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Carroll News Editor Allen Worrell and his son Jackson take a break from the Beaver Dam Trail to relax on a rock peeking out of Beaver Dam Creek in Hillsville.

# Beaver Dam Trail

## offers solitude minutes from Main Street

BY ALLEN WORRELL | [aworrell@thecarrollnews.com](mailto:aworrell@thecarrollnews.com)

**L**ocated less than a mile from the hustle and bustle of Hillsville's Main Street, the Beaver Dam Trail offers peace and solitude at literally a moment's notice.

Nestled just slightly off the beaten path from the seat of Carroll County, Beaver Dam Trail is a windy route that follows Beaver Dam Creek for approximately 0.75 miles. Walking the trail is a peaceful event in itself as the roar of engines and busy people are quickly replaced with serenity from the sounds of flowing water, the beauty of

the woods and its accompanying streams.

But for those of us that are experienced with the Beaver Dam Trail and know just the right places to go, one can find an easy stroll through the woods quickly metamorphosing itself into a day-long vacation. It starts not long after you take your first steps on the trail when you notice you no longer have cell phone coverage. That in itself is a reward for the person who seeks it - the ability to cut yourself off from the outside world.

Visitors on the Beaver Dam Trail will cross a handful of bridges along the trail that offer intimate overlooks into Beaver Dam Creek. If you are willing to traverse slightly off



the beaten path and know just the right places to look, you just might find a couple of out-of-the way, hidden gravel beaches.

Personally, I have a favorite rock just off one of those beaches where you can lay for what seems like eternity as the water gently flows past you. It's also hidden under a batch of trees that provide shade from the sun. There, I have personally found crawfish - though some locals may argue with you if you don't call them crawdads or crayfish. I have found logs there covered with what I believe are a type of mushroom often referred to as "Chicken of the Woods," which are supposedly delicious when prepared correctly. Keep in mind, however, that I am no mushroom expert and what I saw could have been incredibly poisonous, so please don't take my word for it. I can attest to their beauty, however.

You should also come prepared to encounter wildlife. You may see nothing more than birds - the open fields often have been known to harbor northern bobwhite, eastern meadowlark, red-winged blackbird, American goldfinch, indigo bunting, and field and song sparrows. Cooper's Hawks are also commonly seen swooping around the trail.

One will almost certainly encounter a few butterflies and dragonflies along the way, but white-tailed deer are in no shortage in this area. Occasionally, you may spot families of wild turkey foraging along the woodland edges. Frogs are common near creek areas. Visitors should go in with the realization there is the possibility you may encounter a snake or even a black bear - an animal that is being spotted more and more frequently in Carroll County in recent years.

The easiest way to access the Beaver Dam Trail is to head east from Galax on U.S. 58 and turn left onto U.S. 52 at the stoplight onto North Main Street. Go for approximately a mile and turn right onto State Route 866 (Beaver Dam Road), and travel a few hundred yards before turning left onto Trot Town Road. The parking lot will be on the left.



From butterflies and birds to deer and crawdads (pictured above), wildlife is in abundance on the Beaver Dam Trail in Hillsville.



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Gravel beaches and open streams can be found frequently while exploring the 0.75-mile Beaver Dam Trail in Hillsville.



# The Historic J. SIDNA ALLEN HOUSE



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The Carroll County Courthouse Tragedy occurred on March 14, 1912 and left five people dead. Allen built the house, considered to be the most beautiful home in Southwest Virginia upon its construction, for he and his wife Bettie Mitchell. The whole house was made from the best wood around - the floors made of oak, except the floor of the living room, which was white maple. The roof of the house was made of slate and other materials that were very expensive at the time.

But a year later the Hillsville Courthouse Tragedy occurred and Sidna and his wife had only lived there for a year. The house was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1974, and has been undergoing renovations for the several years after ownership was passed on to the Carroll County Historical Society.

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# Flea Market

still brings hundreds of thousands to Hillsville

**A**s long-time Mayor of Hillsville and an even longer-time collector, Greg Crowder has a unique perspective and a lifelong working knowledge of the town's biggest event – the VFW Labor Day Gun Show & Flea Market.

But as a vendor on the NASCAR racing circuit over the years, Crowder began to gain an even greater appreciation for the magnitude of the annual four-day extravaganza in Hillsville. Beginning the Friday before Labor Day and going on through that weekend and onto Monday, the VFW Labor Day Gun Show & Flea Market inevitably brings hundreds of thousands of visitors back to Hillsville and Carroll County each year.

“I have been at the Las Vegas race and had people ask me where I was from. And when I told them, they would ask if that is where that Labor Day Flea Market is? I’ve been asked that in Texas, New Hampshire, everywhere,” Crowder said. “Everybody knows about this flea market.”

While exact numbers are impossible to quantify, Hillsville’s four-day Flea Market and Gun Show has been estimated to bring in anywhere from 300,000 to 700,000 people each Labor Day Weekend to a town with a population of 2,856. To put that into perspective, on the low estimate, the flea market brings in roughly 105 visitors to each resident of the town. On the high end of the estimate, 245 visitors come to Hillsville for the flea market per each resident of the town.

Another way of quantifying the vast amount of humanity that will travel to Hillsville during the four-day show is to go back to Crowder’s NASCAR ties. Take the speedways in each of the three places he mentioned where people asked about the Flea Market (Las Vegas, Texas and New Hampshire) and fill each of those speedways to capacity and you would have roughly 310,000 people – or the low end of the annual estimate of visitors to the Hillsville Flea Market.

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is it one of the largest gun shows and flea markets in the nation, but it provides major economic impact for the area,” Crowder said. “All the motels are full twice a year and our places to eat are completely packed for those days. Our downtown is crowded and those restaurants are very important, which is vital to keep the area healthy. Without the Flea Market here, we would struggle even more than we do keeping our hotels and restaurants financially healthy.”

In an age where even malls and big chain outlet stores are rapidly dying out due to rise of online shopping giants such as Amazon, the Labor Gun Show & Flea Market in Hillsville has continued to thrive. Although the number of visitors may never again reach the once-estimated figure of 700,000 in the late 1990s, the flea market continues to attract an absurd amount of guests each year.

“I think at one time before eBay and computers, when you were a collector of certain items you had to come here basically to find these items. For years there was a coin sold in the Grover King VFW Post for more than \$500,000, about 18 years in a row before the internet, whether it was a silver





You might even find yourself in a bus full of records if you venture deep enough into the Annual Labor Day Gun Show & Flea Market in Hillsville.



Vintage and antique signs are never in a shortage at the Annual Labor Day Gun Show & Flea Market in Hillsville.





One certainty you can always count on during the Annual Labor Day Gun Show & Flea Market is a manned concession stand inside the Grover King VFW Post 1115 in Hillsville.



"The Fonz" is one of many pop culture icons, or records, that can easily be found in some form or fashion each year during the Annual Labor Day Gun Show & Flea Market in Hillsville.



Food and food vendors are never at a shortage at the Annual Labor Day Gun Show & Flea Market in Hillsville.

dollar or dime, there had to be a meeting place for these super-rare items and this is one of those places," Crowder said. "So before the internet if you were collecting coins, Roosevelt pottery, guns, knives, whatever, if you were an avid high-end collector this is the place where you would find

them. We don't have those super-rare items selling as much now. Now, it is more of a treasure hunt, people trying to find a super-rare item or to find a deal on those hard-to-get items. I am going to do everything within my power to keep it growing and to keep the show modernized."





The Annual Grover King VFW Post 1115 Labor Day Gun Show & Flea Market is still the biggest annual flea market east of the Mississippi. It begins each year the Friday before Labor Day and wraps up on Labor Day Monday.



Shoppers local and far away descend on Hillsville during the four-day Labor Day Gun Show & Flea Market each year, turning the small town of less than 3,000 into a major metropolis for the weekend.



While the annual Labor Day Gun Show & Flea Market stretches far and wide into Hillsville, the inside of the Grover King VFW Post 1115 is always the center of the festivities.





Classic cars and hot rods from decades past line up Hillsville's Main Street on Second Saturdays during the months of May through September with downtown Hillsville as the backdrop.

# HILLSVILLE'S Second Saturdays

rapidly growing in popularity

**B**etween the months of May and September each year, Second Saturdays have steadily become can't-miss events in Hillsville.

During the second Saturday of each of those months, Hillsville shuts down its Main Street for a few hours of nostalgia and family fun. Once the clock strikes 5 p.m., the small portion of U.S. 52 also designated as the town's Main Street comes alive with muscle cars and hot rods from decades past as a cruise in kicks off the festivities.

After a couple of hours of swapping hot rod stories, Second Saturday attendees migrate to Courthouse Square



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(located at the corner of Court and Pine Streets) for live music on the main stage. Beach music is a staple of Second Saturday concerts, but genres often vary including Motown bands, yacht rock bands, and even the occasional rock and roll show. The opening bands perform at the Hillsville Community Pavilion and the main bands play on the main stage at the courthouse square. The best part is the cruise-ins and concerts are both FREE.

Food, beverages, dancing, and a beer tent are available for adult entertainment, while bouncy houses, face painting and Joy the Clown are set up at Courthouse Square for the kids. Basically the only thing you will need to bring with you is a chair and the willingness to have a good time.

Members of Hillsville Town Council praised the growing popularity of Second Saturdays during its July 14 meeting. Unofficial totals for participants at the July 12 concert were more than 1,700 with two family reunions and a birthday party for Mayor Gregory Crowder held during the concert and car show. In fact, Second Saturdays have become so popular they often play host to high school reunions for nearby Carroll County High School and the old Hillsville High School (now Carroll County Middle School).



After a couple of hours of looking at muscle and classic cars, Second Saturday attendees migrate to Courthouse Square (located at the corner of Court and Pine Streets) for live music on the main stage. Beach music is a staple of Second Saturday concerts, but genres often vary including Motown bands, yacht rock bands, and even the occasional rock and roll show.

The July 14 concert deviated from the town's usual beach music offerings for musicians who performed songs from the 80's and 90's eras.

There are still two more Second Saturdays scheduled for the 2025 season as of this printing. Too Much Sylvia will hit the main stage for the Aug. 9 Second Saturday concert with the Robby Danison Band opening. The final event of the season is scheduled for September 13 with Stone Country opening the show for headliner Band of Oz.



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# Devil's Den

## NATURE PRESERVE

A view from an overlook in the Devil's Den Nature Preserve in Fancy Gap.

**M**ore than a century has passed since the Allen Clan supposedly hid out here in 1912, but a partnership between the Fisher Peak Chapter of Friends of the Blue Ridge and Clark Gas & Oil has brought the Devil's Den Nature Preserve in Fancy Gap back to life.

A natural park containing more than 240 acres on top of an escarpment in the Blue Ridge Mountains near the Blue Ridge Parkway, Devil's Den Nature Preserve overlooks the Piedmont of North Carolina, offers miles of beautiful hiking trail, and peace and tranquility in abundance. Also included in the nature preserve is the cave for which it is named, Devil's Den, the place Floyd and Sidna Allen and gang supposedly first sought shelter while hiding from the law after the infamous Carroll County Courthouse Tragedy of 1912 that left five people dead and several more wounded.

In recent years, the non-profit group Friends of the Blue Ridge has made renovations and improvements at the park, including improved overlooks, a nearly 4.5-mile walking trail, and an improved picnic area. Thanks to a partnership between Friends of the Blue Ridge and Clark Gas & Oil, Devil's Den Nature Preserve also now has its first gravel parking lot.

"As Friends of the Blue Ridge, we work with the communities along the Blue Ridge Parkway geographically to try to help them do things like this," said Cary Simms, a local rotarian and member of Friends of the Blue Ridge.

Also a member of the Devil's Den Nature Preserve Board, Simms said Friends of the Blue Ridge got involved with the Devil's Den after it appeared the preserve might have to

be sold off due to a provision in the will noting it should be sold to the Catholic Church after 20 years if it is not self sufficient financially.

"So I got involved and got some other friends and people involved. We formed a new board because everyone else had died and this is the kind of stuff we have been involved with," Simms said. "We got really good people who know how to do trails, so the trails are in great shape."

The trails are marked alphabetically, with each stop along the way listing educational facts. Maps were also created to help adventure seekers along the way. Another trail will take you to the Devil's Den Cave, though the cave entrance is closed to the public. Tubular bells have also been installed near the preserve's most popular overlook.

Most recently, Friends of the Blue Ridge and Clark Gas & Oil joined forces to add a gravel parking lot to the preserve, something that has been an issue in the past when the grass is wet in the park. Simms explained with the Devil's Den Board's funds getting lower and lower, the board didn't want to pay for the majority of the costs associated with a gravel parking lot. But once Clark Gas jumped on board for the project, the board agreed to pay for the majority of the gravel since Clark was going to excavate and pave it at no cost.

***More recently, the Preserve's website has been launched (<https://www.exploredevilsgap.org/>) to provide interested people with more information.***

### **Directions**

**Physical Address: 80 Cemetery Rd, Fancy Gap, VA**



# The Historic CARROLL COUNTY Courthouse



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The courthouse was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1962.

Carroll County Historical Society Museum

Learn about the rich history of Carroll County in the museum located within the Historic District of Hillsville in the Historic Carroll County Courthouse.

The facility presents the history of Carroll County and its various communities in a variety of ways. Exhibits and artifacts reflect the heritage of Carroll County, which was formed in 1842. Early Native American artifacts recovered from a nearby archaeological dig are also on display. A large Civil War collection including a drum used by local unit is also featured. The museum has extensive archive and reference materials in its resource section. Guided tours are available of the Historic 1873 Courthouse, which is an architectural gem and site of the tragic shooting incident in March 1912 (advance reservations requested). Publication and gift sales are available.

The Carroll County Historical Museum is located at 515 North Main Street in Hillsville.



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# HALE-WILKINSON-CARTER HOME

What is today “The Hale-Wilkinson-Carter Home” was built by Captain Fielden Lewis Hale as a 13-room, three-story home in 1845. The original home was a brick home with four chimneys in the Federalist style. The Hales were among the wealthiest families in Carroll County, which was carved out of Grayson County in 1842. The home is on the highest hill in Hillsville, Virginia and was built on the Wytheville Pike, which was the only North-South route through the mountain gap at the time it was built.

In 1864 the home was purchased by James Wilkinson, whose daughter, Mayetta, married railroad tycoon George Lafayette Carter. The Carters lived in the home following Mr. Wilkinson’s death in 1914. The Carters made significant additions to the home in 1924 to make it a 34-room, five-story home.

After Mayetta died, the house was sold to Carroll County in 1959, and was used for governmental offices until the new

Governmental Complex was completed in 2000. In 2001, the house became a community project under the supervision of the Hale-Wilkinson-Carter Home Foundation, which is a 501(c)3 organization. The home’s future looked bleak until a proposal was made to the Carroll County Board of Supervisors by Mrs. Evelyn Botschen in February of 2001. Upon approval of the county, the Hale-Wilkinson-Carter Foundation, Inc. was established to preserve the home for future generations.

On January 19, 2010, two members of the Foundation met with the county administrator to discuss the conditions of the potential transfer of the Hale-Wilkinson-Carter Home to the Foundation. Shortly afterward, the Board of Supervisors gave their approval for the transfer of the home during a public hearing held at Carroll County High School. The Home, located on .557 acres in historic downtown Hillsville, was deeded to the foundation on April 5, 2010.



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## CITY OF GALAX

**Population 6,730**

**MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS** - City of Galax Municipal Building -  
111 East Grayson Street, Galax, Va., 24333;  
Phone - (276) 236-2131

## PLACES TO VOTE

### • EAST PRECINCT

- 107 Country Club Lane, Galax, Va.

### • WEST PRECINCT

- 601 South Main Street, Galax, Va.

## WHERE TO PAY WATER BILL

**GALAX MUNICIPAL BUILDING,**  
111 East Grayson Street, Galax, Va., 24333;  
Phone - (276) 236-2131

## WHERE TO PAY TAXES

**GALAX FINANCE DEPARTMENT,**  
111 East Grayson Street, Galax, Va., 24333;  
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## GALAX CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**SUPERINTENDENT** - Susan Tilley

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## GRAYSON COUNTY

**Population 15,343**

**MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS** - Grayson County Courthouse -  
209 State Route T 1101, Independence, Va. (276) 236-8149

## WHERE TO PAY TAXES

### GRAYSON COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE -

Grayson County District Court - 129 State Rte T 1101,  
Independence, Va., 24348

## WHERE TO PAY YOUR WATER BILL

**GRAYSON COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE,**  
129 Davis Street, Suite 205 PO Box 127,  
Independence, Virginia, 24348

## GRAYSON COUNTY POLLING LOCATIONS

### • WILSON DISTRICT

- Bridle Creek, Grace Freewill Baptist Church,  
6211 Wilson Hwy, Independence, VA 24348  
- Flatridge, Flatridge Elementary School,  
8496 Flatridge Road, Troutdale, VA 24378  
- Grant, Grant Goodwill Grange,  
840 Grange Hall Road, Troutdale, VA 24378  
- Mouth of Wilson, Oak Hill Academy,  
2335 Oak Hill Road, Mouth of Wilson, VA 24363  
- Mount Rogers, Whitetop Community Center,  
16309 Highlands Parkway, Whitetop, VA 24292  
- Rugby, Rugby Rescue Fire Building, 53 Rugby Road,  
Mouth of Wilson, VA 24363  
- Troutdale, Troutdale Fire & Rescue Squad,  
291 Ripshin Road, Troutdale, VA 24378  
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- Independence, Grayson County High School, 110 Blue Devil Dr, Independence, VA 24348

#### • OLDTOWN DISTRICT

- Baywood, Baywood Wesleyan Church, 1995 Old Baywood Rd, Galax, VA 24333
- Fairview, Fairview Elementary School, 2323 Fairview Road, Galax, VA 24333

#### • PROVIDENCE DISTRICT

- Fries, Fries School Auditorium, 114 East Main Street, Fries, VA 24330
- Providence, Old Providence School, 56 Bainbridge Rd, Fries, VA 24330
- Oldtown, Bible Baptist Church, 1149 Greenville Road, Galax, VA 24333
- CAP, Grayson County Courthouse, 129 Davis Street, Independence, VA 24348

## GRAYSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

#### FAIRVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL -

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Phone - (276) 236-2365

#### FRIES SCHOOL -

114 East Main Street, Fries, Va., 24330;  
Phone - (276) 744-7201

#### GRAYSON COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTER -

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#### GRAYSON HIGHLANDS SCHOOL -

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#### INDEPENDENCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL -

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#### GRAYSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**SUPERINTENDENT** - Kelly Whitmore

## GRAYSON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

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## PATRICK COUNTY

**Population 17,643**

#### MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS

#### PATRICK COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING,

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## WHERE TO PAY TAXES

#### PATRICK COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE,

P.O. Box 668, Stuart, Va., 24171; Phone - (276) 694-7257.

## WHERE TO PAY WATER BILL

**TOWN OF STUART**, P.O. Box 422, Stuart, Va., 24171; Phone

- (276) 694-3811; or Patrick County PSA, 100 Patrick Avenue, Stuart, Va., 24171.

## PATRICK COUNTY VOTING PRECINCTS AND THEIR LOCATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

#### • DAN RIVER DISTRICT:

- Ararat - Ararat Ruritan Bldg. 4711 Ararat Hwy

- Claudville - Claudville Community Bldg.  
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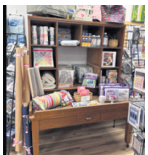
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2130 Dry Pond Hwy.

- Patrick Springs - Patrick Springs Fire Station  
181 Spring Rd.

- Russell Creek - Russell Creek Community Bldg.  
1808 Ayers Orchard Rd.

• **MAYO RIVER DISTRICT:**

- Critz/Stella - Hardin Reynolds Elementary School  
3597 Dogwood Rd.

- Liberty - Patrick Henry Fire Department  
3125 County Line Rd.

• **BLUE RIDGE DISTRICT:**

- Meadows of Dan - Meadows of Dan Community Bldg.  
2858 Jeb Stuart Hwy.

- Stuart Fairgrounds - Hooker Building (Rotary Field)  
420 Woodland Dr.

• **SMITH RIVER DISTRICT:**

- Stuart Community - Stuart Community Center  
(Patrick Henry Community College, Patrick Site)  
212 Wood Brothers Dr.

- Elamsville - Fairystone Fire Station  
6687 Fairystone Park Hwy.

- Woolwine - Smith River Rescue Squad Bldg.  
9962 Woolwine Hwy.

**PATRICK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS -**

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**BLUE RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL -**

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