

100+ things to do

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Let's face it. We've all been feeling a little cooped up. As the world begins to reopen, there's a lot to see and do right here in the beautiful Appalachian Highlands. Whether you're looking for outdoor adventure, history, music, culture, solitude or family fun, there's plenty to choose from in the mountains of Northeast Tennessee, Southwest Virginia and Western North Carolina. Here are 100-plus options, just to help get you started.

Note: As COVID-19 continues to affect our region, be sure to check with each location before making plans.

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THE GEORGE L. CARTER RAILROAD MUSEUM



ET&WNC RR ("Tweetsie") layout in our other large gallery that depicts the narrow gauge railroad that started in Johnson City.

Showcasing America's Steel Wheeled History

Located on the campus of East Tennessee State University in the Campus Center Building (176 Ross Drive), the George L. Carter Railroad Museum is open on Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. There is no admission fee, but donations are welcome for its upkeep.

type and model railroading enthusiasts, which is accomplished through two organizations, the Mountain Empire Model Rail Roaders Club and the G.L. Carter Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society, both of which offer age-appropriate membership opportunities.

The museum is housed in multiple exhibit and work areas on the first floor of the building, and handicap access is available.

The museum is excited to have been nationally featured for 7 consecutive years in an annual narrow-gauge model railroad magazine. The museum also hosts off-site activities such as annual public rail excursions and an annual Big Train Show. The director of the Carter Museum is Dr. Fred Alsop. For further information or questions, contact him at 423-439-6838 or alsopf@etsu.edu. For disability accommodations, please call the ETSU Office of Disability Services at 423-439-8346.

Named for late 19th century industrialist George L. Carter, who developed the Clinchfield Railroad and provided the land for the ETSU campus, the museum's objectives are four-fold. First, to honor Mr. Carter's legacy to the region and to railroad history. Second, to foster educational outreach by showcasing realistic model railroading operations and by displaying both model and prototype rail-related equipment with multiple scale models and time periods. Third, to use special activities, such as The Little Engineer's Room, birthday parties, and Heritage Days, to encourage the interest of young people who are not as familiar with railroading. Fourth, to serve as a regional meeting facility for both proto-



The Little Engineer's Room is a highlight for younger visitors and is managed by staff from the University. Many enjoyable family experiences are had here every Saturday.



Largest of the displays is the 24x44 foot HO scale layout owned and operated by the MEMRR club, whose members showcase equipment on it each Saturday from 10:00AM to 3:00PM.



Get Outdoors!

Appalachian National Scenic Trail

(Tn-Va): Whether you're looking for a day hike or a backpacking adventure, Northeast Tennessee and Southwest Virginia offer some of the 2,180-plus mile footpath's most breathtaking scenery. Several popular sections are easily accessible in our region. To plan your trek, visit www.nps.gov/appa/ or appalachiantrail.org.

A.S. Derrick Park

(Church Hill): City park featuring new playground equipment and splash pad, walking trails, picnic shelters, a boat ramp and a lovely view of the Holston River. Call (423) 357-5531 or visit www.churchhilltn.gov for more information.

Bark Camp Lake

(Coeburn, Va.): The tranquil 45-acre lake at Bark Camp is regularly stocked with trout and offers excellent fishing and boating, including two fishing piers and a paved boat launch (no electric motors). Other highlights include: a three-mile shoreline trail, picnic tables with grills, a campground, outdoor stage and restrooms. Visit fs.usda.gov/recmain/gwj/recreation.

Bays Mountain Park

(Kingsport): Take a leisurely stroll around the picturesque 44-acre lake, hike to the fire tower, or hit the 32 miles of mountain bike trails. Take in a planetarium show, visit the animal habitats, go for a barge

ride, or take in a nature program. Options abound in this 3,500-acre, city-owned park now celebrating its 50th anniversary. Visit baysmountain.com or call (423) 229-9447. Sponsored

Beauty Spot

(Unicoi County): Known for its panoramic views of the Tennessee and North Carolina mountains, it's one of the region's most accessible lookouts.

Visit www.visitjohnsoncitytn.com/place/unaka-mountain-beauty-spot/.



Bays Mountain Park

A large photograph of the Daniel Boone Wilderness Trail Interpretive Center. The building is a long, low structure with a gabled roof, constructed from dark wood and light-colored stone. It features two prominent stone chimneys. In the foreground, there is a paved area and a flagpole. The sky is overcast.

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A satellite of Natural Tunnel State Park, the Daniel Boone Wilderness Trail Interpretive Center provides a glimpse at 18th century life along the Wilderness Road - the narrow path that guided hundreds of thousands westward through the unforgiving terrain of the Appalachian mountains. The interpretive center offers regular programming and features an expansive museum, conference room and gift shop.



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(Damascus, Va.): Peaceful lake, swimming beach and nearby trails make this a popular tent camping area.

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Boatyard Riverfront Park

(Kingsport): A 19-acre community park featuring a children's playground, a flatboat replica, fishing, picnic tables, public restrooms and access to the Kingsport Greenbelt. Visit

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Boone Lake

(Sullivan/Washington counties): Popular location for fishing and water-based recreation with convenient boating access and a swimming area above the dam.

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Borden Park

(Kingsport): A 17-acre neighborhood park offering corn hole, disc golf, playgrounds, tennis courts, pickleball and walking trails.

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Visit www.kingsportparksandrecreation.org/parks/borden-park/.

Breaks Interstate Park

(Va-Ky): A five-mile gorge dubbed the "Grand Canyon of the South" is the featured attraction, but the Breaks - one of just two interstate parks (Kentucky/Virginia) in the country - also features hiking, fishing, mountain bike trails, rock climbing, interpretive programs, live music, horseback riding, geocaching, birding, lodging and more.

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Buffalo Mountain Park

(Johnson City): Streams, overlooks and gorgeous scenery greet visitors along the trails, which range from easy strolls to moderate and strenuous hikes. Call (423) 283-5815 or visit www.johnsoncitytn.org/residents/parks_and_facilities.

Burke's Garden

(Tazewell, Va.): Known as "God's Thumbprint," Virginia's highest valley and largest rural district is a bowl-shaped valley offering breathtaking scenery, abundant wildlife, rare bird watching, biking and hiking along the Appalachian Trail. It's accessible by AT or State Route 623. Learn more at www.visittazewellcounty.org.



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(St. Paul, Va.): Enjoy tubing and kayaking on the scenic Clinch River. Rent equipment or bring your own and utilize our shuttle service. Visit www.clinchrivadventures.com or call (276) 275-4154 to schedule a trip. Sponsored

David Crockett Birthplace State Park

(Limestone): This 105-acre park on the Nolichucky River features an 18th century living farmstead, easy hiking trails, a replica cabin, visitor center, and campground with a playground. Popular for bank and wade fishing, birding, and paddling with launches at designated access points. Call (423) 257-2167 or visit tnstateparks.com/parks/activities/david-crockett-birthplace.

Devil's Bathtub

(Fort Blackmore, Va.): Once a hidden gem, this natural rock formation in the Jefferson National Forest of Scott County is a highly popular 2-mile, 13-creek crossing trek. Visit explorescottcountyva.org for trail reports and information.

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Flag Rock Recreation Area

(Norton, Va.): A 1,000-acre natural playground with 25 developed acres, featuring a campground, picnic shelters, mountain biking/hiking trails, fishing, canoeing, kayaking and rock climbing. It's a sanctuary for green salamanders and the Bigfoot-like creature, known as the "Woodbooger." Visit www.nortonva.gov/439/Flag-Rock-Recreation-Area.

Founders Park

(Johnson City): A lush 5-acre water greenway in the downtown district. It features walking paths, public art, an open-air pavilion and a great lawn. Visit downtownjc.com/parks/.

Grayson Highlands State Park

(Mouth of Wilson, Va.): Situated near Virginia's two highest mountains, the park offers hiking trails with panoramic vistas. It's also popular for camping, fishing, backpacking, bouldering and horse trails. Speaking of horses, some lucky hikers encounter the park's wild ponies. Call (276) 579-7092 or visit www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/grayson-highlands or.

Guest River Gorge Trail

(Coeburn, Va.): A 6-mile, out-and-back, rails-to-trails project that follows an old Norfolk/Southern railroad bed along the Guest River. Offers scenic views and an easy walk or bike ride for the whole family. Visit www.fs.usda.gov/recmain/gwj/recreation.

Hungry Mother State Park

(Marion, Va.): One of the original six Virginia State Parks, the park is known for its woodland beauty and 108-acre lake featuring a sandy beach with a bathhouse. Hiking, biking, fishing, boat rentals (kayaks, canoes, paddle boats, etc), camping and cabins make it a popular summer destination. Call (276) 781-7400 or visit www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/hungry-mother.

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(Johnson City): Located inside Willow Springs Park (on Huffine Road), the 2-acre, member-run dog park provides an enclosed area for dogs to run and play off-leash. Toys, ropes, balls, drinking stations, and two bone-shaped pools available during warm weather are all provided with shade and seating available for members. Visit johnsoncitydogpark.org. Sponsored.

Kingsport Aquatic Center

(Kingsport): State-of-the-art center featuring three indoor pools and an outdoor water park with a 900-foot lazy river. Visit swimkingsport.com or call (423) 343-9758.

Kingsport Greenbelt

(Kingsport): A linear park featuring 10 miles of paved trails that meander along gentle streams through marshlands and open meadows. Walkers, bicyclists and skaters enjoy numerous access points, water fountains, benches, outdoor fitness equipment and more.

Visit www.kingsportparksandrecreation.org/parks/kingsport-greenbelt/.

Laurel Run Park

(Church Hill): Nestled along the Holston River and featuring a playground, picnic shelters, ball fields, disc golf and miles of hiking trails, this family-friendly, 440-acre park was the backdrop for the movie

“The River,” starring Mel Gibson and Sissy Spacek. Take a wildflower walk (they’re plentiful) or hike to Laurel Falls and Kiner Creek Falls. Visit hawkinscountyttn.gov/parks/html.

Little Stony National Recreation Trail

(Coeburn, Va.): Located between Coeburn and Dungannon, Virginia, the moderately difficult 2.8-mile trail follows the stream through a 400-foot-deep and 1,700-foot-wide gorge featuring two waterfalls (8 and 24 feet high). Fishing is allowed along the streams. Visit fs.usda.gov/recmain/gwj/recreation.



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Miracle Park

(Kingsport): A multi-purpose community park featuring the city's Miracle Field with its rubber surface, an adaptive playground, picnic tables, walking trails and public restrooms. Call (423) 229-9458 or visit www.kingsportparksandrecreation.org/parks/miracle-field/.

Mountain View Trail System

(St. Paul, Va.): Premier off-highway vehicle trail system featuring 100 tree-lined miles of green, blue and black multi-use trails with great views, including 10 miles of dedicated single track for dirt bikes. Permits required. Visit SpearheadTrails.com.

Mystery Hill

(Blowing Rock, N.C.): Unique North Carolina attraction blending family fun, science and history for a one-of-a-kind adventure. One ticket gets access to all of the indoor and outdoor adventures, including the famous gravitational anomaly. Visit mysteryhill.com or call (828) 264-2792. Sponsored

Natural Tunnel State Park

(Duffield, Va.): Standing more than 850 feet long and 10 stories high, Natural Tunnel was naturally carved through a limestone ridge thousands of years ago. Today, visitors can ride the chairlift or hike to the tunnel floor, visit the Wilderness Road historic area, hike, or take

in a ranger-led program. Campground and cabins available. Visit www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/natural-tunnel or call (276) 940-2674.

Off the Grid Mountain Adventures

(Elizabethton): Adventure park featuring the region's longest zipline (nearly 3,000 feet), go-kart racing, rappelling and tower jumps, UTV tours, and fun for the whole family. Visit www.offthegriddmountainadventures.com or call (423) 707-6022. Sponsored



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(St. Paul, Va.): A city-owned park with a wetland and forest complex adjacent to the Clinch River, it features walking and biking trails, small boat access, fishing and picnic areas. Visit stpaulva.org or call (276) 762-5297.

Rhododendron Gardens

(Tn-NC Line): Plan your peek at Roan Mountain's spectacular natural Catawba rhododendron gardens during peak bloom time (usually in mid-June). Take a scenic hike along the Appalachian Trail from Carver's Gap or pay a small fee to drive to the recreation area with its paved trail, picnic area, restrooms and observation deck. Visit roanmountain.com.

River Place on the Clinch

(Kyle's Ford): Enjoy a scenic, relaxing float down the Clinch River. Take a hike or a bike ride. Fish and hunt (in season). Or just grab some lunch and explore the breathtaking views of the Clinch River. Visit clinchriverecotourism.com or call (423) 733-4400. Sponsored

Roan Mountain State Park

(Roan Mountain): Located at the base of the 6,285-foot Roan Mountain, the state park features a diverse wildlife and wildflower population, miles of hiking trails, the century-old Miller Farmstead,

cross-country skiing in winter, and fishing in the cool waters of the Doe River, home to three species of trout. The park's highly popular campground and several cabins offer lodging options for overnight guests. Visit tnstateparks.com/parks/roan-mountain or call (423) 547-3900.

Rocky Fork State Park

(Flag Pond): Rocky Fork is 2,076 acres of scenic wilderness known for its rugged, pristine beauty in Unicoi County. Rocky Fork boasts nearly 20 miles of hiking trails and 15 miles of mountain biking trails — many of them challenging. The park is also home to the Whitehouse Cliffs climbing area (permits required) and three primitive backcountry campsites. Visit tnstateparks.com/parks/rocky-fork or call (423) 271-1233.

Rogersville City Park

(Rogersville): A 42-acre park featuring picnic shelters, tennis courts, walking/jogging trail, playground, a duck pond, horseshoe pits, sand volleyball, disc golf and a public swimming pool. Visit Parks and Recreation at www.townofrogersville.com.

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Scott County Regional Horse Park

(Dungannon, Va.): Home to monthly shows featuring youth and adult riders from April to September. The Scott County Regional Horse Association hosts trail rides and various activities to promote all breeds and activities.

South Holston Lake

(Bristol): Hundreds of miles of beautiful shoreline and water draw skiing, boating and fishing enthusiasts to this TVA reservoir known for its smallmouth bass. Fly fishing is also popular on the South Holston below it. A footbridge below the dam leads to Osceola Island and a one-mile wildlife trail. Visit discoverbristol.org.

Steele Creek Park

(Bristol): This 2,200-acre regional park features a 52-acre lake, a nature center, playgrounds, athletic fields, picnic tables, disc golf, exercise trails, a splash pad and paddle boat rentals. Seasonally, COVID-19 restrictions permitting, the Steele Creek Express train ride operates daily from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Visit www.bristoltn.org/steelecreek or call (423) 989-5616.

Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park

(Elizabethton): Home of numerous historical events, including the muster site of the Overmountain Men, the park features interpretive

exhibits, a reconstruction of the 18th century Fort Watauga, the 1.20-mile Patriot's Path along the Watauga River, and recreational programming including everything from traditional arts and crafts to military musters. Visit tnstateparks.com/parks/info/sycamore-shoals or call (423) 543-5808.



Sycamore Shoals

Get Outdoors!

Tannery Knobs Mountain Bike Park

(Johnson City): Designed as a skills park for all ages, it covers 40 acres of heavily wooded terrain and includes professionally designed trails and features. It's also open for hiking and trail running. Visit ridetk.com.

Tweetsie Trail

(Johnson City/Elizabethton): A rails-to-trails project that runs between Johnson City and Elizabethton, it offers a relatively flat grade in a scenic natural setting for walkers, bicyclists and hikers. Visit www.tweetsietrail.com.

USA Raft Adventure Resort

(Erwin): The Nolichucky River Gorge winds through steep-walled canyons and remote forested mountains in East Tennessee and Western North Carolina. USA Raft is a full-service company, offering world-class rafting on the Nolichucky, riverside lodging options, caving trips, guided fishing, tubing, stand-up paddling and more. Visit usaraft.com or call (800) USA-RAFT. Sponsored

Virginia Creeper Trail

(Abingdon/Whitetop, Va.): Rich in beauty and regional history, it stretches 34 miles and is open year-round for trail runs, hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding. Bike rentals and shuttle services available. Visit www.vacreepertrail.com.

Wahoo's Adventures

(Elizabethton/Erwin): The High Country's oldest rafting, kayaking, canoeing, tubing and caving adventure company, offering full-service river outposts with something for all ages and experience levels. Visit wahoosadventures.com or call (800) 444-7238. Sponsored

Warriors' Path State Park

(Kingsport): A 950-acre park on the Patrick Henry Reservoir, Warriors' is popular for boating and fishing and features picnic shelters, a campground, a paved path for walking and bicycling, miles of hiking and mountain biking trails, a golf course, nature programs, riding stables and The Boundless Playground with its fully accessible Anderson Treehouse and Narnia Braille Trail. Call (423) 239-8531 or visit tnstateparks.com/parks/warriors-path.

Watauga Lake

(Carter/Johnson counties): Surrounded by densely forested mountains, Watauga is TVA's highest-elevated reservoir and one of its most pristine. Accessible by winding mountain roads, the lake is great for boating, fishing and swimming (but we'll warn you, due to elevation, it might be a little cold). Visit wataugalaketennessee.com.

Wetlands Water Park

(Jonesborough): Open Memorial Day through Labor Day, the park offers water slides, a lazy river, a kid-friendly zero depth wading area,

water bubblers and more. Call (423) 753-1553 or visit wetlandsjonesborough.com.

Wilderness Road State Park

(Ewing, Va.): Enjoy picnics and nature programs. Visit the reconstructed Martin's Station living history museum. Hike, bike or horseback ride on the Wilderness Road Trail linking the park to the Cumberland Gap National Historical Park. Visit www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/wilderness-road or call (276) 445-3065.

Willow Springs Park

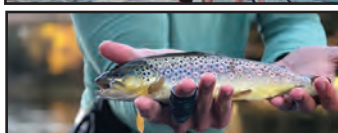
(Johnson City): Gorgeous mountain views abound in this 36-acre park featuring walking trails, playgrounds, picnic areas and a members-only dog park. Call (423) 283-5815 or visit www.johnsoncitytn.org/residents/parks_and_facilities.

Winged Deer Park

(Johnson City): A 200-acre district park featuring athletic fields, disc golf, picnic areas, a half-mile walking track and paved fitness trails, plus a lake area with sand volleyball, public boating access and a festival plaza. It's also home to the historic Robert Young Cabin, Massengill Monument and James H. Quillen Historical Tree Arboretum. Visit www.johnsoncitytn.org/residents/parks_and_facilities or call (423) 283-5815.



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Chuckey Depot - Town of Jonesborough

Allandale Mansion

(Kingsport): The Georgian-style mansion referred to as Kingsport's White House is a popular event venue with tours available upon request and during some community events. Call (423) 229-9422.

Andrew Johnson National Historic Site

(Greeneville): Site includes a visitor center, Memorial Building with presidential museum and tailor shop, Johnson's early home, the homestead and national cemetery where Andrew Johnson and his family are buried. Visit nps.gov/anj or call (423) 638-3551.

Bush Mill

(Nickelsville, Va.): Historic grist mill is a beautiful backdrop for photographs and picnics. Plan your visit during special events, like Bush Mill Day in October, and you can see the mill in operation. Visit explorescottcounty.va.org.

Chuckey Depot Museum

(Jonesborough): Former Southern Railway train depot restored to serve as a museum with themed exhibits and a restored caboose. Visit wataugavalleynrhs.org or call (423) 753-5797.

Daniel Boone Wilderness Trail Interpretive Center

(Duffield, Va.): A satellite location of Natural Tunnel State Park, the center features a museum highlighting the importance of the Wilderness Road and its role in westward expansion. Call (276) 431-0104 or visit experiencethewildernesstrail.com.



Andrew Johnson National Cemetery



Dan'l Boone WT Center Camp Exhibit

History

Doe River Covered Bridge

(Elizabethton): Built in 1882, it's believed to be the oldest such bridge still in use today. Take a walking tour, feed the ducks or picnic on the banks of the Doe River. Covered Bridge Jams offer live music on most Saturdays (June-September). Visit tourcartercounty.com.

Exchange Place

(Kingsport): A living history farm that once served as a relay station along the Old Stage Road, the Gaines-Preston Farm and its Burow Museum recapture life in the early 1800s.

Visit exchangeplace.info or call (423) 288-6071.

George L. Carter Railroad Museum

(Johnson City): Devoted to the region's historical ties to railroads, it's home to historic prototype railroad memorabilia, toy trains and model railroading locomotives, rolling stock, and structures. It features four large operating layouts in three different scales.

Visit etsu.edu/railroad or call (423) 439-3382.

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Hale Springs Inn

(Rogersville): Built in 1824, the inn has hosted three presidents (Andrew Jackson, Andrew Johnson and James K. Polk). Now offers modern-day amenities along with a restaurant and tavern. Visit halespringsinn.com or call (423) 272-5171.



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Heritage Alliance

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Netherland Inn

(Kingsport): Rising above the Holston River, the historic house museum and boatyard complex includes a three-story Federal architectural gem, a Log Cabin Children's Museum and the Museum of Pioneer Transportation. Tours and special events highlight the importance of the region as an American frontier settlement. Visit thenetherlandinn.com or call (423) 245-5449.

Old Deery Inn & Museum

(Blountville): Two-story Dutch clapboard structure that served as a main waystation on the Great Stage Road and host to notable guests like Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk, King Louis Phillipe Orleans and Marquis de LaFayette. Visit historicsullivan.com to learn more.

Rocky Mount State Historic Site

(Piney Flats): Home of the famous Cobb house and other historic structures, well-known for its service as the capital of the Southwest Territory in the late 1700s. Also features a museum, blacksmith shop, garden and living history events. Visit rockymountmuseum.com or call (423) 538-7396.



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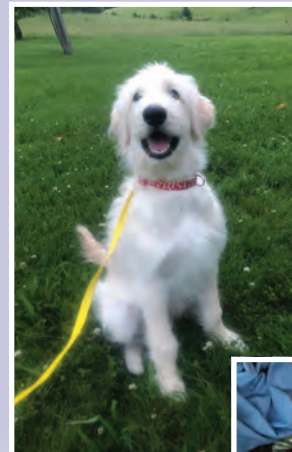


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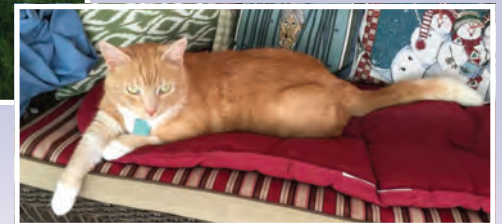
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Axe Handle Distilling

(Pennington Gap, Va.): A family-owned distillery in the heart of the mountains, featuring a tasting room, distillery and venue for live music, food trucks, car and bike cruise-ins, Friday night community bluegrass picking sessions, and more. Find them on Facebook or call (276) 318-6162. Sponsored

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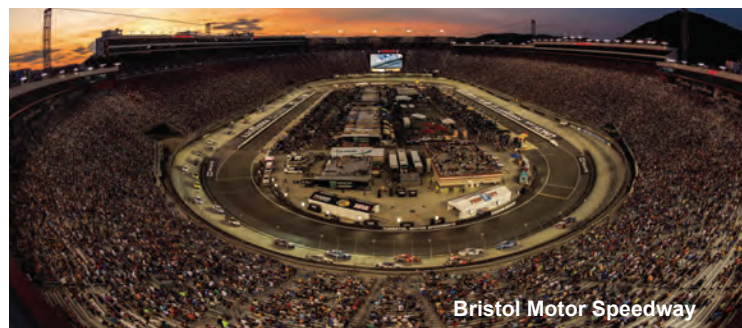
(Rogersville): Car show and live entertainment in historic downtown Rogersville from 6 to 9 p.m. on May 28, June 11, July 2, Aug. 13, Sept. 10 and Oct. 8. Visit rogersvillemainstreet.com or call (423) 272-2186.

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Quilt Trail

(Various): Promoted by the Appalachian RC&D, the Quilt Trail connects visitors with stories about the farms and families along the route. The six-county Northeast Tennessee section of the Quilt Trail boasts over 130 quilt sites. Visit <https://arcd.org/quilt-trail/>.



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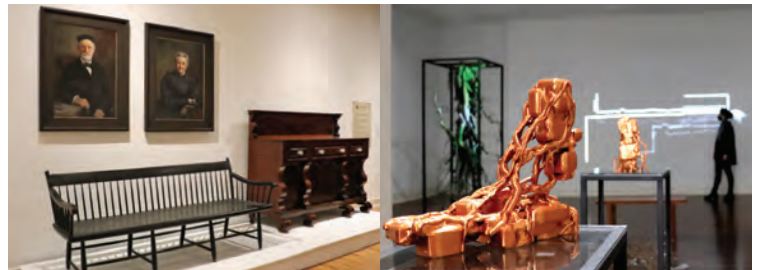
(Big Stone Gap, Va.): The 58th anniversary season of Virginia's official outdoor drama runs Thursdays through Saturdays, July 9-Aug. 21, at the June Tolliver Playhouse. Show time is 8 p.m. Visit trailofthelonesomepine.com.

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Bert Street Music Series

(Johnson City): Live music Thursdays (Aug. 12-Sept. 16) from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Memorial Park Community Center Amphitheater. Call (423) 283-5827.

Birthplace of Country Music Museum

(Bristol): An affiliate of the Smithsonian Institute, the state-of-the-art museum celebrates the influence of the 1927 Bristol sessions.

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Carter Family Fold

(Hiltons, Va.): Honoring the first family of country music, the Carter Family Fold celebrates traditional music with a variety of artists performing Saturday nights at the rustic, 1,000-seat music shed. Visit www.carterfamilyfold.org for show schedules.

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Hicks Friday Night Jam

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Ralph Stanley Museum

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Symphony of the Mountains

(Kingsport): The Symphony of the Mountains professional orchestra, Voices of the Mountains chorus and Youth Orchestra & Primo Program offer a vast array of musical experiences throughout Northeast Tennessee and Southwest Virginia. Visit symphonyofthemountains.org for a complete schedule.

The Crooked Road

(Various): The more than 300-mile-long Virginia Heritage Music Trail winds its way through the Appalachian Highlands, where a variety of Southwest Virginia venues showcase the significant history and tradition of bluegrass and old-time music. Visit www.thecrookedroad.org.

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Sept. 10-12	Bristol Rhythm & Roots Reunion (Bristol)
Sept. 24-25	Racks by the Tracks (Kingsport)
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