

# Morgan 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. 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**

### **\*COUNTY SEAT: BERKELEY SPRINGS**

Morgan County is governed by three county commissioners elected to serve staggered six-year terms. Commissioners meet at the Courthouse on two Fridays of each month.

### **LAW ENFORCEMENT:**

State Police: 5

Sheriff & deputies: 10

Town of Bath Police: 3

Town of Paw Paw: 1

State police and sheriff's department operate countywide, round the clock.

Two magistrates are elected for four-year terms with jurisdiction over all misdemeanor and minor civil matters, along with initial hearings for all felonies. Located in the Courthouse Complex, phone 258-8631.

Morgan County is served by the 23rd Circuit Court.

The Circuit Court has elected judges (eight-year term) and hears cases in Morgan County in tri-yearly sessions beginning the first Tuesday of January, April and September.

The Prosecuting Attorney is elected to serve a four-year term.

## **TAXES**

All property owners are liable for property taxes, both real estate and personal. These property taxes include school taxes. Property within municipalities is taxed at a higher rate (\$1.3406 per \$100 of assessed value). Outside the city limits, \$1.1366 per \$100 of assessed value. Check current rates at the Assessor's office in the courthouse complex.

West Virginia state income tax is based on your Federal returns. The minimum rate of 3 % applies to income up to \$10,000 and the maximum rate 6.5% on income over \$60,000, no itemized deductions. Under age 65, there is an exemption for federal and some state pensions of up to \$2,000 per taxpayer and a full exemption for those in the state and local police, sheriffs and firefighter's pension system. For those age 65 and better, there is an exemption of up to \$8,000 in all income. Social Security benefits subject to federal tax are taxable.

### **Retail Sales Tax:**

The state sales tax in West Virginia is currently 6% per \$1.00.

### **Property Tax:**

Personal property includes automobiles, farm equipment, livestock, campers, motorcycles, above ground swimming pools, golf carts, and business equipment.

Assessments are made as of July 1st of each year and are the basis of your tax bill for the following year. Assessments are at 60% of market value. Taxes are paid on a calendar year, half due by the end of August and the second half due by the end of February.

West Virginia offers a "homestead" property tax exemption on the first \$20,000 for those who are at least 65 years old or certified as being totally and permanently disabled.

### **Real Estate Tax:**

Taxes on real estate vary slightly according to the county in which you reside and also within incorporated towns. The typical tax rate is \$750 to \$800 per hundred thousand for owner-occupied, non-business properties. Personal property such as vehicles is taxed at a rate of approximately \$150 to \$160 per \$10,000.

Total assessed value of Morgan County real estate, public utilities and personal property fiscal 2005: \$536 million; fiscal 2006: \$600 million.

*\*For specific questions on taxes in West Virginia, or to request forms, please contact the Berkeley County Assessor's Office at 304-264-1904.*

## **LICENSE**

### **DRIVERS LICENSE:**

Newcomers are required to obtain a valid West Virginia driver's license within 30 days of establishing residency. If you hold an out-of-state license, you will still be required to pass a vision test. If you are under 21 years of age, you must also complete and alcohol awareness course and pass a written exam.

### **VEHICLE REGISTRATION:**

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.

The registration fee for passenger vehicles and pickup trucks weighing 8,000 pounds or less is \$30.

### **VEHICLE INSPECTION:**

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. West Virginia has reciprocity with Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, New York, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming. Therefore, out of state inspection sticker from these states is valid in West Virginia until expiration.

Any vehicle purchased or otherwise acquired within West Virginia not having a valid inspection sticker must be inspected within three days.

Have a valid registration card and a current certificate of insurance in the vehicle at the time of inspection.

## **TITLE FEES:**

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.

If the purchase price is below 50% of the current The Automobile Red Book loan value, a notarized bill of sale must accompany the application for title, or the tax will be based on the Automobile Red Book loan value at the time of titling.

*\* The regional office for the West Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles is located in Martinsburg, WV. For further questions or additional information please call 304-558-5356.*

## **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

Morgan County Assessor's Office: 304-258-8570

County Planning Office/Administrator: 304-258-8540

Humane Society: 304-258-5592

Economic Development: 304-258-8546

Sheriff's Office: 304-258-8624

Morgan County Chamber of Commerce: 304-258-3738

Department of Motor Vehicles: 304-267-0010

Morgan County Recycling: 304-258-8718

Landfill: 304-754-9153

Morgan Sanitation: 304-258-3544

Bath Sanitation: 304-258-1102

Frontier/Citizens Communications: 1-800-921-8102

Verizon: 304-954-6222

Roach Energy: 304-258-3329

Thompson Gas: 304-258-2226

Berkeley Springs Water Works: 304-258-1290

Paw Paw Town Hall: 304-947-7476

Morgan County Health Department: 304-258-1513

Allegheny Power: 1-800-255-3443

Blue Flame Gas Company: 304-258-3495

Berkeley Springs & Great Cacapon Sewage: 304-258-4118

## HEALTH

### **Morgan County War Memorial Hospital**

109 War Memorial Drive  
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411  
304-258-1234

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

War Memorial conducts free health screenings such as blood cholesterol and blood glucose each fall at the annual Morgan County Health Fair and also sponsors the annual Morgan County Children's Safety Fair in June. Hospital staff also participates in various community health-oriented events and activities throughout the year.

### **Services & Programs:**

- \*Acute Care
- \*Cardiac Rehab
- \*Education
- \*Emergency Department
- \*Extended Care Facility
- \*Home Health Agency
- \*Laboratory
- \*Occupational Health
- \*Occupational Therapy
- \*Pain Clinic
- \*Physical Therapy
- \*Radiology
- \*Respiratory Therapy/Cardiopulmonary Services
- \*Emergency Medicine
- \*Family Practice
- \*Internal Medicine
- \*Pediatrics
- \*General Surgery
- \*Cardiology
- \*Echocardiography
- \*Dental
- \*Dermatology
- \*Emergency Medicine
- \*ENT (Ear Nose & Throat)
- \*Ophthalmology
- \*Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
- \*Wellness Services
- \*Skilled Care
- \*Speech/Language Pathology
- \*Specialty Services
- \*Speaker's Bureau
- \*Support Groups
- \*Surgical Services
- \*Urology
- \*Podiatry
- \*Pathology

**Premier Physical Therapy**

261 Berkmore Place  
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411  
304-258-8000

**The Barbour Institute for Women's Health**

261 Berkmore Place  
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411  
304-258-1899

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

The Barbour Institute & Spa provides you with the time and the space for rejuvenation. Dedicated to improving the health of women, the spa programs are designed to provide information on prevention and assist women in adopting healthier lifestyles. Educational sessions on stress reduction, cardiovascular fitness programs, gourmet kosher cuisine, professional spa services, and a medical assessment are all available to pamper and to restore balance. It is our hope that you will return home informed, refreshed and invigorated, ready to embark on a lifetime of good health.

**Thomas W. Leslie, DDS**

345 Concord Avenue  
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411  
304-258-2291

**Valley View Nursing Home &  
Autumn Acres Personal Care Center**

456 Autumn Acres Road  
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411  
304-258-3673

[www.careisourfocus](http://www.careisourfocus)

**Berkeley Springs Dentistry**

1911 Valley Road  
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411  
304-258-7800

**Harmony House**

656 Fairfax Street  
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411  
304-258-4685

[www.a-1essentialoils.com](http://www.a-1essentialoils.com)

**Healing Point Acupuncture**

107 Union Street  
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411  
304-258-0987

## CLIMATE

Annual precipitation - 36.98 inches  
 January - 1.3 inches; July - 6.4 inches

Annual snowfall - 37 inches

Average Mean Temperature (F degrees) - 53 degrees  
 January: 44 degrees-24 degrees; July: 88 degrees-60 degrees

Average relative humidity: 69%

Last Spring Frost - April 30

First Fall Frost - October 5

Both northern and southern plants may be grown with success. Advice on gardening and plants is available at the West Virginia Extension Service, phone 258-8400.

## POPULATION

MORGAN COUNTY		—	WV	—	US
<b>POPULATION</b>					
	Number		Number		Number
Total population	14,943				
Square miles (land)	228.98				
Population per square mile	65.26		75.10		79.56
<b>GENDER</b>					
	Number	Pct		Pct	Pct
Male	7,343	49.1		48.6	49.1
Female	7,600	50.9		51.4	50.9
<b>AGE</b>					
	Number	Pct		Pct	Pct
15 or younger	2,801	18.7		18.2	21.4
16-24	1,566	10.5		13.6	13.9
25-44	4,080	27.3		27.7	30.2
45-64	4,021	26.9		25.2	22.0
65+	2,475	16.6		15.3	12.4
	Number			Number	Number
Average age (years)	40.10			39.01	36.22

## RACE AND ETHNICITY

	Number	Pct	Pct	Pct
White	14,689	98.3	95.0	75.1
Black or African American	89	0.6	3.2	12.3
American Indian and Alaska native	26	0.2	0.2	0.9
Asian	18	0.1	0.5	3.6
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific islander	2	0.0	0.0	0.1
Some other race	34	0.2	0.2	5.5
Two or more races	85	0.6	0.9	2.4
Hispanic or Latino	124	0.8	0.7	12.5

*Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census; ePodunk*

*Note: Hispanic ethnicity is a separate data category from race. This number should not be added to race totals.*

## CHURCHES

**Berkeley Baptist Church**  
304-258-4101

**Church of Christ**  
304-258-5175

**Emanuel Baptist Church**  
304-258-6097

**St. Marks Episcopal Church**  
304-258-2440

**Calvary Bible Church**  
304-258-1099

**Presbyterian Church**  
304-258-1352

## TEMPORARY LODGING

**Bathkeeper's Cottage**  
146 South Washington Street  
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411  
304-258-1088  
[www.virtualcities.com/vacation/wv/b/wvb12v1.htm](http://www.virtualcities.com/vacation/wv/b/wvb12v1.htm)

**Berg Tal Cabin**  
546 Preston Unger Lane  
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411  
304-258-3167  
<http://home.earthlink.net/~landmpaints/index.html>

**Berkeley Springs Motel**  
402 Wilkes Street  
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411  
304-258-1776  
[www.berkeleyspringsmotel.com](http://www.berkeleyspringsmotel.com)

**Best Western Berkeley Springs Inn**  
1776 Valley Road

Berkeley Springs, WV 25411  
304-258-9400  
[www.bestwesternberkeleyspringsinn.com](http://www.bestwesternberkeleyspringsinn.com)

**Coolfont Resort**  
3621 Cold Run Valley Road  
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411  
304-258-4500  
[www.coolfont.com](http://www.coolfont.com)

**Berkeley Springs Cottage Rentals/Apple Blossom Cottage**  
Independence Street  
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411  
1-866-682-2246  
[www.berkeleyspringscottagerentals.com](http://www.berkeleyspringscottagerentals.com)

**Gobblers' Knob**  
2442 Creek Road  
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411  
304-258-3605

**Highlawn Inn**  
171 Market Street  
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411  
304-258-5700  
[www.highlawninn.com](http://www.highlawninn.com)

**Inspirations Bakery & Cafe**  
174 North Washington Street  
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411  
304-258-2292  
[inspirationscafenbnb.com](http://inspirationscafenbnb.com)

**Manor Inn**  
234 Fairfax Street  
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411  
304-258-1552  
[www.bathmanorinn.com](http://www.bathmanorinn.com)

**Maria s Garden & Inn**  
42 Independence Street  
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411  
304-258-2021  
[www.mariasgarden.com](http://www.mariasgarden.com)

**Mountain Morning**  
867 Libby's Ridge Road  
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

304-258-1718

[www.mountainmorning.net](http://www.mountainmorning.net)

**Park View Suite**

33 Fairfax Street

Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

304-258-2541

[www.homeopathyworks.com/parkview](http://www.homeopathyworks.com/parkview)

**Sleepy Creek Mountain Inn**

877 Winstead Road

Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

304-258-0234

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

**Sleepy Creek Retreat**

394 Covey Run Road

Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

304-258-8430

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

**Sleepy Creek Tree Farm Bed & Breakfast**

37 Shades Land

Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

304-258-4324

[maggiedot.com/sleepycreektree](http://maggiedot.com/sleepycreektree)

**Sunset Mountain Farm**

Post Office Box 323

Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

304-258-4239

[sunsetmountainfarm.com](http://sunsetmountainfarm.com)

**Tari s Cafe & Inn**

33 North Washington Street

Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

304-258-1196

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

**The Inn & Spa at Berkeley Springs**

1 Market Street

Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

304-258-2210

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

**The Barn- A Country Getaway**

204 Parkside Road

Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

301-587-5495

[www.members.aol.com/pspranger/barn.htm](http://www.members.aol.com/pspranger/barn.htm)

**The Inn on Fairfax**

151 Fairfax Street

Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

304-258-8890

**Villa Firenze Bed & Breakfast**

Coolfont Mountainside

Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

304-258-3647

[villa-firenze.com](http://villa-firenze.com)

## SHOPPING

Treasure seekers delight in three antique malls, specialty shops packed with gifts and collectibles, resort boutiques, and galleries. Auctions and flea markets are standard weekend fare.

### **BERKELEY SPRINGS ANTIQUE**

7 Fairfax Street  
258-5676

### **JULES**

13 Fairfax Street  
258-9509

### **THE BATH HOUSE**

21 Fairfax Street  
258-9071

### **SIMPLE GIFTS**

23 Fairfax Street  
258-8019

### **FAIRFAX COFFEE HOUSE**

23 Fairfax Street  
258-1919

### **HOMEOPATHY WORKS**

33 Fairfax Street  
258-2541

### **MOUNTAIN LAUREL GALLERY**

1 North Washington Street  
258-1919

### **MALLORY GALLERY**

342 North Washington St  
258-3809

### **MOSTLY WOVEN L.L.C.**

North Washington Street  
582-2257

### **O.L.D. ECLECTIBLES**

109 North Washington Street  
258-5351

### **THE PARKS HOUSE**

363 South Washington Street  
258-6871

### **R.A.G. SHOP**

109 North Washington Street  
258-7742

### **SAGE MOON HERB SHOP**

47 Independence Street  
258-1993

### **A. GALLARANO GALLERY**

81B North Washington St  
258-0815

### **BATH BOOKWORKS**

15 North Washington Street  
258-7970

### **C.J.'S FLORAL AND GIFT SHOP**

50 Independence Street  
258-6683

### **COMMUNITY GARDEN MARKET**

148 North Washington Street  
258-8300

### **FRIPPERIES & FANDANGOS**

287 North Washington Street  
258-0208

### **HEATH STUDIO GALLERY**

37A Depot Street  
258-9840

### **ICE HOUSE CO-OP GALLERY**

Independence & Mercer streets  
258-2300

### **NATURES NICHE**

168 North Washington Street  
258-0992

### **OLD FACTORY ANTIQUE MALL**

282 Williams Street  
258-1788

### **PORTALS**

81A North Washington Street  
258-5200

### **THE RED GUITAR**

342 North Washington St  
258-3809

### **SYNCHRONICITY**

91 North Washington Street  
258-9228

### **TREASURES AND TREATS**

50 North Washington Street  
258-4072

## **TRANSPORTATION**

Embraced by a network of Interstate highways, Morgan County is less than 100 miles from Washington, D. C. and Baltimore, the financial and technological centers of the Mid-Atlantic. Federal government operations abound in the area. Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Richmond, Virginia, are within 200 miles, and New York City is just 266 miles away. Two-thirds of all American consumers, as well as the nation's industrial and commercial suppliers, are within 500 miles.

### **HIGHWAYS:**

Morgan County and its Business Park are ringed by Interstate 70, 81 and 68. Major trucking companies ply these highways, as well as U. S. Route 522, a major north-south artery that borders the Business Park.

### **LOCATION IN MILES:**

Baltimore, MD ---100	Charleston, WV ---275
Washington, DC ---107	Hagerstown, MD ---38
Pittsburgh, PA ---146	Martinsburg, WV ---26
New York, NY ---255	Winchester, VA ---36
Philadelphia, PA ---165	Richmond, VA ---179

### **AIRPORTS:**

Dulles International Airport, Baltimore-Washington International Airport and National Airport in Washington, D.C., all full-service airports, are within two hours of our Morgan County Industrial Park. In addition:

- The Eastern West Virginia Regional Airport, its 7,000-foot main runway and 5,000-foot cross-runway capable of handling the world's largest airplanes, is just 26 miles away in Martinsburg.
- Cumberland (Md.) Airport, with commercial service to Pittsburgh, is 25 miles distant.
- The Washington County (Md.) Regional Airport, with commercial service to Baltimore and Pittsburgh, is 47 miles northeast of Morgan County.

### **RAILROADS:**

CSX Transportation and Amtrak service nearby Martinsburg, WV and Cumberland, Md.

### **BUS:**

Greyhound in Hagerstown, MD phone 301-739-7420 or Winchester, VA phone 540-662-4161.

### **TAXI:**

Valley Cab out of Hancock, MD phone 301-678-7767

## SCHOOLS

MORGAN COUNTY	WV	US		
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>				
	Number	Number	Number	
Population 25 and older	10,591			
	Number	Pct	Pct	Pct
High school graduates (includes equivalency)	4,868	46.0	39.4	28.6
Some college, or associate's degree	1,972	18.6	21.0	27.4
Bachelor's degree	681	6.4	8.9	15.5
Master's, professional or doctorate degree	506	4.8	5.9	8.9
<b>SCHOOL ENROLLMENT</b>				
	Number	Number		Number
Population 3 years and over enrolled in school	2,831			
	Number	Pct	Pct	Pct
Preschool and kindergarten	334	11.8	10.7	11.9
Grades 1-12	2,259	79.8	67.2	65.3
College	238	8.4	22.1	22.8

*Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census; ePodunk*

### MORGAN COUNTY SCHOOLS:

#### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:**

**Greenwood Elementary School** 304-258-2372  
[www.morganschools.net/greenwood](http://www.morganschools.net/greenwood)

**Paw-Paw Elementary School** 304-258-2876  
[www.morganschools.net](http://www.morganschools.net)

**Pleasant View Elementary School** 304-258-2606  
[www.morganschools.net/pleasantview](http://www.morganschools.net/pleasantview)

**Widmyer Elementary School** 304-258-2024  
[www.morganschools.net/widmyer](http://www.morganschools.net/widmyer)

#### **MIDDLE/INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS:**

**Warm Springs Middle School** 304-258-1500  
[www.morganschools.net/wsms](http://www.morganschools.net/wsms)

**Warm Springs Intermediate School**  
[www.morganschools.net/wsis](http://www.morganschools.net/wsis)

304-258-0031

**HIGH SCHOOLS:**

**Paw-Paw High School**  
[www.morganschools.net](http://www.morganschools.net)

304-947-7425

**Berkeley Springs High School**  
[www.morganschools.net/bshs](http://www.morganschools.net/bshs)

304-258-2876

**BOARD OF EDUCATION:**

The Morgan County Board of Education consists of five members elected by county voters to stagger terms of four years. No more than two Board of Education members may represent each Magisterial District. Board of Education members are listed below with the year of their term expiration.

Laura S. Smith, MCBOE President	2008
Margaret H. Zembower, MCBOE Vice President	2010
David Ambrose	2010
Margaret Gordon	2010
G. Larry Omps	2008

**LIBRARIES**

**Morgan County Public Library**  
210 Fairfax St  
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411  
304-258-3350

**Paw-Paw Public Library**  
437 Moser Ave  
Paw Paw, WV 25434

**RECREATION**

Morgan County began its historic life as the playground of Thomas Lord Fairfax. Period letters and documents describe Fairfax's frequent visits to his spa on the edge of the wilderness. Along with many social gatherings, he soaked in the warm mineral waters of the springs and rode into the mountains. Fairfax was occasionally joined in these adventures by his friend and Virginia neighbor, George Washington. Today, Morgan County remains a favorite playground of folks along the East Coast. The area is blessed with wooded mountains and ridges, two rivers, several lakes and a wide selection of contemporary recreation activities for both individuals and families. Natural wonders abound in the area

side-by-side with man-made recreation. As part of Morgan County's ecotourism, you can explore geology, birding, rare plants, hiking and the ecosystem of the Cacapon River on your own. Organized education opportunities are also available. Contact Travel Berkeley Springs at 1-800-447-8797 for special brochures on the Cacapon River and Ecotourism in Morgan County.

**GOLF** The 18-hole, 72-par championship golf course at Cacapon State Park was designed by Robert Trent Jones in the mid 1960s. Meticulously maintained, it is one of the region's most popular public courses, open for year 'round play, weather permitting. Carts, driving range, picturesque putting green, pro-shop, clubhouse and challenging play which includes deer as obstacles are all part of Cacapon's appeal. Cold Run Driving Range is open Thursday through Monday in season.

**SNOWTUBING & WINTER SPORTS** Cross-country skiing is a popular sport on the mountain trails of Cacapon State Park, Coolfont Resort and along the many back roads of the county. Bring your own equipment. Coolfont is the winter sports center featuring both ice-skating and snowtubing slopes open to the public from December through March, weather permitting. Colorful, specially constructed inner tubes are the vehicles for both the tow up and speeding down the snowtubing hill. A cozy lodge makes the area ideal for parties and groups.

**HORSEBACK RIDING** From Easter through Thanksgiving, mountain trail rides originate from Cacapon State Park and Coolfont. One of the most popular rides starts in the state park and crosses along the top of Cacapon Mountain for 10 miles to the historically and geologically prominent Cacapon Rocks. With its spectacular views of the Cacapon River Valley, the Rocks were a common destination for 18th and 19th century riders, George Washington wrote often of his daily rides there. Rodeo fans can enjoy sanctioned events at the outdoor Triple B Arena along historic Sir Johns Run. Held on Sunday afternoons, activities feature team sorting, barrel racing and team roping. Occasional special events include country music concerts and full-scale rodeos.

**GAME COURTS** Public tennis, basketball and volleyball courts are found at Cacapon State Park and Biser Street Park in town. Coolfont Resort has tennis courts for guests. Paw Paw Town Park has a softball field and playground. The Morgan County Recreation Area provides five ball fields for league play. Spectators are welcome.

**HUNTING & FISHING** More than 20,000 acres in two wildlife management areas provide opportunities for hunting everything from white-tailed deer to roaming flocks of wild turkey. There are both spring and fall seasons for various game. Sleepy Creek Wildlife Management Area also offers primitive camping and a lake. Varying settings for canoeing, fishing and boating are found on the Potomac and Cacapon rivers, on area streams and on lakes at Cacapon State Park, Coolfont Resort and Sleepy Creek Wildlife Area. The Ridge Fish Hatchery breeds famous West Virginia trout used to stock local lakes. Sleepy Creek Lake has bass, sunfish, pike and crappie. There are several public access points to

the rivers noted on the map. Camping and sportsman access are found along the Potomac River in Paw Paw. Hunting and fishing licenses are required of both residents and nonresidents 15 to 65 years of age. NEVER hunt on private land without permission!

**WATER SPORTS** are not limited to soaking in the warm mineral springs. The lakes at Coolfont Resort and Cacapon State Park have paddleboats to rent. You can bring power- boats to the Potomac River and Sleepy Creek Lake in the wildlife management area. Canoeing, kayaking and tubing are preferred sports on the Cacapon River. There are sand beaches and lake swimming with lifeguards in season at Coolfont Resort and Cacapon State Park. The public swimming pool in Berkeley Springs State Park is open daily from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Coolfont has a year 'round indoor pool.

**SHOTGUN SPORTS** are available at two locations in the county. Sporting clays and trap are available at Sleepy Creek Sports a National Sporting Clays Association member. The wooded range is located 15 minutes from Berkeley Springs and is fully equipped and staffed. Also the Sleepy Creek Wildlife Area has an unattended shooting range.

**BIKING** The ridges and valleys of Morgan County are ideal terrain for both scenic road biking and mountain biking. Easy riding is best enjoyed on the C&O Canal towpath just six miles north of Berkeley Springs along the Potomac River. The towpath ride also takes bikers through the nearly mile-long Paw Paw Tunnel, largest man-made structure on the Canal. Bikes rentals are available at C&O Bicycle.

**HIKING** trails abound along Cacapon Mountain accessible from both Cacapon State Park and Coolfont Resort. Other trails include the Big Blue Trail that connects to the famed Appalachian Trail. The C&O Canal provides easy hiking as well as biking. Hikers particularly love the Paw Paw Tunnel.

**TIMBER RIDGE GO-KARTS AND MINI-GOLF** open for daily family fun during the summer months, weekends in spring and fall. Cold Run Driving Range also has mini-golf. The bowling alley is open daily, year 'round.

#### **RECREATION SPOTS IN MORGAN COUNTY:**

- **Berkeley Springs Bowlerama** 7 miles South on Rt 522 304-258-1815Hours: Daily 12 lanes of 10 pin bowling with cosmic bowling on Fri and Sat nights.
- **Berkeley Springs State Park** 121 S. Washington Street 1-800-225-5982Open Daily 10AM-6PM Includes roman baths, massages, and public swimming pool in the summer.
- **Big Blue Trail** 8 miles North on Rt 522 1-800-447-8797

- **Biser Street Park** 1/4 mile east off of Rt 9 304-258-1102 Hours: Daily until dark Tennis, basketball and volleyball court
- **Buck Valley Ranch** 1344 Negro Mountain Rd. Warfordsburg, PA. 17267 800-294-3759 Daily trail rides, guesthouse and packages.
- **Cacapon State Park** 10 miles south off Rt 522 1-800-225-5982 Open Daily until dark 6,000 acres includes 20 miles of hiking trails, 18 hole golf course, lake for swimming and fishing, and horseback riding.
- **C&O Bicycle** 9 Pennsylvania Ave Hancock, MD 301-678-6665 Open Daily 10-6; Closed Wed. Bicycle sales, repairs and rentals on C & O Canal.
- **C&O Canal Towpath** 8 miles North along Potomac River 301-678-5463
- **Cold Run Driving Range & Mini Golf** Rt 9W 1 mile off Rt 522 304-258-1749 Open Mon, Thurs, Fri- noon-dark; Sat & Sun 9am-dark Driving Range and 19 hole Mini Golf. Picnic tables available for parties and reunions.
- **Coolfont Resort** 6 miles West on Cold Run Valley Road 800-888-8768 Hours: Daily Family resort with a lake, horseback riding and snowtubing.
- **Morgan County Recreation Area** 8 miles South on Rt 522 304-258-8540 Hours: Daily 5 Ball fields and picnic area
- **Paw Paw Tunnel** Route 9 West to Paw Paw 301-678-5463 Open Daily until dark Part of the C&O Canal the 3,1118 foot tunnel is accessible to walkers and cyclists year 'round.
- **Sleepy Creek Public Wildlife Management Area** 12 miles East off Rt 9 304-754-3855 Hours: Daily 23,000 acres of wooded mountainous terrain and rolling basin land for the sports person.
- **Sleepy Creek Sports** 6 miles east on Rt 13 (Winchester Grade Road) 304-261-5865 Open Thurs-Sun. Daylight hours seasonal- call for schedule. Sporting Clays range in a scenic, wooded area. Shooting supplies available and beginners programs.
- **Timber Ridge Motel** 12 miles south off Rt 522 304-258-4888 Days and hours seasonal call for schedule. "U-drive" go-karts and a 9 hole (24 par) mini-golf course.
- **Triple B Arena** 2 miles West off Rt 9 304-258-4178 Scheduled Events Rodeo events free to public plus special events and concerts.

- **Widmyer Public Hunting Area** 2 miles West off Rt 9 304-258-8540Hours: Open during hunting season. Public hunting with a license. Be advised never to hunt on private land without permission.

## FESTIVALS:

Three renowned festivals star fabulous tastes -- the annual Apple Butter Festival on Columbus Day weekend in October, International Water Tasting the end of February, and Uniquely West Virginia food and wine festival in mid-April. The Winter Festival of the Waters, which includes the Berkeley Springs International Water Tasting fills January through March with fun and excitement.

**Apple Butter Festival** - Harvest rite with crafts, concerts, games, mountain food, apple butter cooking in kettles while you watch the parade on Columbus Day weekend October 7-8.

**Winter Festival of the Waters** Spas, resorts, inns, restaurants, shops of Berkeley Springs conspire to brighten winter with three-months of specials along with these exciting events:

- **Spa Feast** Sample alternative and preventive health services. Demonstrations, displays, door prizes and menu of local health specialists. From pedicures to reflexology, Bio Magnetics to massage therapy, we've got the cure for your winter blahs in January
- **The Berkeley Springs International Water Tasting** - Municipal, bottled non-carbonated and sparkling water is tasted by the public and media judges held the last weekend in February, annually.
- **George Washington's Bath Tub Celebration** \$1 specials prove that Washington's face still means something in Berkeley Springs. Special Washington events. Check Washington's Bath Tub in the State Park for details.

## LABOR FORCE

	MORGAN COUNTY	WV	US
<b>MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME BY AGE (\$ IN 1999)</b>			
	Number	Number	Number
Median household income	35,016	29,696	41,994
Householder under 25	24,125	14,442	22,679
Householder 25-34	33,077	29,818	41,414
Householder 35-44	43,950	36,662	50,654
Householder 45-54	46,521	41,677	56,300
Householder 55-64	40,903	32,199	47,447
Householder 65-74	24,778	23,768	31,368
Householder 75 and older	21,505	18,336	22,259

**PER CAPITA INCOME BY RACE OR ETHNICITY (\$)**

	Number	Number	Number
Per capita income	18,109	16,477	21,587
White	18,080	16,613	23,918
Black or African American	36,162	12,395	14,437
Native American	9,272	14,384	12,893
Asian	40,260	28,607	21,823
Native Hawaiian and Pacific islander	0	10,194	15,054
Some other race	9,400	10,845	10,813
Two or more races	11,523	11,464	13,405
Hispanic or Latino	12,093	13,861	12,111

[Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census; ePodunk](#)

\*Unemployment rate for October 2005 - Morgan County - 3.7%

**Top 10 Employers:**

1. Morgan County Board of Education - 400 employees  
247 Harrison Avenue - 304-258-2430
2. U.S. Silica Company - 168 employees  
Post Office Box 187 - 304-258-2500
3. Morgan County War Memorial Hospital - 150 employees  
109 War Memorial Drive - 304-258-1234
4. Caperton Furnitureworks - 103 employees  
5270 Valley Road - 304-258-2343
5. Citizens National Bank - 70 employees  
101 South Washington Street - 304-258-1520
6. Food Lion, Inc. - 68 employees  
70 Morgan Square, Suite 1 - 304-258-5288
7. The Inn & Spa at Berkeley Springs - 60 employees  
1 Market Street - 304-258-2210
8. Coolfont Recreation Inc. - 50 employees  
3621 Cold Run Valley Road - 304-258-4500
9. West Virginia Division of Natural Resources - Cacapon State Park - 26 full-time employees; 100 seasonal employees  
818 Cacapon Lodge Drive - 304-258-1022
10. Eddie's Tire Service - 19 employees  
3077 Valley Road - 304-258-1368

## HISTORY

History is alive and well in Berkeley Springs, the country's first spa, part of daily life for both residents and visitors.

You can follow in centuries-old footsteps by "taking the waters" in historic Roman Baths or contemporary spas and with every glass of water in fine restaurants and cafes. There are self-guided tours of everything from Berkeley Springs State Park and the historic town of Berkeley Springs (Bath) to a countywide driving tour of George Washington-related sites.

A delightful Museum of the Berkeley Springs is open year 'round on the second floor of the Roman Bath House in Berkeley Springs State Park. Genealogical records are available at the Berkeley Springs Public Library with Historical Society volunteers on hand to help most mornings.

### **The Story of Berkeley Springs**

Berkeley Springs, a fountainhead of warm mineral waters frequented by Native Americans long before Europeans arrived in the New World, are at the heart of a mountain spa community in West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle. First noted as Medicine Springs in 1747 on a map drawn by Thomas Jefferson's father, the waters for many centuries have drawn visitors seeking health and relief from the stress of everyday life.

In 1776, George Washington's family and friends drew up a plat of 134 lots, named the streets, and incorporated The Town of Bath, invoking the muses of the renowned English spa. Yet the magic of the springs prevailed, and the town and surrounding area are known by their name -- Berkeley Springs.

The waters flow at a constant 74°F from the base of Warm Springs Ridge. You may still drink freely and fill your jugs at Lord Fairfax's public tap, and wade in the ancient stone pools in the nation's smallest state park. The town has endured cycles of notoriety, fashion, war and modern progress, but remains the Country's First Spa, a quiet, friendly haven surrounded by West Virginia's splendid outdoors.

### **Places To Find History:**

- The Washington Heritage Trail in Morgan County
- The Washington Heritage Trail in the Eastern Panhandle
- Treasure Tour of Berkeley Springs State Park
- Walking Tour of Berkeley Springs
- George Washington Archives
- The Morgan County Historical Society
- Museum of The Berkeley Springs
- Berkeley Castle -- *[The Berkeley Castle is no longer open for tours].*
- Berkeley Springs State Park -- 1-800-CALL-WVA

## THE ARTS

Berkeley Springs earned its listing among America's 100 best small art towns and as #12 of America's top art destinations with its community of noted artists and active arts council. Galleries, craft shops, Community Theater, professional performances, art exhibitions at the Ice House and summer concerts in the park round out the list of attractions. Members of the area arts community are showcased in galleries and shops around town. A Depression-era movie theatre, weekly jam sessions and weekend music and dancing tempt those tired of chirping tree frogs as entertainment. Two collections of short stories set in Morgan County and written by local writers are available for sale in the Visitors Center.

### **Art Connections in Berkeley Springs:**

- **Berkeley Springs Community Choir** -- 304-258-4075
- **Coolfont Foundation Arts Series.** Year 'round schedule of recitals, chamber music, film festivals, painting classes, poetry readings, lectures. 1-800-888-8768
- **Heath Studio Gallery** -- (304) 258-9840
- **Hsu Studios**--(304) 258-1911
- **Ice House** Home of the Morgan Arts Council (MAC) and site for concerts, art classes, the Ice House Co-operative Gallery and special gallery shows, and the Ice House Theater Project. MAC also produces the Summer Concerts in the Park series, free every Saturday afternoon at 5:30pm during, July and August in Berkeley Springs State Park. Ice House Gallery Co-Op-- Gallery of local artists with changing art shows-open weekends. 304-258-2300
- **Mallory Gallery & Jennifer Mallory-McBee Studio** ~Fine art featuring the areas best alternative and innovative artists. -- (304) 258-3809
- **The Mosaic Art Studio** ~ Custom-designed, unique, figurative & abstract patterns for mirrors, tables, wall pieces & more-- (304) 258-1304
- **Mountain Laurel Gallery** ~ Fine American Crafts & Wearable Art -- (304) 258-1919
- **Parks House** ~ West Virginia products and locally made Seely Furniture -- (304) 258-6871
- **Possum Holler** ~ an area band and regional favorite with a great CD -- (304) 258-3449
- **STAR Theatre** Current movies, vintage movie house. Summer, Thursday-Sunday; winter, Friday-Sunday. 8 p.m. -- (304) 258-1404
- **Tari's Cafe Gallery** -- (304) 258-1196

## **COMMUNICATION**

### **Newspapers:**

Washington Post: 1-800-627-1150  
Sandie's News Agency: 304-258-3614  
Olde Berkeley News: 304-267-8072  
The Journal: 1-800-448-1895  
The Morning Herald: 304-263-0879  
Morgan Messenger: 304-258-1800  
Morgan County Today: 304-258-5550  
Evening & Weekend Journal: 304-258-3730

### **Cable/Internet:**

Time Warner Cable: 304-263-4961  
Dish, Inc.: 304-264-8888  
Mel McQuain Communications: 304-267-7502  
Onsite Services: 304-876-2235  
Adelphia (Eastern Morgan Co.) 1-888-683-1000  
TCI (Paw Paw) 301-722-6553

### **Radio Stations:**

WRNR, 304-263-6540  
WEPM, 97.5FM 304-263-8868  
WTRM, 91.3FM 540-869-4997  
WYII, 301-582-1320  
West Virginia Public Radio 1-800-723-4687  
WCST, 1010AM  
WDHC, 93.5FM

### **Telephone:**

AT & T: 1-800-222-0300  
Verizon: 304-954-6222  
Pro-Tel Systems: 304-264-0602  
Frontier/Citizens Communications: 1-800-921-8102