Welcome to the Blue Ridge Highlands, a captivating destination that enchants visitors with its rich Appalachian music heritage showcased along the renowned Crooked Road. Nestled amidst majestic mountains and breathtaking scenery, the region’s crown jewel, the Blue Ridge Parkway, beckons travelers to indulge in an unforgettable journey through nature’s timeless beauty.

The Vibes are Out of this World!

NEW & NOTEWORTHY
1. Nicewonder Farm & Vineyards - Bristol
   Discover the charm of Nicewonder Farm & Vineyards in Bristol, a captivating destination where rolling vineyards meet historic farmland. Taste exquisite wines, explore lush landscapes, and indulge in the serenity of this new destination.

2. Damascus Trail Center - Damascus
   Seize a day of outdoor adventures at the Damascus Trail Center. Nestled amidst stunning natural beauty, this center offers access to a myriad of hiking trails, making it a haven for nature enthusiasts seeking thrilling experiences.

UNEXPECTED EXPERIENCES
3. New River SUP & Kayaking w/Tangent Outfitters - Pembroke
   Embark on an unforgettable aquatic journey with Tangent Outfitters along the New River. Whether stand-up paddleboarding or kayaking, you’ll encounter breathtaking scenery and a thrilling connection with nature.

4. Mount Rogers/Grayson Highlands - Grayson County
   For an unforgettable introduction to the region’s beauty, explore Mount Rogers National Recreation Area and Grayson Highlands State Park. Witness wild ponies roaming freely against a backdrop of stunning vistas, creating an unforgettable and ethereal experience.

LOCAL FAVORITES
7. Pakalachian Food Truck - Abingdon
   Savor the unique fusion of Appalachian and Pakistani cuisine with the beloved Pakalachian food truck in Abingdon. Experience the delicious blend of flavors, showcasing the area’s diverse culinary offerings.
GO TO TOWN IN
BLACKSBURG, CHRISTIANSBURG & MONTGOMERY COUNTY

RECREATION—INSIDE AND OUT
Explore our many public parks and trails, including the Huckleberry Trail, portions of the Appalachian Trail, the TransAmerica Bike Trail (Route 76), and the Poverty Creek Trails, along with Brush Mountain Park. Take a relaxing float at New River Junction, or make a splash at the Montgomery County Frog Pond and the Christiansburg Aquatic Center. Bring the family for a game of mini golf at Cox’s Golf Driving Range or try your hand at disc golf at the Golden Hills Disc Golf Course. Everyone loves a waterfall — enjoy the 40-foot Stiles Falls.

ARTS AND CULTURE
Experience Montgomery County’s many unique arts and cultural attractions. See a show at the Moss Arts Center, Lyric Theatre or Starlite Drive-In, and step back into time at the Montgomery Museum, Christiansburg Institute, Historic Smithfield, and Meadowbrook Museum. Take a walk through the historic districts of Downtown Christiansburg and Blacksburg to see plenty of public art, from murals to painted Hokies (the mascot for Virginia Tech) and schools of colorful fish!

DINING AND AGRITOURISM
You’re sure to find a restaurant you love from the plethora of options as diverse as the area, with a wide range of locally owned eateries and bakeries. Tap into our wineries and breweries that grow their own grapes and hops. Locally grown and sourced food can be found at the area restaurants and also at our local farmers markets! The Christiansburg and Blacksburg Farmers Markets have plenty of fresh produce, homemade goods, and samples to taste. Bring your family to experience the Sinkland Farms Pumpkin Festival, a yearly tradition featuring hay rides, a petting zoo, pumpkin catapults, hog races, vendors, and more! Or check out Beliveau Farm Winery’s Lavender Festival in late June and early July for a relaxing summer outing with gorgeous lavender fields and spectacular mountain views.

VIRGINIA TECH
Virginia Tech, the home of the Hokies, is a must-stop when you are in town. Walk through the campus and experience a place where you’re never a stranger. Before exploring the university, stop by the visitor center for maps, parking information, and more. Key campus attractions include The Pylons, the Moss Arts Center, Lane Stadium, Cassell Coliseum, the Drillfield, Hahn Horticulture Garden, and the beloved Virginia Tech Duck Pond, especially noted for its springtime beauty.

Explore Blacksburg, Christiansburg & Montgomery County.

Perched along the Eastern Continental Divide and nestled between the Blue Ridge and Allegheny Mountains, Montgomery County is a natural oasis for outdoor recreation and enjoyment in beautiful Southwest Virginia. Also flanked by the New and Roanoke Rivers and a headwater of the James River, we are host to ample water resources - including a 40-ft. waterfall.

We are home to two of Virginia’s largest towns, Blacksburg and Christiansburg, as well as Virginia Tech – Home of the Hokies! We are proud to call the Huckleberry Trail our own – an expansive 15+ mile trail network, which binds our community and connects to Brush Mountain biking/hiking and the new Huckleberry Park. We are also a community rich in innovation and diversity, along with the arts, culture, and history – experience it all when you Go To Town today!
Virginia Creeper Trail Welcome Center
302 Green Spring Rd., Abingdon, 276-478-2282; visitvirginiacreeper.com. Visitor information, merchandise and maps, open Friday-Monday, 8am-5pm.

THINGS TO DO
Southwest Virginia Cultural Center & Marketplace
One Heartland Cir., I-81 Exit 43, Abingdon; 276-478-2402; vecurlcs.com. Your gateway to Southwest Virginia craft, music, and local culture.

Abingdon Mound Grounds
1760 Rose St., Abingdon, 276-478-1050; abingdomoundgrounds.com. Revolutionary War sites and Abenaki Mountain Victor Trail visitor center.

Baxter Theatre
127 W. Main St., Abingdon, 276-478-3991; baxtertheatre.com. Experience the Historic State Theatre of Virginia!

Historical Society of Washington County
354 W. Main St., Abingdon, 276-428-8337; hswwcv.org. Free genealogy & local history library and exhibits.

Holstein Mountain Artisans
254 Park St., Abingdon, 276-628-7721; holsteinnation.com. One of the oldest, largest, and most prestigious cooperatives in the nation.

Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail's Commemorative Mohawk Route
1780 Mohican Pl., Abingdon, 276-525-1050; povvi.org. Start of driving trail following path from King Mountain.

Round the Mountain: Southwest Virginia's Artisan Network
One Heartwood Cir., Abingdon, 276-478-2402; roundthemountain.org. An ever-changing gallery and gathering space.

Stinking Creek Cemetery
P.O. Box 238, One Heartwood Cir., S. Valley St., Abingdon, 276-628-2282; visitabingdonvirginia.com. Graves dating to 1776, self-guided tours available.

White's Mill

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Virginia Highlands Festival
June 21 - 23, 2024
Plumb Alley Day
May 25, 2024

DAMASCUS
Damascus Trail Center
210 West Laurel Ave., Damascus, 276-325-5046; damascustrailcenter.com. Regional one-stop source for gear rentals and shuttles. Open seven days a week year-round.

Devil's Den Nature Preserve
Campbell Rd., Fancy Gap, 276-730-1050; pickyplants.com. 280 acres, creek, forest open, meadow, trail, and picnic facilities.

Bornrich's Museum
Woodburn, 276-286-8681; bornrichmuseum.org. National Storied Mountain historical artifact. Open Monday-Sunday, 9am-4pm.

Historic Hale-Wilkinson-Carter Home
110 Main St., Hillsville, 276-728-2494; twainhillsville.com. 4-5-story home of industrialist George L. Carter refurbished in 2009.

Historic Side Allen Home
5935 Fancy Gap Hwy., Fancy Gap, 276-730-1050; sideallen.org. Re-created 1860s historic Queen Anne-style home, tours, listed in National Register.

Stewart's Creek Wildlife Management Area
State Rt. 77, Hillsville, 276-728-4990; manyspecies.com. 3,681 acres home to many species.

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Top Small Adventure Town - Blue Ridge Outdoors
Explore BRISTOL

With the Appalachian Mountains for a backdrop, Bristol is known for its incredible outdoor beauty and is one of Northeast Tennessee and Southwest Virginia's most exquisite gems. A rich musical heritage, a world-renowned museum, a casino, a vibrant downtown, and some of the friendliest people you'll ever meet make it a perfect destination for your next great adventure!

Downtown Bristol, home of iconic State Street, Tennessee and Virginia’s official state line, is a visitor hub. You’ll love seeing the famous Bristol Sign, the Paramount and Cameo theaters, restaurants, specialty shops, breweries and distilleries, and galleries, and enjoying lots of live music.

You can’t miss a trip to the Birthplace of Country Music Museum located in historic Downtown Bristol, which tells the story of the 1927 Bristol Sessions—recordings that were influential in shaping early commercial country music’s sounds and practices.

Bristol also home to Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Bristol. The 30,000-square-foot gaming floor currently features 870 gaming selections, including table games, slot machines, poker, roulette, restaurants and much more!

The Falls in Bristol, VA is a shopping and entertainment hotspot for visitors. In addition, The Pinnacle, just across the state line in Bristol, TN, offers many options for visitors to Shop, Dine, & Play.

The Bristol region features more than 40 square miles of inland lakes, rivers, and freshwater streams, including South Holston Lake and Holston River - home to world-class fly fishing - as well as hiking, biking and scenic views.

Bristol Motor Speedway, one of NASCAR's most popular tracks, is a must, as is having your photo taken in front of the “NASCAR Derelict” sign which sits right outside the massive track, and hosts two NASCAR series races each year.

BRISTOL, TENNESSEE / VIRGINIA

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW HAS A GAMBLING PROBLEM AND WANTS HELP, CALL 1-800-GAMBLER.
cats-a-way. The Lyric Theatre is a water-themed sculpture and heritage of Eastern the few original drive-in theaters in the country! One of five historic drive-in theaters in the country! One of five historic drive-in theaters in the county! So much to discover here.

**HANNAH ARMSTRONG**
THINGS TO DO

Museum of the Earth Sciences Center for the Sciences, Radford University, Radford; 540-831-5757; radford.edu. An educational resource for earth science-related themes. 

Abingdon Museum 123 West Main St., Abingdon; 276-625-4010; museums. Virginia. Recreated 1926-1950s era gas station. $.

Fort Chiswell Animal Park 260 Old Military Road, Tazewell; 276-646-3306; ftchiswellanimalpark.com. Take a guided safari bus ride through 45 acres of animals. $.


Wayne C. Henderson School of American History Museum 123 East Main St., Wytheville; 276-625-6953; whichendonschool.org. Featuring films, live performances, classes.

Haller-Gibbon Rock House Museum 123 East Main St., Wytheville; 276-625-3330; vranum.org. Education and orientation center, Wytheville Heritage Preservation Center.

Thomas J. Boyd Museum 203 West Main St., Whitetown; 276-920-9037; virginiastateparks.gov/thomasjboydmuseum. American military history with emphasis on Civil War, local history, and military aviation.

Hershey’s Salt Camp Museum 123 West Main St., Wytheville; 276-625-3330; hersheysaltcampmuseum.org. 19th-century industrial and transportation museum.

John Haller. $.


Regional Visitors Center 975 Tazewell St., Wytheville; 877-347-8307; visitwytheville.com. Local, regional, and state visitor information. Daily 9am-5pm. $.

WAVY-TV 585 West Main St., Wytheville; 276-625-6953; thailandcast.com. Restored 1938 historic theater featuring films, live performances, classes.

McGlothlin Center for the Arts 205 E. Main St., Abingdon; 276-649-6779; virginiaartescent.com/riggs-river-trail. CLAYTON LAKE STATE PARK Apalusia

CRISTAL SPRINGS RECREATION AREA 176 Orphanage Dr., Max Meadows; 276-699-6778; virginiastateparks.gov/crystal-springs-recreation-area. Primitive camping, backpacking, guided hikes, nature workshops, geocaching.

Graze on Main 170 E. Main St., Whitetown; 276-223-2334; lordinghotdogcenter.com/whitetown. Kid’s feed in Virginia! Restaurant, bar, steaks, seafood, outdoor dining.

Octagon Mansion History Museum 123 East Main St., Whitetown; 276-783-7786; octagonmansionhistorymuseum.com. Museum of the middle atlantic plantations.

Warming. $.

Colonial National Historical Park 1232 Rocky hollow Rd., Atkins; 276-646-4810; colonialmuseum.org. Experience the history of the blue ridge area with emphasis on Appalachian culture.

Hunting Mother State Park 2824 Park Blvd., Marion; 276-782-7403; virginiaartescent.org/hunting-mother-state-park. Experience the story of the howl of the mountain.

The Lincoln Theatre 123 E. Main St., Marion; 276-783-6072; thelincoln.org. Local’s historic landmark featuring live performances including plays, music, and comedy. $.

Mount Rogers National Recreation Area 2774 May 16, Marion; 276-783-5196; smokeymountains.org. $.

Wayne C. Henderson School of Appalachian Arts 203 North Church St., Marion; 276-784-4010; thehenderson.org. Preserving, promoting, and providing learning experiences throughout the Appalachian culture.

WASHINGTON COUNTY Includes: Emory & Henry College 203 North Church St., Marion; 276-944-6333; ehc.edu/mcgluthlincenter. includes Emory and Henry College, Etruria Mobile Home Park, Alleghany County.

Radford University, Radford; 540-260-3111; radford.edu. A recreation site depicting rural life from the late 1700s to the mid-19th century.


Radford Info & Welcome Center 715 N. Main St., Radford; 540-247-1553; visitradford.com. Recreation center for the Radford University, the New River. $.

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