

Scenic Autumn Drives Around Appalachia—Perfect for those Daytrippers!

East Tennessee Road Treasures



**Highway 421 in Cherokee National Forest*

If you live in Central Appalachia you've likely heard of the scenic drive often referred to as "The Snake" and "The Tail of the Dragon" in East Tennessee. People come from all over the country to explore and enjoy this renowned 33 mile drive winding through these mountains.

This gorgeous route takes you through Cherokee National Forest where the "The Snake" portion is between Mountain City and Bristol, Tennessee. "The Tail of the Dragon" picks up on U.S. Route 129 and has over 300 curves across the 11-mile stretch that begins in Deal's Gap, Tennessee.

The hit movie *The Fugitive* actually filmed scenes over the Dragon stretch of these scenic drives. As the leaves begin to change color (soon!!), these are great roadways to take your time crossing with your family. It's the perfect day out!

Appalachian Waters Scenic Byway—Route 39



This great scenic drive starts in Virginia's Rockbridge County. You'll head west through Bath County and into the heart of Appalachia when you cross the West Virginia line and end the breathtaking drive in the counties of Greenbrier, Nicholas and Pocahontas.

Along the way in Rockbridge County you'll find several places worth exploring such as old historic Lexington, VA, a vineyard, the Laurel Run Trail and the Goshen Wildlife area.

This day trip also includes Garth Newel Music Center, Gauley River National Recreation Area, the Falls of Hills Creek, Cranberry Glades Botanical Area, countless trails and overlooks and some of the best scenery anywhere. For details visit <http://scenic39.com/>.



ARTIST'S CORNER

Paramount Arts Center

Nestled away in Ashland, Kentucky you'll find this treasure of a place that supports artists of all kinds. The good news...it's close enough to Central Appalachia that it makes for another perfect day trip!

The Paramount Arts Center has a long and storied tradition here in our Appalachia. It began in 1931 as a silent movie house. One can only imagine the buzz and excitement of everyone in the surrounding communities when this historic gem opened its doors.

Today this center is still hosting artists to showcase to the surrounding communities. Upcoming events include the play "The Inspector" by Murder & Merriment, periodic Meet MSU Night (Morehead State University artists), country star Trace Adkins, world renowned artist Gordon Lightfoot, as well as performances of jazz, a style show featuring models from around the region, and a play re-enactment of Little Shop of Horrors.

You can find out more about the venue, it's mission, and upcoming events by visiting them online at <http://paramountartscenter.com/>. Do yourself a favor and make sure to visit this place and have a great time!



The Arts Center

The Randolph County Community Arts Center, often just called The Arts Center, is located in the small community of Elkins, West Virginia. It's an art center with a giant mission! Their purpose is to enhance both the cultural and economic life of their area by providing programming and a location that can entertain, educate, and inspire.

One visit to their location or to their website and you can see the hard work and effort they put in to achieving these goals in their part of Appalachia.



They offer art classes for K-12 as well as art classes for adults. The venue is also used for concerts and exhibits by local artists. Stop by and visit their website for information and future events. As always, it is vital we support our local artists of all kinds, their art defines who we are a culture and a people.

<http://www.randolpharts.org/>

HALLOWEEN IN APPALACHIA

There is no better place to enjoy Halloween than Appalachia. The rich and storied history of our region lends itself to countless ghost stories, supposed haunted locations, and more legends than you can shake a stick at! Toss in the haunted ghost tours, corn mazes and general fun for both kids and adults, Halloween marks the beginning of a great holiday season.



**The statue of the infamous Mothman, Point Pleasant, West Virginia*

Almost everyone has heard of the mystery and horror story of the Mothman. This was immortalized in the hit movie *The Mothman Prophecies* back in the 1990's, a movie that captured the horror and suspense of this creepy legend. If you are a fan of horror and legend, then you are due a trip to Point Pleasant, West Virginia to visit this statue, the museum and the tour of the location where the climax of the story took place.

<http://www.mothmanmuseum.com/>

Another creepy location to visit, if you have the guts, is St. Albans Sanatorium in Radford, Virginia. This place is considered one of the most haunted locations in the country and has been featured on countless television shows that showcase the paranormal and the macabre. You can even contact the owners for a chance at conducting your own haunted investigation!



St. Albans has a twisted history even before it became a Sanatorium. When the building was first built on the property in Radford it was an all boys school. However, many have recorded it's history as being run in a cut throat competitive manner that led to several accounts of violence and even several suspected murders.

Today, those that visit the haunted location will find two hot spots in the building. The first is the haunted bowling alley down in the basement where paranormal investigators have claimed to have recorded the voice of a young girl reaching out for help.

The other hot spot is called the suicide bathroom. Hospital records show that several patients over the years had sought out this specific bathroom for unknown reasons.

About Us

Our mission is simple. The **Foundation For Appalachian Advancement** (FAA) strives to promote educational opportunities, economic development, and the advancement of our culture, history and heritage through the arts.

We need your help to support this great region! The FAA is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization and your donations are completely tax deductible. Absolutely 100% will go towards the FAA expenses. Operational expenses only include web site maintenance and the annual P.O. Box fee which has always been paid out of pocket. All directors/officers are volunteers, no one is salaried.

Programs we sponsor include the Appalachian Scholarship Fund and Appalachia Streaming. In addition, we are hoping to have funding available going forward to sponsor several events promoting artists throughout our region.

We can accept Credit Card and electronic donations through the PayPal button on our website or the "Old Fashioned" way by personal check. If writing a check you can mail it to P.O. Box 397, Richlands, Virginia, 24641. Any amount is greatly appreciated!

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