The Civil War at the Salt

Settlers Museum of Southwest Virginia

1322 Rocky Hollow Rd., Atkins; 276-686-4401; settlersmuseum.com. Experience the story of those who settled in Southwest Virginia.

Smyth County Museum & Historical Society

123 East Main St., Marion; 276-783-7286; smythcountymuseum.org. Experience the history of Smyth Co. with free museum tours.

Wayne C. Henderson School of Appalachian Arts

203 North Church St., Marion; 276-706-4010; thehenderson.org. Preserving, promoting and providing learning experiences rooted in Appalachian Culture.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

McGlothin Center for the Arts at Emory & Henry

College 30481 Garnand Dr., Emory; 276-944-6333; ehc.edu/mcglothlincenter. Theatre, music, visual arts, guest artists series.

WYTHEVILLE/WYTHE COUNTY

VIRGINIA MAIN STREET COMMUNIT

Includes Austinville Max Meadows

Wytheville Convention & Visitors Bureau and Regional Visitors Center

975 Tazewell St., Wytheville; 877-347-8307; visitwytheville.com. Local, regional and state visitor information. Daily 9am-5pm. 🖚 📽 🗞

THINGS TO DO

African American Heritage Museum 410 E. Franklin St., Wytheville; 276-625-0042; wythevilletrainingschool.org. Photos, stories & memorabilia tell the history of African American education. 🕹

Big Walker Lookout

8711 Stoney Fork Rd., Wytheville; 276-663-4016; bigwalkerlookout.com. Panoramic views. craft shop w/demos, hiking trails, open all year.

Claw of the Dragon

Off I-77 and I-81 in Southwest Virginia, Wytheville; 877-347-8307; clawofthedragon.com. Motorcycle trail showcasing the beautiful back roads of Southwest Virginia!

Crystal Springs Recreation Area 723 Pump Hollow Rd., GPS:36.900-81.092, Wytheville; 877-347-8307; wytheville.org/ recreation/crystalsprings.php. Hiking, biking, picnicking, primitive camping, backpacking, guided hikes, nature workshops, geocaching.

Edith Bolling Wilson Birthplace Museum 145 East Main St., Wytheville; 276-223-3484;

edithbollingwilson.org. Discover the first lady who was acting president.\$ == &

Fort Chiswell Animal Park

569 Red Hollow Rd., Max Meadows; 276-637-6754; fortchiswellanimalpark.com. Take guided safari bus ride through 45 acres of animals. \$===

Fort Chiswell Mansion

I-77/81 Exit 80, Max Meadows; 276-637-1832; fortchiswellmansion.com. Historic mansion dates to 1840. Tours. Call for hours.

Graze on Main 170 E. Main St., Wytheville; 276-223-2334; bollingwilsonhotel.com/en-us/dining1. Voted best in Virginia! Restaurant, bar, steaks, seafood,

Great Lakes to Florida Highway Museum 975 Tazewell St., Wytheville; 276-223-3330;

museums.wytheville.org. Recreated 1926-1950's era gas station. \$

Haller-Gibboney Rock House Museum

205 Tazewell St., Wytheville; 276-223-3330; museums.wytheville.org. Home of Wytheville's first resident Dr. John Haller.\$

Homestead Museum

975 Tazewell St., Wytheville; 276-223-3330; wythevillemuseums.com. 10-acre interpretative site depicting rural life from the late 1700s to the mid-20th century

Millwald Theatre

205 West Main St., Wytheville 276-625-6953; themillwald.org, Restored 1928 historic theatre featuring films, live performances, classes. info@themillwald.org.

New River Trail State Park vg

176 Orphanage Dr., Max Meadows; 276-699-6778; virginiastateparks.gov/new-river-trail.

Octagon Mansion History Museum

585 West Main St., Wytheville; 276-920-9037; facebook.com/octagonmansionat585. Collection of American military history with emphasis on Civil War, paranormal investigation events.

Shot Tower Historical State Park

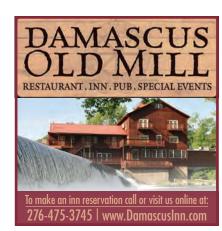
I-77, exit 24, north on Rt. 52, Austinville; 276-699-1791; virginiastateparks.gov/shot-tower.

Thomas J. Boyd Museum

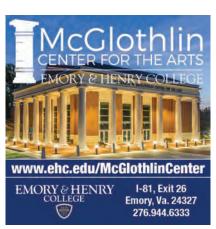
295 Tazewell St., Wytheville; 276-223-3330; museums.wytheville.org. Exhibit on early Wytheville history and polio epidemic.\$

Wytheville Heritage Preservation Center

115 W. Spiller St., Wytheville; 276-223-3330; museums.wytheville.org. Education and orientation center, exhibits, special events.











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