

West Virginia Field Trip Itinerary October 18-22, 2021

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Date	Day	Hotel Departure Time	Event	Miles to Event	Est. time to Event
	Monday		Travel to Fayetteville, WV Fairfield Inn & Suites (\$89 + tax 125 Hylton Lane Beckley, WV 25801 (465 miles) Check in: 3:00 pm 304-252-8661 Cut-off registration date for Special \$89 rate Oct 4, 2021	449	6 hr. 42 min plus stops for gas, meal. etc.
18-Oct-21		At your convenience	Breakfast Complimentary 6:30 am to 9:30 am daily One Tamarack Place, Beckley, WV Regional showcase of WV made arts and crafts including fine arts gallery. We will be photographing several bridges.	1.5	5 mins.
		6:00 PM	Dinner Tamarack Place Beckley WV 25801		
Oct 19,2021	Tuesday	7:30 AM	Kanawha Falls Photo opts: the Falls Hawks Nest State Park (overlook) This is a stop on the way to Kanawha Falls Photo opts: Falls, New River and Dam Lunch Glen Ferris Inn 11:30 am 9022 Midland Trail, Rt 60 Glen Ferris, WV 25090 Close to Kanawa Falls	36	54 mins.
			Cathedral Falls One of the most scenic and easy to access waterfalls in southern WV. Wonderful spot for photographs.	2.7	4 mins
			Thrumond City, WV Photo opts: Appalachian Coal Town Consider B & W photography	31	57 mins.
			Grandview State Park Part of New River George National Park Photo opts: dramatic scenery. Main Overlook is 1,400 feet above river.	31	54 mins.
			Return to Hotel	19	34 mins.
		6:00 PM	Dinner Outback Steakhouse 111 Hylton Lane Beckley, WV 25801 - walking distance 304-255-5100		
Oct 20,2021	Wednesday	7:30 AM	Babcock State Park 486 Babcock Rd, Clifftop, WV 25831 Photo Opts: Glade Creek Grist Mill Island in the Sky Trail. Moderate hike. Overlook shelter. Round trip 0.4 miles 30-45 minutes . Easily accessible from Park Office and Grist Mill. Scenic Park with many photo opts. Lunch To be determined.	39	50 mins.
			Hinton, WV Photo opts: Farm country on high flat top country. New River, Sandstone Falls, Brooks Falls, Bluestone Dam scenic overlooks, wildlife Sandstone Visitor Center, exit 139 on 64 Exhibits, maps and information	37	59 mins.

Sandstone Falls Park.

Largest waterfalls on New River.

From the town of Sandstone head south to Hinton. You will be on Route 20. High above the river are two park vistas; Sandstone Falls Overlook 600 feet above river, Brooks Overlook looks down on a mile-long Brooks Island, a Bald Eagle nesting site.

Sandstone Falls parking available

New River Road

After crossing the bridge at Hinton you will begin driving alongside the New River downriver Road. There are great riverside vistas, river access points, a small boardwalk at Brooks Falls, a powerful Class III rapid. The journey ends at the Sandstone Falls day use area. There is a boardwalk and bridges that span the two islands below the falls.

Trip back to Beckley Fairfield Inn

Fastest is via route 64

25 26 mins.

7:00 PM

Dinner

Pasquale's
224 Harper Park Dr.
Beckley, WV 25801 304-255-5253

0.7 3 mins.

Oct 21,2021 Thursday

7:30am

Highland National Scenic Highway

Photo opt: Cranberry Glades Botanical Area, four Scenic Overlooks on rt. 150 (Parkway). Falls of Hill Creek.

Directions: From Beckley to Richwood via rt. 19

68 miles 1 hr. 21 mins

The Highland National Scenic Highway is 43 miles from Richwood to U.S. Route 219, miles north of Marlinton. The highway follows State Route 39/55 for 21 miles from Richwood to the Cranberry Mountain Nature Center. It then turns into State Route 150 (Parkway section) for 22 miles to U.S. Route 219. The Highway traverses the mountainous terrain of the Allegheny Highlands and Plateau and rises from Richwood, elevation 2325 feet to over 4,500 feet.

Falls of Hill Creek

Located 16-17 miles east of Richwood , WV on the way to the Cranberry Mountain Nature Center. The Falls are 6 miles before the Cranberry Mt. Nature Center. Road to Falls is on right. Beaver dam is on left side of highway There is a 0.3 mile paved path with viewing platform. The remainder of the three quarter mile trail to the second and third Falls is strenuous with stairways and boardwalks.

Cranberry Mountain Nature Center

22 miles 27 mins.

Located at the junction of rt. 39/55 and rt. 150. Information about the National Forest and nearby attractions. The Center has an exhibit hall.
304-653-4826

Cranberry Glades Botanical Area

The Bogs are a 750 acre wetlands. A half-mile long barrier-free boardwalk is available. The road to the Glades is located on rt. 39/150, 1/2 mile before the Cranberry Mountain Nature Center.

Scenic Overlooks

Four Scenic overlooks are located on parkway (rt. 150) portion of the Highway. The overlooks provide spectacular views of the Allegheny Highlands.

1:00 PM

Lunch

Greenbrier Grille
814 First Ave. Marlinton, WV 24945

304-799-7233

Marlington is located on U.S. 216

Directions: Richwood to Edray (take rt. 39/155 to rt. 15 48 miles
Edray to Marlington (take US 219 south) 4.1 miles 7 mins.

Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park 23 miles 15 mins.

Photo opt: Battlefield, park trails, museum

Droop Mountain is known Battle of Droop Mountain,
the last major American Civil War conflict in WV

The park has an on-site museum with exhibits about,
local history, the Battle of Droop Mountain,
and Civil War artifacts.

Beartown State Park 4.6 miles 9 mins.

Photo opt: Boardwalk through unusual rock formation.

Some very hungry bears looking for photographers!

A 110-acre natural area located on the eastern summit
of Droop Mountain. Beartown has unusual rocky
formations, massive boulders, overhanging cliffs
and deep crevices. The park's half-mile boardwalk
showcases these spectacular sights.

Trip back to Beckley Fairfield Inn 78 miles 1 hr. 26 mins.

Fastest is via route 64

Dinner

To be determined

Oct 22,2021 Friday

Travel Home

Note: The Itinerary is subject to change