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NEW & NOTEWORTHY

LAKE MOOMAW

1. Fire Station One Boutique Hotel - Roanoke

Experience a unique stay at this boutique hotel located in a renovated fire station. With its stylish decor and modern amenities, it offers a trendy and memorable lodging experience. While you're there, browse the handcrafted sustainable furniture at Txtur and enjoy a delicious Nordic-inspired menu at Stock Cafe, both located on the first floor.

UNEXPECTED EXPERIENCES

2. Highland County Maple Festival - Monterey

Delight in the sweetness of the Highland County Maple Festival, a yearly event celebrating the region's maple syrup production. Enjoy maple-inspired treats, live entertainment, and explore the picturesque town of Monterey.

3. Historic Buchanan Swinging Bridge - Buchanan

Take a step back in time and cross the Historic Buchanan Swinging Bridge. This suspension bridge offers a thrilling walk over the James River, providing a unique and memorable experience.

FOR FIRST-TIME TRAVELERS

4. Roanoke Star - Roanoke

Marvel at the iconic Roanoke Star, perched atop Mill Mountain. Take in panoramic views of the cityscape and surrounding mountains, and don't forget to wave hi to friends on the Mill Mountain StarCam!

UNDERRATED EXPERIENCES

5. National D-Day Memorial - Bedford

Pay homage to the heroes of World War II at the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford. Explore the thoughtfully designed memorial grounds and learn about the sacrifices made during this pivotal moment in history.

LOCAL FAVORITES

6. Smith Mountain Lake Farm Alpacas - Hardy

Get up close and personal with adorable alpacas at Smith Mountain Lake Farm. Feed, pet, and learn about these charming creatures, offering a unique and heartwarming experience.

7. Homestead Creamery - Wirtz

Indulge your taste buds at Homestead Creamery, known for its delectable ice cream and fresh dairy products. Visit their farm store, take a tour, and savor the flavors of locally produced goodness.

VIRGINIA MOUNTAINS

Welcome to the Virginia Mountains, where the majestic Blue Ridge Mountains stretch across the landscape, offering a haven for outdoor enthusiasts. With abundant opportunities for fishing, hiking, and thrilling mountain biking adventures, this region promises an unforgettable experience for nature lovers and adrenaline seekers alike.

MILL MOUNTAIN OVERLOOK



FRANKLIN COUNTY



Day trip, road trip or extended stay - make Franklin County and Smith Mountain Lake your future destination. Our rural community has plenty of open space, great views, small towns, and welcoming people. You can spend a day at Smith Mountain Lake, discover Downtown Rocky Mount, experience the Blue Ridge in Ferrum, or stop by Boones Mill. From music to moonshine and everything in between, we offer a little something for everyone.

SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE

A Four-Season Lake Front Destination

Whether you're looking to float, fish, or find a place to unplug, Smith Mountain Lake is your four-season waterfront oasis. You could catch your fish of a lifetime, enjoy a waterfront meal, and listen to live music all in the same day before catching a picture-perfect sunset. While visiting, make a stop at the Booker T. Washington National Monument to learn about his

rise from the bondage of slavery and the heights he reached in life

Known as the "Jewel of the Blue Ridge", Smith Mountain Lake may become your home away from home. Be sure to plan a visit for the annual "Smith Mountain Lake Wine Festival" in September and the "Smith Mountain Lake Chili Festival" in November.



ROCKY MOUNT

A Music Town That's Something Else

Rocky Mount serves as the crossroads of Franklin County where music is alive, beverages are flowing, and small-town hospitality remains the norm. Catch a world class show at the Harvester Performance Center, shop through Downtown Rocky Mount, and close out the night with amazing food and drinks.

The town also serves as the eastern gateway to "The Crooked Road: Virginia's Heritage Music Trail" and hosts many must see events throughout the year including the "Scarecrow Trail" in October and "Come Home to a Franklin County Christmas" in December. For car lovers, "Cruisin' Rocky Mount" is the first Saturday of the month from April to November. "Rocky Mount – We're Something Else".

FOOTHILLS OF THE BLUE RIDGE

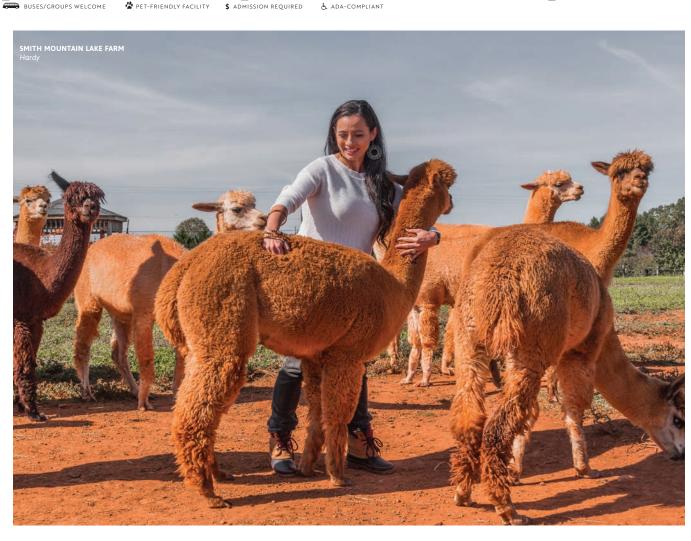
Where Higher Education Meets Blue Ridge Heritage

Resting at the foot of the majestic Blue Ridge Mountains, Ferrum is home to the Blue Ridge Institute and Museum and Ferrum College. This cross section of history, heritage, and higher education serves as a foundation for much more. Be sure to bring your kayak and experience the tranquil waters of Philpott Lake, learn about authentic life of days gone by at the Blue Ridge Institute, and catch a football game or dinner theater show at Ferrum College.

Don't miss out on the annual "Blue Ridge Folklife Festival" the last Saturday in October. This annual gathering of heritage musicians, artisans, and "coon dogs" is a celebration of life in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

www.visitfranklincountyva.com

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Welcome Center at

Virginia Tourism Corporation Mile Marker 2, I-64 Fastbound Covington 24426 540-559-3010

Appalachian Trail

304-535-6278; nps.gov/appa. 2,190 plus traverses the scenic, wooded, pastoral lands of the Appalachian Mountains

Blue Ridge Parkway

828-348-3400; nps.gov/blri. Stunning long-range vistas and close-up views of the rugged mountains and pastoral landscapes. 📽

George Washington and Jefferson National Forests 540-839-2521; fs.usda.gov/

gwj. Outdoor recreation in the beautiful Appalachian mountains of Virginia.

ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS

Includes Clifton Forge, Covington, Low Moor, Millboro

Alleghany Highlands Chamber of Commerce & Tourism 110 Mall Rd., Covington;

540-962-2178; visitalleghanyhighlands.com. Beautiful mountain views, endless outdoor recreation and two walkable downtowns with locally owned shops and restaurants. Historic treasures and a thriving arts community. Get away, enjoy - it's uniquely Alleghany!

THINGS TO DO

Alleghany Highlands Arts and Crafts Center, Inc.

439 E. Ridgeway St., Clifton Forge; 540-862-4447; highlandsartsandcraft.org. Art center, art gallery, shopping, art classes, events.

Alleghany Highlands Blueway 110 Mall Rd., Covington; 540-962-2178;

alleghanyhighlandsblueway. com. Miles of scenic rivers and shoreline on two pristine lakes. 📽

Alleghany Highlands Genealogical Society

515 E. Pine St., Covington; 540-962-1501; ahgscov.org. Library and archives with hundreds of old photos and records

Alleghany Highlands Industrial Heritage and Discovery

Technology Center 149 S. Maple Ave., Covington; 540-965-0149. Celebrates the industrial heritage of the region & new technology.

Alleghany Highlands Trails 110 Mall Rd., Covington;

540-962-2178: alleghanyhighlandstrails. com. Hundreds of miles of challenging trails with peaceful mountain views. 📽

Alleghany Historical Society Covington Depot

149 Maple Ave., Covington; 540-965-0149; alleghanyhistorical.org. Restored 1908 C&O passenger depot and 1890 freight

Blue Spring Run Farm

3901 Blue Spring Run Rd., Covington; 540-747-2055; bluespringrunfarm.com. Tours, seasonal produce. baked goods, and sweet treats available year-round.

C&O Railway Heritage Center 705 Main St., Clifton Forge;

540-862-8653; cohs.org. Railway heritage museur that tells the story of C&O Railway -

Clifton Forge School of the

518 Church St., Clifton Forge; 540-862-7275; cfsota.org. Offers a large array of classes specializing in the arts.

Douthat State Park

14239 Douthat State Park Rd., Millboro; 540-862-8100; virginiastateparks.gov/douthat. \$ 446

Eastern National Children's

State Route 18, James River Ranger District. Covington; 540-962-2214; visitalleghanyhighlands.com. Planted by children, a unique site offering an easy hike.

Falling Spring Falls

Scenic overlook on Rt. 220 north of Covington. Covington; 540-962-2178; visitalleghanyhighlands.com Remarkable cascading 80-foot waterfall with a roadside overlook.

Green Pastures Recreation

Clifton Forge; 800-933-7275; dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/ green-pastures. Constructed in the 1930's, this historically black park is rich in history

Historic Humpback Bridge 1-64 Exit 10 to Rt. 60 travel

1/2 mile east or take Rt. 60 west from Covington Covington; 540-962-2178; visitalleghanyhighlands com. The oldest bridge of this style in existence; wayside park. 🖚📽

Historic Masonic Theatre 510 Main St., Clifton

Forge; 540-862-5655; historic masonic theatre.com Constructed in 1905, now used as a performing arts center.

Jackson River Scenic Trail

Alleghany County Parks & Rec, Covington; 540-863-6622; alleghanyhighlandstrails.com. 16-mile trail for biking, hiking, and horseback riding.

Jackson River Sports Complex

870 W. Edgemont Dr., Covington; 540-965-6360; covington.va.us. State-of-the-art sports facility. Athletic fields, tennis courts, driving range, amphitheater. 🖚 📽

Lake Moomaw, Gathright Dam, and Morris Hill Campground

South end of Lake Moomaw, Morris Hill Rd. Covington; 540-962-2178; visitalleghanyhighlands. com. Nestled in the scenic Allegheny Mountains; camping, boating, fishing, swimming. \$

Main Street Park/Engine 701
Main St., Covington; 540-962-6360; covington.va.us.
Six-acre community park with the refurbished 701 Steam Engine.

Masonic Amphitheatre 513 Church St., Clifton Forge; 540-862-5655; historicmasonictheatre.com. A unique venue that offers entertainment in music and theater performances. 🖚 📽

Oakland Church & Cemetery

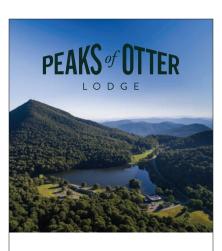
Low Moor/Selma Rd. (Old Rt. 60), Low Moor; 540-962-2178; visitalleghanyhighlands.com. Served as hospital during Civil War; Confederate soldiers buried here.

River Rock Amphitheatre

870 W. Edgemont Dr., Covington; 540-965-6360; covington.va.us. Seasonal entertainment in a unique venue.

Wrightsville Heritage Museum

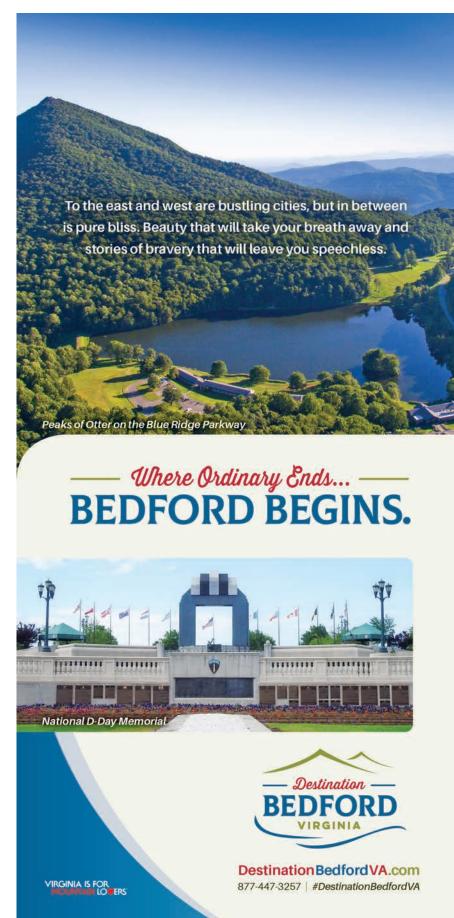
702 Wrightstown Rd., Rt. 60 and 220 Exit 16 off I-64, Covington; 540-962-6787; tmfndt.wix.com/ themcclintonfoundation. Historical artifacts, paintings, furniture, machinery, clothing. Some dating back to slavery.



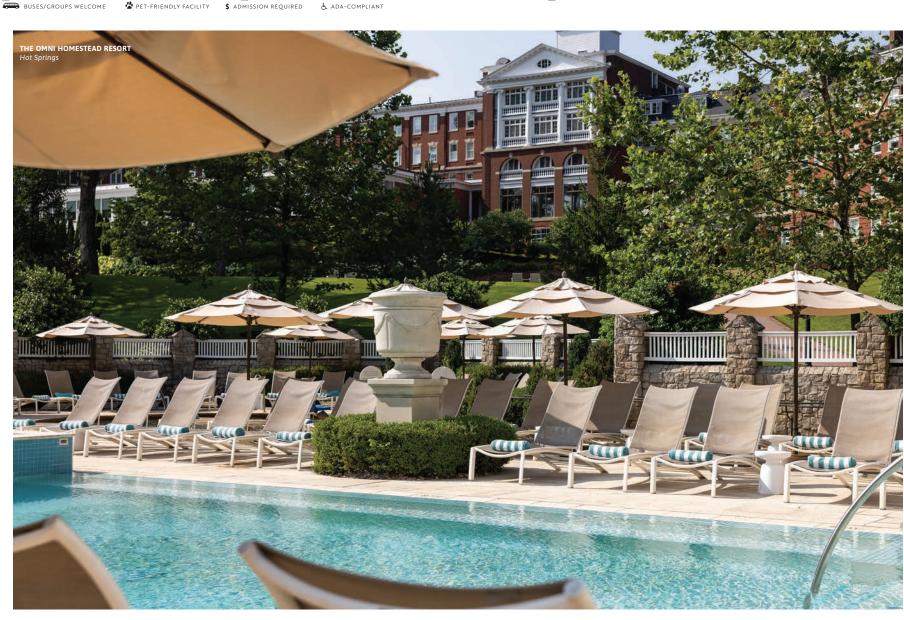
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BEDFORD AREA

Includes Big Island

U.S. 460 & 122, 816 Burks Hill Rd Bedford: 540-587-5681: destinationbedfordva.com. Bedford offers outdoor recreation wineries, breweries, shopping, and unique dining and lodging. RV hook-ups, Wi-Fi, and meeting space available. 🖚 🖔 🖔

THINGS TO DO

Bedford Boys Tribute Center 102 North Bridge St., Bedford; 540-425-5598; bbtcva.org. View nersonal items of Redford Boys in historic downtown

Redford Museum and Genealogical Library

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201 E. Main St., Bedford; 540-586-4520; bedfordvamuseum. org. Local history and exhibits. Monday-Saturday. 🖚 🕹

Big Otter Mill

3533 Big Island Hwy., Bedford; **Bedford Area Welcome Center** 434-660-1587; bigottermill. com. Historic mill that hosts events and group tours by

appointment. 🚐 📽

Bottled in Bedford 816 Burks Hill Rd

Bedford; 540-587-5681; bottledinbedford.com. Craft beverage trail featuring wineries, breweries, cider, and mead. 🖚 📽

Bower Center for the Arts

305 North Bridge St., Bedford; 540-586-4235: bowercenter. org. Cultural center with art exhibits, concerts, workshops throughout the year. 🖚 🕹

Hunter's Raid Civil War Trail 816 Burks Hill Rd., Bedford;

540-587-5681; civilwartrails org. Bedford hosts four sites. Information at Redford Area Welcome Center. 🖚 🛎 🕹

National D-Day Memorial 3 Overlord Cir., Bedford; 540-586-3329; dday.org. National monument honoring the Allied forces who participated in D-Day, \$ == &

Peaks of Otter

Milepost 86, Blue Ridge Parkway, Bedford; 540-586-4496; peaksofotter.com. Hiking, fishing, wildflower trails, picnic areas, campgrounds, spectacular mountain views. 🖚 🛎 🕹

Sedalia Center

1108 Sedalia School Rd., Rig Island: 434-299-5080: sedaliacenter.org. Venue hosting concerts, festivals, workshops, and more. Camping available. \$₹\$\$\&

The Wharton House

315 North Bridge St., Bedford; 540-587-5681; bedfordhistory. org. 1883 Italianate house and gardens. Gardens open to public.

BOTETOURT COUNTY

Includes Buchanan, Eagle Rock, Fincastle

Botetourt County Chamber of Commerce

23 South Roanoke St., Fincastle; 540-566-8812; botetourtchamber.com. Visit Botetourt located in the hear of Virginia's Blue Ridge.

THINGS TO DO

Blacksmith Shop/Wysong Park West Main St., Fincastle; 540-473-3077; hisfin.org. Circa 1840, it contains blacksmith tools and history of the family who owned it.

Botetourt County Historic Circuit Courthouse

1 West Main St. Fincastle: 540 473-8274; hisfin.org. Original, primary source genealogy documents dating to the early 1700s.

Botetourt County Historical Museum

26 East Main St., Fincastle; 540-473-0148: bothistsoc wordpress com Houses hundreds of artifacts and historic interpretations o Botetourt County.

Buchanan Historic Theatre 19778 Main St., Buchanan; 540-

254-1155; buchanantheatre. com. Big Screen in small town. National Register of Historic Places. \$

Fincastle Library Genealogy Room

11 Academy St., Fincastle; 540-928-2700; botetourtva. gov/libraries/genealogy.php. Botetourt once extended through seven present-day states. Genealogical resources

James Matten Early Cabin 121 Murray St., Fincastle; 540-

473-3077; hisfin.org. Furnished historic cabin, circa 1796. scheduled tours available

Roaring Run Recreation Area 450 Roaring Run Rd., Eagle Rock; 540-928-2130; visitvbr. com/botetourt. Early 1800s iron furnace; leisurely hike to

exquisite waterfall.

Upper James River Water Trail 0 Lowe St., Buchanan; 540-254-8012: upperjamesriverwatertrail. com. Blueway with nine public access points, kayaking, tubing, canoeing, fishing.

Junction of Route 39 & 220 Warm Springs: 540-839-7202; discoverbath.com. Find information on local attractions, outdoor recreation. lodging, dining, and shopping.

COUNTY OF BATH

Includes Hot Springs, Millboro,

Visitor Information Gazebo

Warm Springs

THINGS TO DO

birding, fishing. 📽

Blowing Springs Route 39 7608 Mountain Valley Rd., Warm Springs; 540-839-2521. Hiking, wildlife,

Bolar Mountain Recreational

Area Rt 600, 756 Twin Ridge Dr. Warm Springs; 540-839-2521; discoverbath com Swimming camping, fishing, hunting, boating, hiking, wildlife birding, picnic area. 🖚 📽

Coursey Springs Fish Hatchery 300 Hatchery Ln., Millboro; 540-925-2343; dgif.state.va.us. Free guided tours, 365 days a vear 🚐

Dominion Back Creek Recreation Area

Route 600, 316 Power Station Dr., Warm Springs; 540-279-4136; discoverbath.com. Swimming, hiking, non-powe boating, picnic areas. 🖚 📽

Douthat State Park

14239 Douthat State Park Rd., Millboro: 540-862-8100: virginiastateparks.gov/douthat.

Garth Newel Music Center

403 Garth Newel Ln., Hot Springs; 540-839-5018; garthnewel.org. World-class music, gourmet food, friendly people, and breathtaking scenery. \$

Gathright Dam

316 Power Station Dr., Warm Springs; 540-962-1138; discoverbath com Scenic overlooks, camping, boating fishing, swimming, hiking.

Hidden Valley Recreational Area

1531 Hidden Valley Rd., Warm Springs; 540-839-2521; discoverbath.com. Camping, fishing hiking and biking trails. birding, wildlife.

Lake Moomaw at Bolar **Mountain Recreational Area**

756 Twin Ridge Dr., Warm Springs; 877-444-6777; discoverbath.com. A renowned fishing spot. Activities include boating, fishing, hiking, biking, camping.

Pumped Storage Station

Route 600, 316 Power Station Dr., Warm Springs; 540-279-4136; discoverbath.com. Cited as one of the nation's most outstanding engineering achievements

Warm Springs Mountain Preserve Route 39 and Route 703,

Warm Springs; 540-839-3599; nature.org. Trails known for amazing diversity of natural communities, plants, animals,

CRAIG COUNTY

Includes Newcastle, Paint Bank

Craig County Tourism Commission

108 Court St., New Castle; 540-864-5010; visitcraigcountyva. com Fnormous outdoor playground, 300 square miles, and no traffic lights!

Craig County Visitor Information

303 Main St., New Castle; 540-864-8978; craigcountypubliclibrary.org. Information on Craig County and historic New Castle. Start of the Craig County Barn Quilt

THINGS TO DO

Fenwick Mines Day Use Area 128 Old Jeep Rd., New Castle; 540-552-4641; fs.usda.gov. Hiking and horse trails, pond, picnic areas, handicap accessible.

New Castle Town Park

210 Salem Ave., New Castle; 540-864-2200; visitcraigcountyva.com. Play equipment picnic area LOVEworks: restaurants and shopping nearby. 🖚 📽

Old Brick Hotel & Genealogy

Library 141 Court St., New Castle; 540-864-7023; visitcraigcountyva. com. Three floors of local history and artifacts, 3 log cabins

Paint Bank Fish Hatchery

14505 Paint Bank Rd., Paint Bank; 540-897-5401; dgif. virginia.org. Open 7am-3:30pm daily. Family-friendly trout viewing experience. -

FRANKLIN COUNTY/ **ROCKY MOUNT**

Includes Axton, Bassett, Boones Mill, Ferrum, Hardy, Moneta, Penhook See Also Smith Mountain Lake

Franklin Office of Economic Development - Tourism

1255 Franklin St. Suite 112 Rocky Mount; 540-483-3030; visitfranklincountyva.com. The Gateway to the Virginia Mountains Region and much more. &

THINGS TO DO

The 1769 Old Chapel Church 436 Old Chapel Rd., Penhook; 540-483-0687; visitfranklincountyva.com. Restored historic church. oldest timber-frame structure in Southwest Virginia.

Blue Ridge Institute and Farm Museum

Ferrum College, 20 Museum Dr., Ferrum; 540-365-4416; blueridgeinstitute.org. Designated state center for Blue Ridge folklore Largest folklife museum in Virginia and largest moonshine memorabilia collection in the world! Archives, exhibits, and more! 🚗 🛦

Franklin County Historical Society Museum and Research Library

460 S. Main St., Rocky Mount; 540-483-1890; franklincountyvirginia historicalsoc.org. Explore local history and research family roots. Annual special events. 🖚 🕹

Harvester Performance Center

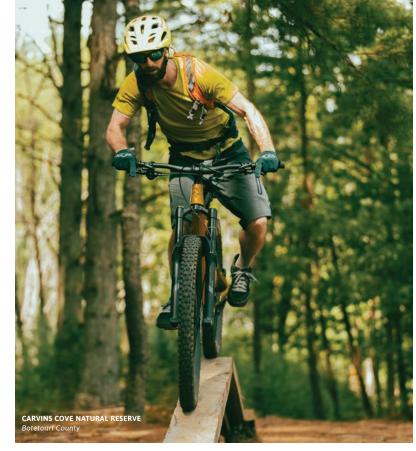
450 Franklin St., Rocky Mount; 540-484-8277; harvester-music com. Amazing sounds in a historic hardware store! 175 shows yearly!

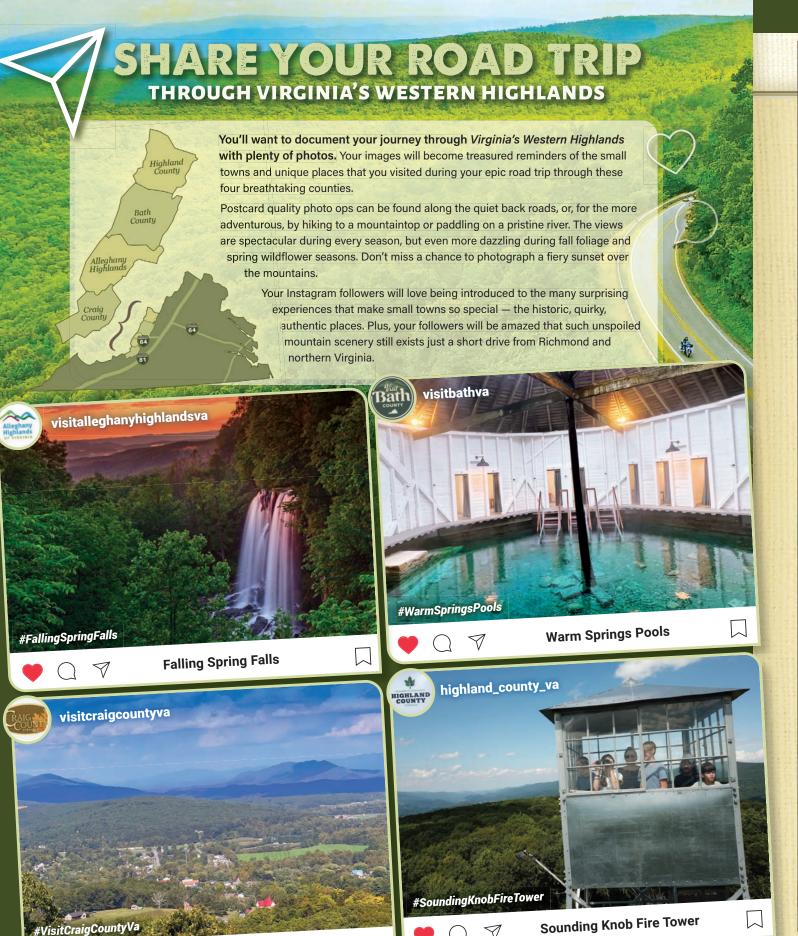
Historic Boones Mill N&W

24 Depot Dr., Boones Mill: 540-334-5404; townofboonesmill org. National Register listed built in 1892 and public restoration project.

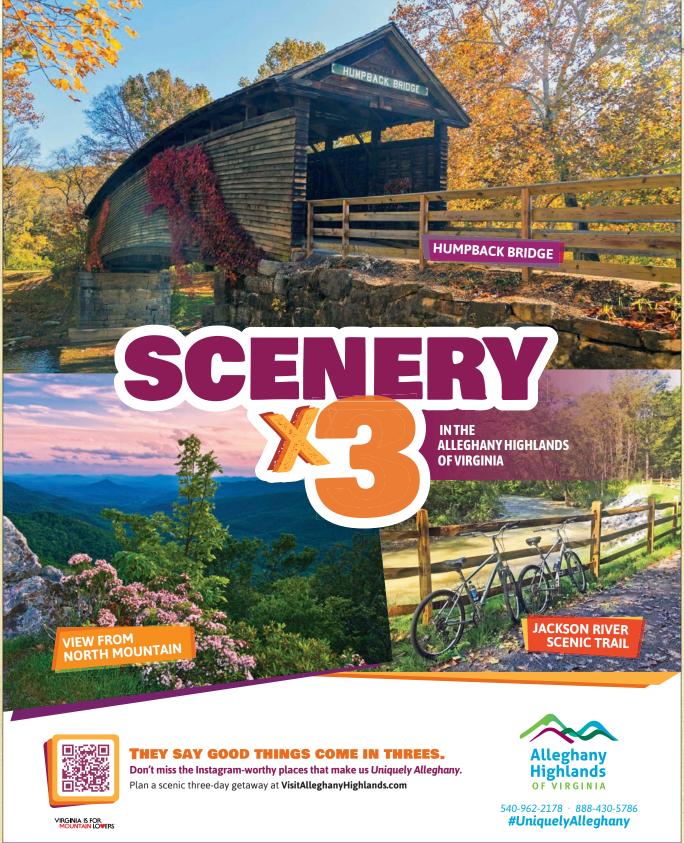
Jubal A. Early Homeplace

455 Old Hollow Ln., Hardy; 540-719-0511; jubalearly. org 1814 home of General Jubal Early. Listed in National Register, no admission fee.





√ View of New Castle from Rt 42 Lookout



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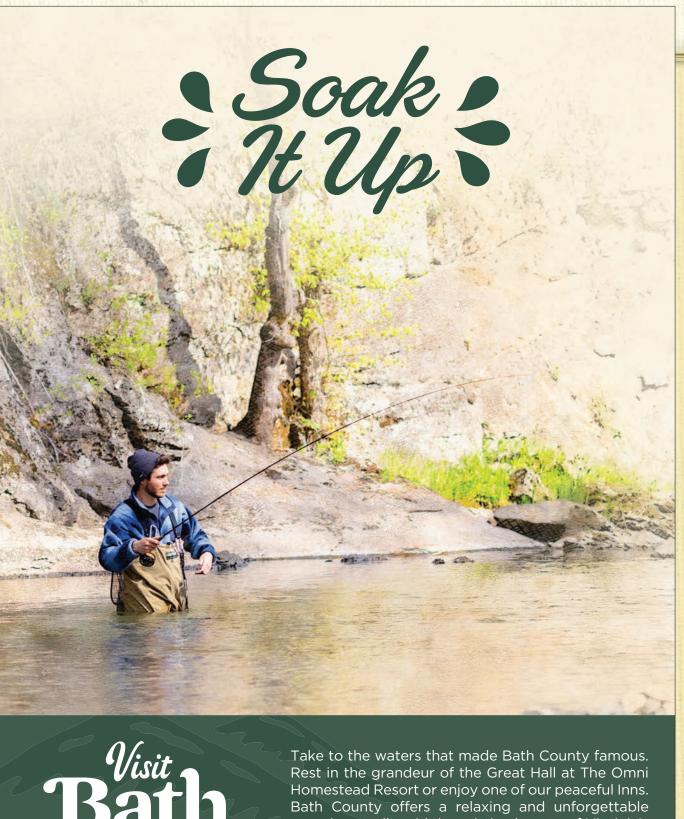


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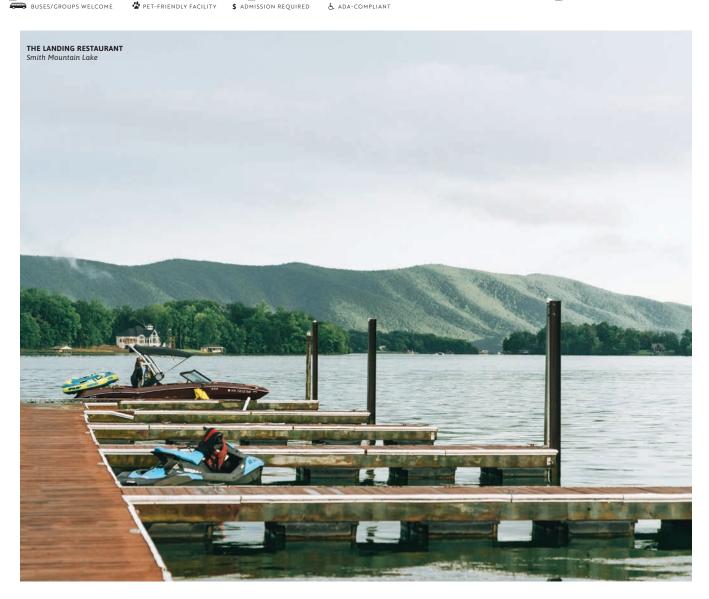
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Philpott Lake-Franklin County 1058 Philpott Dam Rd., Bassett; 276-629-2703. Swimming, boating, fishing, hiking, campgrounds, six beaches, nine boat launches.

Rocky Mount Center for the Arts

220 Franklin St., Rocky Mount; 540-483-1317; rockymountarts. org. Galleries, gift shop, regional art, artisan studios, and demonstrations.

Smith Mountain Lake Moneta; 540-721-1203;

visitsmithmountainlake com 500 shoreline miles.

Turkeycock Wildlife

Management Area State Route 619, Axton; 804-367-1000; dgif.virginia.gov/ wmas. 2,679 acres, hiking and wildlife opportunities, dense hardwood covered mountain.

HIGHLAND COUNTY

Includes Mc Dowell, Monterey

Highland County Visitor Center

61 Highland Center Dr., Monterey; 540-468-2550; highlandcounty.org. Brochures and information about local businesses, attractions, and

THINGS TO DO

Highland County Barn Quilt Highland County, Monterey;

540-468-2550; highlandcounty. org/barn-quilt-trail. Find nearly 60 colorful wooden barn quilts around the county! **Highland County Museum**

161 Mansion House Rd., McDowell: 540-396-4478: highlandcountyhistory.com.

Explore Highland County's rich heritage and Civil War history!

Highland County Veterans Memorial and Walk of Honor

165 W. Main St., Monterey; 540-468-2347; highlandcova. org/veterans-memorialhighland-county. Highland County's tribute to area veterans. 🖚 📽 🕹

Highland Wildlife

Management Area Highland County, Monterey; 804-367-1000; dwr.virginia.gov/ wma/highland. Over 14,000 acres of outdoor recreation opportunities.

McDowell Battlefield

Just East of McDowell along Rt. 250, McDowell; 540-396-4478; highlandcountyhistory. com/mcdowell-hattlefield Experience this unspoiled, mountain Civil War battlefield with interpretive signage.

Sounding Knob Fire Tower

Sounding Knob Rd., Monterey; 804-218-4525; highlandcounty org/things-to-do. Climb over 100 steps for unspoiled views sunrise to sunset.

Virginia Maple Syrup Trail Sugar Camps Throughout

Highland County, Monterey; 540-468-2550; virginiamaplesyrup. com. Tour local sugar camps and get your passport stamped!

ROANOKE Includes Vinton

Virginia's Blue Ridge Visitor

Information Center 101 Shenandoah Ave. NE. Roanoke; 540-342-6025; visitvbr.com. Off I-81, Exit 143 and Parkway Milepost 120. Open daily.

Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge 101 Shenandoah Ave. NE, Roanoke; 540-342-6025; visitvbr.com. Virginia's Blue Ridge, a metro-mountain vacation destination.

THINGS TO DO

Center in the Square 1 Market Square, SE, Roanoke; 540-342-5700; centerinthesquare org. Nonprofit with free admission to aquariums, gardens, and rooftop views.

Crystal Spring Pump Station 2012 South Jefferson St., Roanoke; 540-982-5465;

roanokehistory.org. View the great fly-wheel rotating and the pistons pumping.

Eleanor D. Wilson Museum at Hollins University

8009 Fishburn Dr., Wetherill Visual Arts Center, Roanoke; 540-362-6532; hollins.edu/ museum. Features the work of renowned, emerging, and regional artists. 🖚 🕹

Explore Park

BRP Milepost 115, 56 Roanoke River Parkway Rd., Roanoke; 540-427-1800; explorepark.org. Hiking trails, adventure course disc golf, camping, and visitor center.

Grandin Theatre

1310 Grandin Rd., SW, Roanoke: 540-345-6377: grandintheatre.com. Historic nonprofit theater showing first run & vintage films. 📽





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InnatVirginiaTech.com



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The Liberty Trust (540) 299-5100 LibertyTrustHotel.com



Taubman Museum of Art (540) 342-5760 TaubmanMuseum.org



The Lofts at Downtown Salem (540) 525-3206 TheLoftsAtDowntownSalem.com



Sinkland Farms -Premier Event Venue (540) 382-4647 SinklandFarms.com





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Harrison Museum of African American Culture

1 Market Sg. SE. Roanoke: 540-857-4395 harrisonmuseum.com. Showcasing the art and history of African Americans. \$

High Ground Veterans Monument

814 Washington Ave., Vinton; 540-983-0645; vintonva.gov. Honoring veterans who serve and who have served. 🚐 📽

Jefferson Center 541 Luck Ave., Ste. 221, Roanoke; 540-345-2550; jeffcenter.org. Historic performing arts theater, art gallery.

1 Market Sq. SE, 3rd floor, Roanoke; 540-342-5777; kidssquare.org. Children's museum with miniatur town, forest, interactive exhibits, party spaces. \$ --- &

Mill Mountain Theatre

1 Market Sq. SE, Roanoke; 540-342-5740; millmountain.org. A year-round live professional regional theatre since 1964. \$ ===もカ

Mill Mountain Zoo

Mill Mountain Park, Roanoke; 540-343-3241; mmzoo.org. 183 animals, representing 70 species, miniature train, picnic area, views. \$ ----

O. Winston Link Museum 101 Shenandoah Ave. NE, Roanoke; 540-982-5465; roanokehistory.org. Highlighting the photography of O. Winston Link. \$₹₹

Roanoke History Museum

101 Shenandoah Ave. NE, Roanoke; 540-982-5465; roanokehistory.org. Exhibits and programs on the history of western Virginia. \$ \infty \beta

Roanoke Pinball Museum

1 Market Sq., SE, Roanoke; 540-342-5746: roanokepinball.org. Over 60 pinball games to play and rentable party space. \$ --- &

Roanoke Star & Overlook, Mill Mountain

Blue Ridge Parkway Milepost 120, Roanoke; 540-853-1236; playroanoke.com/the-roanoke-star. 100-foot historic man-made star on Mill Mountain. Beautiful scenic overlook.

The Roanoke STARCADE

One Market Sq., SE, 2nd Floor, Roanoke; 540-342-5747; roanokestarcade.org. Over 60 vintage and popular arcade games and party space. 🖚 &

Science Museum of Western Virginia 1 Market Sq. SE, Ste. 4, Roanoke; 540-342-5710;

smwv.org. A variety of exhibits that span the spectrum of science. \$

Splash Valley Water Park

7415 Wood Haven Rd., Roanoke; 540-777-6300; splashvallevwaterpark.com. Outdoor water park featuring slides, a current river, children's sprayground, and more!

Taubman Museum of Art

110 Salem Ave. SE, Roanoke; 540-342-5760; taubmanmuseum.org. Inspiring art exhibitions, educational programs, fun events - family friendly!

Vinton History Museum

210 E. Jackson St., Vinton; 540-342-8634; vintonhistorymuseum.org. An educational, fun and free experience for everyone!

Virginia Museum of Transportation

303 Norfolk Ave. SW. Roanoke: 540-342-5670: vmt. org. Virginia's official transportation museum. otives, antique automobiles, aviation. \$==

SALEM

Salem Visitor's Center

1001 Roanoke Blvd., Salem; 540-375-4044; visitsalemya.com. Visitors center with information on Salem & Virginia's Blue Ridge. 🖚 🖔

THINGS TO DO

Dixie Caverns

Directly off I-81 at Exit 132, Salem; 540-380-2085; dixiecaverns.com. Cavern tours, gift and rock shop, antique mall, and campground. Open all year. \$

Downtown Salem Historic District

Main St. from Academy St. to College Ave., Salem; 540-375-4044; visitsalemva.com. National Historic District encompassing 34 buildings dating from late 19th and early 20th centuries. Features eateries, brewery, gift

Outdoors In Salem

110 Union St., Salem: 540-375-4044; visitsalemva. com. Near Salem you find the Appalachian Trail and McAfee Knob, mountain biking at Carvin's Cove plus in-town Roanoke River Blueway for kayak and canoe and miles of greenway. &

Salem Museum

801 E. Main St., Salem; 540-389-6760; salemmuseum. org. 300+ years of regional history, art, sports, historic house, gardens.

216 S. Broad St., Salem; 540-375-3081; visitsalemva. com. Lasting tribute to 9/11 located one block from Main Street.

SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE

Includes Hardy, Huddleston, Moneta, Sandy Level

Smith Mountain Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center

Bridgewater Plaza, Ste. 2, 16430 Booker T. Washington Hwy., Moneta; 540-721-1203; visitsmithmountainlake. com. Jewel of the Blue Ridge

THINGS TO DO

Booker T. Washington National Monument

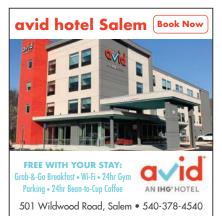
12130 Booker T. Washington Hwy., Hardy; 540-721-2094; nps.gov/bowa. Birthplace of Booker T. Washington, Open daily, 9am-5pm.

Smith Mountain Lake Dam Visitors Center

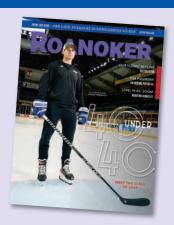
2072 Ford Rd., Sandy Level; 540-985-2587; smithmtn. com. At the visitors center overlooking the dam, you'll enjoy learning how electricity is generated.

Smith Mountain Lake State Park

1235 State Park Rd., Huddleston; 540-297-6066; virginiastateparks.gov/ smith-mountain-lake.



ROANOKE



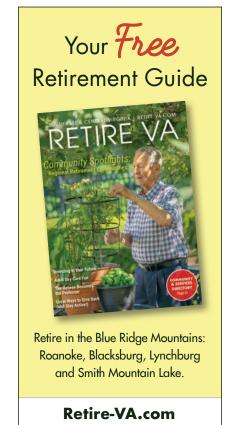
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