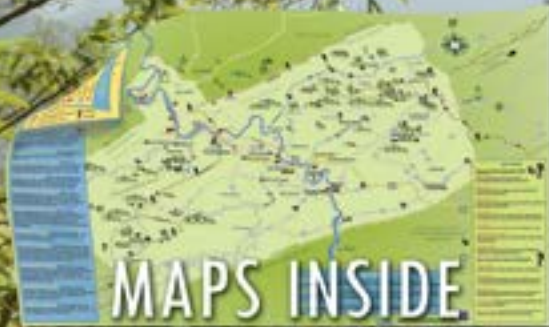


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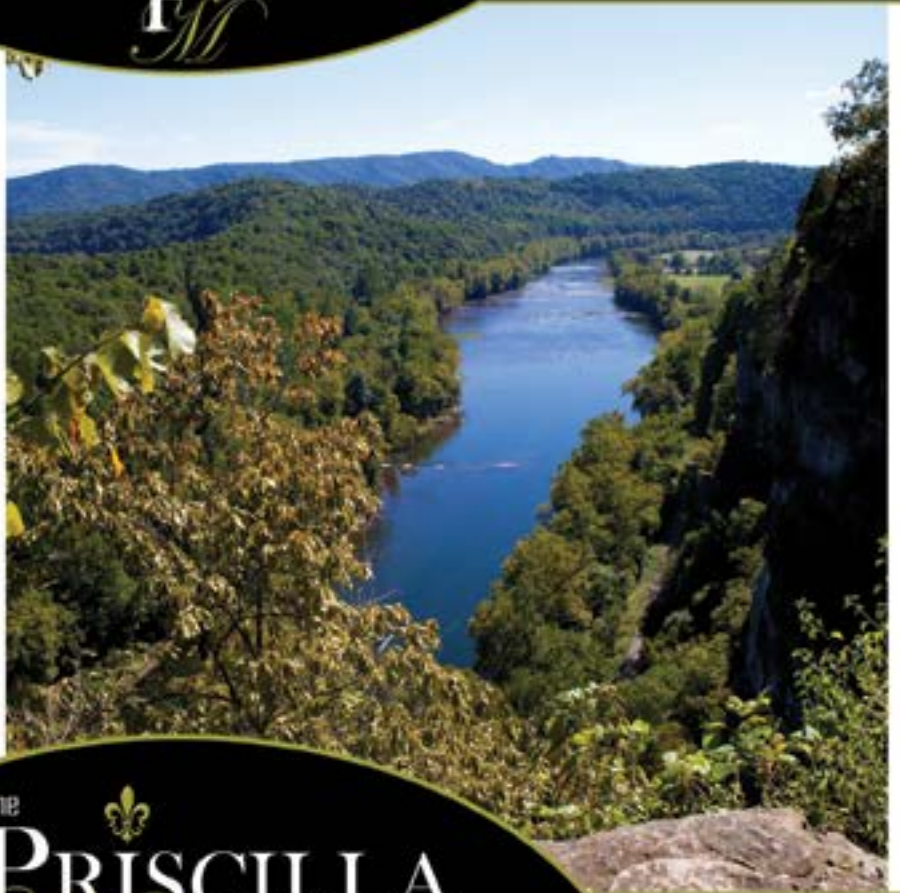
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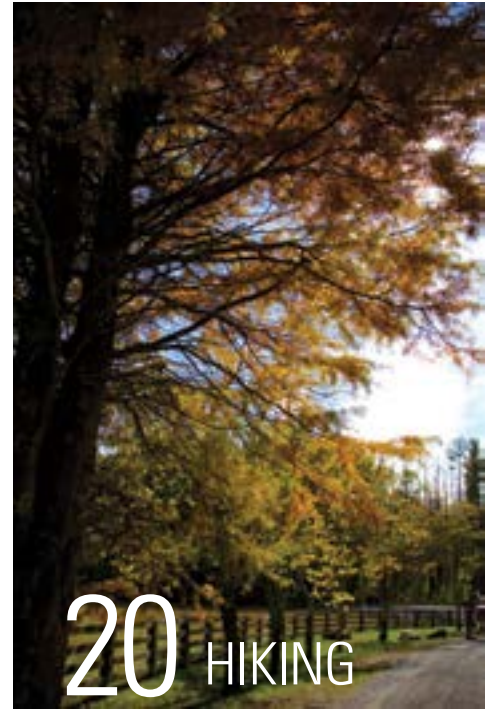
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The Appalachian Trail crosses it
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Businesses thrive inside it
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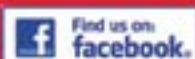
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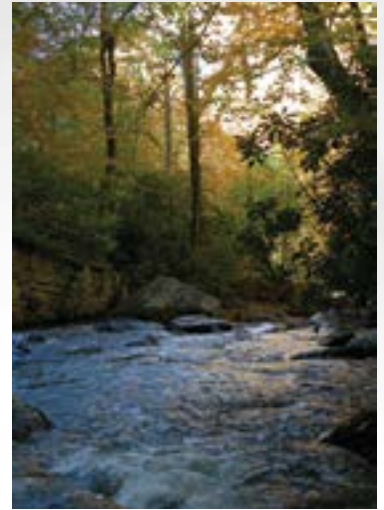


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A to Z

- A** Appalachian Trail, Art on the Lawn, Angling
- B** Birdwatching, Backpacking, Boat Fishing
- C** Cascades, Covered Bridges, Camping, Canoeing
- D** Dismal Falls, Dining, Disc Golf
- E** Eating, Education
- F** Fishing, Fly Fishing, Festival in the Park
- G** Glen Alton, Golf, Geocaching
- H** Hiking, Hunting, History, Horseback Riding
- I** Indigenous Culture
- J** Jefferson National Forest
- K** Kayaking, Kids Fishing Day
- L** Living History Days
- M** Mountain Biking, Mill Creek Nature Park & Falls, Music, Mountain Lake Lodge



- N** New River, Newport Agricultural Fair,
- O** Outfitters, Orienteering
- P** Photography, Picnicking, Pembroke Heritage Festival
- Q** Quiet, Quest for the Quirky
- R** Reed [Henry] Memorial Fiddler's Convention, Rock Climbing, Races
- S** Stand up Paddleboarding, Swimming, Stargazing, Scuba Diving, Sightseeing
- T** Trails, Tubing, Trail Running, Tree Climbing
- U** Utterly beautiful
- V** Volun-tourism (AT hiker assistance, River cleanup)
- W** War Spur and Windrock Trails, Wildlife, Walkers Creek Retreat, Wine
- X** Xtraordinary Views, Xylem in every tree in the forest
- Y** You ... Being here
- Z** Zipline Adventure

The New River is the second oldest river in the world, so it was “new” when discovered, and it is one of the few to flow north. The majority of its 37 miles of Giles County is suitable for many activities though it ranges from a depth of a few inches in some places to 100 feet at the base of the Palisades Cliffs.

THE NEW RIVER WATER TRAIL

A new appreciation and recognition for the value of the nation’s rivers is materializing through water trails, where the ubiquitous paddle replaces the knobby-soled hiking boot for forward motion, and the trail is filled with sparkling, free-flowing water. From the seat of a canoe, kayak, raft, boat or paddleboard, the waterway hiker in Giles County glides along the surface of the New River.

Preservation, restoration and pure enjoyment of this historical river have propelled Giles County organizations and individuals to designate the New River a natural, waterway trail. A little more than 10 percent of the its 320 miles meander through the county, and the waterway is notable for being the second oldest river in the world (thus, New compared to the Nile). One of

several stories about its name points to a Captain Byrd. He was charged with opening a road from the James River to Abingdon in 1764. The map he used, written by Thomas Jefferson in 1755, did not show the river, so Byrd noted it as “New River.”

Headwaters are found near Blowing Rock, N.C., and the New River is one of a few waterways which flows north. Water depths in Giles County range from a few inches to 100 feet near the Palisades, vertical rock cliffs cut away by the river’s constant flow across centuries. Historically speaking, the New River provided a transportation route for Indians, pioneers and commercial trades, and served as a life-saving landmark in the 1700s for Mary Draper Ingles. Mrs. Ingles was captured by Indians who took her hundreds of miles on waterways up into the Ohio

Valley. Upon escaping, she followed the rivers backwards, using the New River as her guide home.

A local cooperative effort has been initiated to promote and enhance New River Water Trail experiences, develop maps and landmark designations and connect with land and bicycle trails. As a recreational corridor through beautiful scenery, abundant fish and birds and noteworthy geological formations, the New River provides waterway adventures for all outdoorsy folks.

Visitors who enjoy soft adventure can cruise quietly along sections of the waterway, while those who lean toward more thrilling excitement can find it in Class I, II, and III rapids in places along the entire 37 miles. Several local outfitters offer equipment, guides, knowledge and half-day, full-day



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and overnight excursions on this wonderful, friendly, historic waterway.

Fast water and big rocks create the perfect water environment for big smallmouth bass and flathead catfish. You can pull a canoe up on an island and fish with jigs or spinner baits to hook some fine trophies. The New River also has several lazy, slow stretches where fisherman can enjoy the scenery and still have luck fishing for rock bass near grass beds. The slow waters near dams along the river house flathead and channel catfish, as well as walleye and smallmouth bass when fished with live bait.

Whether fishing, sunning, socializing, exploring or picnicking, the New River Water Trail is one of the coolest ways to experience a significant, natural habitat in Giles County.





EGGLESTON TO PEMBROKE

2718-3062 RIVER RD, EGGLESTON, VA 24086

Distance: 6 miles

Estimated Float Time: 3 hours

Estimated Fishing Time: 6 hours

With towering cliffs lining both sides of the river, including the historic Palisades Cliffs on river right just downstream of the put in, this section is recognized as one of the most scenic floats in all of Virginia. Short riffles are scattered throughout the float appealing to both boaters and anglers. Fly anglers can try casting a wooly buggler in the eddies and runs while spin fisherman can try top-water baits along the grass edges early and late in the day. This float has one strong Class II, two milder Class II's, and several Class I riffles. Take out off Route 623 on river right at the Pembroke VDGIF ramp just upstream of the Route 623 Bridge.

PEMBROKE TO RIPPLEMEAD

201 RIVER ROAD, PEMBROKE, VA 24136

Distance: 2.5 miles

Estimated Float Time: 1 hour

Estimated Fishing Time: 3 hours

A short but beautiful float characterized by numerous islands and riffles throughout, this section is a great run for a quick afternoon or morning float. It can also be added to the sections before or after it to lengthen the trip. One of the largest tributaries of the New, Walker Creek, enters on river left near the end of the float signaling the beginning of Whitt Riverbend Park. This float has one strong Class II at the beginning of the float and the rest are Class I and riffles. Take out off Route 636 on river left at the entrance of Whitt Riverbend Park and before the Route 460 Bridge.

RIPPLEMEAD TO BLUFF CITY

995 RIPPLEMEAD ROAD, RIPPLEMEAD, VA 24150

Distance: 8.5 miles

Estimated Float Time: 4 hours

Estimated Fishing Time: 8 hours

One of the best whitewater runs in all of Virginia offering Class I and II's throughout the entire length of the float. In addition to scenic, towering bluffs along the banks, this is one of the top paddling trips in the southeast. Big Stony Creek, a stocked trout stream, enters on river right about halfway through the trip and Clendenin Shoals, located about 2 miles from the takeout, is a strong Class II rapid with large wave trains throughout. Smallmouth and musky fishing is good throughout the float, particularly in the oxygenated riffles during the warmer months. Take out on river left just below the Route 460 Bridge.

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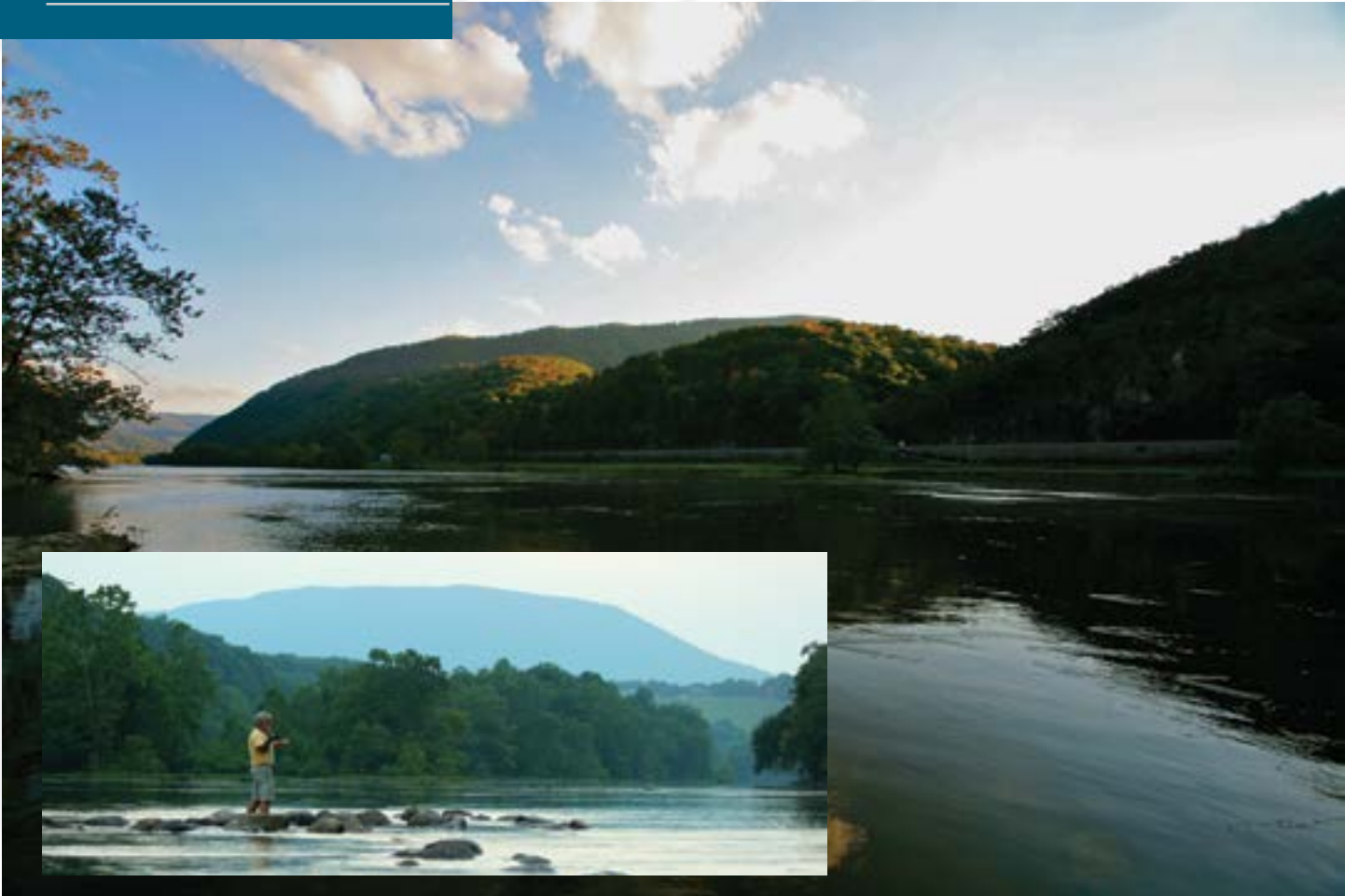
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BLUFF CITY TO NARROWS

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Distance: 4 miles
Estimated Float Time: 1.5 hours
Estimated Fishing Time: 4 hours

Mostly smooth water with one long shoal about a mile into the float. Take out is on river left at VDGIF ramp at Camp Success Park in the town of Narrows just downstream from the mouth of Wolf Creek. **WARNING:** Narrows Falls, a dangerous Class III rapid that descends 7 feet in 50 feet of river, looms downstream of the takeout and presents numerous hazards in its course including the remains of an old dam.

NARROWS TO GLEN LYN

2000 VIRGINIA AVENUE, NARROWS, VA 24124

Distance: 5.5 miles
Estimated Float Time: 2.5 hours
Estimated Fishing Time: 6 hours

A very calm float with several riffles and big islands dotting its course. Put-in at either the Lurich Road access on river left just downstream of Narrows Falls, or at the Rich Creek VDGIF ramp on river right about a mile downstream. Take out at the Glen Lyn VDGIF ramp just above the Route 460 Bridge at Glen Lyn Park. Approximately 7 miles of river flows through Virginia before exiting the state, but finding a takeout can be challenging.

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- yellow perch
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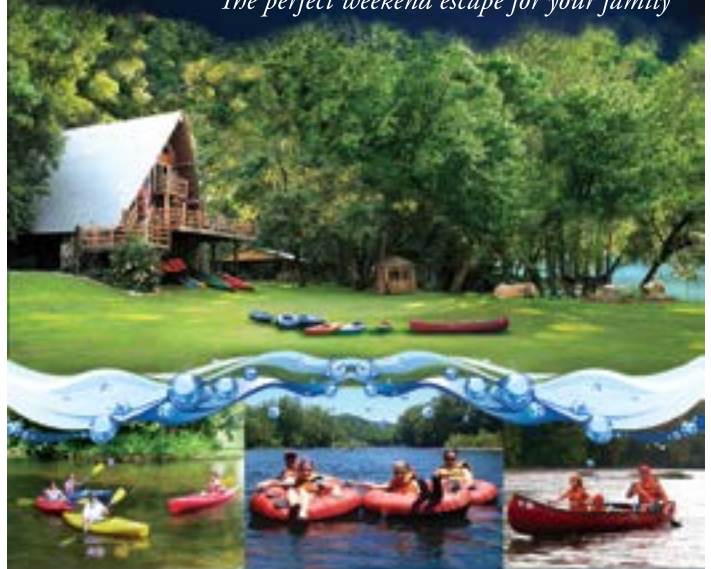
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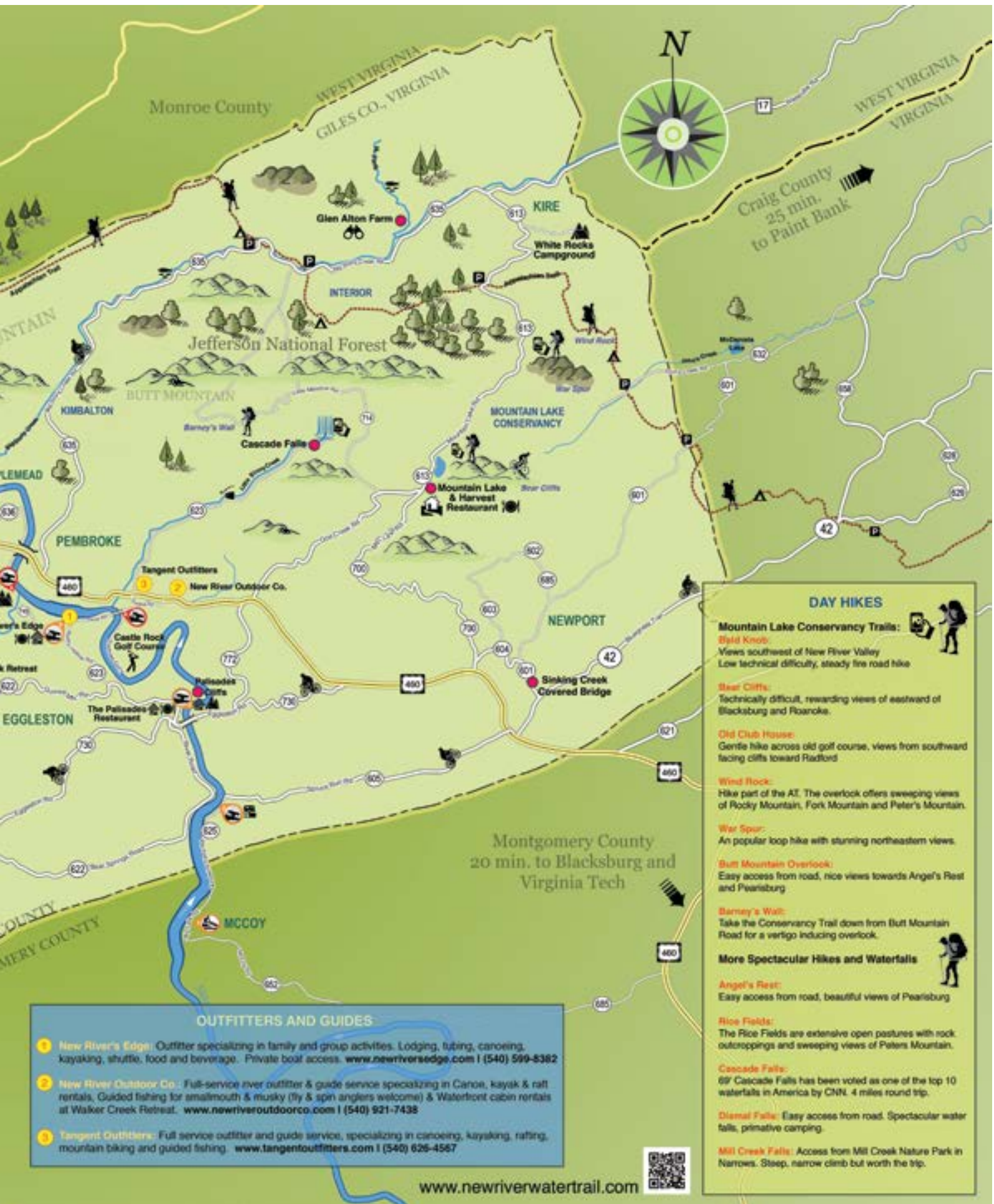
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- Bluff City Boat Access:** Turn onto Cord Road at east end of Rt 460 bridge and at stop sign turn left onto Thomas Dr. - Turn Right onto Tannery Rd. - Go across tracks under the bridge.
- Camp Success Access:** Take Rt. 460 to Narrows. Cross over the New River and take your first right turn onto Lurich Rd. Camp Success is on your right. Drive all the way to the end of the camp's gravel road to go to the boat ramp. The camp offers primitive camping and bathrooms.
- Lurich River Boat Access:** Take Rt. 460 to Narrows. Cross over the New River and take your first right turn onto Lurich Rd. Pass Camp Success, on your right. Drive approximately 3 miles. The boat ramp will be on your right just past the narrow falls.
- Rich Creek Boat Access:** Located near Gentry's Landing on US-460E in Rich Creek. Public boat ramp made of concrete. This site is within walking distance to the Gentry's Landing Campground.
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APPALACHIAN TRAIL SPUR WIND ROCK PEMBROKE

Difficulty Level: Easy
Distance: 0.8 miles round trip
Features: Vista/View, Dogs allowed,
Cliffs or rocky outcrop

This is a short out and back hike in the Mountain Lake Wilderness. The overlook offers sweeping views of Rocky Mountain, Fork Mountain and Peter's Mountain. Starting at the trailhead bulletin board, follow the A.T. eastward for about 1/3 mile. A short spur trail on the left takes you to Wind Rock.

Directions:
Follow US 460 6.5 miles west of Blacksburg. Turn right on Mountain Lake Rd (SR 700). Go 5.5 miles past Mountain Lake Hotel. Parking is on the left.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL SPUR KELLY'S KNOB NEWPORT

Difficulty Level: Moderate
Elevation Gain: 500
Distance: 4.2
Features: Vista/View, Dogs allowed,
Cliffs or rocky outcrop

This is an out and back hike beginning at VA 601 headed north on the AT. The first 1/2 mile is the most strenuous as the trail ascends Johns Creek Mountain and gains about 500 feet in elevation. The trail then levels out as it follows the ridgeline to Kelly Knob – a large rock outcropping with a beautiful view of the valley below.

Directions:
Follow US 460, 5 miles west of Blacksburg. Turn right on VA 42 and go 1 mile. Turn left on VA 601 and go 7 miles. Small gravel pull off on the left where the road intersects the A.T.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL SPUR DISMAL CREEK FALLS WHITE GATE

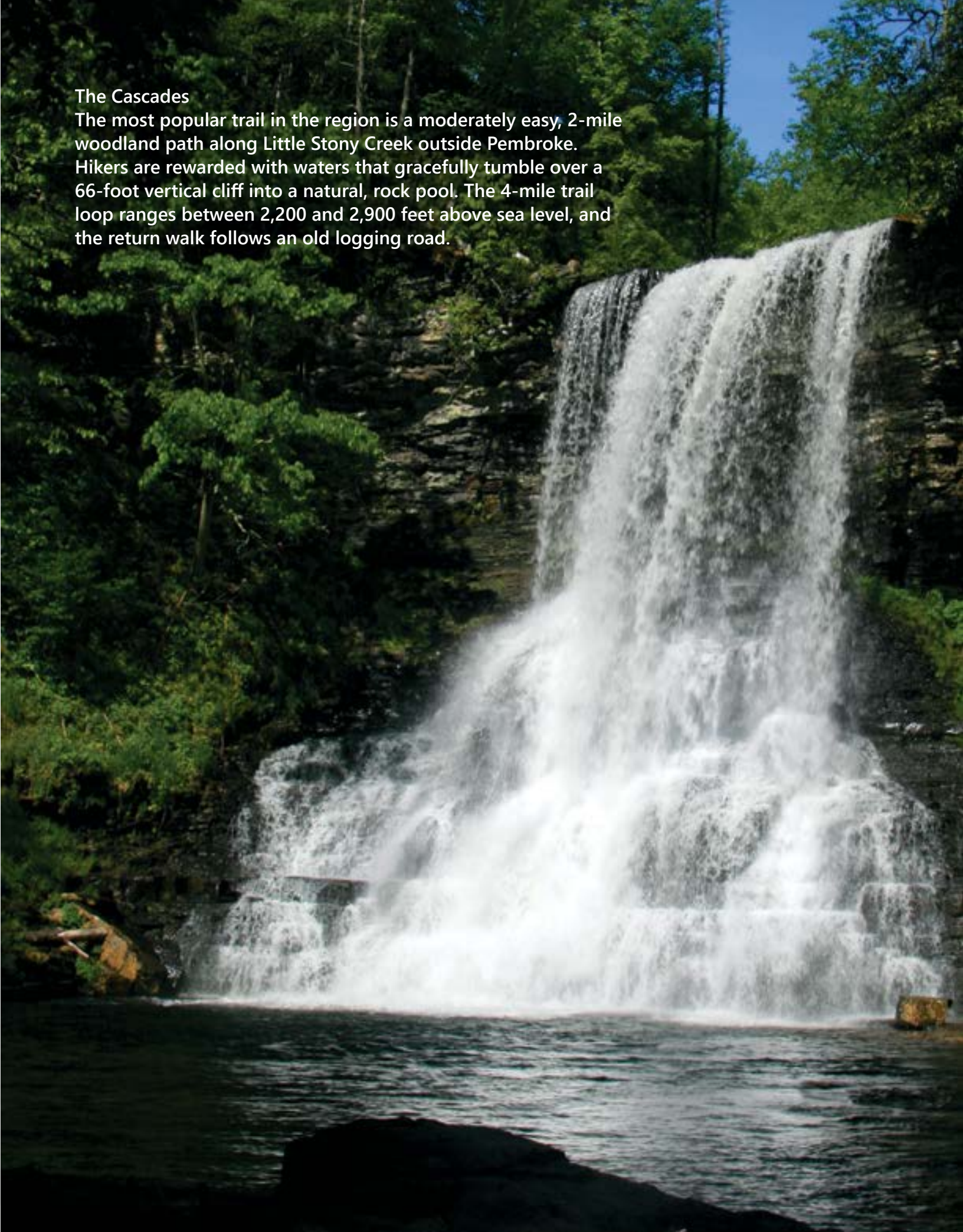
Difficulty Level: Moderate
Distance: 4.3 miles round trip
Features: Dismal Creek and Falls

From the trailhead on Virginia 606, hike north on the A.T. and begin climbing Brushy Mountain. At mile 1.9, reach the junction with the blue-blazed side trail to Dismal Creek Falls. Turn left on the side trail and hike another 0.25 mile to the falls overlook. To return, hike back to the A.T. on the side trail, turn right on the A.T. and hike south to Virginia 606.

Directions:
To reach the trailhead, drive 12 miles east of Bland on Virginia 42 to the intersection with VA 606. Turn left and follow VA606 0.75 mile to the trailhead.

The Cascades

The most popular trail in the region is a moderately easy, 2-mile woodland path along Little Stony Creek outside Pembroke. Hikers are rewarded with waters that gracefully tumble over a 66-foot vertical cliff into a natural, rock pool. The 4-mile trail loop ranges between 2,200 and 2,900 feet above sea level, and the return walk follows an old logging road.



HIKING

Appalachian Trail

Through hikers and day hikers enjoy all or part of Giles County's 52 miles of this famous Georgia-Maine trail. Townsfolk welcome hikers, and hostels and local lodging places host many of them with for a respite from the wilderness. Through hikers can do laundry, replenish supplies, buy new hiking boots and pick up mail.



APPALACHIAN TRAIL SPUR MILL CREEK FALLS NARROWS

Difficulty Level: Easy

Distance: 3.5 miles round trip

Features: Vista/View, Dogs allowed, Cliffs or rocky outcrop, Waterfalls, Fishing

This lesser known trail boasts a 1/2 mile long series of spectacular falls known as Falls of Mill Creek is a true hidden treasure. For those who are "Friends of Mill Creek" it's a favorite year round adventure trail.

Directions:

Narrows - Main Street/Rt.100 approximately .3 miles, turn right on Northview Street. Follow Northview approximately 3 blocks, turn right onto College Street, then the next left on Poplar Street. Continue on Poplar Street for .8 miles to the stop sign and turn right on the gravel road (through the open gate) to the parking area for Mill Creek Nature Park.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL SPUR BARNEY'S WALL PEMBROKE

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Distance: 8 miles round trip
(2 miles past the Cascade Falls)

Features: Waterfalls, Dogs allowed, Vista/Views

This scenic mountain view sets directly above the Cascades Water Fall. It is preceded by a 3/4 mile hike down the mountain trail. Most of it is very moderate hiking. Due to low laying brush, horses are not recommend. Mountain biking possible. This is not a highly publicized trail or look out and there is minimal parking off of the main fire trail road.

Directions:

Parking available at Cascade Recreation Area. Take exit 118 I-81 north on US-460, making sure to use the bypasses around Christiansburg and Blacksburg. After 26.6 miles turn right on Cascade Dr (SR-T623) in Pembroke. The entrance is in 3.3 miles.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL SPUR ANGELS REST PEARISBURG

Difficulty Level: Strenuous

Distance: 3 miles round trip

Features: Vista/View, Dogs allowed

Hike the Appalachian Trail 1 1/2 miles up Pearis Mountain to a scenic overlook. The Difficulty rating of this hike is moderate but steep with elevations of 2000 ft. to 3550 ft. There are great views of the New River Valley and surrounding mountains.

Directions:

Take I-81 S to exit 118B. Follow 460W for 30 miles. Take 2nd exit after crossing New River. Take 2nd right onto Johnston Avenue (Beside the Dairy Queen). Take the next right onto Rt. 634 (Morris Avenue). Follow 0.6 miles to where the Appalachian Trail crosses Rt. 634. There is limited roadside parking.

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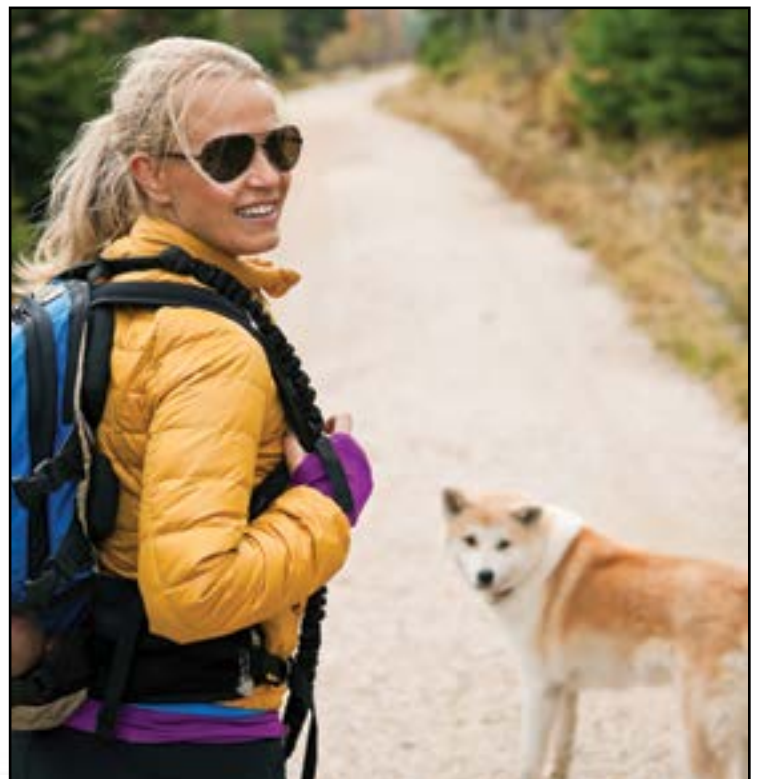
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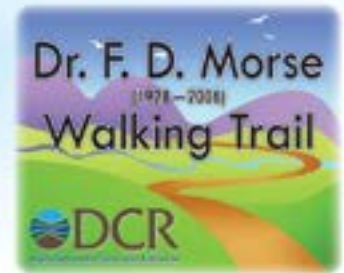
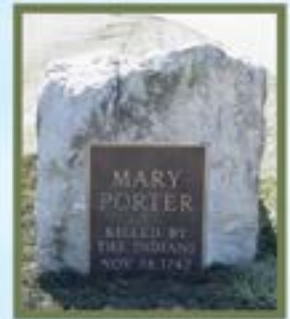


Glen Lyn

Could it be that nestled in the foothills of the East River Mountain and bisected by both the New and East Rivers that the small Town of Glen Lyn, Virginia has an identity that dates from 1742. According to local residents who live in Glen Lyn that have seen the hand carved stone with the inscription "Mary Porter killed by Indians November 28, 1742" it is a valid assertion. If indeed this is true it predates the Draper Meadows Settlement by seven years, which had been recognized as the oldest settlement west of the Alleghenies.

Today Glen Lyn is the home of several major business/industry facilities that impact the economic viability of Giles County. The vision of "self help" is evident by the newly created Industrial Park and the growth of small business within the corporate limits.

The Glen Lyn Town Park consisting of approximately 70 acres and almost two miles of river frontage is an attraction of unsurpassed beauty. Providing recreation opportunity to thousands of visitors each year and with a variety of outdoor activities and musical shows. The Park is a major asset to the Town and County in the effort to promote tourism. The Dr. F. D. Morse Walking Trail is a 2-mile long path through the beautiful Giles County countryside, with an expansion of 1 additional mile under way. For more information the Town of Glen Lyn or our festivals please call. 540-726-7075





GLEN ALTON

This beautiful 304-acre property was a working farm until the 1980s. The U.S. Forest Service acquired it in 1999, and it is now a stunning public recreation area that includes interpretive displays, summer children's activities, walking and hiking trails, a wedding venue and a picnic area.

Located north of Pembroke in the Eastern Divide Ranger District of the Jefferson National Forest, Glen Alton is an outstanding natural and historic resource for the region. The site is characterized by gently rolling terrain with a variety of scenic, natural and cultural resources. Mountain views, wetlands, rivers, ponds and streams and the historic lodge, barns and caretaker's house date back to the early 20th century. (888) 241-6669

COVERED BRIDGE

Sinking Creek Bridge, owned by Giles County and open to the public, is often the subject of photographs and paintings. Located off U.S. 460, take Route 42 through Newport. Turn left on Route 601 (Clover Hollow Road), and follow the sign. Reynolds and Link are both on private property.

The romance of covered bridges lingers on in Giles County, home to three of the remaining eight covered bridges in Virginia - Sinking Creek Bridge (1916), Reynolds Bridge (1919), and Link Bridge (1912). Each one is near Newport, Virginia's only official village and a National Historic Landmark. To the residents of Giles County, these structures symbolize a bridge between the past and the present.

ADVENTURE.....

MOUNTAIN LAKE TREETOP ADVENTURES

This first aerial adventure course in the New River Valley boasts three elevated courses for different ability levels and 30 elements of challenge. Following a specific training session, participants navigate the courses in a self-guided way, maneuvering among rope bridges, zip lines, ladders and obstacles at one's own pace. Safety is paramount, and there are waivers, weight and height qualifications, recommended footwear and clothing styles (nothing flappin' loose, for example) and required training for participants. Once trained and properly outfitted, you can challenge your mental aptitude and physical dexterity ~ soar like eagles and glide among towering trees. mtnlakelodge.com



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BIRDING

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Great Giles County birding areas include Mountain Lake Conservancy, Glen Alton, Farley Memorial Wayside, Cascade National Recreation Area, Jefferson National Forest, New River, the Appalachian Trail and trails that spur from it.



HUNTING & SHOOTING

Giles County contains nearly 100 square miles of Jefferson National Forest with an abundance of whitetail deer, wild turkey, grouse, rabbit, raccoon, coyote, black bear and bobcat. Hunters and sportsmen enjoy great hunting, excitement, disappointment and tall tales that fill the local markets and check stations every evening. www.dgif.virginia.gov

GEOCACHING

Geocaching is a worldwide game of hide-and-seek with little treasures. A geocacher can place a cache anywhere in the world, pinpoint its location using GPS technology and then share its existence and location online. Anyone with a GPS device can try to find it.

Giles County is home to many cache sites, and people of all ages enjoy this style of treasure hunting. A geocache could be tucked away at a historical site, near an awesome view or simply in some interesting place.

The Mountain Lake Conservancy manages 2,600 acres of mountainous terrain that encompasses a unique ecosystem due to an average elevation of over 4,000 feet. More than 20 miles of fern-lined trails are open to the public for biking year-round. These pathways are perfect for summer bicycle riding as temperatures are typically 10 to 15 degrees cooler than in the towns and valleys.

From early spring to late fall, diehard mountain and recreational bicyclists participate in annual events throughout the county. The popular Mountains of Misery in May and Ride-River-Run and Dirty Dawg in July bring cycling enthusiasts from up and down the East Coast who live for a challenge.

Mill Creek Nature Park is a 146 acre park owned by the Town of Narrows with 2 miles of sweet, sidehill single track. The riding is moderate to easy gradient with a small terrain park on the Upper Loop. There are logs and rocks on the trail for the more adventurous rider. If you are looking for a longer ride, there is an additional 16 miles of trails on the adjoining National Forest property. The first 2 miles of this section are steep and rocky, but after reaching the top the riding is moderate with beautiful scenery and overlooks. These trails are well worth the effort for more experienced mountain bikers.

BIKE RACES

MOUNTAINS OF MISERY

PEMBROKE

Mountains of Misery is a challenging bike ride for dedicated road cyclists through the heart of southwest Virginia. The annual timed event features century (100+ mi) and double-metric century (200 km/124+ mi) options—both ending in a tough, four-mile 12%–16% graded climb to the finish.

SPRING UP WOLF CREEK BIKE RIDE

NARROWS

Spring Up Wolf Creek bike ride begins at 12 noon in April. Proceeds support sight conservation, provide glasses for the needy, and help for the blind. This is a fun ride for the entire family and an awesome spring adventure along Wolf Creek. The ride starts in Narrows and goes to Rocky Gap, returning to Narrows. Take your pick of a 20 mile, 32 mile or 42 mile round trip. Ride as much or as little of the course as you want.

Enjoy the spring foliage and serene ride along Wolf Creek. The ride starts and ends at Ragsdale football field in downtown Narrows. One free T-shirt per single or family registration will be provided if registered by date on website. T-shirts will be available for \$5 each on the day of the ride while supplies last.

<http://springupwolfcreek.org>



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MACARTHUR INN (540) 726-7510

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Moose Cabin is on the New River in the quiet town of Pembroke 20 minutes from Blacksburg and Virginia Tech. The surrounding area offers fishing, kayaking, tubing, canoeing, hiking, mountain biking or just relaxing.

LODGING



NEW RIVER'S EDGE



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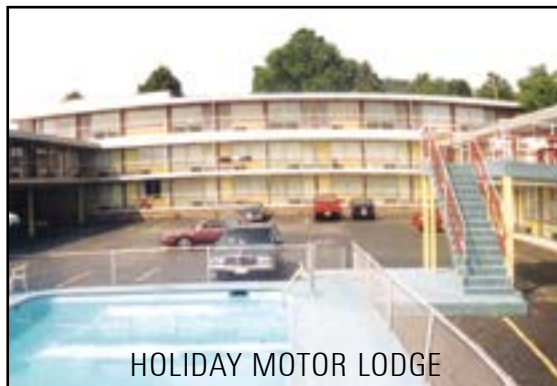
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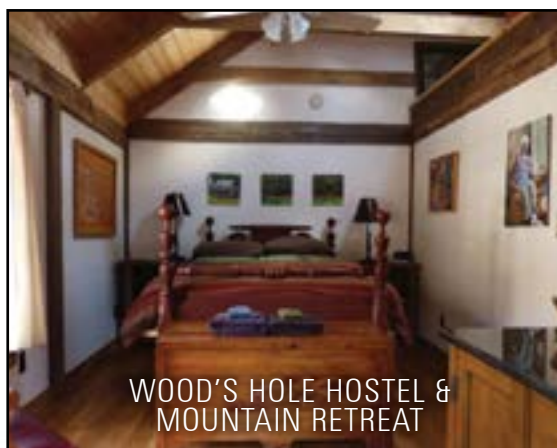
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NARROWS FARMERS MARKET

The Narrows Farmers Market is located on Monroe Street in downtown Narrows. The Market has tables already onsite in order to accommodate a number of vendors, a stage area for live entertainment during special events, and clean restroom facilities.

The market is open April 1st through October 31st. Selling days are Thursday and Saturday from 8:00a.m. until 1:00p.m. However, in the spirit of making the market a successful endeavor from both the Town's and community's viewpoint, staff will make every effort to make special arrangements with potential vendors wishing to use the facility outside of these days and times.

For space reservation, call the town office at (540) 726-2423. Or visit our website: townofnarrows.org

PEARISBURG COMMUNITY MARKET

Relax & Enjoy Saturdays at the Pearisburg Community Market!

Located on the front lawn of the Community Center on Wenonah Avenue, the Pearisburg Community Market is open every Saturday from 9:00am to 2:00pm starting the first Saturday in May through the last Saturday in October. Meet local producers, artisans and more. Check out the events, demos, activities, and kids craft projects scheduled each week. Food can be purchased at the market. Call 540-921-0340 or visit pearisburg.org.

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PEMBROKE

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The Cascades waterfall in Little Stony Creek Valley spills 66 feet to gentle pools below. Mountain Lake Conservancy (2,600 acres), the area's outfitters, restaurants, New River access and miles of hiking and mountain biking trails surround the town, incorporated in 1948, two centuries after the first settlers. (540) 626-5333

RICH CREEK

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Rich Creek, on the border of West Virginia, is affectionately known as the "Gateway to Giles County." Its well-known and anxiously awaited Harvest Festival is held each September. Woodland Park, the community center and public library are active resident gathering spots. (540) 726-3260

NARROWS

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Narrows, settled around 1778, gets its name from the historic "narrows" point where the New River cuts through the ridges of East River and Peters Mountain. Among the attractions in Narrows are the Narrows Town Park ("The Boom"), Camp Success Park, Narrows Farmer's Market, Veteran's Memorial, Mill Creek Nature Park and the Duck Pond. (540) 726-2423

GLEN LYN

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The Town of Glen Lyn, on the Virginia-West Virginia border, is host of a flea market every weekend in summer and fall at the Town Park, and a stone marker for "Mary Porter, killed by Indians, 1742" documents a very early settlement in the region. (540) 726-7075

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The Village of Newport is home to the oldest agricultural fair in the state, organized in 1936 as an educational enterprise, and held the second Friday and Saturday in August. With covered bridges, widespread farms and a small town atmosphere, Newport is a charming place. (540) 544-6822



EGGLESTON

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The first permanent Giles County settlement, Eggleston was originally called Gunpowder Springs for the odor from a local sulfur spring. Sitting quietly along the New River adjacent to the picturesque Palisades Cliffs, Eggleston is once again being built up as a small resort town with a quality restaurant, charming gift shop and lodging.

WHITE GATE

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ROUND THE MOUNTAIN

Round the Mountain is a comprehensive artisan trail driving tour that connects visitors to art, craft and agritourism sites and venues. Regional Artisan Trail driving tour brochures are available at various Giles County outlets. www.roundthemountain.org

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GILES LITTLE THEATER

The Giles Little Theater is a non-profit community theater in Pearisburg serving the New River Valley. Its goal is to bring to Giles County classic productions from the Broadway stage performed by local talent in a time-tested, traditional manner. Pearisburg Community Center, 1410 Wenonah Avenue, Pearisburg.

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES

Take a free tour of the Pearisburg murals and Wall of Art. The town has five painted murals: two on route 100, one on Tazewell Street, one on Wenonah Avenue and the last in the lobby of the Carilion Hospital. In addition, there is a tiled Wall of Art, located behind the Giles County Treasurers Office.

Tour the river sculptures. Elements of the sculptures come from New River cleanup activities, the boat ramps and roadways in Giles County. The sculptures stimulate conversation about trash and recycling.

Murals in Narrows Town Hall and on MacArthur Lane across from Anna's Restaurant.

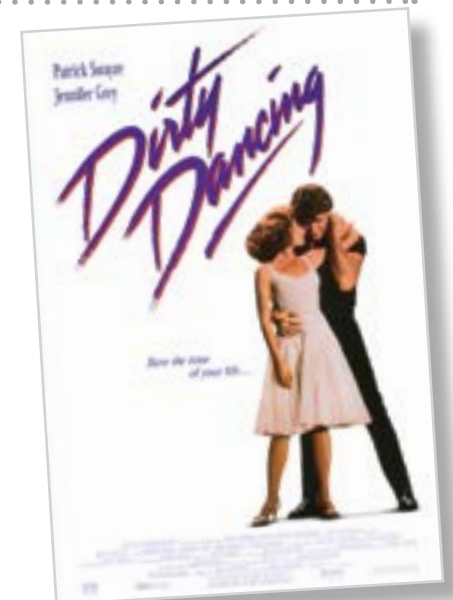
IN THE MOVIES

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This 1987 movie, which has entered the ranks of an all-time classic, was filmed at Mountain Lake Lodge, as well as Lake Lure, N.C. The film starred Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey, and the stone lodge [at Mountain Lake] was called "Kellerman's Resort." The movie won the Academy Award for the Best Original Song in 1987 and a Golden Globe Award and Grammy in 1988. Again, Giles County residents rose to the occasion to make the film crew and cast feel welcome and comfortable in the beautiful mountain setting where they laughed, cried and danced their way into our hearts.



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PEARISBURG

Located centrally in the county, Giles High School offers secondary education from grades 8-12. A strong vocational program is offered, along with distance learning classes with New River Community College and participation in the Southwest Virginia Governor's School for Science, Mathematics and Technology.

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NARROWS

Narrows High School enrolls school students in grades 8-12 and serves the western part of Giles County. The curriculum is broad based, including New River Community College distance learning courses and opportunities to attend the SW VA Governor's School.

1 Green Wave Lane | Narrows, VA 24124
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Principal: Dr. Jill Hopkins
287 Students, grades 8-12

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NARROWS

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NARROWS TOWN PARK and Ragsdale Field are used for soccer, football and other sports. The town's park, known as "The Boom," has places for swimming, volleyball, basketball, playing games and picnicking. **MILL POND** is a popular place to enjoy ducks and Canadian geese. **CAMP SUCCESS AND MILL CREEK NATURE PARK** are also attractive Narrows amenities.

GLEN LYN TOWN PARK is a quiet spot for camping, fishing, launching a boat, or walking, and **RICH CREEK'S WOODLAND PARK** is often used for athletic activities and community gatherings. The **NEWPORT RECREATION CENTER** is a central site for local events, art studios, youth activities and concerts. **EGGLESTON** is most delightful from a raft, boat or canoe on the New River, next to the Palisades Cliffs. Campgrounds along the river create fun experiences for all ages.

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Giles County was chartered in 1806 and named after William Branch Giles, a Virginia Statesman who served as a State Delegate, Congressman, U.S. Senator and Governor of Virginia. Geological studies have found evidence of Native Americans in the region dating back 10,000 years ago, and the earliest known evidence of settlers is found at Glen Lyn on a grave identifying the remains of Mary Porter, “killed by Indians on November 24, 1742.”

One of Giles’s most famous figures is Mary Draper Ingles (1732-1815). Mary was abducted by Indians in July of 1755 and taken into the Ohio valley region. Following several months of captivity, Mary escaped in late September of 1755 and walked several hundred miles back home using the New River as her guide. Her incredible journey is chronicled in the book

“Follow the River” by James Alexander Thom.

As the United States grew, Giles County served as a gateway for frontiersmen and their families going west and south. Along the way, the rich and well-born discovered clear, mountain air and pleasant summers here. In the early 1800s, Mountain Lake and Eggleston Springs were home to large hotels which catered to summer visitors arriving by train or stagecoach.

Giles has also played host to future U.S. Presidents. A 38-year-old Harvard educated lawyer with no military experience proved himself to be a daring and ambitious leader in the Civil War. Lieutenant Colonel Rutherford B. Hayes pushed into Giles County with 600 men from the 23rd Ohio in early May of 1862. Hayes passed through an undefended point

on the New River called “the Narrows,” occupied Pearisburg and encamped on the high ground just south of town at the base of Angel’s Rest Mountain. Also among the men was a spirited 19 year-old, Sgt. William McKinley, another future U.S. President.

This is a lovely spot, a fine, clean village, most beautiful and romantic surrounding country, and polite and educated Secesh people...I find more intelligence and culture here than anywhere else in Virginia.

*~ Rutherford B. Hayes
on Giles County*



ANDREW JOHNSTON HOUSE AND MUSEUM

In 1987, the Andrew Johnston family heirs deeded the family home and property to the Giles County Historical Society. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places, and the museum opened in 1997. A 2-car garage is now a Research Room with documents of interest to Giles County historians and genealogists. The 1829 Federal-style, brick home features 22-inch thick walls, log floor joists 12 inches thick, period stenciling and bright, high-ceiling rooms that depict fine, country living in the 1800s. The Giles County Historical Society is headquartered here.

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Giles County officials embrace preservation and sensible environmental stewardship along with entrepreneurial ventures and companies in myriad industries. The County is proud to be supportive of cottage industries and home-based businesses, as well as commercial enterprises.

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Small businesses prosper in the little towns and outlying regions, and many of their products and services may be found around the globe. Farming businesses include fresh produce, organic flowers, fish, pork, chicken and beef products. Many of the Giles County restaurants pride themselves on serving locavore and using fresh, locally-sourced ingredients in season. Farmer's markets offer farm-to-table produce.

Giles County's largest employer, Celanese, provides employment to more than 1,000 people and is in the midst of a \$150 million dollar investment. Other Fortune 500 companies like General Electric, Caterpillar and Appalachian Power have a presence and work force in Giles County connected to power and mining.

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FAST FACT:

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GILES COUNTY WELLNESS CENTER

The Giles County Wellness Center in Narrows is a 9,000-square-foot facility with a wide range of training machines, exercise classes and educational seminars. It also supports the Silver Sneakers program for seniors.

Of course, one of the best, all-natural, fitness regimens is walking, and Giles County offers some of the best parks and trails anywhere for strolling, hiking or more strenuous workouts. Clean air, pure water, blue skies, starlit nights, pretty snowfalls, warm sunshine and pastoral valleys and verdant hillsides all bode well for anyone's frame of mind.




Optometrists, dermatologists and other specialty medical practices are located in the county, along with two dialysis centers and a Giles Free Clinic for those in need. G-NET - Giles County Health Network, is a planning collaborative of health-related nonprofit organizations serving Giles County. It is supported by a multi-year federal Rural Health Network Development Grant that the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) awarded to the Giles Free Clinic in May, 2011.

Emergency Medical Services reside throughout the county in volunteer fire departments, law enforcement entities, rescue groups and EMTs ready and willing with immediate response teams to assist anyone in Giles County any time.

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- 12 MOUNTAIN EVANGELIST (MARKER)
- 13 TRIGG
- 14 WILLOWBROOK
- 15 THE OLD PRICE HOME
- 16 EGGLESTON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL
- 17 CAPTAIN WILLIAM EGGLESTON BRIDGE
- 18 PALISADES

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Wilburn Valley

1. Continue south on Rt. 100 (Main Street) for 2.7 mi. Turn right on Rt. 665 (Wilburn Valley Road) and continue through the beautiful farmland of Wilburn Valley 4.7 mi.
2. Turn left on Rt. 663 (Sugar Run Road)
3. Travel .6 mi and turn right on Old Thessalia Road. The [1 Thessalia Methodist Church](#) and cemetery are on this route. To return to Rt. 663, pass the church and make 1 left turn.
4. Turn Right on Sugar Run Rd. (Instead of Left to Thessalia). Go about 3.5 miles. The last 2 miles is dirt road. After 3 miles look for [2 Woods Hole Hostel](#) on the left. Woods Hole Hostel is an operating hostel catering to Appalachian Trail Hikers and a Bed & Breakfast. The original chestnut log cabin was built in 1880.
5. Continuing up 0.5 miles. Park at the Fork and the Appalachian Trail will be on your right.
6. Return to Rt. 100 S and travel 7.4 mi. At the community of [3 Poplar Hill](#), turn right onto Rt. 42 W (Walker's Creek Valley Road) and continue on to White Gate on The Bluegrass Trail. Poplar Hill was named in 1774 by Samuel Shannon who felled huge poplar trees to make space for his log home.

White Gate

Settled by the Stinsons in the 1780's. The community was first known as Rye Meadows, then later was known as Banessville until the 1950's. The first Post Office was located in John Bane's house on whose premises a white gate was located, and soon the Postal Department approved the name of White Gate.

1. Travel west 5.5 miles on Rt. 42 (Walker's Creek Valley Road). You are following along [4 Walker's Creek](#) for most of the route.

2. [5 Bane House](#) built around 1792. John Bane operated a grist mill in the early 1800's. A second mill was run by Samuel Bane. Both wooden dams were destroyed by floods. A third concrete dam was constructed in 1926 by Henry Bane, son of Samuel, and the mill continued operating until 1938.
3. West of the Bane House was the site of the [6 White Gate Presbyterian Academy](#) and the academy was known to be the educational center of the county. Students came great distances to board and attend school.
4. [7 Walker's Creek Presbyterian Church](#) is .4 mi on the right on Rt. 42. Constructed in the late 1800's, this church is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
5. .1 mi on the right is [8 White Gate High School](#) which opened in 1918 and operated until 1938. It is now the White Gate Ruritan Community Center.
6. Across from the Community Center, turn left on Rt. 670 (Flat Hollow Road). At .4 mi. continue right on Flat Hollow Road.
7. Continue through the beautiful farmland on Flat Hollow Road, 2.8 mi. bearing right at a hairpin turn and cross the bridge.
8. .1 mi turn left on Rt. 667 (White Pine Road) into the Amish Community. .7 mi on the left is the [9 Stinson Family Cemetery](#)-1863.
9. .3.3 mi. bear right onto Rt. 670 (Flat Hollow Road). Travel .4 mi to the stop sign and turn right onto Rt. 42 east and continue 6.2 miles to stop sign.
10. Immediately to your left is the [10 King House](#) built in 1902. Turn left at the stop sign onto Rt. 100.

Wilburn Valley - White Gate Staffordsville - Eggleston

SOUTHWEST QUADRANT



the Irish Settlement. At .2 mi, turn right on Rt. 706 and travel .1 mi to Wesley's Chapel and the entrance to [Sheffey Memorial Campground](#).

4. Continue back down Rt. 706 and turn left on Rt. 622. Travel .2 mi to return to Rt. 730. Turn right at the stop sign.

Eggleston

The first permanent white settlement in Giles County settled by Adam Harmon in 1749. Adam Harmon's settlement was a stopping and resting place for people from Virginia and other eastern states who were moving to the Northwest Territory. It was known as Gunpowder Springs (because of the smell of the sulphur water spring located near the Palisades) and Stay Tide. The name of the Post Office was changed to Eggleston in 1886. A resort was established here on the east side of the river across from the cliffs in the 1830's and was known as Hygean Springs, then Chapman Springs when Dr. Chapman took it over in 1853, and finally Eggleston Springs when Captain William Eggleston took over the resort in 1867. The resort ceased operation in the 1930's and was later torn down. In 1881, the New River Extension of the Norfolk & Western Railway was begun on the opposite side of the river from the resort. Business began to flourish and as many as 6 mercantile centers were there. Goods were shipped by rail, and Eggleston became a major distributor for all the southern part of Giles County.

1. Continue on Rt. 730 E for 3.4 miles. On the left side of Eggleston Road at this point is [14 Willowbrook](#) built in 1914, which was the home of John Tracy Walker and Elizabeth Austin Jones.
2. Just before the Captain William Eggleston Bridge, turn left on Rt. 622 (Village Street). Bear left on Church Hill Road. Here can be seen the original stores from busier days in Eggleston. Turn left on Old School House Road. (Rt. 689). .2 mi on the right is Dr. C.E. Stafford's house known as [15 The Old Price Home](#) built in the late 1800's. Dr. Stafford was one of 4 doctors in Eggleston who practiced medicine in his home. Continue on Old School House Road. Here is the [16 Eggleston Consolidated School](#) built on "The Hill" in 1924.
3. Turn around at the Community Park, turn right on Rt. 622, bear right again on Rt. 622. At the stop sign, turn left onto Rt. 730 E.
4. Cross the Captain William Eggleston Bridge over the [17 New River](#) and continue .5 mi.
5. Turn left onto Rt. 813 (Cliffview Street.). Take a moment to read the historical marker about Eggleston Springs. Near here Adam Harmon, probably in 1750, established what is believed to be the first settlement in Giles County. Here in 1755 he found Mary Ingles as she was making her way back to Draper's Meadow after her escape from the Indians." More can be read about her capture, escape and rescue in the book, [Follow the River](#) by James A. Thom.
6. Follow Cliffview Street (Rt. 813) .2 mi to the Gunpowder Springs Campground. From this site you can see the magnificent [18 Palisades](#) along the New River. This is the site where Mary Ingles was rescued from a long walk home after Indian capture. The river is 100' deep near the cliffs.
7. Turn around and return on Rt. 813 .2 mi. At the stop sign, turn left onto Rt. 730 E.
8. Travel .5 mile and turn left on Rt. 772 (Sinking Creek Road). Continue on Sinking Creek Road for 2.9 miles. At the stop sign, turn left onto Rt. 771 (Lebanon Rd). Travel .2 mi and at the stop sign, prepare to enter VA Rt. 460 Bypass.

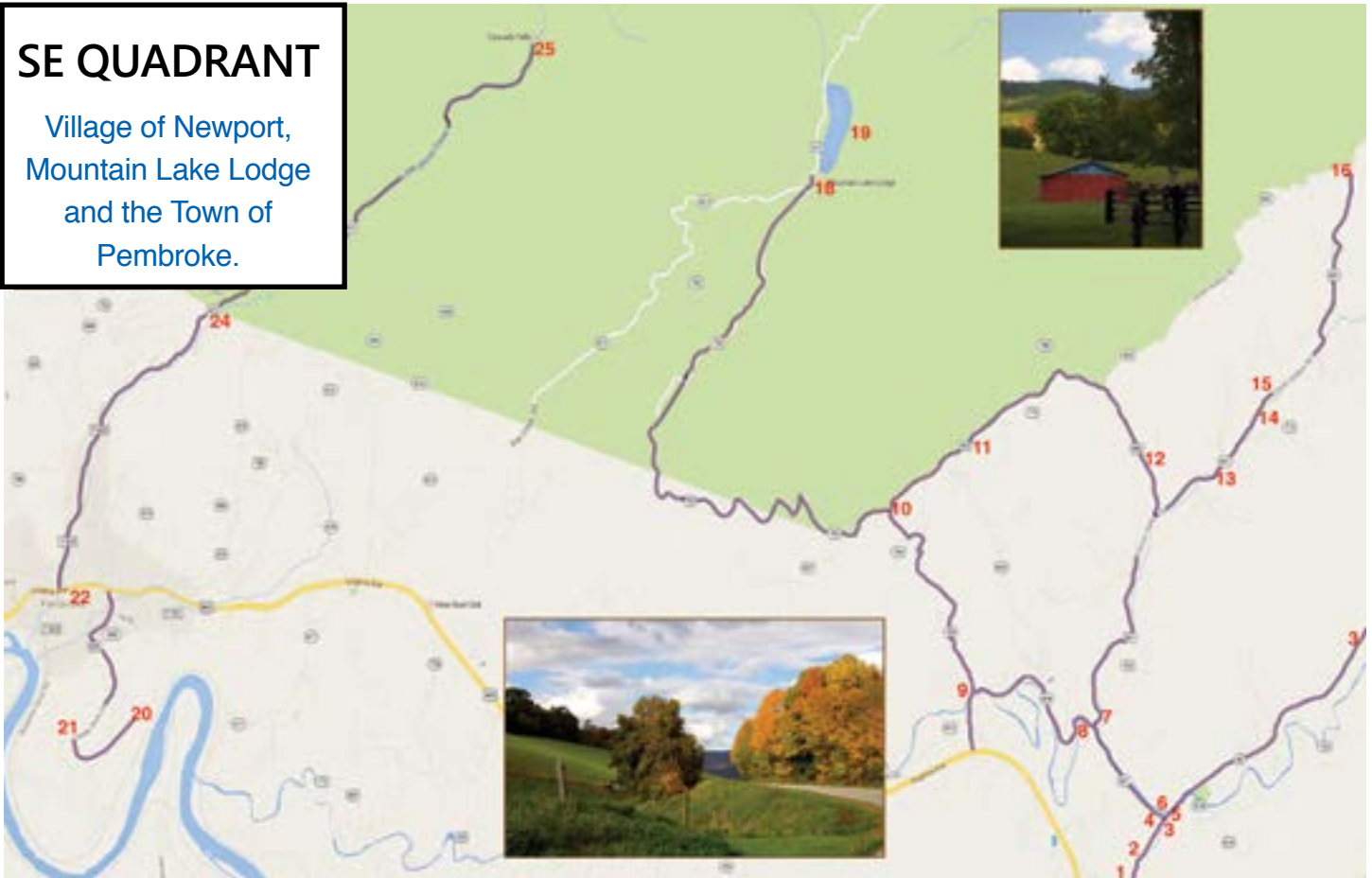
Staffordsville

Named for Ralph Stafford who settled here from Ireland in the late 1700's in time to fight in the Revolutionary War. Staffordsville is one of the few towns in Virginia bearing the name of the original settler. "Kentucky Ralph" Stafford, who served in the War of 1812, built the first grist mill and saw mill in Staffordsville. Soon the town boasted other businesses and churches.

1. 1.5 mi on the right from the junction of Rt. 100 and Rt. 42 is a historical marker [11 Old Fashioned Camp Meeting](#). Adjacent to and named for this stream, Wabash Campground was exemplary of a religious and social institution, indeed a way of life, which flourished during the 19th century. Hundreds of families would camp for two weeks or more while attending the revival meetings first held here in 1834. The campground functioned until the early 1900's when the large shed used during worship and many family shelters were destroyed by fire.
2. Continue on Rt. 100 N 1.4 mi. Turn right on Rt. 750 to Rt. 730 (Eggleston). .3 mile on the right is a historical marker Mountain Evangelist. [12 The Reverend Robert Sayers Sheffey](#) (1820-1902). Brother Sheffey did not associate himself with any one group, preferring to come and go as the Spirit moved him. He was a great enemy of whiskey and the stills in SW Virginia that produced them. Not being affiliated with a church group, he depended on the Methodists who attended the camp meetings for his salary and upkeep.
3. Bear left on Rt. 730 (Eggleston Road) and travel 1.5 mi. Turn right on Rt. 622 (Bear Springs Road). Here is the community of [13 Trigg](#), named for Daniel and William Trigg; also known as

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Village of Newport,
Mountain Lake Lodge
and the Town of
Pembroke.



The Village of Newport has had quite a remarkable past. Indians and herds of buffalo lived here before Jamestown was even settled. In the late 18th century settlers came from the area near Price's Fork in Montgomery County and built homes. Trade flourished here in Giles County and Newport became a resort where many travelers spent the night at the hotel. The village was also known as "Hell's Half Acre" because of the saloons and the drunken brawls that took place. It was a very busy place. But in 1902, much of the center of the town burned. A period of rebuilding and revitalization took place. Now beautiful homesteads, farms and covered bridges remain in the picturesque landscape to visit and appreciate. The Newport Agricultural Fair, which is the oldest in the state, is held every year at the Newport Recreation Center during the second week of August.

NEWPORT

The starting point for the tour of Newport is Rt. 42, Bluegrass Trail, a Virginia Scenic Road. From Rt. 460, turn onto Rt. 42 and pass the small Super Val-U grocery and Newport Post Office on the left.

1. Hotel and old store on the right. Bear right to continue on Rt. 42 for .4 miles until you reach the Price House on the left.
2. The **1 Price House** was the home of the Price family who first settled in Montgomery county and then in Giles Co.
3. Immediately past the Price House is the **2 Village Green**, a quiet spot with lovely garden and gazebo, perfect for a picnic.
4. Directly across the street is the Taylor Home also known as the **3 Gingerbread House**, an example of local architecture rebuilt after the fire.
5. Proceed to the **4 Newport-Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church**, on the left side of the road. The congregation organized in 1850; the church building dates from around 1852. The parsonage built in 1910 is directly across the street from the church.
6. Down the road .3 miles to the right is the **5 Newport Recreation Center** which is the site of the old **Newport High School**. The school was built with funds from the WPA in 1932. Continue .1 mile to the corner of Rt. 42 and Clover Hollow Road.
7. Here on the left, is the **6 McWhorter House**, built by Robert Price in 1872.
8. Turn left onto Clover Hollow Rd. Sinking Creek is on the right.
9. Go .5 mile and stop at the **7 Clover Hollow Bridge**, one of the 3 covered bridges in Newport, and one of only a few remaining in the state of Virginia. It spans Sinking Creek, was built in 1916, and then restored in the 1990s.
10. Look toward the left and down a driveway to see **8 The William Zell House** (circa 1840) from the bridge. This is now a private residence. Zell's Mill was located on Sinking Creek here and was known for planing the lumber for Mountain Lake Hotel.
11. Turn left onto Zells Mill Rd. Another view of the beautiful old home, formerly a bed and breakfast and now a privately owned home. Follow Sinking Creek 1.5 miles to Rt. 700.
12. Turn left onto Rt. 700, Mountain Lake Rd. On the right is the **9 Link Farm Bridge** which dates from 1912 and is now on private property. Turn around and proceed straight ahead on the winding and twisting Rt. 700 for 1.3 miles.
13. Visit the **10 Sherry Memorial Christian Church** located on land donated by Lute Porterfield and named for his son, James Sheridan Porterfield, who was killed in a sawmill accident at that site.
14. Continue on Rt. 700 for 1.3 miles to Rocky Sink Rd., Rt. 602 and enjoy the beautiful view.
15. On the right is a **11 large red barn with Plowscrew VA** written in large letters on the side. The story is about a gentleman who was plowing his field but went to sleep instead. While he was sleeping others took his plow apart and scattered the pieces possibly hiding the screws needed put it back together. You can see millstones in the road from the 1830s.
16. Jones Lane is .8 miles on the right. Turn onto Jones Lane which is named for Hiram Jones a local civil war soldier. On the left .3 miles are the remains of a **12 one room schoolhouse**.
17. After going .5 miles turn left onto Clover Hollow, an area of picturesque farms and fields. On the right is the **13 Givens Family Farm**, followed by the **14 Walnut Grove Farm** home of the Lucas

Newport - Mountain Lake Pembroke

SOUTHEAST QUADRANT

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| 1 PRICE HOUSE | 13 GIVENS FAMILY FARM |
| 2 VILLAGE GREEN | 14 WALNUT GROVE FARM |
| 3 GINGERBREAD HOUSE | 15 CLOVER HOLLOW CHRISTIAN CHURCH |
| 4 MT. OLIVET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH | 16 GIVENS (VINCIL) HOME |
| 5 NEWPORT RECREATION CENTER | 17 FARRIER HOME |
| 6 MCWHORTER HOUSE | 18 MOUNTAIN LAKE LODGE |
| 7 CLOVER HOLLOW BRIDGE | 19 THE WILDERNESS CONSERVANCY |
| 8 THE WILLIAM ZELL HOUSE | 20 HORSESHOE BEND |
| 9 LINK FARM BRIDGE | 21 CASTLE ROCK RECREATION |
| 10 SHERRY MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH | 22 PEMBROKE MEMORIAL CHURCH |
| 11 PLOWSCREW RED BARN | 23 CASCADES RECREATION AREA |
| 12 HISTORIC ONE ROOM SCHOOL HOUSE | 24 LITTLE STONY CREEK SCHOOL HOUSE |

family.

18. Less than .1 mile on the left is the [15 Clover Hollow Christian Church](#), which dates from the 1860-1870s and was first a Lutheran Church.
19. Observe the scenic views and beautiful old homes, for example the Carter Home and the turn of the century home, the Crockett Sarver Home.
20. Veer left onto Clover hollow. [16 Givens \(Vincil\) Home with John's Creek Mt.](#) In the background is 2.1 miles from the Clover Hollow Christian Church.
21. Turn right onto Clover Hollow again, and notice the [17 Farrier Home](#) on the left; it dates from approximately 1900.
22. Complete your tour by driving 1.6 miles to Rt. 42 and following the signs to Rt. 460.

Mountain Lake

Mountain Lake, on top of Salt Pond Mountain, is one of only 2 natural fresh water lakes in Virginia and the highest in elevation east of the Mississippi River. Approximately 6,000 years old, geologists believe that the lake was formed along an active fault line by rock slides and damming during several earthquakes.

Christopher Gist, a surveyor and a frontiersman is credited with the first sighting of Mountain Lake on May 11, 1751 and during the Revolutionary War, the lake with its plentiful deer and buffalo made it a perfect hideout for outlaws. In the early 1800s Henry Chapman purchased the lake and its surrounding tracts of land and began the tradition of hosting visitors and guests there.

During the Civil War, General George Crook and his Union soldiers spent one night at the lake while making the difficult trip over the Salt Pond Mountain to West Virginia. After the war, the lake grew in popularity and a second hotel was completed in 1875 along with cottages, stables and mills. The present hotel [18](#) was built of fieldstone in 1936.

Today, there are many indoor and outdoor activities for visitors to enjoy. Magnificent views of the surrounding mountains can be seen on the miles of hiking and biking trails. And, bird watching is a big attraction for enthusiasts from all over.

[19 The Wilderness Conservancy](#) was formed in 1989 by Mary Mood Northan Endowment and was charged with preserving the natural beauty and resources of the area and promoting educational programs and environmental research. There is dining in the hotel and many seasonal events take place here.

Continue on to Mountain Lake by going west on Rt. 460 to Rt. 700, Mountain Lake Rd. Travel on Rt. 700 seven miles up to the resort. Be very careful on this steep and twisting drive. You will notice beautiful panoramic views of the countryside to the west, and will enter the Jefferson National Forest and pass the site of the Wilderness Conservancy at Mountain Lake. You will arrive at Mountain Lake with the hotel on the right and the lake on the left. Parking is straight ahead.

You make your return trip by exiting Mountain Lake resort and turning right onto Doe Creek Rd. (Rt. 613) and traveling on this for 4.8 miles until you reach Rt. 460 again. This is a route with fewer drop offs than the Mountain Lake Rd. (Rt. 700). Travel west on Rt. 460 to the small town of Pembroke.

Pembroke

Pembroke was settled around 1750 by Philip Lybrook, a Dutchman. In 1765 John Snidow, his wife Elizabeth and eight children left Pennsylvania to settle near their friend Philip Lynbrook. John Snidow died on the way but the children continued on and settled in Pembroke. A descendent of his, who was the postmaster in 1845, named the town Pembroke while reading a book dedicated to the Earl of Pembroke. The town sits on the New River against the backdrop of Castle Rock. In Pembroke today you can see the historic cliffs, the New River, or hikes trails of the Jefferson National Forest. The town also hosts an annual heritage fair every fall.

1. As you enter Pembroke and turn onto Snidow St. (south), take an immediate left onto Castle Rock Dr.
2. Continue on this road for .8 miles and turn left onto Old Farm Rd.
3. Take road for .3 miles .to the intersection of 1432 and 1430 (Old Farm Rd.). Turn left here and proceed 1.1 miles through the [20 Horseshoe Bend](#) subdivision to the cul-de sac. You can, along the way, enjoy the wonderful view of the scenic New River, which can be seen between the homes and the lots on the right.
4. Turn around at the cul-de sac and notice the majestic cliffs, among them Castle Rock, on the right as you leave.
5. Continue on Horseshoe Farm Road to the stop sign.
6. Turn left into the entrance of [21 Castle Rock Recreation Facility](#).
7. Castle Rock Recreation, a public facility, has an 18-hole golf course, a swimming pool, tennis courts, and picnic shelter. There are lovely views here of the cliffs and the town of Pembroke below.
8. Exit the Castle Rock recreation area and go 1.35 miles to Snidow St., where you will make a left turn. There are many beautiful old homes along this street.
9. Along this route is the [22 The Pembroke Memorial Church](#). It was built by George Snidow, Jr. and Marshall Rice and has a framework of hewn oak secured with wood pins. The unusual ceiling in this house of worship is covered with embossed tin tiles installed before the Civil War.
10. Turn right onto Cascade Drive and notice on the right the [Pembroke Library](#), the smallest public library in the state of Virginia. Cross Rt. 460 or Virginia Ave.; continue on Cascades Dr. Little Stony Creek will be on your right as you go toward the [Jefferson National Forest](#) and the [23 Cascades Recreation Area](#).
11. Notice the little schoolhouse on your right after 2 miles. This is now a private residence but has a plaque commemorating [24 "1875-1926 Little Stony Creek Schoolhouse"](#).
12. From Rt. 460 or Virginia Ave. you will have traveled 3.4 miles to the [Jefferson National Forest](#) and the entrance to the Cascades Recreation area. Here you can relax in the peaceful quiet of your surroundings or hike the 2 miles to the place where Little Stony Creek cascades over 69-foot high rock wall creating a pool below. There is a lovely picnic area with tables and grills where you can enjoy refreshments and the beautiful scenery after your trek to the waterfall.
13. Return to Rt. 460 or Virginia Ave. by the same route.

NE QUADRANT

Big Stony Creek, Glen Alton and White Rocks



- 1 FIRST RIVERVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
- 2 BIG STONY METHODIST CHURCH
- 3 DEER COUNTRY RESTAURANT
- 4 MOSER CEMETARY
- 5 CHEMICAL LIME PLANT
- 6 OLEAN CHURCH
- 7 PINE SWAMP TRAILHEAD
- 8 APPALACHAIN NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL
- 9 INTERIOR WHISTLE STOP
- 10 CHEROKEE FLATS
- 11 GLEN ALTON FARM
- 12 WHITE ROCKS CAMPGROUND

A drive along Big Stony Road is a real treat for nature lovers and history buffs alike. Stony Creek rushes alongside and crosses under Big Stony Road (VA 635) multiple times, providing breathtaking views of the creek's sparkling water tumbling over large boulders. Stony Creek flows downstream from the mountains, through national forest and rural communities, past a world-renowned hiking trail and eventually ending in the New River. The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries stocks the creek with rainbow trout and there are many easy fishing access points along the road.

Portions of Big Stony Road follow the old route of the Big Stony Railroad, which traveled through the valley during the late 19th century. Remnants of the railroad and links to its history can be seen at several of the stops along the way.

Begin your tour at the junction of US 460 and VA 635 (Big Stony Road) just east of the New River Bridge.

1. Travel just .2 miles and the **1 First Riverview Baptist Church** will be on your right. This congregation was organized in 1906 and built its first church on the west side of the New River at Ripplemead. This new church was built in 1984.
2. Continue 3.3 miles to Norcross Road (SR 684). Turn left and travel

.5 miles to the **2 Big Stony Methodist Church** on the right side. This church was built in 1891 as one of the structures constructed to create a village for the employees of the limestone quarry. This area was discovered by hunters who happened upon an outcropping of limestone, resulting in one of the purest deposits of limestone in the United States. An elevated conveyor connected this quarry with a second quarry opened during World War 1. Chemical Lime Company continues to operate this quarry.

3. Return to SR 635, turning left. Just up the road .5 miles on the right, is **3 Elwood's Country Store and Deer Country Restaurant**. Stop and enjoy ham, country vegetables, biscuits and a homemade dessert of the day. Elwood's, previously, was Horton's Store. Also known as Goldbond, this strip of buildings housed the early post office for this area.
4. On the right just .4 miles further, marking the location of the old Manning Grocery Store, now closed once Raines, Amelong and Hagy. Behind the Manning Grocery Store is the **4 Moser Cemetery** within sight of the Kimballton Methodist Church. Family names buried here include the many descendents of Tyree I. Moser. His great grandfather, Francis Moser, brought his family to Giles County in the early 1800's, settling on land that would be owned by the Rangier Lime Company. Other names include Albert, Buchanan,

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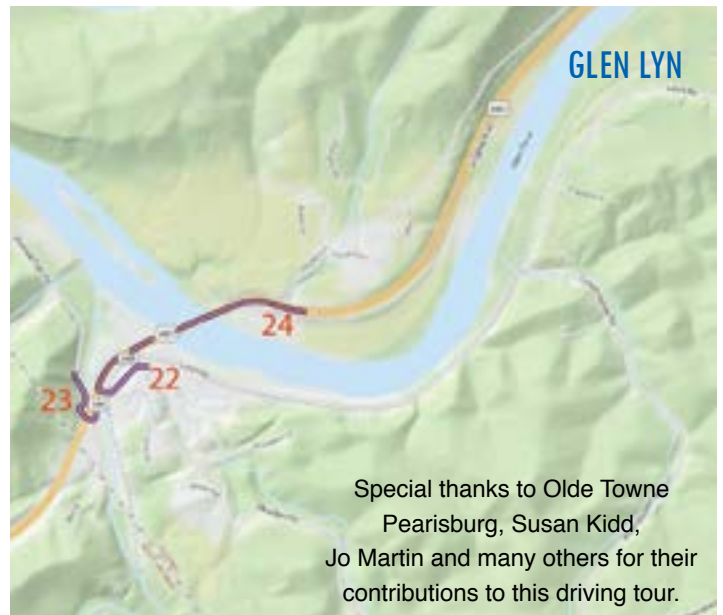
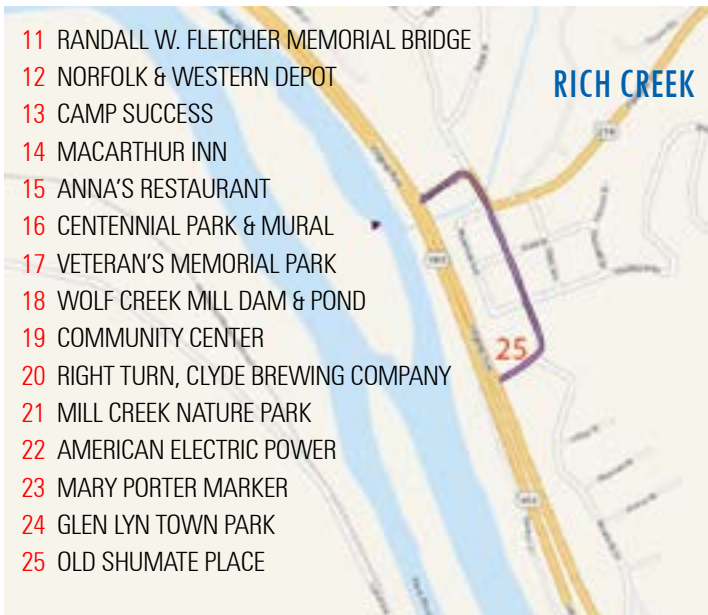
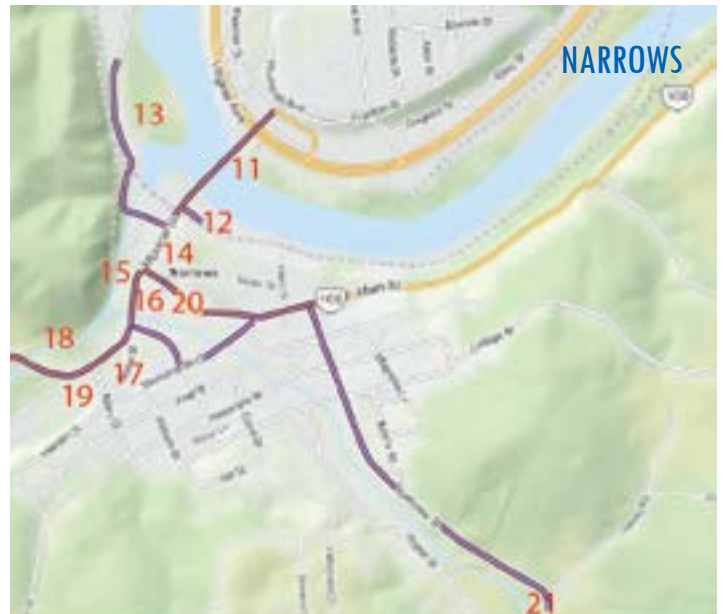
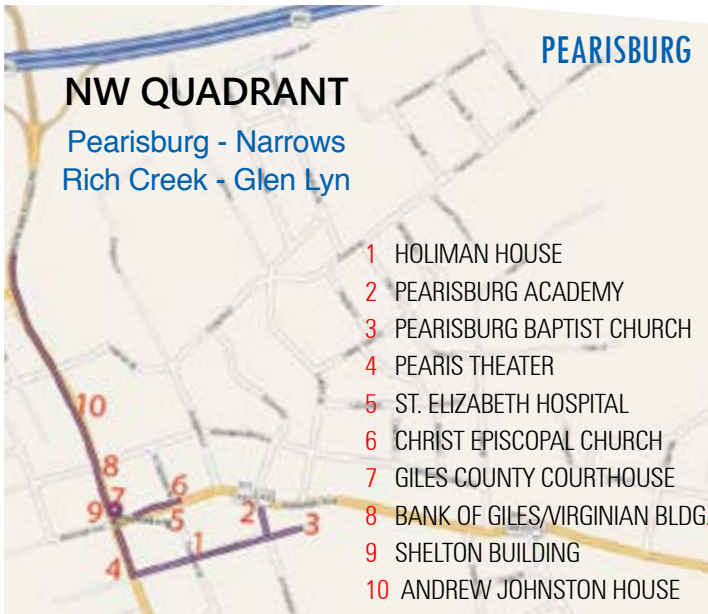
picnic tables, grills and restroom facilities, it is a great place for a Sunday roadside picnic. A kid-sized wooden train and depot station, complete with ringing bell, provide hands-on fun for the little ones. Easy access to Stony Creek makes it a fine fishing spot as well as a good place to dip your toes in the creek.

The name of this site refers to the historic link with the Big Stony Railroad, which was built in 1892 to haul lumber from the New River to the town of Interior.

An excerpt from [Up on Big Stony Creek](#) by Curtis Caldwell tells it this way. “During that time, the whiskey business was profitable. If a stranger was on the train that the crew didn’t know, they had a whistle they used to alert the still operators so they could cut off the smoke at the stills and not come forward with their product to sell.”

- Britts, Morris, Wells, and Osbourne.
- Ahead .2 miles, are the white encrusted plant offices and processing plant for [5 Chemical Lime Company of Virginia, Inc.](#) A major employer for this area, the train tracks are still active here with train cars and trucks hauling the processed lime. This quarry, originally Standard Lime and Stone Company, was purchased by National Gypsum and then Chemical Lime Company.
 - Approximately 1 mile further, to the right will be Olean Road and .4 miles will be the [6 Olean Church of the Brethren](#)
 - Continue on SR 635 for another 1.5 miles to enter the Jefferson National Forest. The national forest continues for about 10 miles although it is interspersed with some sections of private land. The scenery is especially beautiful in this area--the creek flows adjacent to the road and the forest greenery provides a stunning backdrop. In spring, rhododendrons are blooming and in fall, the hardwood trees are aflame with color.
 - Continue 3.8 miles to the [7 Pine Swamp Trailhead](#) on your left. From here, you can access the Peters Mountain Wilderness and the [8 Appalachian National Scenic Trail](#). Hikers from around the world pass through here each year as they attempt to make the 2179-mile hike from Maine to Georgia
 - Travel 1.1 miles to the [9 Interior Whistle Stop](#) on the left. With

- Just 0.6 miles ahead, also on the left, [10 Cherokee Flats](#) provides another roadside spot for fishing. The parking area, trail and fishing areas here are fully accessible for strollers and wheel-chairs. This area also includes a fully accessible in-creek fishing platform. The Appalachian Trail crosses SR 635 here. Hikers wishing to experience a short section of the A.T. can follow the white blazes for 2 miles from Cherokee Flats back to Pine Swamp Trailhead.
- Continue 2 miles up the road and turn left on VA 722. Follow the signs another 1/2 mile to beautiful [11 Glen Alton Farm](#). This 304-acre property was once the vacation retreat of C.A. Lucas, a banker in Pearisburg. Wandering through the fields, orchards and forests of Glen Alton, it is easy to imagine yourself in a simpler time. Take time to explore the wetlands, ponds and canals, see the original lodge and caretaker house or walk the Virginia Birding and Wildlife trails.
- From Glen Alton, return to the main road and turn left. After about 2.3 miles, you’ll pass the site of the old town of Kire. This was one of the many small communities that sprang up along the Big Stony railroad although little remains there now other than farms and homes.
- Just after passing through Kire, you’ll reach the junction with VA 613. Take a right here and follow the signs for about two miles to [12 White Rocks Campground](#). White Rocks is open from April 1st until December 7th and has 35 camping sites, some large enough for RVs. Restrooms and drinking water are available, but there are no showers. There is a nominal fee to camp and reservations are not taken. The campground is in a typical Appalachian forest setting and features a unique nature trail-- the Virginias Walk. Although it’s an easy, 1½-mile loop trail, hikers can boast that they hiked to West Virginia and back, since the trail begins so close to the boundary line, it passes between the two states.
- Return to the campground entrance and then to the main road, turning left on VA 635 to return to US 460. From White Rocks Campground, it is approximately 17 miles to your starting point on 460.



Special thanks to Olde Towne Pearisburg, Susan Kidd, Jo Martin and many others for their contributions to this driving tour.

Pearisburg

Named for Captain George Pearis who donated the land for the county seat. Begin your tour on VA 460 bypass. Exit at Pearisburg 460 business and Rt. 100 S. Follow the ramp .6 mi to the stoplight. Turn left on Mountain Lake Avenue and park in the municipal lot .1 mi on your left. Here you will begin a walking tour of Olde Towne Pearisburg. (If you wish to drive this tour, follow the directions in your vehicle and omit steps 5, 6, 7 and 12.)

1. Walk east on Mountain Lake Avenue to Tazewell Street. Turn right on Tazewell Street and walk south, crossing Wenonah Avenue. Continue on Tazewell Street to Church Ave. On the corner of Tazewell and Church is **1 Hoilman House** built in 1848. It was a private residence used for a short time after the Civil War as a girls' boarding school.
2. Continue west on Church Avenue. On the left is the **2 Pearisburg Academy/Masonic Lodge** building built in 1839. A two story brick building, it was constructed to serve as a school (2 rooms, first floor) and Masonic Lodge Hall (second floor).
3. At the end of the street, on a rise to the left are the ruins of the **3 Pearisburg Baptist Church**, built in 1873 and was worshipped in by the African-American congregation until 1983.
4. Walk back down Church Avenue and turn left on Main Street. Continue going south on Main Street and pass the **4 Pearis Theater**. The building on the corner of Main Street is the Western Hotel (Thomas Building) built in 1827. This is the oldest building in the historic district.

Originally a private residence, it operated as the Western Hotel from the 1860's through the early 1900's. Once a thriving hostelry on the Newbern-Lewisburg Turnpike with ballroom and bar. Restoration and renovation of this landmark as a multiple use building began in 1992.

5. Turn east on Wenonah Avenue. The next 5 buildings on the right are included in the Historic District: the **5 St. Elizabeth Hospital & addition**, a store building, **Giles Motor Co.**, and 2 more store buildings.
6. Cross at Tazewell Street and continue on the north side of the Historic District. **6 Christ Episcopal Church** built in 1910 burned in 1926 and was rebuilt using the original stone walls.
7. The next 4 buildings in the Historic District include the Miller Building, a store building, the Shumate-Woods Building, and the Law Building built in 1910, which is now used as a County Office Building.
8. The Sheriff's Office and Jail was built in 1937-38 and is adjacent to the Courthouse on Public Square. **7 The Giles County Courthouse**, noted for its large domed cupola, was built in 1836 and was listed in 1982 in the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places.
9. On the West side of Main Street, directly across from the Courthouse and also in the Historic District are the Bank of Giles County 1902, Shelton's Store, and the **8 Virginian Building**.

Pearisburg - Narrows Rich Creek - Glen Lyn

NORTHWEST QUADRANT

10. Cross Main Street and continue west on Wenonah Avenue up the hill to find a Civil War Cemetery. On the south corner of Wenonah and Main you will pass the circa 9 1900 H.B. Shelton Department Store Building.
11. Return to Main Street, cross to the east side and continue north, crossing Mountain Lake Avenue. On the right are Dr. Johnston's Office, the 10 Giles County Historical Society Museum, and the Andrew Johnston House.
Dr. Johnston's office was built in 1857 and served as a doctor's office until 1949. It was used briefly during the Civil War by Union Troops commanded by Col. R.B. Hayes and Major Wm. B. McKinley, both future US Presidents. The Johnston House built in 1829 was deeded to the Giles County Historical Society in 1987 by the heirs of Andrew Johnston to serve as a museum and research center. It is listed in the Virginia Landmarks register and the National Register of Historic Places.
12. Walk south on Main Street making a left turn on Mountain Lake Avenue and return to your vehicle.
13. Exit the parking lot going west onto Mountain Lake Ave. At the light turn right onto Main Street. Turn left onto Rt. 100 N (at Dairy Queen). Travel .7 to the stop sign and turn left, continuing on Rt. 100 N to Narrows. Pearis Cemetery is located directly off Rt. 100 approximately .5 miles

Narrows

Driving toward Narrows on Rt. 460, one travels beside the New River, which flows north into West Virginia. The Town of Narrows is named for the geological feature ("The Narrows") where the New River is at its most narrow point between Peters and East River Mountains. The first settlers arrived in the area in 1778.

1. As you enter the town limits, turn onto Rt. 61 at the Rt. 460 stoplight. Follow Rt. 61 across the 11 Randall W. Fletcher Memorial Bridge spanning the New River. The latest of three bridges that have been constructed here, this bridge was dedicated on November 23, 2013, and named for a local veteran who was a tireless contributor to the community.
2. At the end of the bridge, to the left is the 12 Norfolk and Western Depot. N&W came to Narrows in 1864 and locals still tell stories of riding the rails – especially on the renowned steam engine, J611.
3. Back on Rt. 61, drive under the railroad overpass and turn right on Lurich Road for approximately .2 miles to 13 Camp Success, the locale of Civil War encampments. This 8.5 acre, primitive campground allows tent campers and picnickers to enjoy the beauty of both Wolf Creek and the New River.
4. Returning to the Rt. 61/Lurich Rd. intersection, turn right onto Rt. 61. The historic 14 MacArthur Inn is on the left. This structure opened in 1942 as the Hotel General MacArthur – the first U.S. building named for the World War II general. The building was used in many different ways over the years, but has been restored and operates again as an inn.
5. Past the Inn is 15 Anna's Restaurant on the right. For over 20 years, Anna's has served the area with delicious, country cooking and hosted the regular Thursday night Ole Time Music Jam.
6. Across the street from Anna's is 16 Centennial Park and "The Mural of Narrows". The park was dedicated in honor of the town's centennial in 2004. The mural, portraying "NARROWS va...NATURALLY!", was added in 2013 by S. S. "Brick" Marunich, a Vietnam combat veteran, prolific artist, and Narrows resident.
7. Continue along Rt. 61 to its intersection with Kimberling to the 17 Veterans Memorial Park. This important memorial was constructed by the local Veterans' of Foreign Wars and many dedicated volunteers. It serves to honor all branches of service and allows quiet reflection on the sacrifice of our veterans.
8. Across from the Veterans Memorial is 18 Wolf Creek Mill Dam and Mill Pond better known as the Duck Pond.
9. Next on the left at the Mary Street intersection, sits the old Narrows High School building. The football field is still used, but today the building has been repurposed as the town's 19 Community Center. The current high school is now located on the other side of the New River.

10. Return back along Rt. 61 East and turn right onto Main Street/Rt. 100 (across from Anna's). On the right, across from the Post Office, is the home of 20 Right Turn, Clyde Brewing Company – a micro-brewery. Next door to the brewery is Narrows Gift Shop and Art Gallery, a non-profit retailer showcasing the talents of over 30 local artists, authors, artisans, and craftsmen.
11. Continuing up Main Street/Rt.100 approximately .3 miles, turn right on Northview Street. Follow Northview approximately 3 blocks, turn right onto College Street, then the next left on Poplar Street. Continue on Poplar Street for .8 miles to the stop sign and turn right on the gravel road (through the open gate) to the parking area for 21 Mill Creek Nature Park.
12. This 40-acre park adjoins the Jefferson National Forest and offers miles of trails for hiking and mountain biking. Hikers will find four Mill Creek waterfalls of varying sizes along the trails and fishermen can cast for native trout in this pristine water. An easy hike beside Mill Creek from the parking area brings one to the reservoir location where a section of the original stone dam from the late 1700s can still be seen.
13. Returning back to Main Street/Rt. 100 turn right, following the main original curving road (before Rt. 460 was built) toward the Town of Pearisburg through Bluff City. Or, take a left on Main Street, returning to Rt. 61, and cross the New River back to Route 460.

Glen Lyn

Located at the WV line on Rt. 460 along the New River, was first called Montreal, then Hell's Gate by railroad workmen. It became Glen Lyn (lovely glen) in 1883. It is the site of the earliest settlement in Giles County. It is the home of the famous fiddler, Henry Reed.

1. The 22 Appalachian Electric Generation Plant marks the entrance to Glen Lyn on Lurich Road. It was built in 1919, and with its construction substantially increased the town's population from 50 to 400 people.
2. Turn right onto Rt. 460 (Virginia Avenue) and travel east .3 mi.
3. .1 mi on the left at State Line Market is a concrete marker marking the site of the earliest known home in Giles. Its inscription reads 23 "Mary Porter, killed by the Indians, November 28, 1742".
4. .4 mi on the right is the 24 Glen Lyn Town Park
5. Continue east on Rt. 460 2.9 miles to Rich Creek.

Rich Creek

Settled in 1780 by the Shumate family. In 1882, the North and West railroad came to Lurich, which could be reached by ferry or horse, and provided an outlet to Mercer County, WV.

1. Turn left on Rt. 219 N to Rich Creek.
2. Turn right at the stop sign onto Old Virginia Ave.
3. .25 mi on the right is the 25 Old Shumate Place – the oldest landmark in Rich Creek. This historic landmark has been used as a dwelling since 1787, two years before George Washington took office as President of the United States of America. Daniel Shumate first built a log cabin in 1787. Daniel's son Hardin Shumate built the frame portion of the present structure in 1851. The log portion of the house was torn down in 1918, and the present brick portion was built by Thomas and Lula Shumate Gwinn. When the Gwinns took occupancy in 1918, the house was known as "Riverside". The remaining two acres around the house are all that is left of the original 900 acres transferred by land grants from Governor Edmond Randolph in 1787.
4. Continue on Old Virginia Avenue to the stop sign and return to Rt. 460 – left to travel east, right to travel west.

FAIRS & FESTIVALS

For dates, times and more information on events, visit www.visitgilescounty.org



SPRING

- Affordable Tractor Farm Show - Glen Lyn
- BrewRidge Music Festival - Mountain Lake
- Celebrity Chef Tour - Eggleston
- Mountains of Misery - Mountain Lake
- Living History Days - Pearisburg

SUMMER

- Pearisburg's Festival in the Park
- Henry Reed Fiddlers Conv - Newport
- Eastern Divide Trail Run 50K
- Newport Jamboree (Saturdays)
- Dirty Dawg Mountain Bike Race
- Newport Agricultural Fair
- Antique Farm Machinery - White Gate
- Narrows Homecoming Festival
- Kid's Fishing Day - Narrows
- GCWC 5K/2mi Run - Narrows

FALL

- Art on the Lawn - Pearisburg
- Autumnfest - Rich Creek
- Pembroke Heritage Festival
- Mountain Top Trot Trail Run/Hike
- AT Family Hiking Day
- Oktoberfest - Mountain Lake
- Narrows Fall Festival and Hayrides



LIVING HISTORY DAYS

Reenactors, demonstrators and music on the grounds of the Andrew Johnston House celebrate life in the 18th and 19th centuries. 540.921.1050

HENRY REED MEMORIAL FIDDLER'S CONVENTION

The Fiddler's Convention is held in June in Newport. Featured bands on Friday night and competitions on Saturday. Old-time and Bluegrass musicians from all over have flocked to this festival for years for individual and band competitions. Fiddle workshop Friday and Saturday.



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