

Berkeley County Relocation Package



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INTRODUCTION

LONG & FOSTER/WEBBER & ASSOCIATES is a growing, vibrant real estate firm. Long & Foster/Webber & Associates is one of the largest offices in the Blue Ridge Association of Realtors area. We currently have a staff of 50 Associates. Among these are one Associate Broker, 5 Associates with the hard earned GRI (Graduate Realtors Institute) designation, one CRB (Certified Residential Broker) designation, 2 CRS (Certified Residential Specialist), 3 SRES (Senior Real Estate Specialist) and 6 ABR (Accredited Buyer Representative) designations. We also have 14 agents whom are multi-state licensed.

We are highly visible in the real estate community, having won virtually every award available from our Association. We have staff that has served on the local Association's Board of Directors and has held every office through the Association's presidency. Our sales staff has won Salesperson of the Year Award, Rookie of the Year Award, Realtor of the Year and Ethics Awards. In some of these categories, we have multiple winners. The agents of Long & Foster/Webber & Associates are community oriented. We work for the Chamber of Commerce, and act as volunteers in almost every charity, including raising money for Habitat for Humanity.

As a business entity, we are clearly leaders. Our relocation package is second to none. Our agents come from, and work with, all walks of life. We are highly trained and continue our education through weekly sessions. We have extensive backgrounds in relocation.

Long & Foster/Webber & Associates is located at 1001 Berryville Avenue, which becomes Route 7 East, is among the heaviest traveled routes in the City of Winchester. We operate from a two thousand seven hundred square foot modern office building built and designed as a real estate office. Our one-story, ground level location makes our visibility and image second to none, and the ground floor, front door parking and handicapped accessed facility makes the convenience for our customers and clients unparalleled.

GOVERNMENT

Berkeley County is the second oldest county in West Virginia. Created in 1772 from the northern third of Frederick County, Virginia and named for Norbourn Berkeley, (Baron Boutetort) Colonial Governor of Virginia from 1768 to 1770. Martinsburg, recognized as the “fastest growing City in the State” is known as the “Gateway to the Shenandoah Valley.” Located in the heart of the Eastern Panhandle, the City serves as the county seat and was founded in 1778, by General Adam Stephen who named it in honor of Colonel Thomas Bryan Martin, a nephew of Lord Fairfax. It was incorporated by act of the legislature March 30, 1868.

City of Martinsburg

City Manager, Mayor and 7 Councilmen

Fire and Rescue: ISO Class 5, 28 career firefighters plus volunteer support from 2 volunteer departments

Police: Police Chief, 44 sworn officers

Berkeley County

County Administrator, 3 Commissioners

Central Dispatch: Countywide Enhanced 911

Fire and Rescue: ISO Class 6/9, 3 career departments, 5 volunteer departments

Emergency Medical Services: 1 career department, 35 paid professionals, 5 volunteer departments.

Police: Sheriff, 32 sworn Deputies

State of West Virginia

Police: 20 full-time Troopers

Driver’s License:

After establishing residency, new residents who want to drive in WV must apply for a WV driver’s license within 30 days. If you have a valid non-expired out-of-state license, you are eligible to transfer the license. You are required to pass a vision test, complete a brief alcohol awareness course and surrender your out-of-state license before a WV license will be issued. A transfer applicant must present all acceptable documents that are required for a first-time applicant. A written examination is also required for applicants under the age of 18. If you have a motorcycle endorsement on your license the Division will transfer the endorsement for an additional fee of \$5.00.

If the out-of-state license is expired, you take all examination tests, vision, written and road skill examinations before making application for a driver’s license. A new resident who does not have possession of the out-of-state license, must obtain a certified driving record from the state in which they were previously licensed.

If your out-of-state license is suspended or revoked, you will not be licensed in WV, until you receive a “clearance” in the PDPS. It is illegal to drive in WV with a suspended or revoked license. All applicants for a WV driver’s license must be verified with the PDPS, the Problem Driver Pointer System. It is important to confirm that you are not under suspension in any other jurisdiction before attempting to obtain a license in West Virginia.

Vehicle Taxes, Tags, Titles, Inspection & Registration:

New residents must have their vehicles titled and registered within thirty 30 of establishing residency.

The title fees include a 5% privilege tax, a \$10 title fee, and a \$5 lien fee, if there is a lien on the vehicle. The registration (license plate) fee is \$30. The 5% privilege tax is based on the purchase price of the vehicle.

If you are moving here from out of state, the tax is based on the Automobile Red Book loan value of the vehicle.

West Virginia requires a routine safety inspection every twelve (12) months. Vehicles may be inspected at any official inspection station licensed by the West Virginia State Police. When a vehicle passes the inspection, a sticker valid for twelve (12) months will be placed on the inside of the windshield. It is illegal to drive a vehicle without a valid inspection sticker. New residents have 10 days from the date they title a vehicle to have a West Virginia inspection. This also includes the purchase of vehicles out of state.

When a vehicle is registered in West Virginia, the registrant will receive a license plate and registration card, which should be kept in the vehicle with the current insurance certificate at all times.

Firearm Registration:

Contact your State Police for information on restrictions and/or use and possession, which may be found under the conservation laws. Registration is not mandatory.

Voter Registration:

Residents must register to vote and may do so at the Department of Motor Vehicles in Martinsburg or at the County Clerk's office in Charles Town (304-728-3246). A voter must reside in the state a minimum of 30 days before an election to be eligible to vote and must be registered in the precinct in which he lives. Party affiliations may be changed before a primary election at the County Clerk's Office.

Absentee ballots are available for those unable to vote in person the day of the election. These ballots must be submitted before Election Day to be valid but will not be counted until Election Day.

Polls in Jefferson County open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. An electronic voting system is used with the ballot card inserted into a vote recorder and a punch tool recording the vote.

Voting Locations:

There are 25 designated locations within the county to vote, divided by precinct. Several of these serve two precincts and any and all of them are subject to change. Calling the Voter Registration Office at 304-728-3246 may make verification of these locations.

TAXES

Personal Income Tax

The city and county do not have income taxes. For the State Income Tax a graduated scale of rates is applied to taxable income of all residents, individuals, estates and trusts and on the West Virginia income of nonresidents. The tax begins with federal adjusted gross income. Individuals are allowed a \$2,000 deduction for each exemption claimed on their federal return. Individuals over the age of 65 are allowed an additional \$8,000 income exemption. Tax rates range from 3% on the first \$10,000 of taxable income to 6.5% of income exceeding \$60,000. Business and Occupation Tax taxpayers may credit such taxes paid against up to 100% of their Personal Income Tax liabilities.

Sales Tax

The West Virginia State sales tax is 6%, with no city or county sales tax.

Real Estate & Personal Property Taxes

Real Estate Tax:

Berkeley County: 1.1398 per \$100 assessed for Class 2
2.2796 per \$100 assessed for Class 3

Tax law mandates that all property be reassessed every 3 years; and, that the assessment be at 60 percent of market value.

Personal Property Tax:

City: 2.8216 per \$100 assessed
County: 2.2796 per \$100 assessed

Incentives

In West Virginia, incentives for new industry come through the State, instead of through the localities.

Employee Training

West Virginia offers up to \$2,000 per employee for training costs through the Governor's Guaranteed Work Force Program. While not for wage reimbursement, actual costs of training are covered. West Virginia guarantees that the workers trained through this program will meet the employer's requirements, or that training will continue until the employee does meet the requirements.

Tax Credits

West Virginia offers a Super Tax Credit or a Small Business Credit for companies making a capital investment and creating jobs in the state. Small businesses creating a minimum of 10 jobs can receive a credit of 30% of their qualified investment. Larger companies creating 50 to 1,000 jobs can receive tax credits from 50% to 90% of their qualified investments. West Virginia also has available additional tax incentive programs, such as the Freeport Tax Exemption. This allows warehoused goods in transit to an out of state destination to be exempt from local and Valorem Property Tax.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

ANIMAL WARDEN	304-263-4729
ASSESSOR'S OFFICE	304-264-1904
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 198 Viking Way, Martinsburg, WV 25401 www.berkeleycounty.org	304-267-4841
CIRCUIT CLERK OFFICE	304-264-1918
BERKELEY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY 110 W. Burke Street, Martinsburg, WV	304-267-4144
CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU 229A E. Martin Street, Martinsburg, WV	304-264-8801
EMPLOYMENT WV Department of Employment Monroe Street, Martinsburg, WV	304-267-0030
EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS Ambulance, Fire, Law Enforcement Emergencies Poison Control Center Emergency Alert System Radio	911 800-222-1222 WEPM-AM 1340, WLTF-FM 97.5
NON-EMERGENCIES Berkeley County Central Dispatch Berkeley County Office of Emergency Services American Red Cross, Berkeley County Chapter (Disaster Preparedness and Shelter information) Salvation Army (Martinsburg Corps)	304-263-1330 304-263-1345 304-263-5241 304-263-4612
LAW ENFORCEMENT W.V. State Police – Berkeley County Detachment Berkeley county Sheriff's Department Martinsburg City Police Department Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Drug Enforcement Administration Domestic Violence Hotline FBI U.S. Marshal Service U.S. Secret Service	304-267-0001 Or cell phone *77 304-267-7000 304-264-2100 304-347-5249 304-347-5209 304-428-2333 304-263-3421 304-623-0486 304-347-5188

HEALTH

Berkeley County Health Department	304-263-5131
City Hospital (Martinsburg)	304-264-1000
Jefferson Memorial Hospital (Ranson)	304-728-1600
Washington County (MD) Hospital	301-790-8000
Winchester (VA) Medical Center	540-536-8000
Eastern Panhandle Free Clinic	304-724-6091
Veterans Affairs Medical Center	304-263-0811
WV Dept. of Health & Human Resources	304-267-0100
National Response Center (Chemical, Oil Spills & (Chemical/Biological Terrorism)	800-424-8802
(State Emergency Spill Notification)	800-624-3074

FIRE AND RESCUE

Berkeley County Fire Service Board	304-264-1945
Berkeley County Emergency Ambulance Authority	304-264-1921
Back Creek Volunteer Fire and Ambulance	304-229-8992
Baker Heights Volunteer Fire and Ambulance	304-263-7755
Bedington Volunteer Fire and Ambulance	304-274-2381
Hedgesville Volunteer Fire and Ambulance	304-754-3662
Martinsburg Fire Department	304-264-2111
South Berkeley Volunteer Fire and Ambulance	304-229-5377
WV State Fire Marshals' Office (Arson Hotline)	800-233-3473

HUNTING & FISHING

304-264-1942

WOMEN'S SHELTER 24 HOUR HOTLINE

304-263-8292

EAST RIDGE HEALTH SYSTEMS (MENTAL HEALTH)

304-263-8954

LICENSES

Division of Motor Vehicles	304-558-3900
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NEWSPAPERS

The Journal (Daily Newspaper)	304-267-9706
www.journal-news.net	
The Buyers Guide (Weekly Publication)	304-267-9983

POST OFFICE

1355 Old Courthouse Square, Martinsburg, WV	800-275-8777
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TAX LISTING

Berkeley County	304-264-1904
Martinsburg City Hall	304-264-2131

TELEPHONE

Bell Atlantic

(Residential)

304-954-6200

(Business)

800-562-2355

<http://www.bell-atl.com>**TV CABLE**

Adelphia Cable Communications

304-725-9185

C/R TV Cable

304-263-4961

UTILITIES

City of Martinsburg Water and Sewer

304-264-2126

Berkeley County Water and Sewer

304-263-8566

Allegheny Power

800-255-3443

Shenandoah Gas Company

304-263-3366

Trash/Recycling/Debris

Yard Waste

304-264-2131

Special Bulk Item Pick-up

304-264-2126

Garbage Collection

304-264-2126

Special Garbage Collection

304-264-2131

Preparing Recyclables

304-264-2126

VOTER REGISTRATION

304-264-1989

WEST VIRGINIA AREA CODE

(304)

WEST VIRGINIA STATE TAX DEPARTMENT

304-267-0022

PARKS & RECREATION

273 Woodbury Avenue, Martinsburg, WV

304-264-4842

HEALTH

CITY HOSPITAL

At City Hospital, it is our mission to serve as a recognized leader in the provision of high quality, cost-effective healthcare and wellness services. To fulfill this mission, we are proud to offer our patients and their family's state-of-the-art technology, along with the most sophisticated medical support services they are likely to need in their lifetime.

City Hospital Medical Staff Members and highly skilled professional staff are the best at what they do. With a shared dedication to providing healthcare excellence in a compassionate and supportive environment, each patient benefits from a high level of confidence in knowing there are is our first priority. Equally important is our goal of enhancing the well-being of our community. Through sponsored health and wellness programs, prenatal classes, as well as a complete range of educational in-services and support groups, the entire City Hospital team is in effect “touching lives everyday.” For information on our service offerings, educational programs/support groups, or help in finding a physician, please call our free and confidential City Hospital’s Physician and Service Referral Line, 304-264-1DOC (1362).

Comprehensive service areas at City Hospital include: Behavioral Health, Birthing Center, Business Health, Cancer Radiation Therapy, Cardiopulmonary, Center for Diabetes, Endocrinology & Metabolism, Emergency Services, ICU/Critical Care, Laboratory, Oncology, Orthopedics, Outpatient Services, Pediatrics, Radiology Imaging, Rehabilitation Therapy, Same Day Surgery, Sports Medicine, Surgical Department, The Wellness Center, and Transitional Care Unit.

THE WELLNESS CENTER AT CITY HOSPITAL

Achieving a Healthier Lifestyle

The Wellness Center at City Hospital offers the community one of the most technologically advanced fitness centers in the region. The Technogym Smartkey System at The Wellness Center is a unique service that provides visual feedback throughout a member’s workout. Monitors attached to state-of-the-art cardiovascular and resistance training equipment automatically record and tracks one’s progress, and provide cumulative results at the end of each exercise routine.

Each Wellness Center member receives a customized workout plan tailored specifically to his/her current fitness level and expressed goals. Members also benefit from ongoing assistance from our highly skilled staff of certified professionals who have advanced degrees in health and fitness. The staff’s expertise helps assure a safe and medically sound workout program.

Our goal at The Wellness Center is to help members achieve a healthier lifestyle. Aerobic conditioning classes, weight management programs, massage therapy, and a variety of well-rounded activities are offered and play an important part in a total fitness program. A full range of membership options are available to suit each member's needs. For more information or to arrange a personal tour of our facility, contact one of our certified professionals today by calling 304-264-1232. The Wellness Center is conveniently located on the first floor of the Dorothy A. McCormack Center on City Hospital's campus, Dry Run Road, Martinsburg.
www.cityhospital.org

MARTINSBURG VA MEDICAL CENTER

The Price of Freedom is Made Visible here

It is the goal of the Martinsburg VA Medical Center to be the health care provider of choice in our area, exceeding standards and expectations of care. The Martinsburg VAMC is a 99-bed primary and secondary care facility, providing medical, surgical and psychiatric services. Long-term care is provided in a 148-bed Nursing Home Care Unit and 312-bed Domiciliary. A full range of medical, surgical and psychiatric outpatient services are offered. Patient care is provided through an integrated primary care concept in which each veteran is assigned to a team of health care providers who follow the patient's care. Community-based outpatient clinics are located in Harrisonburg, VA and Petersburg and Franklin, WV. The Medical Center has a service area of more than 110,000 veterans in West Virginia, Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania. In addition to affiliations in ophthalmology and dental, the Medical Center provides training opportunities for over 300 students from 25 allied health programs.

Martinsburg is part of the Capitol Health Care Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) # 5, along with VAMC Washington, D.C. and VA Maryland Health Care System—which consists of VAMCs Baltimore, Perry Point, and Ft. Howard. The employees of the Martinsburg VA are dedicated to improving the quality of life for eligible veterans through excellent health care. The Medical Center is administratively responsible for the Vet Center in Martinsburg, and the Culpeper and Winchester Cemeteries in Virginia.

Affiliations: George Washington University School of Medicine, West Virginia School of Medicine and Dental School, and West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine.

WINCHESTER MEDICAL CENTER

Winchester Medical Center offers a full range of medical and surgical services for the residents in our tri-state area providing total health care. It is the only regional referral center within approximately 75 miles of Winchester. Other resources include 178 doctors, 47 dentists, 24 private and public clinics, 5 nursing homes and 7 adult rest homes.

As health care providers since the turn of the century, they maintain their founding ideal - to provide the highest quality health care with small town compassion. They call it “***Excellence with a personal touch***”. In support of their commitment to quality, they voluntarily submit to review of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. The Commission has consistently awarded them full accreditation, recognition bestowed on only **one** out of **four** hospitals nationally.

Winchester Medical Center provides medical care regardless of income level. Their average patient charges are competitive with comparably sized hospitals throughout the state and nation. Their attending medical staff consists of more than 178 physicians. This medical community of practitioners is virtually all board certified, and represents all medical specialties.

FACILITIES

- A 408 bed, 480,000 square foot acute care facility with all private rooms
- Helipad and 24 hour regional Emergency Room
- The Winchester Medical Office Building
- The Shenandoah Valley Cancer Center
- Outpatient Diagnostic Center
- Employee Child Care Center
- Urgent Care Center
- Adult Psychiatric Center
- Adolescent Treatment Center
- 250 seat Conference Center
- Valley Pharmacy
- Blue Ridge Hospice
- Chit-Chat Winchester

CHILD LIFE SERVICES: Preparation for children prior to hospitalization can alleviate needless stress for parents and children. Hospital tours for groups and families are also available. Call 722-8042 for information about these free services.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Consider joining the volunteer forces. They’ll help you select a rewarding position to best fit your skills and schedule. Call 722-8156.

PHYSICIAN REFERRAL SERVICE: Need help locating the right physician for your specific needs? Call Winchester Medical Center’s free Physician Referral Service at 536-8877. Complimentary medical staff directories are also available.

STEPPIN’ OUT: Join the free indoor walking program, co-sponsored with the Apple Blossom Mall, Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. – 9:30 p.m., Sundays 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Call Apple Blossom Mall 665-0203.

STROKE CLUB: Meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. for stroke patients and their families. Membership is free. Call 665-5184.

CHILDBIRTH EDUCATION CLASSES: Prenatal classes are available for expectant parents beginning their third trimester. Call 536-8768 weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Breastfeeding classes and support groups are also available.

SPECIALIZATIONS:

- Adolescent Psychiatry
- Allergy and Immunology
- Anesthesiology
- Angioplasty
- Audiology
- Cancer Care (See Oncology)
- Cardiology
 - Cardiopulmonary Lab
 - Electrocardiography
 - Coronary Angioplasty
 - Cardiac Catheterization
 - Open Heart Surgery
 - Cardiac Rehabilitation
- Clinical Pathology
- Clinical Psychology
- Critical Care
- Dentistry
- Dermatology
- Detoxification (Alcohol and Drug)
- Diagnostic and Therapeutic Radiological Services
 - CT Scanning
 - Ultrasonography
 - Radioisotopes
- Emergency Medicine
- Endocrinology
- Family Practice
- General Surgery
- Gynecology
- Home Health
- Internal Medicine
- Litotripsy
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging
- Medical Education
- Neurology
- Neuro Special Care
- Neurosurgery
- Neuro/Stroke
- Rehabilitation
 - Nuclear Medicine
 - Nutrition Services
 - Obstetrics/Gynecology
 - Occupational Therapy
 - Oncology/Hematology
 - Chemotherapy
 - Radiation Oncology
 - Ophthalmology
 - OPTIFAST Weight Control
 - Oral Surgery
 - Orthopaedic Surgery
 - Otolaryngology
 - Outpatient Surgery
 - Pediatrics
 - Pediatric Dentistry
 - Pharmacy
 - Physical Therapy
 - Plastic Surgery
 - Premature and Well Baby Nurseries
 - Psychiatry
 - Recreational Therapy
 - Rehabilitation
 - Renal Dialysis
 - Respiratory Therapy
 - Rheumatology
 - Speech Therapy
 - Social Services
 - Thoracic/Cardiovascular Surgery
 - Urology

WINCHESTER MEDICAL CENTER TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Main Hospital	540-536-8000
Admitting	540-536-8050
Chaplain	540-536-8181
Emergency	540-536-8700
Patient Information	540-536-8155
Physician Referral	540-536-8877

Other major facilities in the area include the Newton D. Baker Veterans Hospital, located in Martinsburg, West Virginia. Its facilities consist of 377 beds, plus 120 Nursing beds and 520 Domiciliary beds, is within 20 minutes of Winchester. The Northwestern Mental Health Services, a mental health clinic for children and adults, is operated under the Mental Health and Retardation Division of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Warren Memorial Hospital, Front Royal, has an active medical staff of 40, 111 general medical beds and 40 nursing home beds. Page Memorial Hospital, Luray, has an active staff of 7 and 54 beds. Shenandoah County Memorial Hospital, Woodstock, has an active medical staff of 24 doctors with 99 acute care and 34 long term care beds.

Included in the benefits of living near a major metropolitan area is easy access to some of the most comprehensive medical care facilities in the country. In Washington, D.C. some of the nation's best pediatric physicians are on the staff of the Children's Hospital National Medical Center. Georgetown and George Washington University, among others, are staffed by leading specialists in all fields of medicine and research. Emergency airlift is available by Pegasus, the University of Virginia Medical Center's emergency transport helicopter, based in Charlottesville.

CLIMATE

Temperature	53° F
Low Mean (January)	21° F
High Mean (July)	87° F
Rain Fall (Inches)	38
Snowfall (Inches)	30
Heating degree days	6512
Cooling degree days	931
Prevailing winds	Westerly

POPULATION AND GROWTH ANALYSIS

YEAR	COUNTY	% CHANGE	YEAR	MARTINSBURG	% CHANGE
1970	36,356		1970	14,626	
1980	46,775	28.7	1980	13,063	-10.7
1990	59,253	26.7	1990	14,073	7.7
2000	75,905	28.1	2000	14,972	6.4
2004	89,362	17.8			
2005	93,394	4.5			

In a 30 mile radius of Martinsburg is a population of 522,717 people. Source: Bureau of Business and Economic Research, WV University.

TEMPORARY LODGING

Boydville Inn at Martinsburg, www.boydvilleinn.com, 304-263-1448, 601 S. Queen Street, Martinsburg, WV 25401, Quiet Place, Relaxation, Romance. Restored 1812 manor house on 10-acre Park in town. Old trees, boxwoods. Six rooms with baths, AC. Weddings, Receptions and Parties. Innkeeper: La Rue Frye

The Farmhouse on Tomahawk Run, www.tomahawkrun.com, 304-754-7350, 888-266-9516, 1828 Tomahawk Run Road, Hedgesville, WV 25427, Civil War Country Home on 280-acre farm between Martinsburg & Berkeley Springs. Private bath, A/C, Jacuzzi, balconies, gourmet candlelight breakfasts. Separate carriage house with 2 guest rooms, kitchen and a fireplace. Innkeepers: Hugh and Judy Erskine.

Comfort Inn at Martinsburg, 304-263-6200, Fax 304-267-0995, 1872 Edwin Miller Blvd., Martinsburg, WV 25401, conveniently located at Exit 16E off I-81. AC, TV and phones with data ports, voice mail, whirlpool, suites, non-smoking rooms, outdoor pool, coin operated laundry, valet laundry/Dry cleaning, game room, exercise room, gift shop, handicapped access, truck parking, continental breakfast & conference facilities.

Days Inn, 800-329-7466, 304-263-1800, I-81-Exit 13. Adjacent to Burger King, Pizza Hut and Shoney's beautifully decorated to make your stay in this exciting region both comfortable and enjoyable. 63 Guest Rooms, Cable TV, Non-Smoking facilities. Minutes from Historic Attractions and Recreational Activities. Complimentary continental breakfast.

Hampton Inn, www.hamptoninn.com, 800-426-7866, 304-267-2900, 975 Foxcroft Avenue. Conveniently located at Exit 12 off Interstate 81. Adjacent to Martinsburg Mall, Hoyts Cinema and a variety of restaurants. Complimentary Continental Breakfast, Outdoor Pool.

Holiday Inn, www.holiday-inn.com/martinsburgwv, 800-862-6282, 304-267-5500, I-81-Exit 13, 120 Guest Rooms, Cable TV Room Service, Indoor/Outdoor Swimming Pools, Weight Room, Tennis Courts, Sauna/Whirlpool, Heatherfields Restaurant, serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. Over 5,000 Square feet of meeting space, AV Equipment

Holiday Inn Express, 304-274-6100, 800-465-4329, 1220 TJ Jackson Drive, Falling Waters, WV 25419, Conveniently located at Exit 20 off I-81, complimentary continental breakfast. Outdoor pool.

Econo Lodge, www.econolodge.com, 304-274-2181, Fax 304-274-6989, 5595 Hammonds Mill Road, Martinsburg, WV 25401, Beautifully landscaped lawns, guest controlled A/C and heat, smoking and non-smoking rooms, HBO and ESPN II free, pets welcome, senior, AAA, Government, Military and Corporate discounts. All major credit cards.

Knights Inn, www.knightsinn.com, 304-267-2211, Fax 304-27-9606, 1997 Edwin Miller Blvd., Martinsburg, WV 25401, conveniently located at Exit 16E off I-81, State Route 9, AC, TV, telephone, non-smoking rooms, pets allowed, handicapped facilities, kitchenettes. All major credit cards accepted.

Travelodge, 304-263-8811, Fax 304-263-0538, 94 McMillan Court, Martinsburg, WV 25401, conveniently located at Exit 16 off I-81. Clean and comfortable rooms, indoor heated pool, Jacuzzi, game-room, HBO, hairdryer, in-room coffee, voice mail, data port, refrigerators, Conference and Weddings up to 350 people. Group rates and Reunion packages.

Comfort Suites, www.comfortsuitesmartinsburg.com, 304-263-8888, 800-263-0170, Rt. 9 and Short Road, P. O. Box 6010, Martinsburg, WV 25402. I-81, exit 12 to 9E (5-6 miles). Adjacent to Liberty Business Park, IRS and U. S. Coast Guard. VA Center, Harpers Ferry National Park, Antietam Battlefield, Charles Town Races & Slots nearby.

Krista Lite Motel, Inc., 304-263-0906, 14596 Apple Harvest Drive, Martinsburg, WV 25401, Motel with 20 rooms, both non-smoking and smoking rooms available. Full baths, no cable TV. All major TV stations, A/C, telephone, pets allowed (no cats), truck parking, electric hook-up for diesel.

The Woods Resort, www.TheWoodsResort.com, Joy@TheWoodsResort.com, 304-754-7977, 1-800-248-2222, P. O. Box 5, Mountain Lake Road, Hedgesville, WV 25427. Enjoy 36 holes of great golf, tennis, swimming, hiking, massage and many other activities. Accommodations include our Walden and Evergreen Lodges (both have whirlpool tubs, Evergreen Lodge rooms also have fireplaces), 1 & 2 bedroom Pinecrest Cabins, 4-Bedroom Golf Cottages and 2-4 bedroom private homes.

CHURCHES

<u>Berkeley Baptist Church</u>	304-258-4101	172 Winchester Grade Rd. Berkeley Springs, WV 25411
<u>Baker Heights Baptist</u>		580 Needy Road Martinsburg, WV 25401
<u>Berkeley Springs Church of the Nazarene</u>		Harrison Avenue Berkeley Springs, WV 25411
<u>Berkeley Springs Presbyterian Church</u>		Berkeley Springs, WV 25411
<u>Blairton United Methodist Church</u>	304-264-8544	71 Upper Road Martinsburg, WV 25401
<u>Bunker Hill United Methodist Church</u>	304-229-8508	9863 Winchester Avenue Bunker Hill, WV 25413
<u>Calvary United Methodist Church</u>		Cacapon Road Great Cacapon, WV 25422
<u>Church of Christ (Berkeley Springs)</u>	304-258-5175	290 S. Green Street Berkeley Springs, WV 25411
<u>Church of Christ (Ranson)</u>	304-724-6710	419 E. 13th Avenue Ranson, WV 25438
<u>Church of Christ - Christian Vanville</u>	304-267-4296	Vanville & Airport Roads Martinsburg, WV 25401
<u>Church of Christ Northside</u>	304-263-0600	@Corner of Kauffman & Woodberry Martinsburg, WV 25401
<u>Church of Christ Paw Paw</u>	304-947-7642	River & Winchester Streets Paw Paw, WV 25434
<u>Church of God "Miracle Center"</u>		Route 9 East Berkeley Springs, WV 25411
<u>Covenant Church</u>	304-876-2212	Route 230 Shepherdstown Pike Shepherdstown,

<u>Crossroads Community Church</u>	304-274-6222	4 miles north of Martinsburg on Rt. 11 Martinsburg, WV 25401
<u>Destiny Church</u>	304-267-4489	115 North Raleigh Street Martinsburg, WV 25401
<u>Emmanuel Baptist Church</u>	304-258-6097	P.O. Box 507, 5299 Central Avenue Great Cacapon, WV 25422
<u>Faith Tabernacle Assembly of God</u>		7937 Apple Harvest Drive Gerrardstown, WV 25420
<u>Fellowship Bible Church</u>	304-728-3700	C. W. Shipley Elementary Charles Town, WV 25414
<u>First Baptist Church - Inwood</u>	304-229-3690	634 Middleway Pike Inwood, WV 25428
<u>First Baptist Church - Martinsburg</u>	304-263-5722	315 West King Street Martinsburg, WV 25401
<u>First Baptist Church of Ranson</u>	304-725-8078	614 Lone Oak Road Ranson, WV 25438
<u>First Church of the Nazarene</u>	304-263-7842	401 N. High Street Martinsburg, WV 25401
<u>First United Methodist Church</u>	304-258-2766	110 Green Street Berkeley Springs, WV 25411
<u>Firstzion Baptist Church</u>	304-535-2691	1030 W. Ridge Street Harpers Ferry, WV 25425
<u>Hedgesville Assembly of God</u>		WV Rt. 9 W, Tomahawk Road Hedgesville, WV 25427
<u>Hedgesville Baptist Church</u>	304-754-7036	2656 Butler's Chapel Road Hedgesville, WV 25427

<u>Hedgesville United Methodist Church</u>	304-754-8793	201 S. Mary Street Hedgesville, WV 25427
<u>Heritage Free Will Baptist</u>	304-229-2210	WV Route 51 East Inwood, WV 25428
<u>Independent Bible Church</u>	304-263-5167	WV Route 9 West, Hedgesville Road Martinsburg, WV 25401
<u>Inwood Assembly of God</u>	304-229-3931	US Route 11 Inwood, WV 25428
<u>Inwood Family Worship Center</u>	304-229-6715	28 Lafayette Lane Inwood, WV 25428
<u>Inwood Pentecostal Church</u>	304-229-7857	7270 Winchester Avenue Inwood, WV 25428
<u>Johnsontown Bible Church</u>	304-754-7400	Corner of WV Rt. 9 & Camp Frame Road Hedgesville, WV 25427
<u>Korean Baptist Church</u>	304-267-9397	844 West Amherst Street Martinsburg, WV 25401
<u>Lighthouse Community Fellowship</u>	304-229-0334 or 540-678-1272	Bunker Hill, WV 25413
<u>Love Assembly of God</u>		Route 522 South Berkeley Springs WV 25411
<u>Mount Tabor Baptist Church</u>	304-229-0314	Bunker Hill WV 25413
<u>Mt. Zion United Methodist Church</u>		Orleans Crossroads Great Cacapon, WV 25422
<u>North Berkeley Baptist</u>		Falling Waters, WV 25419
<u>One 80 In Christ Church</u>	304-263-8482 304-676-2120	112 Catlett Drive Martinsburg, WV 25401

<u>Rock Spring Church</u>	304-724-1942 304-724-6576	T.A. Lowery School Charles Town, WV 25414
<u>Seventh Day Adventist Church</u>	304-258-6620	Valley Road Berkeley Springs, WV 25411
<u>Snyder's Bible Chapel</u>	304-258-3930	Martinsburg Road Berkeley Springs, WV 25411
<u>South Berkeley Baptist</u>		US 11, across from Musselman High School Inwood WV 25428
<u>St. John Lutheran Church</u>	304-535-3105	PO Box 668; Washington Street 2 buildings down from Post Office Harpers Ferry, WV 25425
<u>St. Marks Episcopal Church</u>	304-258-2440	180 S. Washington Street Berkeley Springs, WV 25411
<u>St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church</u>	304-258-1311	116 S. Washington Street Berkeley Springs, WV 25411
<u>Union Chapel United Methodist Church</u>	304-258-2107	Route 522 South Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

TRANSPORTATION

Berkeley County is experiencing an era of unparalleled economic growth. A stable work force, easy access to transportation systems, state business tax incentives, modern communications networks and an impressive quality of life are all key elements driving this progress. A highly-developed transportation network links Berkeley County to the entire nation. Two major interstate highways—I-81 which runs north/south and I-70 which runs east/west—are the cornerstones of a highway system and trucking route with destinations throughout the country. Business and industry in the area are served by the Eastern Regional Airport in Martinsburg, which handles aircraft ranging from executive jets to massive cargo planes. Rail cargo transport is available on the CSX line and Winchester & Western, which links with Norfolk Southern. Business and pleasure trips to Washington, Baltimore, New York and other destinations are available from Amtrak and MARC's daily trains.

Highways: I-81, I-70, US-11, WV-9, WV-45, WV-51

Approximate Mileage to Berkeley County, WV

- Hagerstown, MD 20 miles
- Baltimore, MD 85 miles
- Washington, D.C. 79 miles
- Harrisburg, PA 94 miles
- Pittsburg, PA 180 miles
- Philadelphia, PA 190 miles
- Winchester, VA 22 miles
- Charlottesville, VA 117 miles
- Richmond, VA 170 miles
- New York, NY 264 miles

MAJOR REGIONAL AIRPORTS

Eastern West Virginia Regional Airport (MRB)

Dulles International Airport (IAD): 703-471-9500

Baltimore-Washington International Airport (BWI): 301-261-1000

Reagan National Airport (DCA)

Washington County Airport (HGR): 240-313-2777

COMMUTER RAIL SERVICE

Amtrak, CSX, MARC (2 commuter trains to Washington's Union Station and 3 returning trains each day) Winchester & Western

SHOPPING

From the revitalized Martinsburg shopping district, to the area shopping mall, Berkeley County offers a fine selection of stores and shops. An enclosed mall provides access to national retailers and serves as a backdrop for special exhibits and performances. Individual shopping centers offer a great selection of discount stores, supermarkets, and specialty shops.

MARTINSBURG MALL, www.shopmartinsburgmall.com, 800 Foxcroft Avenue, Martinsburg, WV 25401, 304-264-0016

SCHOOLS

Enrollment and transfer requirements for all public school students includes an official birth certificate with State seal, prior school attendance records, and a record of immunizations including measles, mumps, rubella, polio and DPT

First-time students who are enrolling in school in West Virginia must be five years old prior to September 1st. Proof that all immunizations are complete is required before the first day of school. West Virginia does not allow a grace period. Also required is an official birth certificate with State seal.

The Berkeley County School System is dedicated to serving students by providing state-of-the-art curriculum, instruction and facilities to promote higher student achievement in preparation for a successful future. Great things are happening because of this philosophy.

Currently Berkeley County Schools:

- ✓ Enroll over 15,000 students, K-12
- ✓ Is experiencing a growth rate of approximately 400-500 new students per year;
- ✓ Include 20 elementary schools, K-5 (intermediate and primary);
- ✓ Include 5 middle schools;
- ✓ Include 3 high schools, providing college preparatory, Tech Prep, and vocational education. Seniors graduate with approximately a million dollars in scholarships and grants for higher education;
- ✓ Involve parents and the community members in advisory, planning and volunteer programs.
- ✓ Public schools in West Virginia are county administered and by state law have the following students per teacher:

Kindergarten
Preferred: 20/1
Maximum: 23/1

Grades 1-3
Preferred:25/1
Maximum: 28/1

Grades 4 & 6
Preferred:25/1
Maximum: 28/1

The Berkeley School System is the fastest growing system in the state employing approximately 1,900 people. Teachers average 15 years of experience, and 53% hold Masters Degrees or above. The schools reflect and embody the community and give definitive form to the goals, values, concerns and challenges of the area.

BERKELEY COUNTY SCHOOLS

HIGH SCHOOLS:

Hedgesville High 109 Ridge Road, North, Hedgesville, WV	304-754-3354
Martinsburg High 701 S. Queen Street, Martinsburg, WV	304-267-3530
Musselman High 126 Excellence Way, Bunker Hill, WV	304-229-1950

MIDDLE SCHOOLS:

Hedgesville Middle 101 Poplar St., Hedgesville, WV	304-754-3313
Musselman Middle 8784 Winchester Ave., Bunker Hill, WV	304-229-1965
North Martinsburg Middle 250 East Rd., Martinsburg, WV	304-267-3540
South Martinsburg Middle Bulldog Blvd., Martinsburg, WV	304-267-3545
Spring Mills Middle 255 Campus Drive, Martinsburg, WV	304-274-5030

ELEMENTARY & INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS:

Back Creek Valley 1962 Back Creek Valley Road, Hedgesville	304-229-1975
Bedington 149 Bedington Rd., Martinsburg,	304-274-2535
Berkeley Heights 726 Hack Wilson Way, Martinsburg	304-267-3520
Bunker Hill 58 Happy School Ave., Bunker Hill	304-229-1980
Burke Street Elementary 422 W. Burke St., Martinsburg	304-267-3525
Eagle School Intermediate 730 Eagle School Rd., Martinsburg	304-263-0422
Gerrardstown 15 Dominion Road, Gerrardstown,	304-229-1985
Hedgesville 88 Schoolhouse Road, Hedgesville	304-754-3341
Inwood Primary (K&1) 7864 Winchester Ave., Inwood	304-229-1990
Marlowe 9580 Williamsport Pike, Falling Waters	304-274-2291
Mill Creek Intermediate 8785 Winchester Ave., Bunker Hill	304-229-4570

Mountain Ridge Intermediate 2691 Gerrardstown Rd, Gerrardstown	304-229-6791
Opequon 395 East Rd., Martinsburg	304-267-3550
Orchard View 1455 Delmar Orchard Rd, Martinsburg	304-263-4143
Potomack Intermediate 5308 Williamsport Pike, Falling Waters	304-274-6592
Rosemont 301 S. Alabama Ave., Martinsburg	304-267-3560
Tomahawk Intermediate 6665 Hedgesville Rd., Hedgesville	304-754-3171
Tuscarora 2000 Tavern Road, Martinsburg	304-267-3565
Valley View 140 Nadenbousch Lane, Martinsburg	304-229-1970
Winchester Avenue 650 Winchester Ave., Martinsburg	304-267-3570

VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL:

James Rumsey 3274 Hedgesville Rd., Martinsburg	304-754-7925
Valley College of Technology 287 Aikens Center, Martinsburg	304-263-0979
International Beauty School 329 S. Queen St., Martinsburg	304-263-4929

PAROCHIAL:

St. Joseph's Catholic (K-8) 110 E. Stephen St., Martinsburg	304-267-6447
Martinsburg Christian Academy (Pre K-12) 2251 Williamsport Pike, Martinsburg	304-267-6368
Rocky Noll Seventh Day Adventist Elementary Arden Road, Martinsburg	304-263-9894
Faith Christian Academy (Pre K-12) 138 Greensburg Rd., Martinsburg	304-263-0011

OTHER EDUCATION:

Berkeley County Board of Education 401 S. Queen St., Martinsburg	304-267-3500
Community & Technical College of Shepherd 400 W. Stephen St., Martinsburg	304-260-4380
Mountain State University 214 Viking Way, Martinsburg	304-263-4381
Shepherd University P. O. Box 3210, Shepherdstown	304-876-5000
West Virginia University Kearneysville	304-876-6034
West Virginia University Morgantown, WV 26505	304-876-6034
WV University Graduate Center 201 S. Princess St., Shepherdstown	304-876-2536
Shenandoah University 1460 University Dr., Winchester, VA	540-665-4500
Catholic Home Study Institute 781 Catoctin Ridge, Paeonian Springs, VA	540-882-3737

LIBRARIES

Martinsburg Public Library
101 W. King St., Martinsburg
304-267-8933

DAY CARE & PRESCHOOL

Candy Apple Wee Care Center 315 E. Washington St, Charles Town	304-725-8047
Family Matters Child Care, Inc. 1019 Winchester Ave., Martinsburg	304-263-3727
Hillside Child Care & Dev. Center 385 Washington St., Harpers Ferry	304-535-2234
Hobby Horse Childcare & Montessori Center 500 Foxcroft Ave., Martinsburg	304-263-4027
Jack & Jill Preschools, Inc. 307 Clifton Dr., Martinsburg	304-267-2777
Little Eagle Child Care Center, Inc. Rte. 9 & Needy Rd., Martinsburg	304-264-7132
Little People's Place N. George St., Ranson	304-725-1625
Miss Irene's Clubhouse, Inc. 615 W. King St., (lower level), Martinsburg	304-264-1433
Norborne Day Care Center 200 W. King St., Martinsburg	304-263-2298
Play Room, Inc. RR 1, Box 93, Bunker Hill	304-229-0116
Resa Viii Headstart 76 Charles Town Plaza, Charles Town	304-725-2199
St. Josephs Day Care Center 1307 Lee Pl., Martinsburg	304-263-9476
Shepherdstown Day Care Center River Road, Shepherdstown	304-876-6923
Sunbrite Day Care & Preschool 409 Jefferson Ave., Charles Town	304-725-3980
Teddy Bear Preschool 870 Middleway Rd., Bunker Hill	304-229-0483
Wee Care Learning Center 1301 Echo St., Martinsburg	304-267-8584

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

General Motors
Quebecor
Quad Graphics
IRS – National Computer
US Coast Guard
Guardian Fiberglass
Ecolab
Tiger Aircraft
VA Medical Center
City Hospital
Variform

WV Air National Guard
Berkeley County Schools
Essroc
The Journal
S. Schwab Company
Orgill
Aker Plastics
Knouse Foods
Brentwood Industries
DuPont
Sino-Swearingen Aircraft

*For more information about employment in the Berkeley County area contact:

Aerotek, 39 Aikens Center	304-262-8300
Axiom Staffing Group	304-267-8350
Job Squad	304-264-8406
Kelly Services, Hagerstown, MD	301-797-2656
Manpower, 253 Aikens Center # 1	304-263-3900
Randstad, 787 Foxcroft Ave.	304-262-4115
Spherion Staffing, 173 Monroe St.	304-267-9668
WV Dept. of Employment, Monroe St.	304-267-0030

RECREATION

As you travel throughout Berkeley County, the irresistible natural beauty of the land will captivate and lure you into one of the endless opportunities for outdoor adventure. No matter what your pleasure—biking, hiking, fishing, hunting, rock climbing, boating, golf or sight-seeing—Berkeley County provides the perfect landscape in any season to engage in your favorite indulgence.

For a splashing good time, white-water rafting on the Potomac and Shenandoah rivers is a refreshing group challenge. Or wet your whistle with some of the finest fishing on the east coast in many of the creeks, rivers and streams. Whether you're on two wheels or journeying by foot, the Appalachian Trail and C & O Canal Towpath offer challenges and breath-taking vistas rolled into one. And if golf is your game, Berkeley County boasts two championship-length courses set amidst the awesome splendor of the area's natural beauty.

Host of well-known national and international cycling events, like Rider Rally and the Olympic Trials, this natural beauty that weaves throughout the county has become sought out by many. Nature has cleverly knit raw beauty and adventure together for endless journeys in the great outdoors. The most glorious pleasures of the area offer a myriad of challenges for everyone in the great outdoors.

CITY OF MARTINSBURG PARKS:

Ambrose Park

Location: Rocky Lane and Porter Avenue
Acreage: 5 acres
Type: Neighborhood Park
Facilities: 1 large Pavilion, rest room facilities, playground area, picnic tables, grills and parking.

Lambert Park

Location: Adjacent to North Martinsburg Middle School on Woodbury Avenue
Acreage: 8 acres
Type: Neighborhood Park
Facilities: 1 outdoor pool, water slide, two shelters, 3 lighted tennis courts, 1 baseball/softball field, playground area, 3 soccer fields and parking.

Leeland Park

Location: West Martin Street between Race and Samuel Streets
Acreage: 1.5 acres
Type: Mini Park
Facilities: 2 basketball courts and 1 large playground area

Martin Luther King, Jr. Park

Location: West Martin Street between Samuel and Charles Streets
Acreage: 1 acre
Type: Mini Park
Facilities: 1 basketball court, 1-12 station fitness center and 1 horseshoe pit

Oak Park

Location: Oak Street between Cedar and Leonard Streets

Acreage: 2 acres

Type: Neighborhood Park

Facilities: Lighted regulation horseshoe pit, pavilion, rest rooms, concession building, 1 paved basketball court, playground and parking

Oatesdale Park

Location: Baltimore and Williams Streets

Acreage: 17 acres

Type: Community Park

Facilities: 2 ball diamonds, picnic areas, ice skating rink, 2 lighted tennis courts, playground area, trout stream and parking facility.

P. O. Faulkner Park

Location: Sycamore and Ryneal Streets

Acreage: 30 acres

Type: Community Park

Facilities: 2 maintenance garages, outdoor pool with bath house (currently under construction), concession stand, lighted miniature golf course, tennis courts, 4 pavilions, concert stage and bleachers, 4 playground areas, 12 station fitness center, picnic tables and parking facilities. This park is home to a number of special events throughout the year.

*For more information on Parks and Recreation programs you may call the Parks and Recreation Office at (304) 264-4842

HISTORICAL SITES/LANDMARKS:

The General Adam Stephen House in Martinsburg, restored home of the town's founder, French and Indian War commander and Revolutionary War General Adam Stephen, is located at 209 East John Street, just off the downtown area. Built of native limestone circa 1774-1789 and furnished with antique pieces of the period from 1750 to 1830, the house was restored in the 1960s as a memorial to Adam Stephen, native of Scotland, colonial surgeon, soldier, and town founder. Stephen was a contemporary military and political figure and close acquaintance of George Washington for most of Washington's adult life. Stephen's daughter, Ann, married Alexander Spotswood Dandridge, a brother-in-law of Patrick Henry and a second cousin to Martha Washington. Call 304-267-4434 for tour information

The Triple Brick Museum, next door at 313 East John Street, was constructed by the Showers family in the mid-1870s as housing for railroad workers. It now houses a museum of local artifacts, special collections, and period furnishings reflective of the history and cultures of early Martinsburg and Berkeley County, including such items as quilts, railroad memorabilia, items from the early spinning and textile industries, military uniforms, and more. Call 304-267-4434 for tour information.

The Adam Stephen Monument, burial place of General Stephen, is located near the far end of South Queen Street, just north of Martinsburg High and South Middle Schools in Martinsburg

B & O Train Station/Roundhouse Complex, 229 East Martin Street, Martinsburg, WV. The original roundhouse, built in 1842 and destroyed in the Civil War, was rebuilt in 1866. Site of the first national labor strike in 1877. MARC/Amtrac station. Site of Visitors Center.

Bunker Hill Mill, 714 Giles Mill Road, Bunker Hill, WV, 304-229-8707. Built on one of the oldest mill site in West Virginia (1738), this mill was reconstructed in the 1880s. Tours by appointment year-round.

The Belle Boyd House, was built in 1853 by Benjamin Boyd, the father of Belle Boyd who was born in 1843 and became a confederate spy during the Civil War. After spying she became an actress and married three times and had five children. The house has been restored and turned into a military museum and local county museum with eight rooms of displays. The Archives and Research Center on the second floor has a wealth of information on the Tri-County area "Old Berkeley" is available. Records include wills, early surveys, deeds, marriage, court case, birth and death records which are on microfilm and may be copied. There is also a family files collection. Survey and National Register listing. The Berkeley County Historic Landmarks Commission is also in the Belle Boyd House with forms for over 2000 properties listed in the National Register of historic places and surveys of historic buildings in Berkeley County. A book store carries local maps, pictures and local history books. The Belle Boyd House is open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. It is also open on Sundays from 1:00 to 4:00 pm from Thanksgiving to Christmas. 304-267-4713, www.bchs.org

George Washington Heritage Trail, is a designated West Virginia Scenic Byway. It consists of a 112 mile looped driving tour of the three counties in excursion from Martinsburg, West Virginia east through Shepherdstown, Charles Town, and Harpers Ferry and then west through Middleway, Gerrardstown and Berkeley Springs. The route is fully signed and covers the historic, cultural, scenic and recreation areas available. 304-264-8801, 800-498-2386, www.washingtonheritagetrail.org

Morgan Cabin, Built in 1731. Home of the first settler in West Virginia, Colonel Morgan. Open May-August, Sunday 2-5. 304-229-2742, Runnymede Road, Bunker Hill, WV 25413

Boarman Arts Center, offers a wide range of art appreciation and hands-on workshops for adults and children. The Gallery presents year-round juried exhibits. Free admission. Gallery hours are Tuesday-Friday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm; Saturday 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. 304-263-0224, www.theartcentre.org

L. Norman Dillon Farm Museum, features antique horse-drawn farm machinery and educational exhibits. Saturday-Sunday 1:00-5:00 p.m., April 1 through October 31. Free admission. 304-267-7519

Snodgrass Tavern, Route 9, West of Hedgesville, WV, distinguished as one of the oldest buildings in the state, portions of the log house and nearby outbuilding date back to the 1740s. During its operation as a tavern for over 100 years, famous visitors included George Washington and Henry Clay.

Museum of Berkeley Springs, Berkeley Springs, WV, located above 1815 Roman Bath House in the oldest public building in Morgan County; the museum highlights the history and geology of the springs. 304-258-3743

Jefferson County Courthouse, Charles Town, WV, as the courthouse where John Brown was tried and sentenced to hang for treason, the building was restored in 1836 and remains a working courthouse. The Jefferson County Museum houses relics from the Civil War era and John Brown's raid. 304-728-3240.

Historic Shepherdstown Museum, Shepherdstown, WV, located in the Entler Hotel, the museum offers displays of regional historical interest. The James Rumsey Boat House with its half-scale replica of the country's first successful steamboat is located just behind the Hotel.

Berkeley Castle Museum, Berkeley Springs, WV, 304-258-4000, The only English Norman Castle in America was built in 1885 and patterned as a half-scale replica of the famous Berkeley Castle in England.

Gerrardstown Historic District, Gerrardstown, WV, David Gerrard first laid out the village in 1784, and many original buildings (including the 1743 Hays-Gerrard stone house) and log homes are still standing.

Harpers Ferry Overlook, Harpers Ferry Historical Park, WV, 304-535-6223, Visit the famous Jefferson Rock where Thomas Jefferson sat and observed West Virginia, Virginia and Maryland in 1783. He wrote of the overlook: "This view is well worth the trip across the Atlantic."

Hedgesville Historic District, Hedgesville, WV, Josiah Hedges laid out the town of Hedgesville at the heavily traveled gap in North Mountain. The Mount Zion Episcopal Church was built in 1818.

FAIRS AND FESTIVALS:

House and Garden Tour, Last full weekend in April. Annual tour of historic panhandle homes (including some not normally open to the public). 304-535-2627, 800-848-8687, 304-264-8801, 800-498-2386, Martinsburg, Charles Town, Shepherdstown

Mountain State Apple Harvest Festival, held annually the third weekend in October. Queen's coronation and ball, sports breakfast and parade plus two days of juried arts and crafts show. Admission fees apply to some activities. 304-263-2500, Martinsburg

Over the Mountain Studio Tour, a tour featuring crafts and artwork made in the two counties. Potters, basket makers, weavers, quilters, cabinetmakers, woodcarvers and doll makers. Tour takes place second weekend of November. Saturday-Sunday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. No charge. 304-725-4251, 304-725-0567

Railroad Days Festival, two day event to benefit the preservation and restoration of the B & O Roundhouse. Features a variety of arts and crafts, train and military displays, lots of great food and entertainment. Rail Day will be held the third weekend in July, from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm on the grounds of the Roundhouse Complex. 304-264-8801

West Virginia Wine and Arts Festival, Martinsburg, WV, held annually on Memorial Day weekend. Featuring the best of our Wines, the best of our Artisans, and the best Jazz and Blues regardless of origin. 304-263-0224, 800-498-2386

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES:

SPECTATOR SPORTS

Charles Town Races, Flowing Springs Road, Charles Town, WV, 304-725-7001, Enjoy live racing, a deluxe simulcast parlor, video slot games and fine dining.

Hagerstown Speedway, 15112 National Pike, Route 40, Hagerstown, MD, 301-582-0640, Late-model cars compete in dirt-track races from February through October.

Summit Point Raceway, Summit Point, WV, 304-725-8444, Sports car, motorcycle, go-cart and international Grand Prix style racing ensure area residents of season thrills.

GOLF COURSES

Cress Creek Golf & Country Club, Shepherdstown, WV, 304-876-3375

Cacapon Resort State Park Golf Course, Berkeley Springs, WV, 304-258-1022

Locust Hills Golf Course, Charles Town, WV, 304-728-7300

Mountain View Golf Course, The Woods Resort, Hedgesville, WV, 304-754-7977

Sleepy Hollow, Charles Town, WV, 304-725-5210

Stonebridge Golf Club, Martinsburg, WV, 304-263-4653

Stony Lick, The Woods Resort, Hedgesville, WV, 304-754-7222

ATTRACTIONS

A. T. Gift Winery, Route 3, Harpers Ferry, WV, 304-876-6680, Sample award-winning wines that have been served at the White House and on Capitol Hill. First Lady Barbara Bush received the Blackberry wine as a birthday gift in 1992.

Berkeley Springs, Warm Springs Ridge, Berkeley Springs, WV, 304-258-2711, This fountainhead of warm mineral waters flows at a constant 74 degrees. Drink freely and fill water containers at the public tap or wade in ancient stone pools.

Coolfont Resort and Spa, 1777 Cold Run Valley Road, Berkeley Springs, WV, 304-258-4500, Pamper yourself in this lavish spa, complete with private woodland chateaus and a variety of recreational activities such as boating, hiking, swimming, tennis and snow-tubing. Many self-improvement programs are available.

Harpers Ferry Flea Market, Route 340 & Bloomery Road, Harpers Ferry, WV, 304-725-4141, Every weekend from March through December, bargain hunters gather at the largest flea market in the area.

Hydroelectric Plant, Route 5/7, Martinsburg Area, WV, Visit the 1909 stone hydroelectric plant to fish, picnic and catch the spectacular view of the falls over the Potomac River Dam.

L & D Fishing Tours, Charles Town, WV, 304-728-6030, Learn the secrets of expert anglers on a guided trip down the Shenandoah River. Options include excellent bass fishing, canoeing or motor-boating.

Mountain Thunder, Charles Town, WV, 304-724-1253, You don't have to own your own motorcycle to explore the Eastern Panhandle on the open road. Motorcycle rentals and tours are available, as well as whitewater rafting, train rides and horseback riding.

Westlance Arms, 1610 Jones Spring Road East, Hedgesville, WV, 304-754-7100, Westlance offers a safe, family oriented and educational place to practice shooting. Ranges include pistol, bowling pin, rifle, trap and sporting clay shotgun course.

West Virginia Attractions, 800-Call-WVA, Toll-free connection to information about West Virginia such as accommodations, camping, fall foliage tours, highway maps, skiing, state parks, whitewater rafting. Reservations for state park and other attractions may also be made.

Whitewater Rafting, Shenandoah & Potomac Rivers, Harpers Ferry and Charles Town Areas, Class II-III whitewater action with rafting, canoeing, kayaking, and tubing. For more information or reservations, contact your choice of local outfitters.

The Woods Resort, Hedgesville, WV, 304-754-7977, Enjoy year-round activities at this "resort for all seasons." In addition to golf packages for the 27-hole course, you'll find deluxe lodging, dining, tennis, racquetball and swimming.

PARKS, FORESTS AND TRAILS:

American Discovery Trail, Nitro, WV, 304-755-4878, This 6,000 mile, multi-use, trans-continental trail extends from Cape Henlopen, Delaware to Point Reyes, California. A 276 mile section traverses West Virginia.

Appalachian Trail, Harpers Ferry, WV, 304-258-2711, Charles Town, WV, 800-CALL-WVA, Passing through West Virginia at Harpers Ferry, the famous Appalachian Trail provides miles of scenic hiking and biking trails throughout the Northeast.

Berkeley Springs State Park, Berkeley Springs, WV, 304-258-2711, This working mineral spa is graced by a quaint historical atmosphere and offers treatments on a year-round basis. The highlight is George Washington's bathtub, the only outdoor monument to presidential bathing!

C & O Canal National Historical Park, Potomac River, 301-739-4200, Boat Rides, 301-299-3613, Hikers and bikers are invited to enjoy this former towpath canal used to transport cargo in the latter part of the 19th century. Running over 184 miles, the canal includes a section from Harpers Ferry to Paw Paw. Camping, fishing and boating are available in designated areas.

Cacapon Resort State Park, Berkeley Springs, WV, 304-258-1022, Combining resort amenities with the lush surroundings of a state park, the area offers year-round access

to a lodge and cabins as well as horseback riding, and 18-hole championship golf course designed by master architect Robert Trent Jones.

Harpers Ferry National Historic Park, Harpers Ferry, WV, 304-535-6223, Combine recreation with history by walking along the brick streets of this restored, pre-Civil War town where abolitionist John Brown fought to free the slaves in 1859.

Sam Michael's Farm, Job Corps Road, Off Route 230/Route 17, Home of the nationally recognized spring and fall Mountain Heritage Arts and Crafts Festival, the farm is the crown jewel of the park system, offering over 130 acres of prime land.

Sleepy Creek Wildlife Management Area, Berkeley and Morgan Counties, 304-822-3551, This sprawling area encompasses over 22,000 acres of prime forest for seasonal hunting and rifle practice on a designated range. Over 75 primitive campsites provide an ideal outdoor experience, while a 200-acre lake offers boating and fishing.

Tuscarora Trail, Information 703-242-0693, A southwestern section of a long circuit consists of the Appalachian Trail on the east and the Tuscarora Trail in the northwest. The Big Blue is 144 miles long, beginning in the north at Hancock, Maryland, on the C & O Canal Towpath under the US 522 bridge. The southern terminus connects it to the Appalachian Trail in the Matthews Arm section of the Shenandoah National Park.

THE ARTS

Apollo Civic Theatre, 128 East Martin Street, Martinsburg, WV, First-rate performances featured at this historic venue include live stage productions of plays, musicals, concerts, etc. Charges apply 304-263-6766

The Boarman Arts Center, 208 S. Queen Street, Martinsburg, WV, 304-263-0224, The gallery presents year-round juried exhibits, while the center provides a wide range of art appreciation and hands-on workshops for all ages.

Contemporary American Theater, Shepherdstown, WV, 304-876-3473 or 800-999-CATF, This professional theater company presents new American plays in rotating repertory. Summertime brings world premiers and important new plays.

Coolfont Foundation Art Series, 1777 Cold Run Valley Road, Berkeley Springs, WV, 304-258-4500, The lush beauty of the Coolfont Resort is an ideal setting for year-round recitals, chamber music, film festivals, painting classes, poetry readings and lectures.

Ice House Summer Concert Series, Berkeley Springs State Park, Berkeley Springs, WV, 304-258-2711, Beneath the summer's clear blue skies, you can relax and enjoy free outdoor live performances of blues, jazz, folk and traditional music.

Old Opera House Theatre, 204 N. George Street, Charles Town, WV, 304-725-4420, This beautiful venue provides an attractive atmosphere for live stage productions of plays, musicals, concerts and dance.

Shepherdstown Music & Dance, Shepherdstown, WV, 304-725-0266, Kick up your heels and meet new friends at monthly dances, dance workshops, concerts and special events. The Dance Americana series features swing, Cajun, salsa and other American dance styles.