Carter Fold, Hiltons, Virginia

Civil War Reenactment, Wise, Virginia

Country Cabin II, Norton, Virginia

Oxbow Lake, St. Paul, Virginia

Cumberland Gap National Historical Park

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Regional Calendar of Events

Top 5 Annual Events for Each County

**Buchanan County**
http://www.buchanancountyinfo.org/
- Relay for Life – 1st weekend in August
- Spirit Fest – 1st Saturday in October
- October Fest – 2nd Saturday in October
- Holiday in the Hills Market and Christmas Parade – the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

**Dickenson County**
http://www.dickensonchamber.net/index.html
- Dr. Ralph Stanley – Hills of Home Memorial Day Festival (Memorial Day Weekend) – May
- Town of Clintwood 4th of July Celebration – July
- Dickenson County Fair – 1st week in August
- Breaks Interstate Park Labor Day Gospel Singing – Labor Day Weekend – September
- Clinchco Homecoming & Haysi Autumn Fest – 1st weekend in October

**Lee County**
http://leecountyvachamber.org/
- Wilderness Road State Park – Battle Re-Enactment in May
- Tobacco Festival – held in October
- Pumpkins in the Park at the Wilderness Road State Park – held in Oct.
- Lights in the Park in Christmas at Jonesville and Pennington
- Civil War Days in Jonesville – held in June

**Russell County**
http://www.russellcountyva.org/
- Honaker Redbud Festival – held in April – 276-889-1778
  http://www.honakerredbudfest.com
- Virginia Coal Heritage Trail – Virginia Coal Festival – held in May – www.heartofappalachia.com 276-762-0011
- Dante Reunion – 2nd weekend in August
- Russell County Fair & Horse Show – Starts on Friday of Labor Day Weekend

**Scott County**
http://www.explorescottcountyva.com/
- Siege of the Blockhouse – Natural Tunnel State Park – held in May
- Clinch Mountain Music Fest – Gate City – 2nd Saturday in June
- Annual Carter Family Memorial Music Festival – Carter Fold – Hiltons – 1st Friday and Saturday in August
- Pappa Joe Smiddy Festival – Natural Tunnel State Park – Sunday of Labor Day Weekend
- Boo at the Zoo – Creation Kingdom – last Weekend in October

**Tazewell County**
http://www.visittazewellcounty.org/
- Skirmish at Jeffersonville/Civil War Reenactment – 3rd weekend in April
- Coal Heritage Day Celebration in Pocahontas – 4th Saturday of April
- Old Time Bluegrass and Fiddlers’ Convention – 2nd full weekend in July
- Cedar Bluff Heritage Festival – 3rd Saturday in September
- Richlands Fall Festival - 1st Saturday in October

**Wise County & City of Norton**
http://www.wisecountychamber.org/calendar.htm
- Appalachian Coal/Railroad Days – held in August
- Mountain Empire Community College Home Crafts Days – 3rd weekend in October
- Gathering in the Gap – Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend
- Wise Fall Fling – held in October
- Clinch River Days – 1st weekend in June
- Pound Heritage Days
- Guest River Rally – Labor Day weekend
- Best Friends Festival – 2nd weekend in June

**Virginia Coal Heritage Trail**…32-39
Whether it’s folk tales or family, work or pleasure, business, education, or an exhilarating outdoor vacation that brings you among us, welcome to the hills and hollows we call home. We promise you an Appalachian adventure that will stimulate your senses and sharpen your appreciation for a life style featuring family fun, community, work, higher education and outdoor recreation. The Cumberland Plateau of Central Appalachian being its landscape, Buchanan County is ringed with hills and mountains. With names like Sandy Ridge, Big A Mountain, Fletcher’s Ridge, Compton Mountain, Bradshaw Mountain and Pine Mountain, these mountains reflect our geology and heritage. Rising from an elevation of 845 feet to 3,375 feet above sea level, our mountainous landscape enjoys four distinct seasons and is crowned by a world class mixed hardwood forest that has supplied hundreds of millions of board feet of timber to meet the building needs of American and foreign destinations. Indeed, Buchanan is the most heavily forested of Virginia’s 100 counties. While providing a variety of outdoor recreational opportunities, our forested mountains are a rich storehouse of natural resources, including timber, coal and natural gas.

In past years the town of Grundy was known as “Coaltown USA” but today it is best known as the home of the Appalachian School of Law and the Appalachian College of Pharmacy, which are providing Appalachian adventures in professional education.

For additional information or assistance contact:
Buchanan County Tourism Committee,
PO Box 950 Grundy, VA 24614; 276-935-6508

Town of Grundy, PO Box 711 Grundy, VA 24614, 276-935-2551

Buchanan County Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 2818 Grundy, VA 24614; 276-935-4147

Lodging:
Anchor Inn
Appalachian Inn
Breaks Interstate Park
Comfort Inn
Gateway to the Breaks Motel
Shortridge Motel

Restaurants:
Bellacinos
Dairy Queen
Doston’s Drive In
Hardee’s
Italian Village
Long John Silver’s
McDonald’s
Peking Asian Cuisine
Pizza Hut
Pizza Plus
Rainbow Drive Inn
Subway
Birding & Wildlife Trails - Buchanan County

Bird Club - Grundy, VA 24614; 276-935-6500
www.dgif.state.va.us/vbwt/loop.asp?trail=2&loop=MLP

Buchanan County hosts three sites of the Wildlife and Birding Trail system.

Breaks Interstate Park - 627 Commissions Circle Breaks, VA 24607; 276-865-4413
www.breakspark.com
Hiking, biking, horseback riding, geocaching, birding, pedal boats/canoes, fishing, swimming, whitewater rafting.

Enoch’s Branch Park – 3564 Enoch’s Branch Rd, Grundy, VA 24614; 276-935-5725
Athletic fields, a large picnic shelter, bathrooms and playground equipment.

Keen Mountain Park - 2090 Buchanshire Rd, Keen Mt. VA; 276-498-4343 - Covered stage, restrooms, a golf driving range, a baseball field, a women’s softball field, a kiddies’ playground and three picnic shelters.

Kiwanis Park – 21027 Riverside Dr, Grundy, VA 24614; 276-935-4147
Picnic facilities, a walking track, a covered stage, playground equipment and a tennis court.

Mike D. Young Memorial Trail – Rt. 83, Slate Creek Rd, Grundy, VA 24614 – three-mile (one-way) mountainside trail.

Mountain Top Golf Course – 1212 Mountain Top Rd, Pilgrims Knob, VA 24634; 276-259-7314 9-hole public golf course located on 30 acres.

Poplar Gap Park - 1818 Fair Ground Circle Grundy, VA 24614; 276-935-2643
Football field, two baseball/softball fields, picnic shelters, and a playground.

Russell Fork Whitewater Adventures - Rt. 80 Big Rock, VA 24603; 276-530-7044
In October Whitewater rafting; Class III-V+, depending on the stretch of river.

Verner Blankenship Park – 7447 Lester’s Fork Rd, Hurley, VA, 24620; 276-935-6503
Community center, covered stage, playground, picnic shelters, community gym and athletic fields.

William P. Harris Park - Council Park Rt. 83 Grundy, VA 24614; 276-935-6500
Swimming pool, picnic shelters, a tennis court, two ball fields, a walking track.

Willow Brook Country Club – 1153 Willow Brook Country Club Rd, Breaks, VA 24603
9-hole private membership golf course located near Breaks Interstate Park. (Golf packages are available through Breaks Interstate Park.)

Buchanan County, Virginia is located in the Cumberland Plateau of Southwest Virginia. We welcome visitors throughout the year to experience our rolling countryside’s abundance of natural beauty. We have a variety of outdoor recreational opportunities which include: birding and wildlife watching, hunting, fishing, bicycling, four-wheel riding, whitewater kayaking, rafting, hiking and annual festivals. Just west of Grundy is Breaks Interstate Park, “The Grand Canyon of the South,” offering a multitude of recreational activities year round. Take a journey along the Virginia Coal Heritage Trail or the Artisan Trail which run through the county; or stop by one of our beautiful county parks which are ideal for picnics, family reunions or just a relaxing visit.

For more information please contact:

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Explore Dickenson County, Virginia’s Youngest County. The Ralph Stanley Museum and Traditional Mountain Music Center combines the career of Dr. Ralph Stanley with the history of traditional mountain music. The John W. Flannagan Dam and Reservoir features three campgrounds, five boat ramps, picnic areas, fishing, hiking, hunting, boating, and picnic shelters.

Home of the deepest gorge east of the Mississippi River, the Breaks Interstate Park encompasses 4,500 acres of woodlands. Outdoor recreation is combined with a modern conference center.

Sitting on a rock outcrop at the highest summit of Pine Mountain, Birch Knob Observation Tower allows one to see Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee! The Dickenson County Coal Miners Memorial is a tribute to the men and women who have died in the coal mines, listing 309 names dating back to the early 1900s.

The Dickenson County Chamber of Commerce/Visitor’s Center located in the Historic Doc. Phipps house on Main Street in Clintwood displays a large collection of medical memorabilia as well as provides visitors with maps, brochures and other information on Dickenson County.

For more information, contact Dickenson County Tourism Director at (276) 926-6074.
Dickenson County Chamber of Commerce/Visitor’s Center, PO Box 1990, Clintwood, VA 24228 (276) 926-6074, www.dickensonchamber.net
Gorgeous mountain views, bluegrass music, unique museums, horse shows, festivals, family reunions, good food, and plenty of friendly people await your visit to Virginia’s youngest county. Enjoy White-water rafting, fishing, camping, hiking and birdwatching… listen to the music of the mountains along The Crooked Road.

Dickenson County Visitor’s Center, Phipps Family Museum & Chamber of Commerce • Breaks Interstate Park • Birch Knob Observation Tower • Ralph Stanley Museum • Haysi Veteran’s Memorial • Clinchco Coal Miners Memorial • Virginia Scenic Byway, Rt. 611 • Rivers to Ridges Artisan Trail • Virginia Coal Heritage Trail • The Crooked Road, Virginia’s Heritage Music Trail • The Jettie Baker Center • Dickenson County Historical Society

Ralph Stanley Museum 
Our state-of-the-art museum chronicles the history of traditional mountain music through the story of Dr. Ralph Stanley.
Located on Clintwood Main Street beside the Court House Mon-Sat 10a - 5p • Sunday 1-5p

For information about our upcoming programs
276-926-8550 • www.ralphstanleymuseum.com

For Tourism information, please contact the Tourism Director at the Dickenson County Visitor’s Center & Chamber
(276) 926-6074 • www.dickensonchamber.net
Attractions:

Outdoors:

Dickenson County Arts Center and Gallery
– Pioneer Art League Clintwood, VA 24228; 276-926-5358
Features a large selection of original art for sale by local artists.

Dickenson County Courthouse - Main St. Clintwood, VA 24228; 276-926-1676 - The large number of weddings in this courthouse made Clintwood the "wedding capital" of the area for a period of time and was the home of "The Petticoat Government" an all-female town government in the 1950s.

Jettie Baker Center - PO Box 456 Clintwood, VA 24228; 276-926-8383 - Often used for entertainment events; the center has state-of-the-art lighting and sound systems.

Ralph Stanley Museum & Traditional Mountain Music Center - 249 Clintwood Main St, Clintwood, VA 24228; 276-926-8550, www.ralphstanleymuseum.com
The museum’s goal is to preserve and promote traditional mountain music and to honor the talent and style of Dr. Ralph Stanley.

Vance's Skateland - PO Box 849 Clintwood, VA 24228; 276-926-8888.
Skating rink.

Outdoors:

Birch Knob Towers - Birch Knob Drive
Clintwood, VA 24228; 276-926-6074; www.dickensonchamber.net/ -
Elevation 3,144 feet above sea level. You can see Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

Breaks Interstate Park - 627 Commissions Circle Breaks, VA 24607; 276-865-4413
www.breakspark.com
Hiking, biking, horseback riding, geocaching, birding, fishing, pedal boats/canoes, swimming, whitewater rafting.

Breaks Interstate Park Whitewater Season
627 Commissions Circle Breaks, VA 24607; 276-865-4413, www.breakspark.com - October Whitewater rafting; Class III-V+, depending on the stretch of river.

Cumberland & Pine Mt. Trail Riders - Pine Mountain Trail Rt. 83 Clintwood, VA 24228; 276-926-4605, www.pinemountaintrail.com
Annual trail rides the 2nd weekend in May and the 2nd weekend in October

Route 611 Cumberland Mountain View Drive
– Virginia Scenic Byway -276-926-6074 or 276-865-4413; www.breakspark.com
This tour begins in Clintwood and ends in Bartlick, 5 miles from Breaks Interstate Park 19-mile roads excursion. Self-guided driving tour.

Dickenson County Coal Miners’ Memorial
16556 Dickenson Hwy Clinchco, VA 24226; www.dickenson411.com/memorial.html
The memorial is a tribute to the men and women who have died in the coal mines.

Dickenson County Veterans’ Memorial - Main St.Clintwood, VA 24228; 276-926-1630
www.dickenson411.com/veterans/military_memorial.html
This site is dedicated to our Military Veterans from Dickenson County who have died serving our country so that we may be free.

John Flannagan Dam and Reservoir
- Rt. 1 Haysi, VA 24256; 276-835-9544
Hike 40 miles of shoreline around this pristine 1,145 acre lake.

Mullins Farm, LLC - PO Box 2197 Clintwood, VA 24228; 276-926-8835
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Pine Mountain Trail - Main St. Clintwood, VA 24228; 276-926-4956
www.pinemountaintrail.com
Scenic hiking/horseback riding trail following the crest of the Cumberland Mountains.

Russell Fork River - Virginia Scenic River - Rt. 268 Haysi, VA 24256; 276-835-9544
October - Whitewater rafting; Class III-V+, depending on the stretch of river.

The Crooked Road Trail - 276-492-2085
www.thecrookedroad.org
The trail travels through the counties of: Dickenson, Wise, Lee, Scott, Washington, Grayson, Carroll, Floyd, Patrick and Franklin

Vance Mountain Farm - Rt. 2 Box 729-C Haysi, VA 24256; 276-865-4138 - Hayrides, picnics, catering, special events, reunions on a 180-acre working farm.

Veteran’s Memorial Walk of Honor
– 331 Main St. Haysi, VA 24256; 276-865-5187
Situated in downtown Haysi, overlooking the scenic Russell Fork River, the Veteran’s Memorial Walk of Honor is a way for the Town of Haysi and the surrounding community to show their deep gratitude to those who, in times of war and peace, have faithfully defended our country and our way of life.
Shoppes:
**Gift Baskets Instead & Much Much More**
- PO Box 2256, Clintwood, VA 24228;
  276-926-8920

**Haysi Floral** – 264 Main St. Haysi, VA 24256; haysifloral.com
Haysi Floral showcases mixed media works and fiber creations made by owner Sue Scanlon as well as local artisans.

**Ralph Stanley Museum Gift Shop**
- 249 Clintwood Main St., Clintwood, VA 24228; 276-926-8550,
  www.ralphstanleymuseum.com A large selection of cd’s, homemade items as well as t-shirts, jewelry and much more.

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**Grand Canyon of the South**
www.BreaksPark.com
Lee County’s landscape is rolling farmland bounded by the Cumberland Mountains to the north with Powell Mountain to the south, and Powell Valley lies between them. The pristine Powell River runs between the mountain ranges the entire length of the county. Lee County, Virginia’s westernmost county, is a place of unsurpassed beauty and for those who want to live here, Lee County offers a wonderful lifestyle.

You can enjoy the outdoors in ways that many have thought were lost. You can hike to the mountain tops or walk along the valley floor, or you can float down the Powell River on a summer afternoon. You can walk in the footsteps of Daniel Boone and the settlers who traveled the Wilderness Trail to open up Kentucky and places west, or you can blaze your own trail and find spots where, perhaps, no one has gone before. Wherever you are the vistas are magnificent, the air is clean, the water is pure, and life is good.

The Cumberland Gap National Park is situated at the far western end of the county and there is a point, called The Pinnacle, in the park where the borders of the three states, Virginia, Tennessee, and Kentucky come together. East of the National Park about 8 miles is Wilderness Road State Park. Both parks offer great opportunities for getting out, enjoying nature and renewing our ties with our heritage. Wilderness Road State Park will be the setting for a Farmers and Crafters Market this year, starting the first Saturday in June and running through October. With the ever-increasing concern about the origins and quality of our food supply, the Market provides the buyer with information about who grew the produce and how it was grown—Locally Grown, Locally Known.

Being at the far western end of Virginia, Lee County is closer to six other state capitals than it is to Richmond. In one sense, it may seem that we are in our own little corner of the Commonwealth, but, in another, we are quite well-connected. A major 4-lane thoroughfare, US Route 58, runs the length of the county from Big Stone Gap in Wise County, VA to Harrogate, Tennessee and Middlesboro, Kentucky. A county airport is in the final stages of construction, and there is a county regional medical center in Pennington Gap.

Come visit us, step into our world, you will be welcomed by a warm, welcoming, caring group of people. Once you are here, we think that you will want to stay.
Cumberland Gap National Park - PO Box 1848
Middlesboro, KY 40965; 606-248-2817,
www.nps.gov/cuga
The nation’s largest national park, Cumberland Gap National Historical Park is 20,000 acres on the borders of Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee.

Gap Caverns in Cumberland Gap National Historical Park - Rt. 58 Daniel Boone Trail
Tickets must be purchased at least 1/2 hour in advance at the visitor center.

A 92-acre lake for fishing, boating, picnic facilities.

Leeman Field Park - 605 Old Zion Rd.
Pennington Gap, VA 24277, 276-546-1177,
http://www.townofpennington.com/
Tennis/basketball/volleyball courts, a .5-mile walking trail, playgrounds, swimming pool, baseball fields, access to the Powell River, and 3 pavilions.

In the Cumberland Gap National Park, a ceiling of gold, red and green; eroded rock forms.

Stone Face Rock - PO Box 417 Jonesville, VA 24277; 276-346-0553.
Drive-by natural wonder and local landmark, resulting from time and erosion.

White Rocks - Cumberland Gap National Park; 606-248-2817
http://www.nps.gov/cuga/planyourvisit/things-2do.htm
These cliffs once served as a landmark for early pioneers in Cumberland Gap National Park.

Wilderness Road State Park - Rt 2 Box 78 Ewing, VA 24248; 276-445-3065,
www.martinstation.com
Home of historic Martin’s Station, an out-door living history museum with costumed interpreters depiction life on the Virginia frontier of 1775.

Wilderness Road Trail - Wilderness Road State Park, Rt 2 Box 78 Ewing, VA 24248; 276-455-3065
www.martinstation.com
This 10-mile hiking and biking trail was once part of the famous Daniel Boone Wilderness Road Trail blazed by Daniel Boone.

Attractions:
Appalachian African-American Cultural Center – 230 North Leona St. Pennington Gap, VA 24277; 276-546-5632,
Housed in a building that was once a black public school, the Appalachian African-American Cultural Center contains African-American historical artifacts from the area.

Cowan Mill - Rt. 698 Ewing, VA 24248;
276-346-0553
http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?attrid=17688
Authentic gristmill built in 1890 in lower Lee County and used by locals to grind their grain into meal. By appointment only

Karaokke at Rose Hill - RT. 1, 243 Old Rt. 58 Rose Hill, VA 24281; 276-445-5654.
Admission fee: $3.00
Karaoke is scheduled Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 6pm - 10pm in a family-oriented, alcohol-, drug- and smoke free nightclub atmosphere.

Long Hollow Log School Museum - c/o Lee High School, Rt. 2 Box 740 Jonesville, VA 24263, 276-346-0173
Log school built before 1858. Used as heritage education preservation.

Shoppe’s:
Chicken Coop Antiques - 122 Basswood Rd.
Rose Hill, VA 24281; 276-445-4230
Have a wide selection of antiques, locally made crafts, collectibles and gifts.

Cumberland Antique Center - Old Hwy. 58 between Rts. 907 & 911 Rose Hill, VA 24281; 276-445-4545
Antique store located in an old general store

Davis Brothers Nursery – 122 Basswood Rd.
Rose Hill, VA 24281; 276-445-4230.
Largest and most varied selection of nursery stock in southwest Virginia.

Wild Mountain Thyme - 106 W. Morgan Ave.
Pennington Gap, VA 24277; 276-546-6441
Items are especially selected as earth-friendly while bringing richness, whimsy and romance to homes. Many are hand-crafted products for the body and spirit.
Welcome to Russell County, “The Heart of Southwest Virginia”—a great place to live, work and play! Russell County is located in the far southwestern portion of Virginia. In 1745 the area now contained in Russell County was formed as a part of Augusta County. Between the years 1769 and 1785 it was contained in Botetourt, Fincastle and Washington Counties. In 1786 Russell County was formed from Washington County.

The area which then became Russell County contained approximately 3000 square miles or 1.9 million acres. The boundaries extended northward from Clinch Mountain to Cumberland Gap on the Kentucky border and eastward to a point near present Bluefield, VA. The population of the county in 1790 was 3,338. Other counties later formed from Russell County include Lee County in 1793; Tazewell County in 1799; Scott County (formed from Russell and Lee Counties) in 1815; Wise County in 1855; and Buchanan County in 1858. By 1858, Russell County had been reduced to an area of 483 square miles or 309,120 acres. The crest of Clinch Mountain is the current southern border, with Sandy Ridge being the northern border. The Clinch River meanders through the county from Mill Creek at the Tazewell County lien to St. Paul in Wise County. Lebanon is the county seat for Russell County. Russell County has an approximate population of 30,000.

Russell County boasts a dynamic and diversified business and industrial sector to include the establishment of Northrop Grumman’s Southwest Enterprise Solutions Center, AT&T Call Center and CGI’s Southwest Virginia Center of Excellence. Additional business and industry includes agricultural, manufacturing, mining, trucking and commerce and trade. From our trout fishing and white water rafting streams to our hiking and bicycling trails, Russell County offers all types of outdoor recreation.

Birding: The Russell County Bird Club, a local chapter of the Virginia Society of Ornithology (VSO), founded in 1997 in Lebanon, VA, meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month in the Lebanon Community Center. The Club supports the VSO Principles of Birding Ethics.

Club activities include an annual Christmas Bird Count, field trips, an annual picnic outing at Laurel Bed Lake, and an annual banquet for the September meeting to celebrate the founding of the club. The club also leads a Bird Walk as part of the annual Redbud Festival. You do not have to be a member to come to a meeting or come to an outing. Everyone is welcome. http://www.rcbirds.org/

Driving/Bicycle/Motorcycle/Off-road Trails: Rich in natural beauty, history and heritage, Russell County offers a host of opportunities for the outdoor enthusiast to include, hiking, biking, birding, canoeing, horseback riding, hunting, fishing, atving, motorcycling, etc. Many of our trails are diverse and can be driven by automobile or motorcycle, as well as, affording the opportunity for bicyclists. Big A Mountain is known far and wide for the challenge it offers to bicycling enthusiasts. For the historian, there are historic trails commemorating the migration into this region, and other trails that commemorate our cultural/economic diversity as well as arts and crafts and music of the region.

The Wilderness Road/Fincastle Turnpike (driving) http://www.virginia.org/wildernessroad/wrCommunity.asp?community=20
Virginia Coal Heritage Trail (driving) http://www.byways.org/explore/byways/10341/
The Crooked Road (driving) http://www.thecrookedroad.org/
The Daniel Boone Wilderness Trail (driving) http://www.danielboonetrail.com/map.php
Round the Mountain Artisan Trails/Network (driving) http://www.roundthemountain.org/
Spearhead Trails (bicycling, canoeing, horseback, ATV, off-road, hiking) http://www.trailsrus.com/swvirginia/
Heart of Appalachia Bike Route and Scenic Drive (driving/bicycle) http://www.virginia.org/site/features.asp?featureid=364
Trans America Bike Route (bicycle) http://www.adventurecycling.org/routes/transamerica.cfm
Sugar Hill Loop Trail (hiking/biking/walking) http://www.sugarhillclinch.com/

Rivers/Lakes/Streams: Our rivers, lakes and streams set the backdrop for an amazing day in the great outdoors for a family outing. The Clinch River has been ranked the #1 river in the country by The Nature Conservancy for its environmental diversity and significance and is the river in the world for freshwater mussels. Unusual habitats harbor globally rare plant species, and are home to 400 species of wild animals, 22 of which are endangered or threatened. The karst scenery boasts rock formations, sinking streams and caves, and beautiful wooded hills. The Pinnacle Natural Area Preserve and Cleveland Barrens are situated along the Clinch River. Laurel Bed Lake, covers over 300 acres in Russell County, and provides excellent angling for trout in addition to majestic waterfalls.

Clinch River: http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/fishing/waterbodies/display.asp?id=147
Oxbow Lake: http://www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?attrid=17753
The Pinnacle Natural Area Preserve: http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural_heritage/natural_area_preserves/pinnacle.shtml
Cleveland Barrens: http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural_heritage/natural_area_preserves/cleveland.shtml
Big Cedar Creek: http://sites.google.com/site/riverboundxtremesite/
Tumbling Creek: http://www.riverfacts.com/ rivers/13582.html
Slate’s Campground and Picnic Area: situated in the Blackford area.
Genealogy resources: http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~varussel/
Meeting Space/Reunions/Educational: There are several spaces available for your event, party, reception, classes or get together. Southwest Virginia Community College offers on-campus, off-campus, web and diverse program for the community. UVA-Wise operates the Southwest Virginia Technology Development Center for classes, company training, etc. Russell County Schools are fully accredited, serving approximately 4200 students.

Russell County Conference Center: www.russellcountyva.org
Lebanon Meeting Rooms: http://www.lebanonva.net/
Southwest Virginia Technology Development Center: http://svtdc.org/
Russell County Schools: http://www.russell.k12.va.us/
National Guard Armory/Southwest Virginia Community College: http://www.sw.edu/
The Oxbow Center: http://www.cmcsb.com/oxbow.htm

Festivals: Honaker, “Redbud Capital of the World”, annually hosts a festival commemorating the world famous redbud trees and Honaker’s history, heritage, and residents. Some events include a beauty pageant, pet show, music, food and craft vendors, demonstrations and car show. The Clinch River Days festival is held annually to commemorate the world famous Clinch River. Events include talent contests, music, food and craft vendors, exhibits, demonstrations, wrestling, pet show, etc.

The Russell County Fair and Horse Show is held annually in Castlewood. The fair has been voted the Best County Fair in Virginia the last ten of eleven years. Events include a carnival, scholarship pageant, horse shows, bull riding, livestock events, horseless cowboy contest, car show, demolition derby, antique tractor pull, truck and modified tractor pull, paintball tournament, pet show, and entertainment showcasing local and nationally know entertainers including country, bluegrass and gospel performances. Southwest Virginia’s own Grammy Award Winning Ralph Stanley performs annually at the fair.

The Virginia Coal Festival is a collaboration of the Virginia Coal Heritage Trail advisory committee and Virginia Tech to provide a festival annually honoring the coal industry, supporting industries and the culture and heritage of the region through demonstrations, displays, music, car show, beauty pageant, and foods synonymous with Southwest Virginia. It is a collaboration of the seven coalfield counties of Buchanan, Tazewell, Russell, Dickenson, Lee, Scott and Wise and the City of Norton as well as the tourism marketing organization for those counties, the Heart of Appalachia Tourism Authority.

Honaker Redbud Festival: http://honakerredbudfest.com/
Clinch River Days: http://clinchriverfestival.com/
Virginia Coal Festival: www.russellcountyva.org
Russell County Fair and Horse Show: http://www.russellcountyfair.com/
Museums: The Dante Coal and Railroad Museum offers a wealth of information about the inception of coal mining in the now small town that was once a booming coal town. There are pictures, video, historical books and a model that will totally amaze even local residents. The Honaker History & Heritage Museum is packed full of trinkets, books, documents, photographs and general history of Honaker and its history and heritage. It is an educational, historical experience that you will remember for years to come. We welcome you to visit Russell County so that we can share with you a little piece of our "heaven on earth". For more information, you can contact the tourism department at lindatate@bvunet.net or by telephone at 276.889.8041.

Lodging:
- Banner Farm Campgrounds
- Oaks Motel
- River Wind Inn
- Slate's Creek Campgrounds
- Super 8
- The Carriage House
- The Inn at Castlewood
- Town & Country Motor Lodge Inc.

Restaurants:
- Applebee's
- Bonanza Restaurant
- Burger King
- Cliffside Grille
- El Campesino
- El Palenque
- Hardee's
- K & G Restaurant
- KFC
- Kountry Kitchen
- Long John Silvers
- Mama Mia's
- Ma & Pa's Restaurant
- McDonalds
- Mr. Nuccio Pizza
- Peking Garden
- Pioneer Restaurant
- Pizza Hut - 2 locations
- Pizza Plus - 3 locations
- Pizza Town
- Romanos II
- Subway - 2 locations
- Swords Creek Deli
- The Farmer's Table
- The Old Mill
- The Stone Cellar
- Tokyo Japanese Steakhouse
- Wendy's

Attractions:
- Coal Miners' Memorial - Rt. 63 Dante, VA 24237
  Dante was once the headquarters of the Clinchfield Coal Corporation and home to thousands of coal miners and their families.
- Dickenson Bundy Log House - US 58
  Castlewood, VA 24244; 276-762-7254
  The restored house is open to the public and houses a craft store that features local crafters.
- Family Bluegrass Barn - Hwy 19 Hansonville, VA 24266; 276-794-9067
  Live performances every Saturday night from 7:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
- Honaker Heritage Museum - 5738 Redbud Way Honaker, VA 24260; 276-873-4333
  www.honakerheritagemuseum.com
- Jessee's Mill - Jessee's Mill Rd. Lebanon, VA 24266; 276-889-8041
  Jessee's Mill began operation over two hundred years ago. The mill was the primary source for ground agricultural products and other trading in the Mill Creek Area.
- Old Russell County Courthouse - Rt. 58A
  Castlewood, VA 24244; 276-762-7254
  This former courthouse was built in 1799 by Henry Dickenson. A stone building, the structure replaced a log courthouse that was burned during the Revolutionary War.
- Vincent's Vineyard - 2313 E. Main St. Lebanon, VA 24266; 276-889-2505
  www.vincentsvineyard.com
  The Vineyard lies within the foothills of the scenic Clinch and Beartown Mountains.

Outdoors:
- Fincastle/Cumberland Gap Turnpike
  www.trailsrus.com/swvirginia/images/turnpike.jpg
- Glade Hollow Park - E. Main St. Lebanon, VA 24266; 276-889-8041
  This park features 4 softball fields and 3 tennis courts open to the public when not in use.
- Hidden Valley Lake - 276-944-3434 - 61 acre fishing retreat with primitive camping sites.
- J. S. Easterly Park - P.O. Box 926 Lebanon, VA 24266; 276-889-8041 - This county park is landmarked by a crystal-clear waterfall.

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CONTACT US:
- C-Health of Lebanon
  495 East Main Street
  (276) 889-3700
- C-Health of Honaker
  48 Commerce Drive
  (276) 873-6876
- C-Health of St. Paul
  16419 Wise Street
  (276) 738-0000
  http://www.c-healthonline.com
Lake Bonaventure Golf & Country Club – Cleveland, VA, 276-762-7618
9 hole golf course, swimming pool and 35 acre lake for boating and fishing

Lake Estanoa - St. Paul, VA 24283
Laurel Bed Lake - 276-944-5024 - 300 acres known for its trout fishing. Two boat ramps are available.

Oxbow Lake - 16345 Bush Drive, Rt. 58 St. Paul, VA 24283; 276-762-5297 - Fishing lake is for non-motorized boats (only) and is equipped with one boat ramp

Slates Campground/Pinic Area - Private campground with electric, water, and cable TV hookups. Located on the Clinch River. 2 mile hiking trail for hiking, birding and wildflower walks.

Sugar Hill Loop Trail - 9416 Darden Dr. Jefferson National Forest, St. Paul, VA 24283; 276-762-7500
5 mile historic nature walk, also offers excellent biking challenge.

The Clinch Mountain Wildlife Management Area
www.trailsrus.com/swvirginia/images/clinch-mountainwma.jpg
- Elevations range from 1600 feet to 4700 feet atop.

Beartown Mountain - The Clinch River Karst (cave) scenery, rock formations, sinking streams, caves, wooded hills. Canoeing and kayaking opportunities, Virginia Birding & Wildlife Viewing Trail.

- Clinch Mountain Loop which includes Laurel Bed lake, is the second largest and most biologically diverse wildlife management area in Virginia.

Shoppes:
AAA Tuxedo & Bridal Shop – Hwy. 19 Lebanon, VA 24266; 276-880-1121 - Bridal Gowns & Wedding Apparel, Wedding & Bridal Supplies.

Belfast Fabrics – Lebanon, VA 276-880-2230

- Country and primitive home décor.
- Anything from framed prints, antiques, dolls, flags, seasonal and holiday decorations to handmade, custom built primitive furniture.

Easterly Coleman Furniture – 882 E. Main St. Lebanon, VA 24266; 276-889-1244

First Impression Flowers & Gifts
– 957 W. Main St., Lebanon, VA 24266; 276-889-1900

G&G Sporting Goods – Lebanon, VA 24266; 276-889-3450

Galliher’s Upholstery & Antiques – Lebanon, VA 24266; 276-889-3120

Jewels On Main – 21 E. Main St. Lebanon, VA 24266; 276-415-9099

Merle Norman – 11656 Hwy 19 Lebanon, VA 24266; 276-889-4495

Mountain Made Crafts - PO Box 152 Lebanon, VA 24266; 276-889-0653 - Crafts, art, novels and other items handmade by local artists.

Multiplicity - 838 E. Main St. Lebanon, VA 24266; 276-889-2595 - Offers unique casual and dress clothing for Misses and Juniors. And casual clothing for young men and adults.
Scott County is a “natural” for music lovers, history buffs, nature enthusiasts, and vacationers of all types!

Music - Come listen to the sounds of our rich musical heritage at the Carter Fold and other venues along the Crooked Road.

History - Explore our adventurous history dating from Daniel Boone’s exploration of the area in the 1700’s. Retrace Daniel Boone’s footsteps, view an 1800s farmstead, and watch a historic old mill in action.

Outdoor/Nature Recreation - Paddle and fish two of Virginia’s most scenic rivers, visit the “8th Wonder of the World” – Natural Tunnel State Park, and glimpse rare plants and animals along our trails.

Recreational Activities - Don’t miss our many recreational facilities, from playgrounds and horse shows to a round of golf at undoubtedly the country’s most scenic golf course.

Lodging:
- Appalachian Mountain Cabins
- Bark Camp Lake Campground
- Boone’s Pointe Cabins
- Clinch River Valley Family Campground
- Estillville Bed & Breakfast
- Hanging Rock Park Place
- Natural Tunnel State Park
- Cabins & Campground
- PapPaw’s Cabin
- The Ole Nickelsville Hotel
- Travel Inn

Restaurants:
- Burger King
- Burger’s R Us
- Campus Drive-In
- Colonial Downs
- Dave’s All American
- Duffield Custard Stand
- El Potrillo
- Farm House Café
- Front Porch Store and Deli
- Gasthaus Edelweiss
- Handy Kitchen
- Hardee’s
- Hob-Nob Drive In
- Long John Silver’s
- McDonald’s
- MiMi’s Pizzeria & Deli
- Pal’s Sudden Service
- Pizza Hut
- Pizza Plus – 3 locations
- Red Stone Drive-In
- Scotty’s Market
- Subway – 2 locations
- Teddy’s Restaurant
- The Blue Rooster Café
- The Family Bakery
- Wendy’s
Attractions:

**Bush Mill** – Bush Mill Road
Nickelsville, VA 24271; 276-479-3110
The only restored operational mill in the region, Bush Mill was built between 1896 and 1897. “Bush Mill Days is a wonderful event for visitors to see a fully operational mill grind meal during the first weekend in October. Hands-on experiences for the whole family!***

**Carter Family Fold and Carter Family Memorial Music Center** – A.P. Carter Hwy, PO Box 111, Hiltons, VA 24258; 276-386-6054, www.carterfamilyfold.org
The Carter Family Memorial Music Center was Established to honor the original Carter Family and to preserve the music which earned them worldwide recognition while being pioneers of country music. The Carter Fold is a rustic, 1,000 seat musical hot spot offering traditional music every Saturday night. Museum opens an hour prior to the show.

**Colonial Downs OTB**
38 US Highway 23 North
Weber City, VA 24290
(276) 225-0200
http://www.colonialdowns.com/otb/locations/scottcounty
Love to play the horses? Wager on up to 23 different racetracks around the country daily at Colonial Downs Off-Track Betting Center located in Scott County! Visit their website for events and general information!

**Creation Kingdom Zoo**
1642 Snowflake Rd.
Snowflake, VA 24251; 276-690-5450, www.creationkingdomzoo.com
Creation Kingdom Zoo’s goal is to serve God through education, conservation, and propagation of the animals we live with. Stop by to see Bella, the White Tiger while you’re there! Don’t miss Boo at the Zoo where the exhibits are lit at night for children to trick or treat throughout the zoo!

**Dungannon Depot** – 344 Phoenix St.
Dungannon, VA 24245; 276-467-2306
www.ddcinc.org/depot.htm
The present Depot was built by hand beginning in 1910 and completed in 1912. After the Depot was completely renovated, the new community center was dedicated in April of 1980. The “Santa Train” runs through Dungannon and coincides with their Holiday Fest just before Thanksgiving each year. See the 1st interpretive signs along the Coal Heritage Trail in front of the depot during your visit.

**Fannon Railroad Museum**
Corner of US HWY 23 & US HWY 58, Duffield, VA 24244; 276-431-2428.
Stop in to see a replica depot that was used in the filming of the movie “Coal Miner’s Daughter” along with an enormous collection of railroad and the abundance of train memorabilia! Call for appointment.

**Historic Downtown Gate City**
156 East Jackson Street
Gate City, VA, 24251; 276-386-3831
http://townofgatecity.com/
Located on the National Register of Historic Places, Gate City is the picture perfect downtown. Stroll the sidewalks to enjoy antique shops, local eateries and a small town, friendly atmosphere where you’ll feel like you’ve lived here your whole life!

**Natural Tunnel State Park**
Take a chairlift to view the 850’ tunnel that features an scenic creek and active railway running through the tunnel! The park also offers hiking trails, picnicking, amphitheater, swimming pool, campground, cabins and visitor center. Check out their calendar of events!

**Punkin Patch Farm** - 984 Cowans Creek Rd.
A family owned working farm, growing pumpkins, fall decoration and fresh produce, pick your own or already picked. Opened September and October.

**Scott County Courthouse** – 202 W. Jackson St.
Gate City, VA 24251; 276-386-6521
The earliest portion of this courthouse was built in 1829. Enlargement of the building began in the 1920s.

**Scott County Regional Horse Park**
240 Club Creek Ln.
Dungannon, VA 24245; 276-479-2048
http://schorse.org/horsepark.htm
Join us at Scott County Regional Horse Park for horse shows, trail rides, a rodeo and extravaganzas! Ride the equestrian trails adjacent to the Horse Park while you’re here! We hope to see you at Burley Fest in August!

**Scott County Veteran’s Memorial**
Veteran’s Memorial Highway - Hwy 72N toward Dungannon
276-386-6521
Honor Veterans at this memorial site located on Veteran’s Memorial Highway north of Gate City near the Clinch River and Fort Blackmore, VA. Stop by and have your photo taken in front of the tank!
**Wilderness Road Blockhouse** – 1420 Natural Tunnel Parkway, Duffield, VA 24244; 276-940-2674, www.danielboonetrail.com
Located at Natural Tunnel State Park. Accessible daily for public visitation with outdoor interpretive panels to enhance the visitor experience. Siege at the Blockhouse is an event held on Memorial Day weekend inviting tourists to experience the life during the time of Daniel Boone with many demonstrations and hands on events. History comes to life at the Wilderness Road Blockhouse!

**Outdoors:**
**Bark Camp Lake** - George Washington & Jefferson National Forest, 9416 Darden Dr. Wise, VA 24293; 276-328-2931
This near 60 acre warm water lake located in Scott County, VA provides opportunities for fishing and boating (electric motors only). The camp offers 25 camping units with tent pad, picnic table and a parking spur.

**Birding Trails** - Scott County is home to two Virginia Birding and Wildlife Trail loops: Appalachian Wonders and Daniel Boone. A checklist and maps of species located in Scott County can be obtained from the Scott County Tourism office. Keep your eyes open for rare birds like the Loggerhead Shrike and Magnolia Warblers!

**Chief Benge Trail**
Jefferson National Forest
276-328-2931
18.7 mile trail for experienced hikers through the Jefferson National Forest.

**Clinch River** (Scott County Access)
Contact the Tourism office 276-386-6521 or Scott County Recreation at 276-452-2442

Scott County is home to 100 miles of waterways! The Clinch River is one of the most bio-diverse rivers in North America and we have the most public access sites in the region. Fish, kayak, canoe or tube down the Clinch River to enjoy the scenic beauty of this pristine hidden treasure in Southwest Virginia. A grand total of 35 of mussel species found in Scott County are rare, and at least one can be found nowhere else in the world. We want outdoor recreation enthusiasts to have easy access to the river, so we have created put-in locations every 2-4 hours down the river at key access points. One access point allows for access on both sides of the river with an authentic swinging bridge! Perfect for fishing, kayaking or canoeing, the Clinch is the place to be for spectacular views! For more information, please contact Tourism at 276-386-6521 for a Clinch River access map.
Stoney Falls and the hiking trails offered in this region of Scott County! won’t want to miss! Outdoor enthusiasts will love the Devil’s Bathtub, Little Stoney Falls and the hiking trails offered in this region of Scott County!

Devil’s Bathtub
Jefferson National Forest
This natural wonder is located in the Devil’s Fork area of Scott County off Veteran’s Memorial Highway in Fort Blackmore, VA. Dive into Devil’s Bathtub and admire the crystal clear water. Outdoor enthusiasts will love the Devil’s Bathtub, Little Stoney Falls and the hiking trails offered in this region of Scott County!

Duffield Community Park - Duffield, VA 24245
3 lighted tennis courts, baseball/teeball field, softball field, walking trail, picnic areas, beach/sand volleyball, basketball courts, concessions, restrooms, playgrounds with fitness stations.

Dungannon Town Park - Dungannon, VA 24245
Tennis court, basketball, playground, picnic shelter, swings.

Hanging Rock Picnic Area - Jefferson National Forest, 276-328-2931.
Picnic area features 18 picnic units with table and grill or fireplace. A group shelter is also available.

Holston River - Scott County is home to 100 miles of waterways! And, that doesn’t include the lake! The North Fork of the Holston River is known for its trophy smallmouth bass and you’ll definitely find that here in Scott County. Public access sites have been opened and more are being developed through 2012.

Hunters Ford Island - Rt. 1 Gate City, VA 24251; 276-452-2344. The island is nestled in the waters of the Clinch River. 10 tent sites and 2 cabins No electricity on the island.
Jefferson National Forest – 34,580 acres of National Forest located in Scott County!

Keith Memorial Park – Nickelsville, VA 24271
Playgrounds, picnic area, baseball field, little league baseball fields, walking trail, rest station with restrooms, concessions, War Memorial, basketball court, amphitheater with seating.

Little Stoney Falls - Jefferson National Forest. Consists of a breathtaking 24’ waterfall and two smaller waterfalls. A scenic mountain treasure you won’t want to miss! Outdoor enthusiasts will love the Devil’s Bathtub, Little Stoney Falls and the hiking trails offered in this region of Scott County!

Little Stony National Recreation Trail/Little Stony Falls - 9416 Darden Drive Wise, VA 24293; 276-679-0961
2.8 mile trail follows the stream through a 400 ft. deep and 1.700 ft. wide gorge. Two waterfalls and the Hanging Rock Picnic Area.

Scott County Park & Golf Course
247 Fore Dr. Gate City, VA 24251; 276-452-2442,
www.scottcountyva.com/park
http://recreation.scottcountyva.com/
Enjoy scenic mountain views from this unique 9-hole golf course offering a pro shop, tennis courts and picnic shelters. Take a leisurely stroll along the walking trail to immerse yourself in nature while you’re there. Rent the recreation room for your next event. Wi-fi available!

The Pickin’ Parlor - U.S. Hwy 23 Weber City, VA 24290; 276-386-2654 - Stringed instruments for sale such as guitars, banjos, mandolins, dobos, bass fiddles, etc.

Weber City Recreation Complex - Weber City, VA 24290
4 lighted tennis courts, beach/sand volleyball, tee ball, playground, walking trail, picnic areas, basketball courts, concessions, fitness stations.

Jefferson National Forest
U.S. National Forests combined to form one of the largest areas of public land in the Eastern United States. They cover 1.8 million acres of land in the Appalachian Mountains of Virginia, West Virginia, and Kentucky.

Businesses:
Mann Farms - Veteran’s Memorial Highway, Fort Blackmore, VA 24250 276-995-1000. Offers a large variety of produce from April to October. Known regionally as THE place to purchase produce...and make sure you buy a bucket of strawberries while you’re there!

Ziegenwald Dairy - 1738 Possum Creek Rd, Gate City, VA 24251; 276-386-2419. A variety of goat cheeses, a variety of livestock occasionally for sale, and some naturally grown produce. Livestock for sale may include Alpine milk goats, Jacob Sheep, rabbits, and assorted poultry.

Clinch Valley Outfitters - Take a guided float down on any of our pristine waterways in Scott County with Clinch Valley Outfitters! Visit their website for more information: http://clinchvalleyoutfitters.com/

Ivy Cottage - 143 W Jackson Street, Gate City 276-386-2700. Do you love to go antique shopping? Well, Ivy Cottage is the ideal place for you!

Nancy’s Treasures - 163 Beech Street, Gate City, VA 276-386-6111 Beautiful floral arrangements and gift shop.

Combs Greenhouse – 169 Greenhouse Drive, Nickelsville, VA 24271; 276-479-2246

Horton’s Greenhouse - Rt 1, Blackwater, VA 24221; 276-940-2800
Byways, Attractions & Trails

- The Crooked Road
- Daniel Boone Wilderness Trail
- Fincastle Turnpike
- Virginia Coal Heritage Trail
- Attractions

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- William P. Harris Park
- Jettie Baker Center
- Ralph Stanley Museum
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- Natural Tunnel State Park
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Burke’s Garden, the highest valley in Virginia and sometimes referred to as “God’s Thumbprint,” is so geologically distinctive; it is visible from outer space. This bowl-shaped valley offers beautiful scenery with abundant wildlife, rare bird watching, biking and hiking on the Appalachian Trail.

Experience a settler’s life in the early 1800’s as you tour the Historic Crab Orchard Museum and Pioneer Park village which features 15 log and stone restored structures. Wander through time in the museum center gallery from the prehistoric period to the 20th century or picnic on the grounds under one of the covered shelters.

At the Pocahontas Exhibition Mine and Museum, you can experience the beginning of our nation’s industrialization. Walking tours through the mine demonstrates how the 44 million tons of bituminous coal was mined using the old hand-loading method which slowly evolved to mechanization.

Visit one of our parks such as Cavitt’s Creek to fish or ride paddle boats. Take a picnic basket and hike the trails at Lincolnshire Park or to the top of “The Cuts” at the Overlook Park in Cedar Bluff, or even take a historic walking tour in one of our historic districts in the towns of Bluefield, Cedar Bluff, Pocahontas, Richlands and the County seat, Tazewell. Truly …… Tazewell County is A Last Great Place.

Lodging:
- Cavitt’s Creek Park/Lake Camping
- Comfort Inn
- Cuz’s Cabins
- Fincastle Motor Inn
- Holiday Inn Express
- Super 8
- Timberline Lodge
- Whispering Waters B & B

Restaurants:
- Applebee's Neighborhood Grill
- Bellacino's Pizza & Grinders - 2 locations
- Bella's Creamery
- Big Daddy's Restaurant
- Bob Evans Farms Restaurant
- Burger King - 2 locations
- Coffee Station Café and Bakery
- Cottage at Crab Orchard
- Cuz’s Uptown Barbeque
- Dairy Queen
- East Garden Chinese Restaurant
- El Mariachi Mexican Restaurant - 2 locations
- El Patio Mexican Grille
- El Rincon Mexican Grill
- Flat Iron Grill
- Giovanni’s Pizza
- Grill Billy’s Diner
- Happy Family Chinese Restaurant
- Hardee’s - 3 locations
- Highlands Bull Pub
- Italian Village Restaurant - 2 locations
- KFC - 2 locations
- King Kone Drive Inn
- Long John Silver’s / A&W - 2 locations
- L’Venia Restaurant
- Main Street Café
- Mayflower Seafood Restaurant
- McDonald’s - 4 locations
- Oink Joint BBQ Shack
- Papa John’s
- Pizza Hut - 4 locations
- Pizza Plus - 2 locations
- Red Flower Chinese Restaurant
- Ryan’s Family Steakhouse
- Shoney’s Family Restaurant
- Sonic Drive-In
- Stir N Dip A Tea
- Subway - 6 locations
- Taco Bell - 3 locations
- The Last Soda Fountain
- Tray Ting House
- V & V Restaurant
- Villa Italian Bar & Grill
- Waffle & Egg Restaurant
- Wendy’s - 3 locations
**Attractions & Outdoor:**

**Appalachian Arts Center** - 2157 Steelesburg Hwy, Cedar Bluff, VA 24609; 276-956-2188
http://apparts.edu
Featuring local crafts, fine art and retail art gallery. Open Tuesday - Saturday 12:30 - 5:00 pm - Gift Shop.

**Burke’s Garden** - Rt. 623 Tazewell, VA 24651; 276-322-1345
www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?AttrID=15134
Sometimes referred to as “God’s Thumbprint,” this mountain-ringed bowl is 10 miles in diameter.

**Cavitt’s Creek & Lake Jack Witten** - 750 Recreation Dr. North Tazewell, VA 24630; 276-988-7250
www.visittazewell.org
The 54 acre lake is part of the 164 acre Cavitt’s Creek Park Campground. Full service hook-ups. Quiet, breathtaking retreat for fun and relaxation.

**Cedar Bluff Overlook & Trail** - Overlook Dr. Cedar Bluff, VA 24609; 276-964-4889
www.trailsrus.com/swvirginia/tazewell-site.pdf
Picnic shelters, playground, restroom facilities, hiking trail, overlook deck.

**Citizens for the Arts** (CART) - 1413 Front St. Richlands, VA 24641; 276-963-3385, tazewellcountyarts.org
Presents outstanding musicals, theatrical and artistic programs monthly (August – March).

**Clinch River – Tazewell County** – 276-988-1270
Fishing permitted (Trout and Red Eye) Kayaking and canoeing. Several species of endangered mussels in the river. www.visittazewell.org

**Clinch River Trail** – Richlands, VA 24641; 276-964-2566
The river trail meanders along the river banks with easy access for hiking, biking, walking and fishing. www.visittazewell.org

**Coal Miners’ Memorial** - 200 Washington Sq. Richlands, VA 24621; 276-963-3385
The memorial is a tribute to all the men/women who sacrificed everything to simply make a living. This is the official Coal Miners’ Memorial of the Commonwealth.
www.visittazewell.org
www.virginia.org/coalheritagetrail

**Historic Crab Orchard Museum** - 3663 Crab Orchard Rd Tazewell, VA 24651; 276-988-6755
www.craborchardmuseum.com
This pioneer park and museum focuses on the history of Southwest Virginia from prehistoric times to the present.

**Lincolnshire Park** - Hwy Rt 61, Tazewell, VA (276) 988-5404. The park boasts a beautiful 25 acre lake with boat launching facilities, two basketball courts, one sand volleyball court, three picnic shelters, one horseshoe pit, two softball fields, and a Junior Olympic size swimming pool. Located in southern part of the county.

Visitors can walk through the mine with a tour guide to view the coal formed 400 million years ago and see the methods of mining. A National Historic Landmark. Gift Shop. Adjacent to the Coal Heritage Museum and Learning Center.

**Richlands Historic Walking Tour** – 1413 Front St. Richlands, VA 24641; 276-963-3385
Self-guided tour includes points of interest. Virginia Historical Landmarks and National Historical Landmarks.

**Richlands Recreation Park** – Richlands, VA 24641; 276-964-2575
Olympic size swimming pool, two community rooms, indoor weight room, lighted and outdoor multi-purpose courts for tennis, basketball, volleyball, lighted game fields, picnic facilities and archery range.

**Sanders House Center** - 200 Sanders Lane Bluefield, VA 24605, 276-326-6680, www.sandershousemuseum.com.
The Sanders House Center includes a late 19th century home which was once the centerpiece of a 3,000 acre farm.

**Sandy Head Ostrich Farm** - 128 Stowers Dr., Tazewell, VA 276-988-9090
Ostriches, emus, Aracaunas, Turkens and other rare breed birds. Tours for groups, school groups & individuals. Container garden, hummingbird & butterfly garden, gift shop.

**Thistle Cove Farm** - 261 Cove Rd. Rts. 91 & 608 Tazewell, VA 24651; 276-988-4121
http://www.thistlecovefarm.com/
Working farm that breeds American Curly horses, Shetland, Romney and Merino sheep. Farm tours give an Appalachian homestead overview including fiber demonstrations of carding, spinning and weaving. Tours are available by reservation.
Williams Field Park – Clinch Critterville  
– Richlands, VA 24641; 276-964-2566  
Lighted, sanctioned baseball and softball field, a  
fitness walking trail, picnic facilities under shelters with grills and an educational state-of-the-art handicapped accessible playground. Two lighted basketball courts.

Shoppes:  
Alfords’ Artworks - 209 B E. Main St. Tazewell, VA 24651; 276-988-2430  
Alfords’ Artworks specializes in: Scenic Landscape Prints, Digital Photo Art, Greeting Cards, Photography Services Customized Framing/Matting, Commercial Photography, and Unique Gifts.

Annie’s Attic – 2629 Front St. Richlands, VA 24641; 276-596-9181

Burke’s Garden General Store – Burke’s Garden  
276-472-2222

Crab Orchard Museum Gift Shop - 3663 Crab Orchard Rd. Tazewell, VA 24651; 276-988-6755  
www.craborchardmuseum.com

New Graham Knives - 560 Virginia Ave. Bluefield, VA 24605; 276-326-1384; www.newgraham.com  
New Graham Knives features the regions largest (by far) selection of knives, flashlights and accessories.

Paper & More – 3 Spring St. Bluefield, VA 24605; 276-322-3055

Plumes and Presents – Tazewell, VA 276-988-9090

Southern Pottery – 13395 Gov. G. C. Peery Hwy, Pounding Mill, VA 24637. 276-963-9611  
276-963-9611

Tressia’s Trends – 1921 Front St. Richlands, VA 24641; 276-596-9326

Van’s Gift Shop – Tazewell, VA 276-988-4111

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Wise County is a place of mountains, music and more... the county was named for Confederate General Henry A. Wise, Governor of Virginia (1856-1860). With the discovery of coal in 1879, growth came to the County and railroad routes were established to ship coal to its many destinations. The Towns of Appalachia, Big Stone Gap, Coeburn, Pound, St. Paul, Wise, and the City of Norton grew up along rivers and railroads. Located in Southwest Virginia, the heart of the Appalachian Mountains, Wise County is blessed with scenic, recreational, and historic attractions. For beautiful scenery, visit the Powell Valley Overlook or Flag Rock Recreation Area. Nearly 36,000 acres of the Jefferson National Forest lie in Wise County, supporting a multitude of outdoor recreational opportunities. For something a little more fast-paced, visit Lonesome Pine Raceway.

Explore our antique and craft shops, colleges, museums, and other historic and cultural attractions, including The Trail of the Lonesome Pine, the official outdoor Drama of Virginia. Pro-Art presents outstanding musical, theatrical, and artistic programs. To learn about Wise County coal mining, visit the Harry W. Meador, Jr. Coal Museum. The Southwest Virginia Museum, a Virginia State Park, showcases early Southwest Virginia. The former home of author John Fox, Jr., now a Virginia Historic Landmark, contains furnishings and memorabilia from the Fox family. For local and regional music, visit Lay's Hardware, Tacoma Community Center and Country Cabin. For a complete profile on Wise County and the City of Norton, please visit tourism.wisecounty.org.

Restaurants:
- Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar
- Arby's
- Ba-Czar Market Place
- Big Boys Pizza
- Bonanza Family Restaurant
- Brownie's Cafe
- Burger King - 4 locations
- Captain D's
- China Garden
- Crooked Road Diner
- Dairy Queen - 2 locations
- Dari-Barn
- Fishtales, Inc
- Frosty Boskie
- Giovanni's Pizza
- Hardee's - 5 locations
- Harvest Time Coffee Shoppe
- Huddle House - 2 locations
- KFC - 2 locations
- Kountry Kitchen Diner
- Little Caesar's Pizza
- Little Mexico - 2 locations
- Long John Silver's Seafood
- McDonald's - 2 locations
- Mifinca
- Monterey Mexican
- Mosby's
- Mr. Gatti's of Wise
- Nellie's Market & Deli
- Norton's Grill & Rotisserie @ The Inn at Norton
- Nut's Grill & Subs
- Papa John's Pizza
- Pixie Drive-In
- Pizza Hut - 5 locations
- Pizza King - 2 locations
- Pizza Plus, Inc
- Poor Farm Casual Café
- Prime Sirloin
- Red Flower Chinese Restaurant
- Reno's of Wise
- Riverside Diner
- Robo's Drive-In
- Romano's Restaurant, Inc
- Roma's Pizzeria II
- Snack Shack
- Subway - 3 locations
- Tavern on Main
- Troutdale Steakhouse at Norton - Holiday Inn
- Wendy's
- Yamato Restaurant

Lodging:
- Bark Camp Lake Campground
- Best Western-Wise
- Cane Patch Campground
- Carousel House Bed and Breakfast
- Carriage Hill Motel
- Comfort Inn
- Country Inn & RV Park
- Dan Hall Mountain Resort & Country Club
- Days Inn
- High Knob Campground
- Holiday Inn
- Jessie Lea RV Park & Campground
- Journey's Inn
- North Fork Reservoir Camping
- Poplar Hill Cottage
- Southern Heritage Inn
- Southwest Virginia Museum Cottage
- Super 8
- The Inn at Norton
- The Ivy Inn Bed and Breakfast
- Traveler's Motel
- Whispering Pines Family Campground

Crowd at Lay's Hardware in Coeburn, Wise County
Attractons:

Appalachia Cultural Arts Center - 508 Main St., Appalachia, VA 24216; 276-565-1049 www.freewebs.com/acac-theater. The Appalachia Cultural Arts Center is located in a renovated historic building and hosts art exhibits, musical entertainment, and local events.


Harry W. Meador Coal Museum - East 3rd St. & Shawnee Ave. Big Stone Gap, VA 24219; 276-523-9209, www.bigstonegap.org. Museum features exhibits and objects from a local coal company. Various displays exist in the museum, including a collection of photographs, mining equipment and tools, office equipment, coal company items, and a small dentist office from the early 1900’s.

Historic Lay’s Building - Coeburn, VA 276-395-5160. Live traditional Bluegrass music Friday nights, 7:30p.m. Musical jam sessions on Thursday night at 7:30p.m. Art and crafts retail outlet.

John Fox Jr. Museum - 118 Shawnee Ave. E. Big Stone Gap, VA 24219; 276-523-2747, www.bigstonegap.org. This museum was the home of John Fox Jr. and is still filled with original furnishings from the turn of the century, including antiques and rare books.


Pro-Art Series - PO Box 179 Wise, VA 24293; 276-376-4520. www.pro_art_va.org

Southwest Virginia Museum Historical State Park - 10W 1st St. Big Stone Gap, VA 24219; 276-523-1322, www.swamuseum.org. The museum houses a collection of items from the region. The collection was started by C.B. Slemp, who served in Congress from 1907 to 1923 and was President Coolidge’s personal secretary.


Outdoors:

Parks, Fishing, Trails, Hiking, Hunting, Biking

Appalachia Loop Trail - 9416 Darden Drive Wise, VA 24293; 276-328-2931. Challenging 4-mile route to Little Stone Mountain in the Jefferson National Forest.

A.R. Matthews Park - St. Paul, VA 24283; 276-762-5297. The area includes access to the eastern bank of the State Scenic Clinch River, which is lined with numerous large hardwood trees. There are several species of endangered mussels in the Clinch River.

Big Cherry Recreational Area - Jefferson National Forest. Known for the Fishing opportunities and other water activities such as Kayaking, Fishing, Trails, Hiking, Hunting.

Big Stone Gap Walking/Driving Tour - 619 Gilley Ave., Big Stone Gap, VA 24219; 276-523-2060 www.virginia.org/site/description.asp?attrid=58014. The Big Stone Gap Walking Tour includes 14 points of interest. Four of the buildings on the tour are Virginia and National Historical Landmarks and many of the homes passed on the tour are Victorian Era architecture.

Bullitt Park - 505 East 5th Street Big Stone Gap, VA 24219; 276-523-0115 www.bigstonegap.org/attract/bullittpark.htm Includes a football field, tennis courts, fitness and biking Greenbelt Trail, large playground, picnic areas, pavilions & a track.

Camp Bethel - Birchfield Road Wise, VA 24293; 276-328-6876. The Appalachian Wilderness Adventure Program was developed in 1986 to work with churches, youth groups, schools, businesses, social services, and mental health groups.

Chief Benge Trail - 9416 Darden Drive, Wise, VA 24293; 276-328-2931. 18.7 mile trail for experienced hikers through the Jefferson National Forest.

Clear Creek Park - 618 Virginia Ave. Norton, VA 24273; 276-679-0754. Playground, a basketball court, a shelter, walking track, and softball field.

Clinch Haven Farms - 2512 Clinch Haven Road, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219; 276-523-276. A traditional working dairy farm where visitors can observe the workings of the farm and visit the animals in the petting area.

Clinch River Trail - St. Paul - 276-762-7500. This river trail is more than two miles long and is easy access for hiking, biking, and fishing.


Flag Rock Recreation Area - PO Box 618 Norton, VA 24273; 276-679-0754. The recreation site sits over 1,000 feet above the City’s elevation of 2,350ft. Described primarily as a day-use facility, picnic tables and grills for family outings.

Flatwoods Recreational Area - George Washington & Jefferson National Forest, 9416 Darden Dr. Wise, VA 24293; 276-328-2931. Picnic shelters, water, electricity and grills in a beautiful mountain setting.

Fraleys’s Park - Big Stone Gap, VA 24219; 276-523-4950. Situated along a small creek that feeds into the Powell River.


Guest River Gorge Nature Trail - George Washington & Jefferson National Forest, 9416 Darden Dr. Wise, VA 24293; 276-328-2931. Rails to trails project that follows an old railroad right of way paralleling the Guest River, a Virginia Scenic River with beautiful scenic views and numerous hiking and biking trails.
High Knob Lake Trail - 9416 Darden Drive Wise, VA 24293; 276-328-2931.
1.3 mile trail that leads to High Knob Lake.

High Knob Recreation Area - George Washington & Jefferson National Forest, 9416 Darden Dr. Wise, VA 24293; 276-328-2931, www.fs.fed.us/r8/gwj
Area has 4-acre cold water lake for fishing and swimming. At an elevation of 3,800 feet.

Laurel Fork Trail - 9416 Darden Drive Wise, VA 24293; 276-328-2931. Camping, picnicking, scenic with small waterfalls. 1.5 miles long. 

Legion Park Trail - High Knob Road Norton, VA 24273; 276-679-0961. View of Benge’s Rock, trails, stream, picnic tables and shelter.

The 18-hole “Lonesome Pine” course at the Lonesome Pine Country Club facility in Big Stone Gap, Virginia features 5,862 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 71.

Louis E. Henegar Miners Memorial Park - Callahan Ave. Appalachia, VA 24216; 276-565-0055.
Public park dedicated to local mining in the community.

North Fork Reservoir Camping - US Army Corps of Engineers, Rt. 1 Box 369 Pound, VA 24279; 276-762-5775.
Built in 1966 as authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1960, the 154 acre lake is used for fishing, boating, camping, picnicking, hiking, and municipal water supply.

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Norton Reservoir - Norton, VA 24273 www.fishingworks.com/lakes/virginia/norton-(city)/norton/norton-reservoirs

Oxbow Lake - c/o Town of St. Paul 276-762-5297.
Fishing lake with one boat ramp. Non-motorized boats only. Beautiful scenery, wildlife.

Phillips Creek Recreational Area / Phillips Creek Loop Trail - 9416 Darden Drive Wise, VA 24293; 276-328-2931.
Self-guided trail 1.3 miles. Recreational Area – Beach area, picnic shelters on Pound Reservoir

Red Fox Trail & Civil War Monument - 9416 Darden Drive Wise, VA 24293; 276-328-2931. Historical interpretive trail about the 1892 massacre. Red Fox was a legendary bad man immortalized in plays and storytelling.

Ringley Park - Coeburn, VA 24230

Stone Mountain Trail - 9416 Darden Drive Wise, VA 24293; 276-328-2931.
14.3 miles. Miniature falls amidst interesting rock formations. Stand of old growth hemlock over 300 years old. Difficult hike because of the length and uneven footing.

Straight Fork Ridge Trail - 9416 Darden Drive Wise, VA 24293; 276-328-2931.
2 mile hike has many scenic vistas to enjoy looking over the mountain.

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Veldon D. Dotson Recreation Park - 5733 Airport Road, Wise, VA 24293

Wallen Ridge Trail - 9416 Darden Drive Wise, VA 24293; 276-328-2931.
6.9 mile trail travels along the top of Wallen Ridge to an area just west of Mountain Empire Community College.

Wise Lake Reservoir - Rt. 646, 5545 Browning Lane Wise, VA 24293; 276-328-6353. Stocked fishing, boat ramp, picnic facilities

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Clapboard House - Appalachian Showcase - 207 W. Main St. Wise, VA 24293; 276-328-4470 www.clapboardhouse.com.
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Gifts & More - 732 Commonwealth St. NE Norton, VA 24273; 276-679-4713


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Precious Memories - 10801-A Coeburn Mountain Rd., Wise, VA 24293; 276-328-6328.
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Sue’s Hallmark Shop - 325 Wood Ave. Big Stone Gap, VA 24219; 276-523-4905.
Large gift and crafts selection, antiques, collectibles and gourmet foods.

Sweet Peas - 16625 Russell St. St. Paul, VA 24283; 276-762-2303. – Featuring many handmade items including handcrafted furniture, tea towels, placements and quilts.

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The Virginia Coal Heritage Trail meanders through the coalfield region of southwestern Virginia, otherwise known as the Heart of Appalachia. More than 300 miles of scenic byway stretch through the seven counties of Tazewell, Buchanan, Dickenson, Russell, Wise, Lee and Scott and the City of Norton. Along the trail, travelers will experience the true heritage and culture of unique coal mining towns which were formed more than a century ago. There are still a few coal mines along the route that are operational.
The trail begins at Pocahontas, Virginia at the border of Tazewell County, Virginia and Mercer County, West Virginia along State Route 102. The historical Coal Mining Town of Pocahontas was Virginia’s first coalfield boom town! To this day, the Town of Pocahontas is a reflection of its mining history. The cultural diversity is evident in the numerous sites and structures throughout the town. The Pocahontas Exhibition Mine & Museum is a National Historic Landmark and the Old Power House has been converted into a museum and educational center. Guided tours of the exhibition mine are available from April to October where guides relay the story of mining the famous Pocahontas Number Three coal during the hand-loading era of the industry.

In Tazewell, travelers can visit the Historic Crab Orchard Museum & Pioneer Park, which features exhibits of the agricultural and mining industries. A timeline of Southwest Virginia history and interpretation for regional coal mining heritage is displayed at the museum.

Traveling west on Route 19/460, the official Coal Miners’ Memorial of the Commonwealth is located in the Town of Richlands. The memorial, sculpted by Maria Kirby-Smith, depicts a miner exiting a mine. He is covered in the toil of the day with his lunch bucket & pick in hand as he catches a breath of fresh air. The large granite monument behind the coal miner has the names of over 1000 men and women etched in the surface, a tribute to those who sacrificed all they had to make a living and provide energy for our nation. Etchings of the history of mining linger on the face of the monument.

The final Tazewell County destination of the Virginia Coal Heritage Trail is Jewell Ridge, a coal camp which was built for employees of the Jewell Ridge Coal Corporation which was formed in 1912. Today, many of the residents are descendants of the original employees.
Starting at Jewell Ridge in Tazewell County, turn right onto VA 616/Bearwallow Road (.9 miles) which changes into State Route 636 Chicken Ridge Road 4.1 miles to State Route 638. At the intersection of State Routes 638 and 680, turn left on Contrary Creek Road (4.8) miles.

At the intersection of State Routes 680 and U.S. 460/Riverside Drive, (4-lane highway) for 2.2 miles, then turn left onto Keen Mountain Camp Road and the proposed “Keen Mountain Company Store Interpretive Center & Museum” for the Virginia Coal Heritage Trail Byway. Leaving this site, turn left and continue west on U.S. 460/Riverside Drive, (4-lane highway), turn right at the intersection State Route 638 (Dismal). Within .1 mile the trail enters the Jewell Coal & Coke (Jewell Smokeless) Coal Plant area. The beltway over the road carries coal. The loading dock is to the right and the Coke Ovens are below the road. The trail then continues on Route 638 (Dismal) to Virginia Pocahontas Island Creek Mine #1, .7 miles. This mine is no longer in production and offers views of the above ground layout of a large underground mine. At this point turn around and go back on Route 638, take a right on U.S. 460 (4-lane highway). This road continues 3.4 miles following the railroad and passing many of the coke plant offices and coal cars loaded with coke. At the traffic light at Vansant, VA you will see VA Pocahontas Mine #3 to your left. There are areas to pull-off along this stretch of highway.

The trail then continues on Route 460 toward the town of Grundy. Within .3 of a mile you will pass the Grundy Mural on the outer wall of a local supermarket. This mural depicts the history of Buchanan County and the town of Grundy.

Another 1.2 miles on Route 460 and the Grundy Plaza is on the left. The Plaza was once the site of the Edith Fay Coal Dock. Slate can still be seen behind the Plaza. This part of the trail is now officially the town of Grundy. Continue 2.2 miles on Route 460 for a view of the cut-a-way engineered by the Army Corps of Engineers (future Wal-Mart site). This was the result of the need to move the town from a flood plain. The area to your left was mined before being landscaped for the town.

In front of the courthouse is a bronze statue honoring local miners. The statue was donated by local Girl Scout Troops. Continue west on Route 460 for 6 miles and turn left onto Bull Creek Road, Route 609, Harman Junction. Cross over the railroad tracks and continue 4.3 miles on Route 609 past the community of Maxie, Virginia and then the Harman community. You will pass an abandoned coal loading station and an active mine on this road. The route continues 3.4 miles before reaching the old Harman Mine site. The Harman Mine sign and company store are the only remnants of the mine. The property now belongs to the Harman Baptist Church.

Continuing 5.7 miles and passing several operating mines will bring you to the Breaks Village. At the intersection turn left onto Route 768. In .3 of a mile turn left on U.S. Route 80 to the Breaks Interstate Park which is .8 of a mile on the right.
The Dickenson County portion of the Virginia Coal Heritage Trail begins at the Breaks Interstate Park where the Buchanan County portion ends. The Crooked Road, Virginia's Heritage Music Trail, also begins and ends at the Breaks. The two Trails actually overlap from the Breaks to Fremont, a distance of nearly twenty miles.

At the Park Visitor's Center, you will find information and displays on coal mining. The site of the old Domus Mine was located at the Breaks Interstate Park. The loading bin is visible beside the railroad and when the trees are void of leaves, remnants of the coal chute down the mountain can also be seen.

On the way to Haysi, you will see portions of an operating shaft mine. Once in Haysi you will find the entrance to the Old Splashdam Mine where an explosion occurred in 1932 killing ten men. You will see seams of coal at the road level above and below the mine entrance.

On the road to Clinchco, the coal mining town of Steiman once stood across the McClure River. It was built by the Steinman Coal Corporation and later operated by the Ruth-Elkhorn Coal Corporation. There was a company store, school, boarding houses, tipple fed by bucket line from the mine and several homes. No sign of the old camp remains. The Dickenson County Coal Miners Memorial stands in the Town of Clinchco.

In Clinchco, you can see a bake oven where the Hungarians and Italians made bread. Two smaller beehive ovens are buried nearby. Their excavation would no doubt make for an interesting and rewarding archaeological dig.

In Fremont, you will see the old Railroad Depot Building on the right as you cross the bridge. It is presently occupied by the Dickenson County PSA. You will pass through the town of McClure, which looks like a coal camp, but was actually a lumber camp built by the W.M. Ritter Lumber Company.

About a mile up Caney Creek from McClure is located the McClure 1 Mine. An explosion in this mine in 1983 took the lives of seven and included the first woman miner killed in the state of Virginia. This mine is not visible from a public highway.

Just before entering Trammel, notice the remains of some houses on both sides of the road. This was Haytertown, a small ten man coal operation run by Charlie Hayter in the 1920s. The town of Trammel was built by the Virginia Banner Coal Corporation and is the most intact coal camp still standing in Dickenson County, though in a sad state of repair. The store, superintendent's house, and boarding house are on your right with miners homes on both sides of the road. You will enter Russell County at the top of Dante Mountain.
Nestled in the Appalachian Mountains of Southwest Virginia, Russell County is rich in natural beauty, history and a rapidly advancing economy. Founded on January 2, 1786, Russell County was formed from a section of Washington County. Lee, Tazewell, Wise, Buchanan, Dickenson and Scott counties were formed from parts of Russell County. Our communities take great pride in our history and culture and are passionate about its future. The County was named for Colonel William Russell participated in the drafting of the Declaration of Independence. Russell County has been home to such public servants as Daniel Boone, Governor H.C. Stuart, Sate Senator M.M. Long and State Senator Phillip Puckett.

Russell County’s portion of the trail begins at the Dickenson-Russell County line on Virginia Route 63 coming from Trammel, VA. Follow VA Route 63 to VA Route 627 through Lower Bear Wallow where you can see one of the remaining coal camp communities. Continue to VA Route 627 where you can visit the Dante Coal & Railroad Museum which is filled with photographs and artifacts showcasing the community’s rich history in coal mining and railroad memorabilia. From the museum, turn left onto VA Route 608 which will return you to VA Route 63, passing by the old depot. When you arrive at VA Route 63 directly across the highway you will see the Dante Fire Department where the Dante Coal Miner’s Memorial is located. After visiting the memorial, return to VA Route 63 which will take you t6o St. Paul. Along the way you will be able to view the CSX Railroad Turntable between Dante and Sun. In St. Paul, make a left turn onto VA Route 270. When arriving at the stop light, the trail will split in each direction at US Route 58A. Turning right will continue through the Wise County portion of the trail. Turning left will afford the opportunity to continue touring the Russell County portion of the trail.

Continue on U.S. Highway 58A into Castlewood, Ma & Pa’s Drive-In Restaurant is a historic icon in Castlewood located along the trail. In St. Paul you will travel across the Clinch River, which is a part of the VA Scenic Rivers System. The Clinch River has been ranked the #1 river in the country by the Nature Conservancy for environmental diversity and significance and is the top river in the world for freshwater mussels. In Castlewood you will arrive at a set of traffic lights, one immediately after the other. At the second light, turn left onto VA Route 65 (Mew Road). Approx. 2 miles on your right, a historic marker is located which highlights the period of time Daniel Boone lived at that location. Continuing on VA Route 65 will take you to the Russell-Scott County line.
Scott County is home to many wonderful trails! We hope you enjoy the rich history and heritage you’ll find while visiting our county. The Coal Heritage Trail and the Daniel Boone Wilderness Trail are two wonderful trails that intertwine throughout Scott County, witnessing thousands of pioneers making the westward expansion journey. You’ll begin in Duffield, VA which is the smallest incorporated town in Virginia with less than 65 residents!

The Fannon Railroad Museum is operated by local railroad enthusiast, Kenny Fannon. The depot was used in the movie “Coal Miner’s Daughter” and contains some of the props from filming as well. Items on display help depict the rich railroad history of Southwest Virginia.

Natural Tunnel State Park offers visitors a spectacular view of what William Jennings Bryan deemed, “the Eighth Wonder of the World.” The 850 foot tunnel provides a passage into the coalfields which began in 1890 and still continues today! Natural Tunnel is a hotspot for vacationers with multiple trails, junior-Olympic sized pool and new cabins. www.virginiastateparks.gov

Along your journey from Natural Tunnel State Park to Dungan-non, you’ll encounter many historical landmarks. The Norfolk Southern Railroad trestle you travel through represents one of two major railway lines hauling coal out of Southwest Virginia to Southeastern US power plants. A town called Clinchport was located immediately past the trestle, but was destroyed by a catastrophic flood in 1977. You can still see the remains of the town blocks.

You will enjoy your trip parallel to the Clinch River, noted as one of the most bio-diverse rivers in North America! Also along the river is the CSX railroad (previously the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railroad) which along with the Norfolk Southern Line provided commerce to flow through Scott County.

General John Salling Monument will be on your right. This monument is in honor of Virginia’s last surviving Confederate veteran and resident of Scott County. General Salling died in March 1959 at the age of 112. Fort Blackmore was a famous early fort situated on the Clinch River and was the extreme frontier of Virginia. Hunters, explorers, adventurers and home seekers used the fort for rest and refreshment. Daniel Boone was in command of Fort Blackmore in 1774 during “Lord Dunmore’s War.”

A wonderful stop on your journey is Mann Farms for fresh local produce and Scott County Horse Park to enjoy one of their many equestrian events throughout the year.

The town of Dungannon, originally called Osborne’s Ford, is next on the trail. The railroad reached Osborne’s Ford in 1909 and the town was renamed Dungannon by Patrick Hagan for his home in Ireland. Visitors will experience historical Dungannon Depot and St. Patrick Catholic Church made of log inside of town. While at the Depot, take the time to read the first two interpretive signs to be displayed for the Coal Heritage Trail! Within minutes of Dungannon, visitors can experience a 24 foot waterfall at Little Stoney Falls, Hanging Rock Park, Devil’s Bathtub, easy access to the Clinch River and multiple hiking trails.
You enter Wise County from the West through Big Stone Gap on Route 23. This town is the former location for Westmorland Coal Company and is home to Virginia’s outdoor drama, The Trail of the Lonesome Pine, which tells the story of the development of coal and the local people in Southwest Virginia at the turn of the century. The Southwest Virginia Museum and State Historic Park displays the items from the turn of the century and also includes a coal history/heritage exhibit. The Meador Coal Museum displays various pieces of mining equipment and photographs. Both museums are good places to learn about the history of coal in the region. Big Stone Gap is former home of authors John Fox Jr. and Adriana Trigiani, and is subject of Adriana Trigiani’s series of historical novels, including ‘Big Stone Gap’. Don’t miss the Interstate 101 Car a Tourist Information Center.

The Town of Appalachia once the center of a booming coal mining industry that served as the hub of nine coal camps just outside of town. Several of the coal camps remain, and there is an exhibit of coal mining equipment at the Henegar Coal Miner’s Memorial Park. On the western end of Appalachia are large silos…a site where coal was brought from the mines, was mixed and loaded onto trains and was shipped across the Southeast…mainly to coal fired power plants. The Appalachia Cultural Arts building houses a large model train exhibit with members of the club having a treasure trove of information on ‘how it use to be’ in Appalachia. Just across the road, are multiple tracks where coal laden train cars have been gathered from local hollers for export for nearly a century. Be sure to see the Bee Rock Tunnel – known as the shortest railroad tunnel in the world as listed in Ripley’s Believe It or Not!

Norton is located where Routes 23 and 58 intersect and was a center of train traffic. Even today there is a large network of tracks, many still active in transporting coal. Norton was very active until the 1960’s in the coking of coal for the steel industry. The night skies would glow orange when the coke ovens were active. The 68-mile loop traveling through Wise County has some great back roads that are not heavily traveled, making this ideal for motorcycles and those wanting a unique and interesting ride.

The town of Wise is the County, and has played an important part in the history of coal. Wise is home of the University of Virginia’s College at Wise…part of which is built on strip mined land and the college has a wonderful demonstration site where acid mine drainage is naturally treated and forms a beautiful lake/water feature on the campus. Just a few miles east of the Wise campus is Mountain Rose Vineyard. Most of the vineyard is also developed on strip mined land. The Vineyard is open for tastings and tours of the property.

Coeburn is a small ‘coal town’ and has operational coal mines, a coal ‘prep plant’ and a coal lab today, located at Tom’s Creek. Coeburn is home to ‘Lay’s Hardware’, a Crooked Road venue…. popular musical location and arts center, as well as the Guest River Gorge…a beautiful scenic ‘rails to trails’ converted from a former train route.

The Town of St. Paul on the eastern side of Wise County is situated at the edge of the Appalachian coalfields with the town lying within both Wise and Russell Counties along the Clinch River. Two railroads, Norfolk-Southern and CSX, both still operational today intersect in St. Paul. Since the town’s founding in 1888, St. Paul’s people have played a supporting role to the coal industry. Coal monies helped build the town of St. Paul and all the “Coal Towns” of Wise County embrace our vibrant coal heritage.
Leaving Big Stone Gap and traveling on Alt 58 and BR 23 to Appalachia. At the red light in Appalachia, turn left on Hwy 606 and travel through Exeter, one of Wise County’s old coal mining towns. You can then travel to Keokee to see the old Coal Mining Commissary which was converted into an elementary school gym. The tour continues to St. Charles, which is another coal mining town and allows you to view the coal tipples called Bonnie Blue and Monarch.

The tour continues to the Stone Face which is one of the counties local wonders. Folklore says that the face was carved by Cherokee Indians honoring their chief at that time. The name of the Chief is unknown. Others believe that the face was wind carved. Nevertheless it is a sight to behold for any traveler looking for something different.

Leaving Stone Face you will then travel through Pennington Gap where at the height of the coal mining boom was a very successful coal mining town.