

# Recreational Guide | New River Valley, Roanoke Valley, & Surrounding Areas



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# Trails, Camping, & other Outdoor Activities \_\_\_\_\_

Near the New River Valley

**Jefferson National Forest** offers a variety of outdoor activities from hiking trails to camping, swimming, and picnic areas. Pandapas Pond is a local park favorite for mountain bikers, hikers, horseback riders, and fisherman. For spectacular views of southwest Virginia visit Angels Rest, McAfee's Knob, Tinker Cliffs, and Dragon's Tooth! New River Valley Ranger District, 540-552-4641 [www.fs.fed.us/r8/gwj/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/gwj/)

**New River Trail State Park** offers 52 miles of trail spanning from Galax to Pulaski, with various outlets to parking and dining. The trail is perfect for hiking, biking, and horseback riding, and cross-country skiing in the winter. The trail includes 3 tent-camping campgrounds and connects to the Virginia Highlands Horse Trail. Other features include fishing, picnic areas, small boat launches, and canoe, horse, bike and tube rentals. | 540-699-6778

**New River Junction Campground**, located at 2591 Big Falls Road in Blacksburg, near McCoy, offers tubing, with a free shuttle back to starting point, fishing, and picnic areas. | 540-639-6633

**Rural Retreat Lake and Campground**, located at 250 Lake Road in Rural Retreat, VA, approximately 1 hour from Blacksburg, offers hiking, boat rentals, trophy fishing, a heated pool, and a camp store. | 276-686-4331

**Deer Trail Park Family Campground**, located at 599 Gullion Fork Rd. in Wytheville, VA, offers a swimming pool, fishing pond, trout stream, mini-golf, fossil hunting, and picnic areas. | 276-228-3636

**KOA Wytheville**, located at 231 KOA Road in Wytheville, VA, features arcades, mini-golf, batting cages, 3-D archery, fishing, horseback riding, kayak/canoe/ bike rental, a heated pool with a 50 ft. water slide, and a grocery store. Cabins available. Golf courses and go-carts near by. | 276-228-2601

**Gatewood Lake Park**, located in Pulaski, VA, offers fishing, camping, boating, trails, and a picnic area. | 540-980-2561

**Riversong Cabins**, located at 916 Swinney Hollow Road in Fries, VA, offers canoes, horses, and river guides. Cabins feature 2 bedrooms, fireplace, fans, satellite television, a fully equipped kitchen, and a swing and rockers on the front porch. 877-748-3775 | [www.riversongcabins.com](http://www.riversongcabins.com)

**Smith Mountain Lake State Park**, located in Huddlestone, VA, offers tent and RV camping. Other features include a beach and swimming area, boat launch, and shore fishing. | 540-297-6066

**Crabtree Falls**, produced by the Tye River, is located in Nelson County, VA. Guests may camp on-site in tents or RVs, and cabin rentals are also available. Features include a game room, heated bath house, and a 2.9 mile moderate to strenuous hiking trail to the waterfalls. | 540-377-2066 [www.crabtreefallscampground.com](http://www.crabtreefallscampground.com).

**Virginia Creeper Trail** winds through Jefferson National Forest and Mount. Rogers State Park, offering 34.3 miles of hiking, biking, or horseback riding, along an old railroad trail. The trail crosses both train trestles and bridges and includes camping areas.

**Cascades National Scenic Trail** located off Hwy 460 in Pembroke, VA offers two 5 mile trails, to a 66 ft. waterfall. | [www.southernregion.fs.fed.us/gwj](http://www.southernregion.fs.fed.us/gwj)

**Claytor Lake State Park** offers 3 miles of trails, swimming, camping, and picnic areas. Boating, fishing, and bike rentals are also available. Take I-81 to Exit 101. | 540-643-2500 | [www.dcr.state.va.us/parks/claytor.htm](http://www.dcr.state.va.us/parks/claytor.htm).

**Blue Ridge Parkway** is a 469 mile toll free road stretching from the top of the Shenandoah National Park to the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. Areas off the Parkway offer hiking, climbing, overlooks, river activities, fishing, and historical attractions. The Parkway provides access to Natural Bridge, Luray Caverns, Mountain Lake Resort, Virginia Explore Park and Skyline Caverns. [www.blueridgeparkway.org](http://www.blueridgeparkway.org)

**Breaks Interstate Park**, located in Breaks, VA. near Laurel Lake and the Russell Fork River, features a hiking trails, a vehicle trail, white water rafting, horses, an amphitheater, conference room, lodging/camping, boating, fishing, and a swimming pool. | 540-865-4413

**Huckleberry Trail:** Six mile hiking and biking path stretching from downtown Blacksburg to the New River Valley Mall.

**Virginia Highlands Horse Trail:** A 67 mile horseback riding trail stretching from Elk Garden to Ivanhoe, VA.



**Walnut Spring Stables:** 3587 Glade Rd, Blacksburg, VA. Home to approximately 60 horses and ponies. Stables sit on 600 acres of fields and trails and include 2 barns, 7 pastures, 5 paddocks, and a large outdoor ring. Boarding facilities are available, as well as riding lessons for all ages and levels. 540.953.3155 | [www.walnutspringstables.com](http://www.walnutspringstables.com)

**Grayson Highlands State Park:** I-81 at Exit 45 in Marion; turn south on Route 16 and travel 33 miles to US 58 in the community of Volney. Turn right onto US 58. Park features 8 hiking trails, each 2 miles or less, camping, picnicking, and interpretive programs. | [www.dcr.virginia.gov/state\\_parks/gra.shtml](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state_parks/gra.shtml)

**Mount Rogers National Recreational Area:** Located in the Jefferson National Forest, the area features over 300 miles of trails. Overnight hiking and camping is allowed.

**Appalachian Trail:** Complete trail is 2,160 miles stretching from Maine to Georgia, with 544 miles of it in Virginia. Most of the trail is hiking only. Camping and fishing are allowed in certain areas. | [www.appalachiantrail.org](http://www.appalachiantrail.org)

**Mountain Lake:** Located at 115 Hotel Circle in Pembroke, VA, about 1 hour from Blacksburg. The movie Dirty Dancing was filmed at the Mountain Lake Hotel. Offers 24 miles of trails, hay rides, kayaking, fishing, canoeing and biking. | 540.626.7121 | [www.mountainlakehotel.com](http://www.mountainlakehotel.com)

**Tangent Outfitters:** Located in Radford, VA, Tangent Outfitters offers a variety of canoe, kayak, fishing and tubing trips, along with canoe and kayak lessons. Mountain bike tours are also available. | 540.626.4567 | [www.newrivertrail.com](http://www.newrivertrail.com)

**Bisset Park:** 1125 Norwood Street, Radford, VA. A lovely 58 acre park that provides access to acres of fields and woodland, as well as access to the east bank of the New River. The park also includes jogging trails, tennis courts, a swimming pool and picnic shelters. | 540.639-2202.

**Wildwood Park:** 1126 Norwood Street, Radford, VA 24141. A long and interesting history can be found at this 50 acre wooded valley that includes a stream, Connelly's Run, woodland habitat, marshy areas, meadows, and limestone cliffs with tufa formations. A bikeway runs through the valley and there are hiking trails on both sides. | 540.639.2202 | [www.radfordpl.org/wildwood](http://www.radfordpl.org/wildwood)

For more information about trails in Southwest Virginia go to [www.trails.com](http://www.trails.com)



## Ski Resorts

**Wintergreen Resort:** This ski resort located in the Blue Ridge Mountains, offers a spa and fitness center, in addition to skiing, snowboarding, and tube sledding. Summer activities include golf,

tennis, biking, horseback riding, and swimming in the lakes and pools. | [info@wintergreenresort.com](mailto:info@wintergreenresort.com) | [www.wintergreenresort.com](http://www.wintergreenresort.com)

**Massanutten:** This resort near Harrisonburg, VA, (approx. 2.5 hours from the NRV) offers both summer and winter activities. Winter activities include skiing, snowboarding, tube sledding and golf year round (weather permitting). Summer activities include an indoor/outdoor waterpark, hiking, biking, fishing, a skatepark, tennis, canoe/kayaking, and more. | 540-289-9441 | [www.massresort.com](http://www.massresort.com)

**Bryce Resort:** This resort offers a variety of activities year round. Summer activities include golfing, grass skiing, mountain boarding, tennis, swimming, horseback riding, mini golf, hiking, and fishing. | 800-821-1444 [www.bryceresort.com](http://www.bryceresort.com)

**The Homestead 1766:** Located in Hot Springs, VA., The Homestead is Virginia's oldest hotel. Winter activities include skiing and ice skating. Summer activities include horse and carriage rides, shooting sports, over 100 miles of hiking and biking trails, canoeing, bowling, swimming, 3 golf courses, dining and shopping facilities, and a spa/salon. | 540-839-1766 | [www.thehomestead.com](http://www.thehomestead.com)

**Snow Shoe Mountain:** This ski resort located in West Virginia, offers skiing, shooting clays, horse/wagon rides, hiking, ATV tours, fishing, golf, mountain biking, a climbing rock, and a skatepark. The resort also offers summer camps and a variety of special events and festivals. | 877-441-4FUN | [www.snowshoemtn.com](http://www.snowshoemtn.com)



# Golf Courses

## Public Courses

### **Blacksburg Municipal Golf Course, 540-961-1137**

9-Hole Course located at the end of Graves Avenue (east of South Main).

Greens fees with cart per person: \$17 weekdays, \$19 weekends and holidays

### **Virginia Tech Golf Course, 540-231-6435**

9-Hole Course located on the Virginia Tech Campus.

Greens Fees: \$15 for weekdays, \$18 for weekend.

Cart Rental per person: \$8 for 9 holes, \$16 for 18 holes

### **Castle Rock Golf Course, 540-626-7276**

18-Hole Course located in Pembroke on Virginia 626.

Greens Fees: \$16 Mon.-Thurs., \$20 Fri.-Sun.

Cart Rental: \$12 for 18 holes

### **Draper Valley Golf Course, 866-980-GOLF**

18-Hole Course located just off I-81 between Exits 89 and 92 near the Wythe-Pulaski County line. [www.drapervalleygolf.com](http://www.drapervalleygolf.com)

Greens fees with cart: \$43 for weekdays, \$49.75 for weekends.

### **Loch Lowman Golf Course and Driving Range, 540-639-6932**

9-Hole Course located on Belspring Road in Fairlawn - just across the river from Radford. Greens fees: \$4 all day.

Cart Rental: \$4. A bucket of golf balls for the driving range is \$4.

### **Cox's Driving Range, 540-951-0948**

Located at 3500 Prices Fork Road, Blacksburg, VA. The nicest driving range in the New River Valley can be found at this golfing venue which also offers a beautifully landscaped 18 hole putt-a-round course, a full service golf and batting shop, and batting cages. Golfing lessons from an area golf professional are also available.

[www.coxgolf.com](http://www.coxgolf.com)

## Semi-Private Courses

### **Auburn Hills Golf Club, 540-381-4995**

18-Hole Course located on Riner Rd (Route 8), south of I-81.

Greens fees with cart: \$34 Mon.-Thurs, \$43 Fri.-Sun. [www.auburnhillsgc.com](http://www.auburnhillsgc.com).

### **The Pete Dye River Course of Virginia Tech, 540.633-6732**

18-Hole Course located at 8400 River Course Drive at Heron's Landing in Radford —off Route 114 (Viscoe Road to Valley Center Drive). Driving range, putting green, chipping green, and sand bunkers. Fully stocked professional golf shop.

[www.rivercoursegolf.com](http://www.rivercoursegolf.com)

General rates and fees for non-members: \$49 Mondays through Thursdays, \$70 Fridays, \$80 weekends and holidays. Reduced rate after 3 pm. Senior and student discounts.

## Private Courses

### **Blacksburg Country Club, 540.552-9164**

18-Hole Course located at 1064 Clubhouse Road in Blacksburg. This club features an 18 hole championship golf course, a driving range with a natural grass hitting surface, a separate pitching area, a practice sand trap, a large heated junior Olympic pool, five tennis courts, and a clubhouse which contains meeting rooms, locker rooms, a pro shop, a bar and lounge, and a private dining room.

Guest Green fees: \$32 for weekdays, \$40 for weekends. [www.blacksburgcc.com](http://www.blacksburgcc.com)

### **Round Meadow Country Club, 540.382-3732**

18-Hole Course located in Christiansburg. Driving Range.

Green fees: \$11 Mon.-Thurs, \$18 Fri.-Sun.

[www.viriniagolf.com/roundmeadows.html](http://www.viriniagolf.com/roundmeadows.html)

### **Thorn Spring Golf Club, 540.980-5851**

18-Hole Course located on Route 11 in Pulaski. Lighted Driving Range.

Greens fees: \$20 Mon.-Thurs, \$25 Fri.-Sun.

[www.viriniagolf.com/thornspring.html](http://www.viriniagolf.com/thornspring.html)



## Festivals

**Arts Fusion:** A week-long arts festival in Blacksburg, sponsored by the School of the Arts, Featuring music, art, theatre, dance, film, and poetry. | 540-231-5200

**Steppin' Out:** Annual street festival held the first Friday and Saturday in August from 10 am to 10 pm with live music, festival foods, and more. Over 150 craft vendors line the streets of downtown Blacksburg selling unique handcrafted items. Admission is free. | 540-951-0454  
[www.downtownblacksburg.com/steppinout.html](http://www.downtownblacksburg.com/steppinout.html)

**Chautaugua Festival:** A week-long festival held in Wytheville, featuring live entertainment, arts and crafts, and hot air balloons. | 276-228-6855

**Wythe County Heritage Days Festival:** Held annually on the third Saturday in September at Foster Falls/New River Trail State Park, the festival features wood carvers, candle makers, weavers, and other craftsmen. Other entertainment includes storytellers, puppet and magic shows, and bluegrass music. Wythe County Recreation Department | 276-223-6022

**Floyd Fest:** Floyd Fest, a four-day world music festival held annually in the Blue Ridge mountains of Virginia, showcases the best in world, from Bluegrass, Reggae, Folk, African, and Appalachian music, to quality local arts and crafts. 540-745-FEST | [atwproductions.com/index.php?pr=ffhome](http://atwproductions.com/index.php?pr=ffhome)

**Radford Highlanders Festival:** Located at Radford University on Moffett Field, experience a taste of the past and a glimpse of Southwest Virginia's heritage during this annual October festival. Activities include a parade, amateur Scottish athletics, Celtic music, crafts, food vendors and more! | 540-831-5324  
[www.radford.edu/festival/pages/activities.html](http://www.radford.edu/festival/pages/activities.html)



## Museums, Cultural and Historical Sites

**Armory Art Gallery:** 201 Draper Road, Blacksburg. The Armory Gallery displays accomplished alumni, faculty, and regional artists and hosts the Annual Artstravaganza exhibit and auction. | 540-231-5547 | [www.gallery.vt.edu](http://www.gallery.vt.edu)

**Glade Church Fine Arts Gallery:** 1600 Glade Rd, Blacksburg. This gallery provides opportunities for local artists to share their creative offerings with the community. Gallery hours: Sunday 2:00 - 4:00 pm. or by appointment. 540-552-3394 | [www.gladeucc.org](http://www.gladeucc.org)

**Perspective Gallery Squires Student Center:** Located on Virginia Tech's Campus, this gallery provides a broad spectrum of art exhibitions and programs, with a variety of media and styles by local and regional artists, as well as those of national and international reputation. | 540-231-6040

**Wolf Creek Indian Village and Museum:** Located off I-77, Exit 58 in Bastian. The Village is a living museum with hands-on exploration for visitors. Interpretive guides lead you on an exploration of the living skills used by the Eastern Woodland Indians. The museum displays artifacts from the actual site and other related objects. 276-88-3438 | [www.indianvillage.org](http://www.indianvillage.org)

**Rock House Museum:** Located at 205 Tazewell St. in Wytheville. The Museum is located on a Civil War site and features period furnishings and artifacts, early medications, and a herb garden. Guided tours are available. 276-223-3330 | [museums.wytheville.org](http://museums.wytheville.org)

**Thomas J. Boyd Museum:** Wytheville, VA. The Museum displays artifacts relating to the lives and experiences of Wythe county people. The exhibits focus on a variety of topics including the Civil War in Wythe County, Wytheville's first fire wagons, the lead mining industry, and more. | 276-223-3331.

**Wilderness Road Regional Museum:** Located off I-81, Exit 98. The museum features historic deeds, court papers, biographies, marriage certificates, obituaries, photos, newspaper clippings, poetry and wills. | 540-674-4835

**The Jacksonville Center:** Located in Floyd, Virginia, the center offers classes on painting, pottery, glasswork, and metalwork. | 540-745-2784  
[www.jacksonvillecenter.org](http://www.jacksonvillecenter.org)

**YMCA Crafts Fair:** 403 Washington Street, SW, Blacksburg. Artists from several states come to display a variety of crafts. Food and local talent are also featured at the event. | 540-961-9622 | [www.vtymca.org/ArtsandCulture.asp](http://www.vtymca.org/ArtsandCulture.asp)

**Center in the Square:** One Market Square, Roanoke. This beautifully restored, early 20th century furniture warehouse provides free space for seven independent cultural organizations: the Art Museum of Western VA, the Arts Council of the Blue Ridge, the Science Museum of Western Virginia and Hopkins Planetarium, Roanoke Ballet Theater, Opera Roanoke, the History Museum of Western Virginia, and the Mill Mountain Theatre. Many special events and programs are held at Center throughout the year. | 540-342-5700 | [www.centerinthesquare.org](http://www.centerinthesquare.org)

**Mill Mountain Theatre:** One Market Square, Roanoke. A live, professional, year round theatre that is nationally known for presenting exciting dramas, musicals, new works, comedies, and children's shows on two stages at the Center in the Square. | 540-342-5740 | [www.millmountain.org](http://www.millmountain.org)

**Virginia Western Theatre:** 3099 Colonial Ave. SW, Roanoke. Located at Virginia Western Community College, this theatre company provides year round theatrical performances including a variety of musicals, comedies, and dramas. 540-857-7327 | [www.vw.vccs.edu/theatre](http://www.vw.vccs.edu/theatre)

**Showtimers Theater:** 2067 McVitty Rd., Roanoke. The oldest, continuously performing community theatre in Virginia, this theater offers a delightful blend of comedy, music, and dance performances. | 540-774-2660 | [www.showtimers.org](http://www.showtimers.org)

**Opera Roanoke:** 541 Luck Ave., Suite 209, Roanoke. This nationally recognized opera company founded in 1977, offers performances in September, January, and June including 2 full operas each season, as well as a series of smaller concerts. 540-982-2742 | [www.operaroonoke.org](http://www.operaroonoke.org)

**Roanoke Symphony Orchestra and Chorus:** 541 Luck Ave. SW, Suite 200, Roanoke. Founded in 1953, the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra and Chorus is the largest professional orchestra in Western Virginia. They perform a subscription season of 11 concerts, including 5 classics, 3 Virtuosi, and 3 Pops concerts. They also perform 2 Holiday Pops performances and special presentations during the year. | 540-343-6221 | 866-277-9127 | [www.rso.com](http://www.rso.com)



## Parks & Family Activities

**Virginia Explore Park:** Located 1.5 miles off the Blue Ridge Parkway between US 220 and Rt 24, this educational park features mountain biking, hiking and fishing, with a 19th century tavern. | 800-842-9163 | [www.explorepark.com](http://www.explorepark.com)

**Galewinds Amusement Park:** Located at 3081 Chapman Road in Wytheville, this park offers 4 go-cart tracks, mini-golf, and the largest arcade in the area. 276- 228-3020

**Foster Falls Recreational Area:** Located on the NRV Trail, This recreational area allows fishing with appropriate license, and offers bike, canoe, tube, and kayak rentals. The area also offers a playground and outdoor amphitheater.

**New River Valley SuperBowl:** 375 Arbor Drive, Christiansburg. This bowling alley offers 40 state-of-the-art bowling lanes, a game room, a pro shop, a pool room, and a complete snack bar. | 540-382-5525 | [www.nrvsuperbowl.biz](http://www.nrvsuperbowl.biz)

**Blacksburg Aquatic Center:** Various passes and memberships available. 540-961-1852.

**Big Walker Lookout:** Take I-81, Exit 70, US 52 N. Located off the Big Walker Mountain Scenic Byway, the lookout offers scenic views, a 100 foot observation tower, arts & crafts, subs, sandwiches, and ice cream.

**Williams Orchard Corn Maize:** Located at 5175 W Lee Hwy in Wytheville, the Corn Maize opens in October and features hayrides and a pumpkin patch. 276- 686-4851 | [www.williamsorchard.com](http://www.williamsorchard.com)

**Dixie Caverns:** Located off I-81, Exit 132, in Salem. The Dixie Caverns features guided cavern tours, a pottery shop, rock shop, basket shop, Christmas shop, silk/wedding shop, souvenirs, and camping. | 540-380-2085 | [www.dixiecaverns.com](http://www.dixiecaverns.com)

**Mill Mountain Zoo:** Located in Roanoke, this non profit organization features 50 species (5 endangered). Cost: \$6.75 for adults, \$4.50 for children, memberships available. | 540-343-3241 | [www.mmzoo.org](http://www.mmzoo.org)

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