SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA: BLUE RIDGE HIGHLANDS

GROUNDHOG MOUNTAIN OVERLOOK PICNIC AREA

Magic is in the air in the Blue Ridge Highlands. With the magnetic mountain views drawing you in from every corner, you always feel the urge to explore. The Blue Ridge Parkway runs through this region, granting blissfully scenic drives to quirky towns with unique histories. And, if you hear a tune in the air, don't be surprised if you begin to whistle alongthis region helped birth country music.

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 FlovdFest, 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.



Park Place Drive-In through Fall.





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

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

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 Northbound 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 vg 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.

Promotes the traditional music

heritage of Southwest Virginia.

Abingdon; 276-492-2409;

thecrookedroadva.com

Virginia Creeper Trail

Abingdon Visitor Center

I-81, Exit 17, 208 West Main

visitabingdonvirginia.com.

Open seven days a week,

public restrooms and free

Virginia Creeper Trail Welcome

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Wi-Fi. 🛲📽 🗄

300 Green Spring Rd.

visitabingdonvirginia.

Abingdon; 276-676-2282;

com. Visitor information

merchandise and maps, open

Friday-Monday, 10am-4pm. 📽

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128 Pecan 128 Pecan St., Abingdon; 276-698-3159; 128pecan.com. Local, guirky, fun little restaurant with simple good food and friendly professional service.

vacreepertrail.org. Multi-use Abingdon Muster Grounds rail-trail. Open year-round to 1780 Muster Pl., Abingdon; 276-525-1050; hiking, biking and equestrian abingdonmustergrounds.com. Revolutionary War historic site and Overmountain Victory Trail visitor center. 🛲 🕊

THINGS TO DO

VIRGINIA MAIN STREET COMMUNITY

Abingdon Olive Oil Company 335 Cummings St Abingdon; 276-525-1524; St., Abingdon; 276-676-2282; abingdonoliveoilco.com. Over 85 varieties of olive oil. Experience the taste of good health

Barter Theatre 127 W. Main St., Abingdon; 276-628-3991 bartertheatre com. Experience the Historic State Theatre of Virginia!\$ 🛲 🗄 🔊 🗖

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. 年期後日

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 your 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 BRISTOL 201 Pecan St Abingdon GINIA MAIN STREET CO

round destination

THINGS TO DO

Museum

423-573-1927

Birthplace of Country Music

101 Country Music Way,

hirthplaceofcountrymusic

org Celebrating Bristol's

Institution affiliate.\$

music history; a Smithsonian

Bristol Rhythm & Roots Reunior

birthplaceofcountrymusic.org/

festival. September 8-10, 2023.

Bristol Sign State St., Historic Downtown,

discoverbristol.org. National

landmark spanning downtown

Register of Historic Places

Bristol; 423-989-4850;

Bristol, TN/VA.

Bristol; 423-573-1927;

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. 一告

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 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

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: tva org Known for smallmouth bass fishing and many fishing tournaments every year.

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. Discover Bristol: Bristol com. History exhibits and **Convention & Visitors Bureau** information. Tuesday-Friday 20 Volunteer Pkwy., Bristol; 10:30am-4pm; Saturday, 10am-423-989-4850; discoverbristol. 2pm. 🛲 org. Advancing the economic vitality of Bristol as a year-

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.

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

DAMASCUS

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Town of Damascus

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

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

Fancy Gap; 276-728-2594;

listed in National Register.

Stewarts Creek Wildlife

Management Area

visittheblueridge.com. Historic

Oueen Anne-style home, tours.

5935 Fancy Gap Hwy.,

Virginia Creeper Trail Welcome Center

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

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, vear-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 business community.

Floyd County Visitor Center & Tourism Office

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 Museum

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

June Bug Center

251 Parkway Ln., Floyd; 540-745-6550; junebugcenter org. A community space for theatre and life-enhancing events.\$ 🖚 📽

Mabry Mill

Blue Ridge Parkway, M.P. 176.1, Meadows of Dan; 540-952-2947; brptrails.com/brp1762. htm. One of the Blue Ridge Parkway's most visited sites -----

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.

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 regional 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. _____·

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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; jeffmatthewsmuseum.org. 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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Glen Alton GILES COUNTY

Narrows, Ripplemead

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THINGS TO DO

Route 460 to Pembroke, right

onto Rt. 623 for four miles.

Pembroke: 540-552-4641:

four-mile round-trip hike to

a maiestic 69-foot vertical

virginiasmtnplayground.

com/cascades. Énjoy a

going north on VA-100,

then Rt. 42 toward Bland,

Pearisburg; 540-552-4641;

virginiasmtnplayground.com/

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Falls is peaceful, pretty and

Museum and 1829 Andrew

540-921-1050: facebook.com/

gilescountyhistoricalsociety.

Historic house, museum and

easily accessed. 📽

Johnston House

Civil War site.

waterfall.\$

Dismal Falls

Cascades Falls

Giles County

203 N Main St.

From Rt. 460, two miles west Includes Pearisburg, Pembroke, of Pembroke to Rt. 635 for 13 miles, Ripplemead; 540-552-4641; virginiasmtnplayground. com/outdoors. Restored early Pearisburg; 540-921-2079: 20th century farm. virginiasmtnplayground.com. For Giles County tourism **Historic Newport Covered**

Bridge 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. 🛲 🕊

Take Exit 98 from I-81

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-

Giles County Historical Society 921-2079. Trailhead to A.T. & historic cemetery. 🛲 🕊 208 North Main St., Pearisburg; **Tangent Outfitters** 201 Cascade Dr., Pembroke; 540-626-4567 newrivertrail

com. Canoeing, kayaking, rafting and guided fishing. Outfitters store and cafe. ____·*

Whitt-Riverbend Park 999 Ripplemead Rd 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 merchandise

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: gravsoncountyva.com. Visitor Center, Museum, auditorium rental, gift shop and weekly iam

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 Gravson

County.

Blue Ridge Discovery Center 6402 Whitetop Rd.

Troutdale; 276-293-1232: blueridgediscovervcenter.org. Dedicated to exploring and sharing the natural history of the Blue Ridge Mountains

Elk Creek Dragway 711 Victory Ln., El

Creek; 276-655-4551; elkcreekdragway.com. Drag racing every Saturday night May-September

Grayson County Historical Society

107 East Main St. Independence; 276-773-3320. Dedicated to uncovering and preserving the rich history of Grayson County.

Grayson County Virginia Heritage Foundation

578 Fast Main St Independence, Promotes preserves and educates the . cultural heritages of Grayson County

Grayson Crossroads Museum

107 E. Main St., ndependence; 276-773-3711; historic1908courthouse.org. Old photos of the county, old maps and cultural antiques.

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

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 venue

Matthews Living History Farm

Museum 476 White Pine Rd. Galax: 276-773-3080: matthewsfarmmuseum.org. Preserving cultural heritage of upper New River Valley since 1900.

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.

Includes Blacksburg, Christiansburg, Elliston Blacksburg-Christiansburg-

MONTGOMERY

COUNTY

Montgomery County Regional Tourism vg Mailing address: 755 Roanoke

St., 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

Alexander Black House & Cultural Center 204 Draper Rd. SW Blacksburg; 540-443-1600; blacksburgmuseum.org. Historic home of Alexander Black.

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 water. 🛲 📽



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William Preston's Smithfield

Rd., Blacksburg; 540-231-3947; historicsmithfield.org. Historic

1000 Smithfield Plantation

home of Colonel William

Preston. Interpreters and

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 分

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 Center

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 heart.

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

203 Gilbert St., Blacksburg; 540-443-1600;

Museum of African American

Culture. Open by appointment

Christiansburg; 540-382-2202;

blacksburgmuseum.org.

Starlite Drive-In Theater

starlitedriveinva.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.

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display of minerals in Virginia

plus seismograph, gemstones, fossils.

Museums, galleries open to

Virginia Tech Museum of

geos.vt.edu/museum-of-

geosciences.html. Largest

275 Starlight Dr. SE,

governors

540-443-1600.

public. 🛲 🕊

Geosciences

demonstrations.\$ Wonder Universe: A Children's St. Luke and Odd Fellows Hall

Museum 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 10 \$

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[·] patrickchamber.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 Museum 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

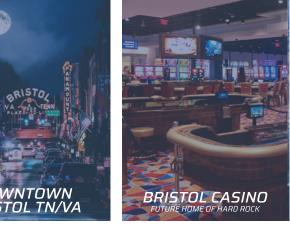
158 Conner Dr., Stuart; 276-694-7074; stanburn.com Nature uncorked with the rolling hills of the Piedmont and the mountains as a backdrop. 😓

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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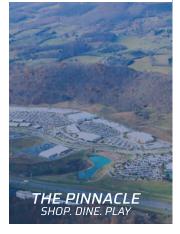


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Wood Brothers Racing

Museum 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 Exit 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/claytorlake. 🕊 🛧

D. C. Wysor Observatory and Museum

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

Draper Mercantile & Trading Company 3054 Greenbriar Rd., Va. Route 658, Draper; 540-994-5659; drapermerc.com. Restored

1800s mercantile with restaurant, crafts, live music and more

Fine Arts Center for the New **River Valley** 21 W Main St Pulaski 540-980-7363; facnrv.org. Art

Center 701A W. Main St., Radford; exhibits by local and regional 540-267-3153; visitradford. com. Stop by for info about New River Trail Radford University, the New River. New River Trail State

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

Glencoe Mansion, Museum & Gallery

org. Museum & art gallerv.

Sunday 1-4pm.

Ingles Farm

Tuesday-Saturday 10am-4pm &

9 Wilderness Rd., Radford; 540-

cabin. Open dates available at VisitRadford.com.

Museum of the Earth Sciences

Radford University, Radford;

540-831-1171: radford.edu. An

educational resource for earth

science-related themes.

Center for the Sciences,

267-3153; visitradford.com.

Re-built Mary Draper Ingles

THINGS TO DO

Radford Info & Welcome

RADFORD

Pulaski Railway Station 600 Unruh Dr., Radford; 540-731-5031; glencoemuseum.

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. \$

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Mary Draper Ingles Statue 601 Unruh Dr. Radford; 540-267-3153: **Raymond F. Ratcliffe Memorial** marydraperinglestrail.com. Transportation Museum 51 Commerce St., Pulaski; 540-Frontier heroine Mary Draper 980-2307; theratcliffemuseum Ingles, adjacent to Radford com, Milton Brockmeyer Visitor's Center. O-Gauge Diorama, a scale

replica of Pulaski's downtown. Wilderness Road Regional Museum

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

Radford Fiddle & Banjo Jam, a **Crooked Road Affiliated Venue** 333 W Main St Radford 540-838-2399. Monday evening bluegrass jam, all musicians welcome, full menu available.

Radford Theatre

1065 E. Main St., Radford; 540-639-0722: radfordtheatre. com, Landmark 1935 theatre with first run movies, special oldie screenings. \$

Radford University Art Museum on Tyler

214 Tyler Ave., Radford; 540-831-5754; radford.edu Exhibitions open to the public throughout the year.

Radford University Planetarium 801 E Main St Radford

540-831-5441 radford edu/ planetarium. See website or call for showtimes, special children's shows. 🛲

St. Albans 6248 University Park Dr., , Radford; 540-260-3111;

stalbans-virginia.com. Paranormal investigation site/ tours.\$

Mount Rogers National Recreation Area 3714 Highway 16, Marion; 276-783-5196; smythcounty.

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Smyth County Regional Visitor Center

408 Whitetop Rd. Chilhowie; 276-646-3306; visitsmythcountyva.com. Explore Virginia's highest peaks, wildest adventures and coolest small towns. 🛲 🕊 占

THINGS TO DO

Appalachian Spirit Gallery 144 W. Main St Marion; 276-709-2909; appalachianspiritgallery.org. Celebrate the arts, traditions, lore and spirit of our mountains

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.\$

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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 Works. \$ 🛲 ሌ

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 COMMUNITY 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

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, outdoor dining. 🛲📽 🗄

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.

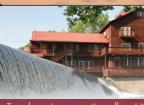
Octagon Mansion History Museum 585 West Main St., Wytheville; 276-920-9037; facebook.com/octagonmansionat585. Collection of American military history with emphasis on Civil War, paranormal investigation events.

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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