

# **Discover Mercer County**

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2015 Destination Guide





# DISCOVER AMERICA'S COAL STORY IN MERCER COUNTY

Nestled in the Appalachian Mountains, Mercer County, located in the southern part of West Virginia, is home to America's coal story. It is a story about hard work, determination and family. When coal was discovered deep in the mountains, immigrant workers came to the area to work and live in the communities surrounding Athens, Bluefield, Bramwell and Princeton. They became coal miners.

Businessmen, also known as coal barons, also came to make their fortune in the coalfields. The railroad was not far behind, as men needed ways to ship coal all over the world. These men needed a way to travel from their homes to the big cities of New York and Pennsylvania. The wealthy built lavish houses for their wives and children in small towns. Business emerged, creating downtowns that flourished with people.

The past is Mercer County's future. America's coal story in Mercer County will never be forgotten. The railroad, lavish houses and coal mines still stand, ready for rediscovery. Combined with a new sense of excitement in the outdoors and the arts, Mercer County is a perfect combination of history and adventure. Here you will find all four seasons in bloom, no matter when you visit. Explore winter, fall, spring and summer and discover all we have to offer you and your family.

For more information about Mercer County, call the Mercer County Convention and Visitor's Bureau at 800-221-3206 or visitmercercounty.com.



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# **WELCOME**

Here in Mercer County, you will find a destination unlike any other in Southern West Virginia. From thrilling ATV getaways to relaxing tours of historical towns, our communities have small-town charm, rich history, exciting cultural events and beautiful scenery. Looking for adventure? We aren't afraid to get dirty in the mud. Want more history? We have plenty of stories to share. Want the arts? There are talented artists, inspiring murals and world-class musical performances. Mercer County has it all. Start planning a getaway and discover Mercer County. We are waiting for you. Connect with us on social media, email or by phone. We are here to help plan an unforgettable experience.

- The Mercer County CVB.

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# **DISCOVER ATHENS**

In the town of Athens, one can imagine a simple way of life. The vast countryside, which is beautiful in the fall, was once all farmland and makes for a perfect drive in the country.

Athens is also home to Concord University, which was established in 1872 because settlers from Athens and the surrounding towns wanted their children to receive an education.

The university offers numerous activities for the community including sporting events, art exhibits, plays and more. In addition, the town also holds the Athens-Concord Town Social every August. The View Bed and Breakfast is located on the edge of the town. Athens is the last stop on Route 20 before Pipestem Resort State Park and the Pipestem Drive-In Theater.

For more information about Athens, call (304) 384-3525 or visit townofathens.com.







Once called "Little New York," the city of Bluefield's downtown area is famous for nine historical buildings, all registered on the National Register of Historic Places. You can walk and admire the buildings from the 1920s. Bluefield is also home to Bluefield State College, the first black college in Southern West Virginia. Today, the college serves students from Southern West Virginia and across the country.

In the summer, beautiful flowers and hanging baskets adorn the sidewalks. Summertime is also a perfect chance to get a free glass of lemonade, but only if the temperature in Bluefield reaches a scorching 90 degrees!

The Norfolk-Southern rail yard still runs, shipping coal to places outside of the area. Also, antique enthusiasts will be happy to know the downtown area boasts of several shops. At the Bluefield City Park, children can ride the popular Ridge Runner train from April 1-September 30. There is so much to do in Bluefield that it is impossible to list them all. Popular attractions include the East River Overlook and sports fans will love catching a baseball game at Bowen Field with the Appalachian League's Bluefield Blue Jays.

For more information about Bluefield, call (304) 327-2401 or visit cityofbluefield.com.







# **DISCOVER BRAMWELL**

Bramwell is the hidden gem in Mercer County. In the late 1800s and early 1900s, wealthy coal barons built beautiful Victorian homes for their families while they managed the mines in nearby Pocahontas, Va. The Pocahontas Exhibition Mine, only a few miles away, is open for tours. The quaint town features brick streets, local dining and ATV lodging. The Pocahontas Trailhead, part of the larger Hatfield-McCoy ATV Trail system, is located in Bramwell.

The town also hosts the Coal Heritage Trail Interpretive Center located in a reconstructed train depot. Inside, you can walk through decades of coal mining, railroad memorabilia and Bramwell's famous socialite history. Home tours, a look inside the mansions, are available in June and December. An evening ghost tour through the streets of Bramwell happens in October.

For more information about Bramwell, call (304) 248-7114 or visitbramwell.com.







# DISCOVER PRINCETON

If you like the arts, Princeton is the place to visit. Colorful murals on Mercer Street create a vibrant downtown area. New attractions and shops make up a lot of the downtown revitalization.

One of these attractions is the Princeton Railroad Museum, which features exhibits, artifacts, artwork, books and more from the railroad. Children can climb into a caboose and imagine life on the tracks. The agricultural museum, next door, gives a closer look at the life of a farmer, his wife and family. Also on the same street, The RiffRaff Arts Collective is a must stop for art and music lovers. You can catch a show or performance later in the evening at the Chuck Mathena Center.

As for history, Civil War buffs will want to visit The McNutt House. The doctor's house was turned into a hospital for wounded soldiers and is the last remaining structure in Princeton from the Civil War era. It is the first stop along the Civil War Trail. Princeton is the county seat of Mercer County.

For more information about Princeton, call (304) 487-1502 or visit frontiernet.net/~pmccc/







### **All Together Arts Week**

May (304) 425-6425 riffraff.com

Enjoy a weeklong celebration of the arts in Mercer County with a kick-off event, followed by a gallery hop, drum circle, music celebrations, art events and more. The week ends with a parade in Princeton that focuses on the arts. Visit the website or call for more information about specific times and events.

#### **Mountain Festival**

May

Bluefield City Park (304) 327-7184 bluefieldchamber.com

For more than 30 years, the festival has provided carnival rides, a lumberjack contest, petting zoo, traditional carnival food, vendors, entertainment, music and much more.

### **Bramwell Tour of Homes**

June

Bramwell, WV (304) 325-8438 bramwellwv.com/house.html

Go back in time and visit the town of the millionaires. This self-guided walking tour features rows of Victorian homes all built during the height of the West Virginia coal industry. The homes date back to the late 1880s and early 1900s. Quaint brick streets line the way, with delightful stores and restaurants on Bramwell's Main Street. \$

#### Celebrate Princeton

June

Downtown Princeton, WV (304) 487-1502 celebrateprinceton.com

Downtown Princeton comes alive with a street fair filled with food, vendors, crafts, music and children's activities such as pony rides, bounce houses, face painting and more. A car show will also feature classic cars from the old days.

### Blue-Gray Shrine Horse Show

July

Bluefield City Park (304) 327-2448 beautifulbluefield.com

More than 200 riders will compete in multiple competitions during the three-day event at the Bluefield City Park. The show is sponsored by the Shriners Club. American saddlebreds, five-gaited, three-gaited, fine harness horses, pleasure horses, equitation competitions and ponies are usually among the scheduled events. \$

### Bluefield Downtown Street Fair

Summer

Downtown Bluefield, WV (304) 327-9686 beautifulbluefield.com

Downtown Bluefield will come to life with the famous downhill derby for children, followed by vendors, crafts, food and music. The street fair will also present a pet contest, street dance and more.



### **Mercer County Fair**

First weekend in August PikeView High School Complex Princeton, WV (304) 425-7262 fairofmercercounty.com

The county's only country fair has something for everybody. Check out the food, baking and agriculture contests, carnival rides, vendors and more. Don't forget about the rodeo and children's games and competitions. \$

#### Athens-Concord Town Social

Second Sunday in August

Front lawn of Concord University Athens, WV (304) 384-9712 townofathens com/social html

College students and the community come together to usher in the new school year at this annual event. From music to food and vendors, the town social welcomes back alumni and friends of the town and university.

### Lemonade Festival

August

Downtown Bluefield, WV (800) 221-3206 beautifulbluefield.com

When the weather gets hot, the city celebrates with lemonade. The festival focuses on lemonade and combines the symbol of summer with music, food, children's activities and games, demonstrations, vendors and more.

#### **Culturefest**

September Appalachian South Folklife Center Pipestem,WV (304) 425-6425 culturefestwy.com

Relax and enjoy a weekend filled with music, art, yoga dance and creative expressions at this world music and arts festival. For more than 10 years, Culturefest has focused on bringing the community together with music and the arts. Children are welcome and there are activities designed for all ages. \$

### Mercer County Heritage Festival

September Glenwood 4-H Camp Princeton, WV (304) 910-1857

Step into the past and relive the days of the Civil War. The Heritage Festival features Civil War storytellers, reeanctors such as Gen. Robert E. Lee, craftsman, vendors, food and more. Listen to cannons, pet farm animals and more. \$

### **Camp Creek Fall Festival**

September

Camp Creek State Park Camp Creek,WV (304) 425-9481 campcreekstatepark.com

Enjoy the rich, fall colors of Southern West Virginia while enjoying music and food at one of Mercer County's three state parks. The park features plenty of walking trails, camp sites, picnic areas, playgrounds and other amenities



#### **Princeton AutumnFest**

Last Saturday in September Downtown Princeton, WV (304) 487-1502 frontiernet.net/~pmccc/ autumnfest/

Princeton's favorite fall event brings thousands to Mercer Street for AutumnFest. Here you will find children's activities, vendors, crafts, food, a car show, pumpkin painting, pie contests and more. To make sure you don't leave empty handed, various groups will be making homemade apple butter on the street.

#### **Southern Thunder**

October

Hunnicutt Stadium Princeton, WV (304) 320-5470

You will hear the bands before you get to the stadium. Once a year, Princeton Senior High School sponsors one of the biggest band competitions in southern West Virginia. Bands from both Virginia and West Virginia come to compete against each other for the prize. \$

### Southern WV Italian Heritage Festival

October

Bluefield, WV (304) 589-3317

Bring a big appetite to this festival. Celebrating the rich Italian culture in southern West Virginia, the festival dishes up some of the best meatballs, spaghetti and cannolis in the land.

#### **Bramwell Oktoberfest**

October

Downtown Bramwell, WV (304) 248-7114 bramwelloktoberfest.com

Nothing goes better together than beer and friends, especially at the Bramwell Oktoberfest. Sample beer, enjoy good food and listen to music. The annual festival is also a competition for the breweries. \$

#### **Bramwell Ghost Tours**

October Bramwell, WV

(304) 248-7114 bramwellwy.com

This charming ghost tour won't scare you too bad, but it will definitely put you in a magical state of mind. Walk through a Victorian town and witness storytellers share the stories of the past. The tour is guided and will create a spooky treat for all ages. \$

### **Country Craft Guild Show**

November

Chuck Mathena Center Princeton, WV (304) 425-3521

Fine crafts will be on exhibit, as well as gifts for the holidays. This craft show features all local artists who specialize in many different mediums, from pottery to stained-glass windows.



#### Pocahontas Chapter-NRHS Train Show

Second weekend in November Bluefield Youth Center Bluefield, WV (304) 431-2593

Train enthusiasts will enjoy this one-of-a-kind train show from the days of the railroad. The show is a favorite among many children who love trains. Adult collectors will enjoy multiple rooms filled with trains and memorabilia. \$

### **Holiday of Lights Festival**

Thanksgiving night -December 31 Bluefield City Park Bluefield, WV (304) 327-2448 cityofbluefield.com

Drive through 40-plus acres of Christmas lights and celebrate the season underneath a candy cane canopy of lights. Various scenes, all created in Christmas lights, are spread throughout the city park.

# Bramwell Christmas Tour of Homes

Second Saturday in December Bramwell, WV (304) 325-8438 bramwellwv.com

Experience Christmas in a small Victorian town with this special holiday tour. This tour of homes, unlike others, is filled with holiday spirit. All the mansions are decorated for the season, as well as the light posts on the brick streets. \$

### **Bluefield Lemon Drop**

New Year's Eve Raleigh Street/Depot District Bluefield, WV (304) 325-8438

Ring in the new year with a lemon at Bluefield's New Year's Eve celebration. While you countdown to midnight, enjoy hot chocolate and good music.

#### **Downtown Countdown**

New Year's Eve 7 p.m.-1 p.m. Downtown Princeton, WV (304) 425-6425 downtowncountdown.org

Celebrate the New Year on Mercer Street with hours of music with bands at multiple stages, food, vendors and fireworks. An artist-designed ball will drop at midnight.

#### Winter Warmer

February Raleigh Street Bluefield,WV (304) 320-2654

Warm up with Bluefield's coziest festival. Enjoy craft beer, fine food, music and friends. Bluefield's answer to the chilly weather. \$

\$ Denotes Admission



# **DINING**

\* denotes Local

DIMING	
RESTAURANT ANGELO'S PIZZA *	ADDRESS 1211 Stafford Drive, Princeton, WV
APPLEBEE'S NEIGHBORHOOD BAR & GRILL	123 Meadowfield Lane, Princeton, WV 516 Commerce Drive, Bluefield, VA
ARBY'S	1000 Oakvale Road, Princeton, WV
BELLACINO'S PIZZA AND GRINDERS*	1334 Stafford Drive, Princeton, WV 4029 College Drive, Bluefield, VA
BERKSHIRE'S*	509 Rogers Street, Princeton, WV
BOB EVANS	171 Meadowfield Lane, Princeton, WV 510 Commerce Drive, Bluefield, VA
BLUESTONE DINING ROOM*	Pipestem Resort State Park, Pipestem, WV
BRANDON'S BBQ*	Rt. 20, Pipestem, WV
BUFFALO TRAIL RESTAURANT*	190 Buffalo Trail, Bluewell, WV
BURGER BOY*	1214 Stafford Drive, Princeton, WV
BURGER KING	Rt. 52, Coal Heritage Road, Bluefield, WV 327 Ingleside Road, Princeton, WV 100 Saunders Lane, Bluefield, VA
CAMPESTRE*	259 Greasy Ridge Road, Princeton, WV
CAPTAIN D'S	825 Oakvale Road, Princeton, WV 553 Bluefield Avenue, Bluefield, WV
CHICK-FIL-A	Mercer Mall, Bluefield, WV
CHILLI'S GRILL AND BAR	1150 Oakvale Road, Princeton, WV
CRACKER BARREL OLD COUNTRY STORE	294 Meadowfield Lane, Princeton, WV
CUZ'S RESTAURANT*	15746 Gov. G. C. Perry Hwy, Pounding Mill, VA



# DINING

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(304) 913-4923 (276) 326-1400	bellacinos.com	Pizza/sandwiches
(304) 487-8881		Seasonal treats
(304) 431-2083 (276) 322-3609	bobevans.com	American
(304) 466-1800, ext 368	pipestemresort.com/amenities.html Casual	Fine dining
(304) 466-9110	brandonsbbq.com	Seasonal BBQ
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(304) 425-8360	chilis.com	American
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(276) 964-9014	cuzs.com	Seasonal / casual

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DAVID'S AT THE CLUB *	1501 Whitethorn Street, Bluefield, WV
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DOMINO'S PIZZA	700 Stafford Drive, Princeton, WV
DRAGON PALACE *	1295 Stafford Drive, Princeton, WV
EAST GARDEN *	4017 College Avenue, Bluefield, VA
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FARMER'S RESTAURANT *	2615 Bluefield Avenue, Bluefield, WV
GREAT AMERICAN COOKIE COMPANY	Mercer Mall, Bluefield, WV
GINO'S PIZZA	100 South Vermillion Street, Athens, WV Rt. 52, Coal Heritage Road, Bluefield, WV
HARDEE'S	301 Bluefield Avenue, Bluefield, WV 1306 Stafford Drive, Princeton, WV 170 Meadowfield Lane, Princeton, WV 701 South College Avenue, Bluefield, VA
INTERNET CAFE *	415 Federal Street, Bluefield, WV
K & W CAFETERIA	Mercer Mall, Bluefield, WV
KATHY'S RESTAURANT *	1300 South Avenue, Princeton, WV
KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN	3300 East Cumberland Road, Bluefield, WV 1237 Stafford Drive, Princeton, WV
KELSEY'S AT QUALITY HOTEL *	3350 Big Laurel Highway, Bluefield, WV
KIMONO JAPANESE SEAFOOD *	223 Greasy Ridge Road, Princeton, WV
LA FIESTA MEXICAN GRILL & CANTINA *	504 Commerce Drive, Bluefield, VA
LITTLE CAESARS PIZZA	1817 Bland Street, Bluefield, WV 1212 Stafford Drive, Princeton, WV
LONG JOHN SILVER'S	1001 Stafford Drive, Princeton, WV 3124 Cumberland Road, Bluefield, WV
LOTUS GARDEN *	Mercer Mall , Bluefield, WV
LYNN'S DRIVE-IN *	3705 Coal Heritage Road, Rt. 52, Bluefield, WV
MCDONALDS	555 Bluefield Avenue, Bluefield, WV 715 Oakvale Road, Princeton, WV 1310 Stafford Drive, Princeton, WV 506 Commerce Street, Bluefield, VA
MACADO'S *	Mercer Mall, Bluefield, WV
MOUNTAIN CREEK DINING ROOM *	Pipestem Resort State Park, Pipestem, WV
MOUNTAIN VIEW *	2000 Upperclassmen Drive, Bluefield, WV
MULLIGAN'S CLUB HOUSE GRILL *	Pipestem Resort State Park, Pipestem, WV
NONNA'S ITALIAN KITCHEN AND BAKERY *	929 Mercer Street, Princeton, WV

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(304) 589-5886		Sandwiches
(304) 425-0505	dominos.com	Pizza
(304) 425-7575	dragonpalacewv.com	Chinese
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(276) 322-3300		Mexican
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(304) 487-2001	kathyscafewv.com	Sandwiches/American
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(304) 425-2647	kfc.com	Casual
(304) 325-6170		Night life
(304) 487-8008		Japanese
(276) 322-4745	lafiestafresh.com	Mexican
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(304) 425-6240 (304) 327-7855	lgsilvers.com	Seafood
(304) 325-9501	lotusgardenbluefield.com	Chinese
(304) 589-6279		Sandwiches
(304) 325-5828 (304) 425-6096 (304) 425-7009 (276) 322-2947	mcdonalds.com	Casual
(304) 325-8557	macados.net	American
(304) 466-1800, ext 387	pipestemresort.com/amenities.html	Fine dining
(304) 324-3800	mountainviewsrc.org	Casual
(304) 466-1800, ext 387	pipestemresort.com/ amenities.html	Casual
(304) 487-6581		Italian / bakery

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	PIZZA HUT	1271 Stafford Drive, Princeton, WV 1000 Leatherwood Crossing, Bluefield, VA	
	PORTABELLA'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT *	412 Princeton Avenue, Bluefield, WV	
	RYAN'S FAMILY STEAKHOUSE	195 Greasy Ridge Road, Princeton, WV 535 Commerce Street, Bluefield, VA	
	SAVORY FLAVORS, LLC *	1204 Virginia Avenue, Bluefield, VA	
	SAVORY HAVEN CAFE AND CATERING *	500 Bland Street, Bluefield, WV	
	SHONEY'S	460 Oakvale Road, Princeton, WV	
	SISTER'S COFFEE HOUSE *	1606 West Main Street, Princeton, WV	
	STARBUCKS	100 Oakvale Road, Princeton, WV	
	SUBWAY	Mercer Mall, Bluefield, WV 2113 College Avenue, Bluefield, VA 236 Meadowfield Lane, Princeton, WV 109 Courthouse Road, Princeton, WV Rt. 52, Coal Heritage Road, Bluefield, WV 3180 Cumberland Road, Bluefield, WV	
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	SUBWAY AT WALMART	4001 College Avenue, Bluefield, VA	
	TACO BELL	1225 Stafford Drive, Princeton, WV 2951 College Avenue, Bluefield, VA	
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	TEXAS STEAKHOUSE	235 Meadowfield Lane, Princeton, WV	
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	THE CORNER SHOP*	Main Street, Bramwell, WV	
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	THE OMELET SPOT *	909 Oakvale Road, Princeton, WV	
	THE LAST FOUNTAIN *	566 Virginia Avenue, Bluefield, VA	
	THE RAILYARD *	530 Raleigh Street, Bluefield, WV	
	THE VILLA ITALIAN BAR AND GRILL *	4025 College Avenue, Bluefield, VA	
	TRAY KING HOUSE *	2060 Leatherwood Lane, Bluefield, VA	
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	VALLEY COUNTRY RESTAURANT *	Blue Prince Road, Bluefield, WV	
	WENDY'S  * denotes local	275 Courthouse Road, Princeton, WV 171 Meadowfield Lane, Princeton, WV 508 Commerce Drive, Bluefield, VA	

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(304) 325-3333		Italian
(304) 487-0580 (276) 326-6436	ryans.com	American
(276) 322-7179		BBQ
(304) 324-8900	savoryhavencafe.com	Casual / lunch
(304) 425-1890	shoneys.com	American
(304) 487-8701		Casual breakfast and lunch
(304) 431-2559	starbucks.com	Coffee / pastries
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(304) 325-7827	subway.com	Sandwiches
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(304) 487-6076 (276) 322-1303	tacobell.com	Mexican
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(304) 487-8010 (304) 589-3383	tudorsbicuitworld.com	American
(304) 325-8556		American
(304) 425-6178 (304) 425-4376 (276) 322-3802	wendys.com	Sandwiches

# LODGING

NAME	ADDRESS
BLACK DOG RANCH	Prosperity School Road, Windmill Gap, WV
BRAMWELL ATV RESORT	State Rt. 120, Bramwell, WV
BRAMWELL HIGH SCHOOL ATV LODGE	Bluestone Avenue, Bramwell, WV
BRAMWELL HILL MANOR	124 Bramwell Hill Road, Bramwell, WV
BUFFALO TRAIL PROPERTIES	190 Buffalo Trail, Rt. 71, Bluewell, WV
BLUEFIELD INN	2109 Jefferson Street, Bluefield, WV
HEWITT HOUSE B & B	South River and Main Street, Bramwell, WV
HIDDEN COVE INN	Jones Hill Road, Bramwell, WV
HILLBILLY HIDEAWAY	1321 Simmons River Road, Bluefield, WV
MAIN STREET SUITES	Main Street, Bramwell, WV
POCAHONTAS ATV RESORT	Bramwell-Pocahontas Road, Bramwell, WV
THE COUNTRY CABIN FARM RETREAT	Rt. 19, Spanishburg, WV
THE VIEW B & B	Rt. 20, Athens, WV
CAMP CREEK STATE PARK	2390 Camp Creek Road, Camp Creek,WV
PIPESTEM RESORT STATE PARK	Rt. 20 Box 150, Pipestem, WV
AIRWAY MOTEL	270 Courthouse Road, Princeton, WV
BUDGET INN	409 Thorn Street, Princeton, WV
COMFORT INN	136 Ambrose Lane, Princeton, WV
COUNTRY INN AND SUITES	111 Halls Ridge Road, Princeton, WV
DAYS INN	347 Meadowfield Lane, Princeton, WV
ECONO LODGE	3400 East Cumberland Road, Bluefield, WV
ECONOMY INN	3206 East Cumberland Road, Bluefield, WV
EDEN ROCK MOTEL	504 Oakvale Road, Princeton, WV
HAMPTON INN	277 Meadowfield Lane, Princeton, WV
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS	805 Oakvale Road, Princeton, WV
KNIGHTS INN	3144 East Cumberland Road, Bluefield, WV
MICROTEL	250 Ambrose Lane, Princeton, WV
QUALITY HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER	3350 Big Laurel HWY, Bluefield, WV
SLEEP INN & SUITES	1015 Oakvale Road, Princeton, WV
TURNPIKE MOTEL	815 Oakvale Road, Princeton, WV

WEB westvirginiablackdogranch.com	PHONE (304) 920-7506, (304) 384-7573
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	(304) 702-0615, (304) 754-3500
	(276) 245-5574
buffalotrailcabins.com	(855) 349-9871, (304) 324-3204
bluefieldinn.com	(304) 320-2200
hewitthousebedandbreakfast.com	(304) 248-8385
	(304) 248-7402
hillbillyhideawayatvresort.com	(304) 248-7308
bramwellrentals.com	(813) 748-9403
	(304) 449-4683
CountryCabinWV.com	(336) 902-4878
theviewbb.com	(304) 384-9754, (866) 766-7960
campcreekstatepark.com	(304) 425-9481
pipestemresort.com	(304) 466-1800
	(304) 425-3603
	(304) 425-3585
comfortinn.com	(304) 487-6101
countryinns.com/hotels/wvprince	(304) 425-2200, (800) 596-2375
daysinn.com	(304) 425-8100
econolodgebluefield.com	(304) 327-8171, (800) 55-ECONO
	(304) 325-9111, (887) 325-9191
edenrockmotel.com	(304) 425-8757
hamptoninn.com	(304) 431-2580, (800) HAMPTON
hiexpress.com	(304) 425-8156, (866) 425-1540
knightsinn.com	(304) 325-9131, (800) 843-5644
microtelinn.com	(304) 487-3885
qualityinn.com/hotel-bluefield-west_virginia-WV106	6 (304) 325-6170
sleepinn.com	(304) 431-2800, (888) 259-8543
turnpikemotelprincetonwv.com	(304) 425-2268



Adventures Bike 4009 East Cumberland Road Bluefield, WV (304) 323-3576 adventurebikeshop.com

Associated Photography 813 Mercer Street Princeton, WV (304) 425-5519 associatedphotography.ifp3.com

**B & G Pro Shop** Sportsman Drive Bluefield, WV (304) 589-7432 bgproshop.com

Bluefield Antiques & Accents 1801 Bluefield Avenue Bluefield, WV (304) 324-2894

Blue Moon Main Street Bramwell, WV (304) 248-7414

Bunny's Suburban Shop 1607 Bland Street Bluefield, WV (304) 327-6313 Casablanca Boutique 1601-1603 Bland Street Bluefield, WV (304) 327-8197

Cheap Thrills Records 1130 Stafford Drive Princeton, WV (304) 487-0404 cheapthrillsrecords.com

Cole Harley Davidson 1804 Bland Street Bluefield, WV coleh-d.com (304) 324-8116, (888) 428-2464

Conncert Music World 5023 E. Cumberland Road Bluefield, WV (304) 327-7058

DC Designs 1603B Bland Street Bluefield, WV (304) 325-7889

Dayfly Books and Collectibles 935 Mercer Street Princeton, WV (304) 952-9714

Diamonds N' Gold Look 901 Mercer Street Princeton, WV (304) 425-7830 Fantastic Finds Thrift Shop 704 Bland Street Bluefield, WV (304) 327-8167

Four Seasons Antiques and Appraisals 150 Harmon Brand Road Princeton, WV (304) 898-8369 4seaonsantiques.com

Four Seasons Pharmacy and the Willow Gift Gallery 300 Morrison Drive Princeton, WV (304) 425-3687 willowgiftgallery.com

Frameworks Plus 235 Expert Circle Princeton, WV (304) 425-0200 frameworksplus.com

GoodyKoontz Drug Store 2924 E. Cumberland Road Bluefield, WV (304) 325-7121

Happily Ever After and the Silver Sleigh 300 Morrison Drive Princeton, WV (304) 487-0061



# **SHOPPING**

H & S Sporting Goods 708 S. Sanders Avenue Princeton, WV (304) 487-1090 hssportinggoods.com

Hawg Pit Cycles 4775 East Cumberland Road Bluefield, WV (304) 324-4294 hawgpitcycles.com

Hearthside Books 1603A Bland Street Bluefield, WV (304) 325-6896 hearthsidebookstore.com

Hillbilly Cycle Sales 317 Mercer Street Princeton, WV (304) 425-4321 hillbillycycle.com

**Is Half Enuff?** 300 Morrison Drive Princeton, WV (304) 431-9952

Jackiespace 1804 Vineyard Street Bluefield, WV (304) 325-3367 J A Designs 4 U 746 Mercer Street Princeton, WV (304) 922-0694

K & K Music 2459 Washington Street Bluefield, WV (304) 327-9309 kandkgames.com

Landmark Antique Mall 200 Federal Street Bluefield, WV (304) 327-9686 landmarkantiquemall.com

Leslie Ann's 532 Virginia Avenue Bluefield, VA (276) 322-2274 leslie-anns.com

Mama's 5 Cent Store 120 Barger Street Matoaka, WV (304) 467-7602

Memories of Home 405 Oakvale Road Princeton, WV (304) 487-1700 memories of home, us Mercer County Choppers 4156 Coal Heritage Road Bluefield, WV (304) 589-6222 mercercountychoppers.com

Mercer Mall US Highway 460 and Rt. 25 Bluefield, WV (304) 327-2507 shopmercermall.com

Miller's ATV 3601 Coal Heritage Road Bluefield, WV (304) 589-5277 millersatvs.com

Mountain Heritage Outdoors 607 Athens Road Princeton, WV (304) 425-4868

New Graham Pharmacy/ Cornerstone Gift Shop 562 Virginia Avenue Bluefield, VA (276) 322-3682

Only One Look 130 Princeton Ave. Bluefield, WV (304) 324-2933 thebronzelook.com



## **SHOPPING**

Paper & More Outlet 528 Virginia Avenue Bluefield, VA (276) 322-3055

Princeton Power Sports 329 Oakvale Road Princeton, WV (304) 425-9111 ppsatv.com

Solid Wood Creations 4560 Coal Heritage Road, Rt. 52 Bluefield, WV (304) 589-6644

The Apple Barrel Primitives Coal Heritage Road, Rt. 52 Bluefield, WV (304) 589-2077

The Bronze Look 311 Mercer Street Princeton, WV (304) 425-5005

The Speckled Bunny 613 Beckley Road, Rt. 91 N Princeton, WV (304) 920-7984 The Ugly Duckling Antique Store 301 Federal Street Bluefield, WV (304) 655-5811

West Virginia Crafts and Gifts 186 Greasy Ridge Road Princeton, WV (304) 487-2214 wvdot.com/7tourists/ wvturnpike/7f3d\_princeton.htm

White Elephant 900 Bluefield Avenue Bluefield, WV (304) 324-2941

#### **FARMER'S MARKETS**

Almost Heaven
Farmer's Market
3977 Cumberland Road
(parking lot of Kmart)
Bluefield, WV
May-September
Tues. and Sat., 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Winter hours: Bluefield City
Park and Recreation Center
November - December
Wednesday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Bluefield, VA Farmer's Market Jack Asbury Square May-October Friday, 8 a.m.-noon

Bramwell Farmer's Market 100 Simmons Street Bramwell, WV June-October Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Goins Gas and Produce 2320 Princeton Avenue Bluefield, WV (304) 323-2503

Hampton's Produce 404 Virginia Avenue Bluefield, VA (276) 322-2161

Jim's Produce 510 Oakvale Road Princeton, WV (304) 542-4561

Mercer County
Tailgate Produce
Mercer County Technical
Education Center
Princeton, WV
(304) 425-3079
May - October
Wednesday and Saturday,
7 a.m.



# DISCOVER HISTORY

#### **Baldwin House**

126 Summers Street Bluefield, WV (205) 540-4754

This building holds the jail cells and secret office of the Baldwin-Felts Detective Agency. The agency was created in 1890 and was known for their involvement in many violent coal mine wars in West Virginia. Hours: Open by appointment

#### **Clay Memorial Park**

Junction of Rt.10 and Rt.19, Kegley, WV (304) 425-0176

Go back to the early days and visit the first area settlement dating back to 1775. Mitchell and Phoebe Belcher Clay settled in Mercer County near Princeton on the Bluestone River. The family was later attacked by Shawnee Indians. A memorial is dedicated to the children who died in the attack.

#### Coal Heritage Trail Interpretive Center

100 Station Square Bramwell, WV (866) 858-8959 coalheritage.org

Invest in the town of Bramwell and visit this museum that houses relics and exhibits of West Virginia's coal history. You will find photos of former Bramwell coal barons, their wives, memorabilia of the millionaire days and much more. Hours: M-F 10-4, Sat 10-4, Sun 1-4

#### **Eastern Regional Coal Archives**

600 Commerce Street Bluefield, WV (304) 325-3943

Dig deeper into the history of Bluefield and surrounding areas by visiting the archives. There you will find artifacts, blueprints, films, ledgers, maps, miner's tools, newspapers, photographs, mine scrip, railroad memorabilia and more. It is the perfect place for researchers and history buffs.

Hours: Open by appointment.

#### Historic Crab Orchard Museum & Pioneer Park

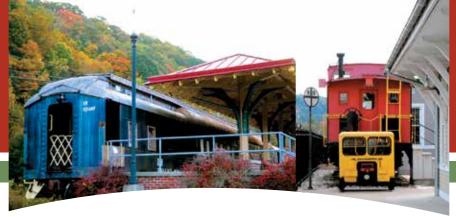
3663 Crab Orchard Road Tazewell, VA (276) 988-6755 craborchardmuseum.com

Experience a settler's life, tour the log stone structures in the Museum's Pioneer Park. Gallery displays history from prehistoric times through the 20th Century. Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 9-5, Memorial Day-Labor Day: Sunday 1-5

#### Mercer County Agricultural Museum

95 Mercer Street Princeton, WV (304) 425-3682

Here you will find a collection of farming artifacts, antique tools and more. The life of a farmer and his family can be experienced in this museum. Hours: Open by appointment.



# **DISCOVER HISTORY**

#### Pocahontas Exhibition Mine & Museum

300 Centre Street Pocahontas, VA (276) 945-2134 pocahontasva.org/museum.html

Walk back into the earth and feel the dampness of the mine on this guided tour. Hear stories of the miner's hardships and see how coal was brought out of the earth and became one of the finest products in the US. See the method of mining used in the 1880s to the present day. Hours: April 2 -May 28 (Weekends), May 28 -September 30, Wednesday through Sunday

#### **Princeton Railroad Museum**

99 Mercer Street Princeton, WV (304) 487-5060

Over 100 railroad lanterns, exhibits of railroad artifacts, artworks, books, photographs, caboose and corporate railroad material from the Virginian and Norfolk-Southern Railroads. Hours: May - August 31; Tuesday through Saturday 12 noon - 5 p.m. September 1 - April 30; Friday & Saturday 12 noon - 5 p.m., Sunday's 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. (available for private tours/parties upon request)

#### The McNutt House

1522 North Walker Street Princeton, WV (304) 487-1502 pmccc.com

The house, which is home to the Princeton-Mercer County Chamber of Commerce, is the last remaining structure in Princeton from the Civil War. During wartime, the home, owned by a local doctor, became a hospital. The house is the first site along the West Virginia Civil War Trail. Hours: M-F, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.







# **DISCOVER THE ARTS**

#### **Brainerd's Galley**

500 Bland Street Bluefield, WV (304) 327-9330 halbrainerdphotography.com

Enjoy walking through a gallery of wonderful and familiar landscapes and beautiful portraits. The gallery also features a frame shop.

#### **Blue Mountain Performing Arts**

Bluefield, WV (276) 326-4248 bluemountainperformingarts.com

This community organization brings top-rated musicians and performers from around the world to Mercer County. From the sounds of the symphony to Broadway, be ready for great performances.

#### **Bluefield College**

3000 College Drive Bluefield, VA (276) 326-3682 bluefield.edu

Concerts, speakers and theater productions are featured throughout the year at this Virginia Baptist College, located near the West Virginia and Virginia line. Students shine in local productions and Christian bands provide worship and high-energy performances.

#### Bluefield Performing Arts Center

Bluefield High School 535 W. Cumberland Road Bluefield, WV (304) 325-9117

Concerts, plays, music and theater productions are held at Bluefield High School during the school year and summer months

#### **Bluefield State College**

219 Rock Street Bluefield, WV (304) 327-4000 bluefieldstate.edu

Concerts, plays, speakers and sporting events are held at Bluefield State College, located near downtown Bluefield, WV. Many events feature multicultural themes, as well as local theater and concert band performances.

#### **Chuck Mathena Center**

2 Stafford Commons Princeton, WV (304) 425-5128 chuckmathenacenter.org

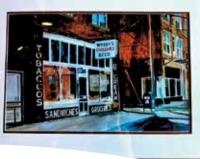
Concerts, theater performances and community events at this state-of-the-art facility focuses on the arts in Southern West Virginia. The line up varies from children's musical, to Christian concerts, symphony performances and much more. The center is also a host for many weddings, receptions and art shows.

### **Concord University**

1000 Vermillion Street Athens, WV (304) 384-3115 concord.edu

Concerts, theater productions, events, art exhibits and special speakers are held during the year. Students and community work together on events and festivals, such as the Shakespeare Festival and the town social.





# **DISCOVER THE ARTS**

#### East River Mountain Town Band

2625 Cliffmount Avenue Bluefield, WV (304) 952-1792

A band made up of community members tour throughout the county performing favorite songs, holiday classics, patriotic songs and more. Open to the public, these free concerts are performed at various locations including the Bluefield Performing Arts Center, Pipestem Resort State Park and Mercer Mall.

### **Gary Bowling's House of Art**

1915 Bluefield Avenue Bluefield, WV (304) 324-4242

Unique and inspiring paintings, some that are inspired by local places and events.

#### **Summit Players Theatre**

500 Bland Street Bluefield Area Arts Center Bluefield, WV (304) 325-8000 summitplayers.com

For more than 46 years, the local community theater group

performs four shows a year, including the holidays. Dinner options are available as well as matinees. The theme of the shows range from dramas to comedies. Reservations are required.

#### The RiffRaff Arts Collective

869 Mercer Street Princeton, WV riffraff.net (304) 425-6425

The RiffRaff is a multi-purpose art building that features music, a fine art gallery, pottery, crafts and special events. Home to LLyniuM Entertainment, the RiffRaff is also headquarters to several fairs and festivals in the area.

### Wanda Murphy Art Gallery

Princeton, WV (561) 866-5811

Murphy's figurative paintings are surrounded by bold, beautiful colors and a celebration of life. Her paintings can be found up and down the East Coast, from New York to West Virginia. By appointment only.

#### **Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre**

170 Malin Drive Wytheville, VA (276) 223-0891, 888-950-3382 wohlfahrthaus.com

Take in a dinner and show and enjoy your choice of musicals, comedies, dramas and holiday specials. Actors and actresses serve as your waiters before the show and during intermission. Enjoy cocktails at the bar after the show. Reservations are required.

#### **4Pals Production**

3832 Coal Heritage Road Bluefield, WV 24704 (304) 589-0339

Kick back and let the good times roll with theater productions by 4Pals Productions. This group of actors and actresses know how to laugh. Original screenplays are a hit with audiences. The group also sponsors a theater festival for local schools. Reservations are required.



# DISCOVER THE OUTDOORS

Appalachian Flying Service 300 Markell Drive Suite 300 Bluefield, WV (304) 323-3040 flyappalachian.com

Yes, you can learn to fly at Appalachian Flying Service, located at the Mercer County Airport. The service also offers aircraft sales, aerial photography, aircraft management, air charter and more.

#### **Bluefield Blue Jays**

Bowen Field Stadium Drive Bluefield, WV Tickets and schedule: (304) 324-1326 bluefieldjays.com

The historic Blue Jays of Bluefield play June through August. The first professional team set up a team in the late 1930s. Since then, numerous teams have called Bluefield home.

#### **Bluefield Golf Links**

1501 Whitethorn Street Bluefield, WV (304) 327-6511

Nine-hole golf course on one of the oldest courses in Mercer County.

Brush Creek Preserve and Falls Camp Creek Speedway Road Camp Creek, WV (304) 637-0160

The preserve is open-year round, dawn to dusk, with picnic trails. The preserve is located near Brush Creek Falls, a popular local spot.

### Camp Creek State Park and Forest

1-77 exit 20 to US 19 South, Camp Creek, WV (304) 425-9481 1 (800)-CALL-WVVA campcreekstatepark.com

Enjoy tent, trailer, horse and rider campsites, fishing, picnicking, playgrounds and other amenities. There are also 35-plus miles of trails open to equestrians, hikers and mountain hikers

### City of Bluefield Parks and Recreation

1870 Stadium Drive Bluefield, WV (304) 327-2448 cityofbluefield.com

Take advantage of a facility with four pavilions, gymnasium, youth center, picnic tables,

playgrounds, athletic fields, tennis courts, hiking and biking trails. The park is perfect for family outings, class reunions and more. The park is also used for many special events throughout the year.

### City of Princeton Parks and Recreation

201 Morrison Drive Princeton, WV (304) 487-5040 cityofprinceton.org

Discover exercise trails, an Olympic-size pool with a waterslide, picnic facilities, gymnasium, playgrounds and skate park.

#### **Dan Hale Reservoir**

Dan Hale Reservoir Road Princeton, WV (304) 431-FISH

Visit West Virginia's Best Kept Secret. All ages welcome. Call for seasonal hours and times.



# DISCOVER THE OUTDOORS

East River Mountain Overlook Rt. 598, off Rt. 460 Bluefield, WV (304) 327-2448 cityofbluefield.com

Picnic shelters and observation deck with breathtaking views of Mercer County.

#### **Glenwood Recreational Park**

and 4-H Camp 1823 Glenwood Park Road Princeton, WV (304) 425-1681 glenwoodparkwv.com

This stunning 55-acre lake is the centerpiece of this park. You can enjoy picnic shelters, playgrounds, a 18-hole miniature golf, tennis courts, biking trails, rowboat and paddle boat rentals. There is a dining hall and dormitory lodging nearby at the 4-H Camp. A gazebo on site near the lake is also the perfect place for weddings or photo shoots.

#### Hatfield and McCoy ATV Trail

P.O. Box 539 Lyburn, WV (800) 592-2217 trailsheaven.com The Pocahontas Trailhead in Bramwell, Mercer County, is part of managed ATV trail system with 500-plus of trails.

#### **Pinnacle Rock State Park**

Rt. 52 North Bramwell, WV (304) 248-8565 pinnaclerockstatepark.com

Day-use park with 10-miles of hiking trails, unique rock formations, picnic areas and fishing at Jimmy Lewis Lake.

#### **Pipestem Golf Course**

Pipestem, WV (304) 466-1800 or 1-800-CALL-WVVA pipestemresort.com

Elghteen-hole championship golf course, 9-hole par, 3course and 18-hole miniature golf course are all available to golfers.

### Pipestem Resort State Park

Rt. 20 Pipestem, WV (304) 466-1800, 1-(800)-CALL-WVA

Full-service lodge, cottages and campgrounds with nature center, horseback riding,

archery, tennis, golf, paddle boats, aerial tramway and fine dining. There are miles of hiking and mountain bike trails with scenic overlooks.

### Princeton Elks Country Club Old Bluefield-Princeton Road

Old Bluefield-Princeton Road Princeton, WV (304) 425-3273

Nine-hole public golf course caters to golfers of all levels. A pro shop is also on site.

#### **Princeton Rays**

Hunnicutt Field Old Bluefield Road Princeton, WV Tickets and schedules: (304) 487-2000 princetonrays.net

The second oldest baseball team in the county was formed with the development of a large baseball fan base in the Princeton community. You can watch Princeton and Bluefield play baseball for the coveted Mercer Cup.



# DISCOVER THE OUTDOORS

Princeton Speedway 333 Racetrack Road Princeton, WV (304) 425-RACE princetonracewaywv.com

Featuring fast track late model, modified street races and much more

#### **Reel Catch**

128 Brick Street Princeton, WV (304) 487-3303 realcatchllc.com

Families and outdoor enthusiasts will enjoy this catch and release fishing lake. Tournaments are held on the weekends, with cash prices. Check the website for seasonal hours and times. Riverbound X-Stream Fly Fishing 207 North 3rd Street

Princeton, WV (304) 487-3303

Plan a fly fishing trip. Call for reservations and information.

#### Southern West Virginia King's Warriors

East River Soccer Complex John Nash Boulevard Bluefield, WV (304) 466-9080 wvkingswarriors.org

Watch soccer athletes from the U.S. and around the world play at the area's biggest soccer complex.

Tate Lohr Fish Hatchery
Pigeon Creek Road
Princeton, WV

(304) 898-3221

Call to set up a tour at this hatchery that raises trout in Southern West Virginia.

Winterplace Ski Resort 100 Old Flat Mountain Road Ghent, WV

(800) 607-SNOW winterplace.com

Twenty-seven trails, snowboard park, 10 lanes of snow tubing, 100 percent snowmaking capability, restaurants and lounge. Open December-March, seven days a week.







## DISCOVER ENTERTAINMENT

#### **Carmike Cinemas 8**

Mercer Mall Road Bluefield, WV (304) 325-2169

Catch the latest blockbuster movie in this eight-screen movie theater.

#### **Craft Memorial Library**

600 Commerce Street Bluefield, WV (304) 325-3943 craftmemorial.lib.wv.us

Check out a book or visit story hour with children and family. Each month features a variety of activities for children and adults.

### **Green Valley Bowling Center**

469 Airport Road Bluefield, WV (304) 327-0481

A bowling center with 22 lanes, bounce houses for children, billiards room, video games, roller skating and concessions.

#### Kelsey's Lounge

At Quality Hotel and Conference Center 3350 Big Laurel Hwy, Rt. 460, Bluefield, WV (304) 327-6170 bluefieldhotelonthehill.com

Comedy night every Wednesday night with professional touring comics. Sing your heart out on karaoke night on Tuesday nights.

#### **Mountaineer Bowling Lanes**

3224 Cumberland Road Bluefield, WV (304) 325-7037 mountaineerbowling.com

Twenty-eight lanes of bowling fun, plus a billiards room, game room, snack bar and proshop.

### **Pipestem Drive-in Theatre**

4572 Hinton Road Athens, WV (304) 384-7382

Open during the spring and summer, more than 200 cars can fit into this nostalgic drive-in theater.

#### **Princeton Public Library**

920 Mercer Street Princeton, WV (304) 487-5045 princetonlibrarywv.com

Visit the new Princeton Public Library and discover a quiet setting for research, reading and enjoy a cup of coffee.

#### The Ridge Runner

Bluefield City Park Bluefield, WV (304) 327-2448 ridgerunner.org

Ride around Bluefield City Park on the famous Ridge Runner train. Open weekends and holidays during the summer, April 1 through Sept. 30, weather permitting. Hours: noon-6 p.m.

#### **West Virginia Blazers**

1-866-WVBLAZE wyblazers.com

Love the game of basketball? Watch a pro-basketball team that alternates games in Bluefield and Beckley. Call or check online for season schedules.



# **DISCOVER PATRIOTISM**

#### Always Free Veterans Walk of Honor

1500 W. Main Street Princeton, WV

Created in 2014, veterans are honored with a brick walkway purchased by family members and loved ones. The memorial is located on the front lawn of the Mercer County Memorial Building.

#### **Mercer County War Museum**

1500 W. Main Street Princeton, WV (304) 487-8397 thosewhoserved.shutterfly.com

Hours M-F, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Created by donations from local families and veterans, the war museum pays tribute to veterans from Mercer County and Southern West Virginia. The three floors of artifacts, memorabilia and memorials range from the Civil War to present day wars and conflicts.

#### **Veterans Parade**

Mercer Street Princeton, WV

November 11 at noon. The city of Princeton pays tribute to all veterans with a local parade filled with marching bands, civic organizations and more.

#### **Vietnam Memorial**

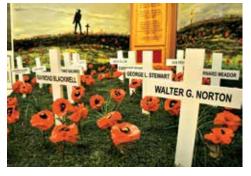
Tourism Information Center 186 Greasy Ridge Road Princeton, WV (304) 487-0082

A beautiful memorial in honor of those who served during the Vietnam War. The center opened in 1992 and the Vietnam Memorial was constructed in 1995 and dedicated in 1996.

#### 9/11 Memorial

Chicory Square Bluefield, WV

In honor of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. The eagle memorial was built in 2014







# **DISCOVER TOURS**

Bluefield walking tour – View historic architecture and eight downtown buildings that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. A walking tour brochure is available at Mercer County CVB.

Bramwell walking tour – Take a self-guided tour of Bramwell, once home to multiple millionaires. The town retains its original charm, with quaint shops, a restored train depot and coal baron mansions.

A walking tour brochure is available at the Coal Heritage Trail Interpretive Center in Bramwell, WV (866) 858-8959.

Bluefield driving tour - Visit a sampling of historic homes in Bluefield. Of the 250 listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this tour mainly showcases Colonial Revival and Neo-classical design in the 1920s and 1930s. Driving tour brochure available at the Mercer County CVB.

Scenic Byways - Coal Heritage Trail, 104 Wilson Street, Beckley, WV, (304) 256-6941 coalheritage.org

Nationally designated scenic byway. Driving tour encompasses 300-plus miles throughout Southern WV's coalfields. The tour begins in Bluefield's historic district.

#### Plan your personal tour -

Like the arts? You can plan a tour that begins at the Chuck Mathena Center in Princeton, view colorful murals in downtown Princeton, visit galleries and end the evening with a show. History buffs can design a tour that will help discover the wonders of the railroad and the Civil War history in Mercer County. A behind-thescenes tour of Bramwell is also an option. Tours are open to groups of 20 or more. To plan any tour, call the Mercer County CVB at 704 Bland Street. Bluefield, WV (800) 221-3206.





### THE NEED TO KNOW

#### **AIRPORT**

### **Mercer County Airport**

300 Markell Drive Bluefield, WV (304) 327-5308 No commercial air service

### AUTO RENTALS

#### **Andrews Auto Rental**

401 Thorn Street Princeton, WV (304) 425-1524

### **Cole Chevrolet Rental Service**

Rt. 460 at Rt. 598 Bluefield, WV (304) 324-2206 colechevy.com

#### **Enterprise Rent-A-Car**

464 Old Bluefield Road Princeton, WV (304) 431-3030 (800) 736-8222 (800) 325-8007 enterprise.com

#### Hertz Rent-A-Car

300 Markell Drive Mercer County Airport Bluefield, WV (304) 325-3388 hertz.com

### **ORGANIZATIONS**

#### **Bluefield Historical Society**

PO Box 1754 Bluefield, WV bluefieldhistoricalsociety.org

#### Greater Bluefield Chamber of Commerce

619 Bland Street Bluefield, WV (304) 327-7184 bluefieldchamber.com

#### Mercer County Board of Realtors (304) 487-3443

### Princeton-Mercer County Chamber of Commerce

1522 N Walker Street Princeton, WV (304) 487-1502 pmccc.com

# Mercer County Convention and Visitors Bureau

704 Bland Street Bluefield, WV (304) 325-8438 (800) 221-3206 visitmercercounty.com

# Mercer County Development Authority

1500 W Main Street Princeton, WV (304) 431-8523 mercercoeda.com

# Mercer County Historical Society 908 Harrison Street

Princeton, WV (304) 425-9017 mercercountyhistoricalsociety.org

### West Virginia

#### **Tourist Information Center**

Interstate 77, Exit 9 Route 460 186 Greasy Ridge Road Princeton, WV (304) 487-2214

### TRANSIT SYSTEMS

#### Bluefield Transit System 3208 John Nash Boulevard

3208 John Nash Boulevard Bluefield, WV (304) 327-8418 ridethebatbus.com

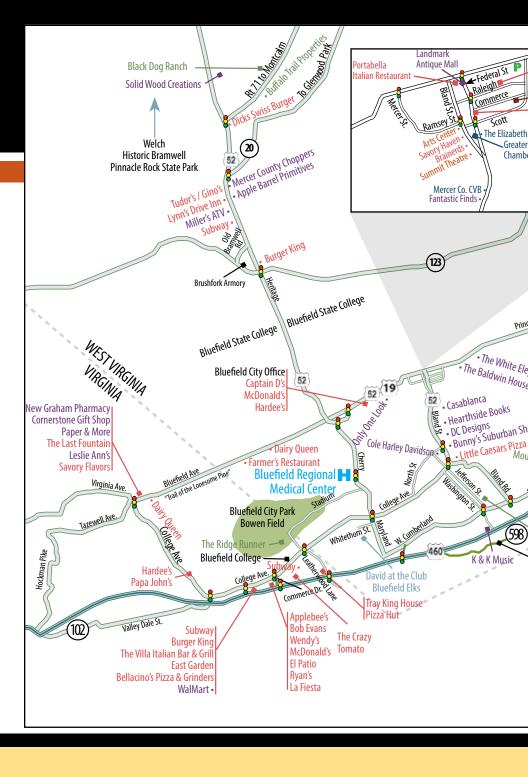
### **Greyhound Bus Lines**

1152 Bland Street Bluefield, WV (304) 325-9442 greyhound.com

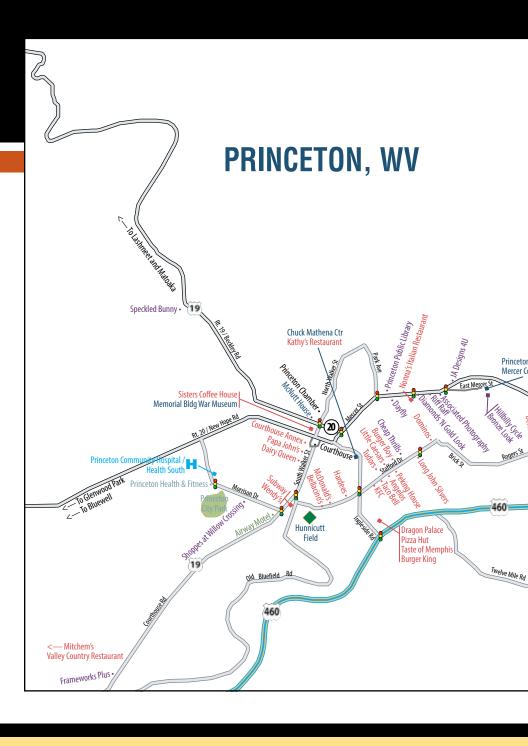
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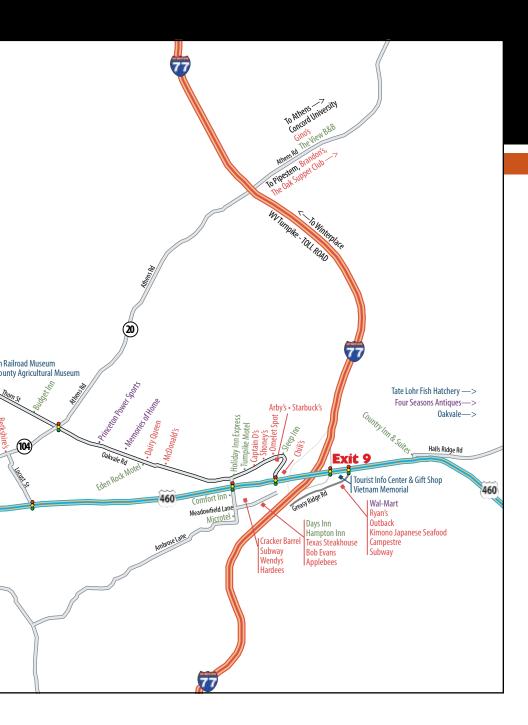
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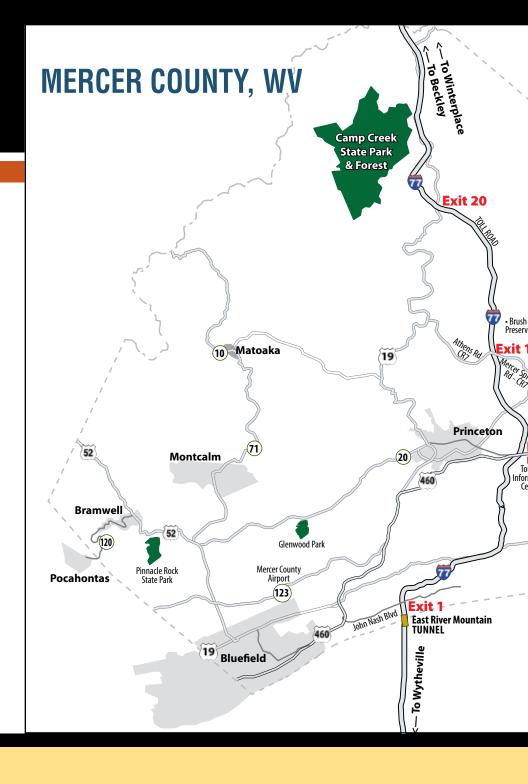
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#### **ESTIMATED DRIVE TIMES**

Charlotte, NC	180 miles	3 hours
Pittsburgh, PA	270 miles	4 hours 45 min
Washington, DC	335 miles	5 hours 30 min
Atlanta, GA	420 miles	6 hours 40 min
Pigeon Forge, TN	220 miles	3 hours 45 min
Cleveland, OH	340 miles	5 hours 30 min
Roanoke, VA	98 miles	2 hours
Bristol, TN	118 miles	2 hours
Greensboro, NC	162 miles	2 hours 45 min
Myrtle Beach, SC	360 miles	6 hours 30 min
Lexington, KY	282 miles	4 hours 34 min