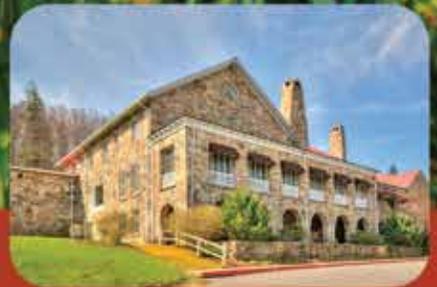


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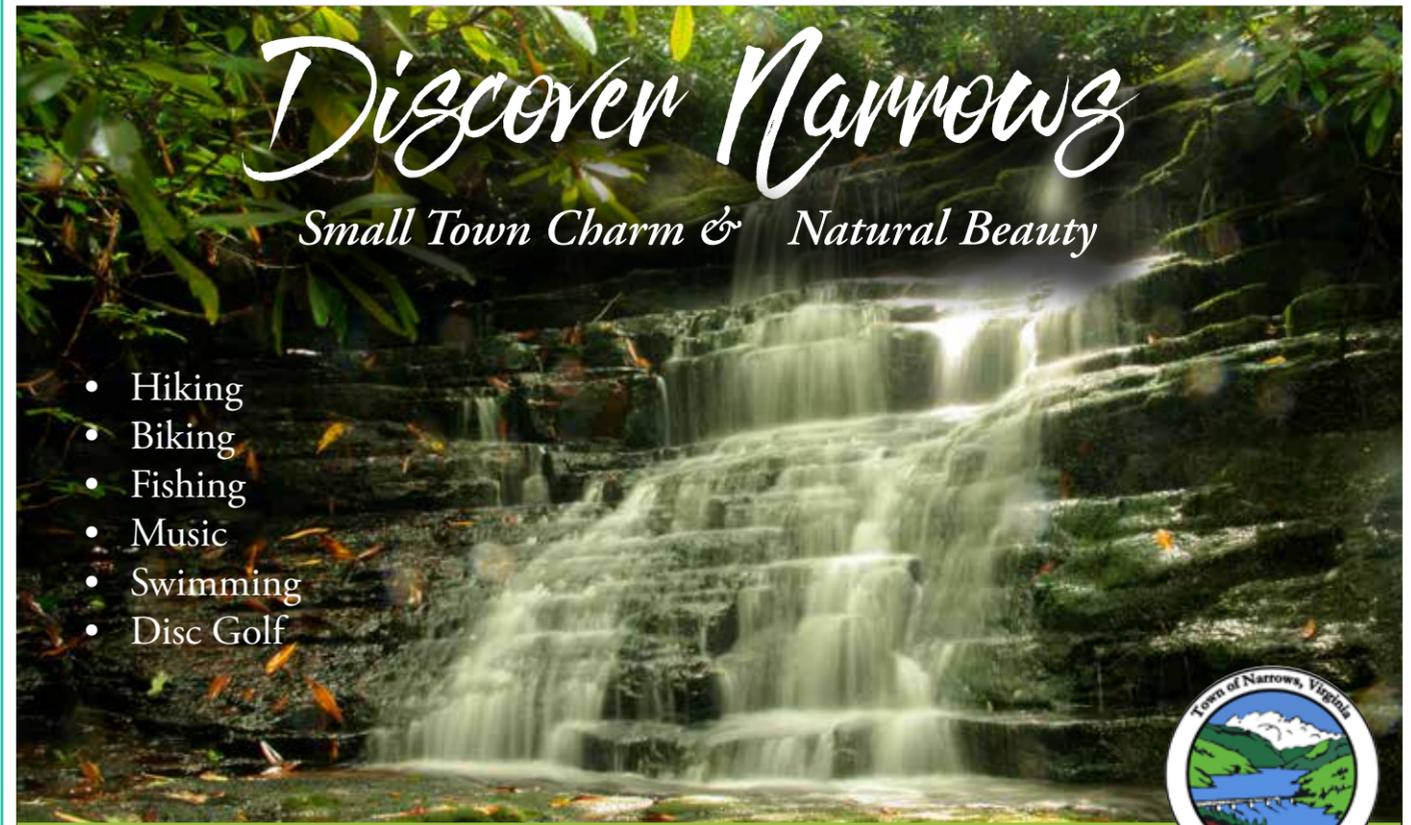
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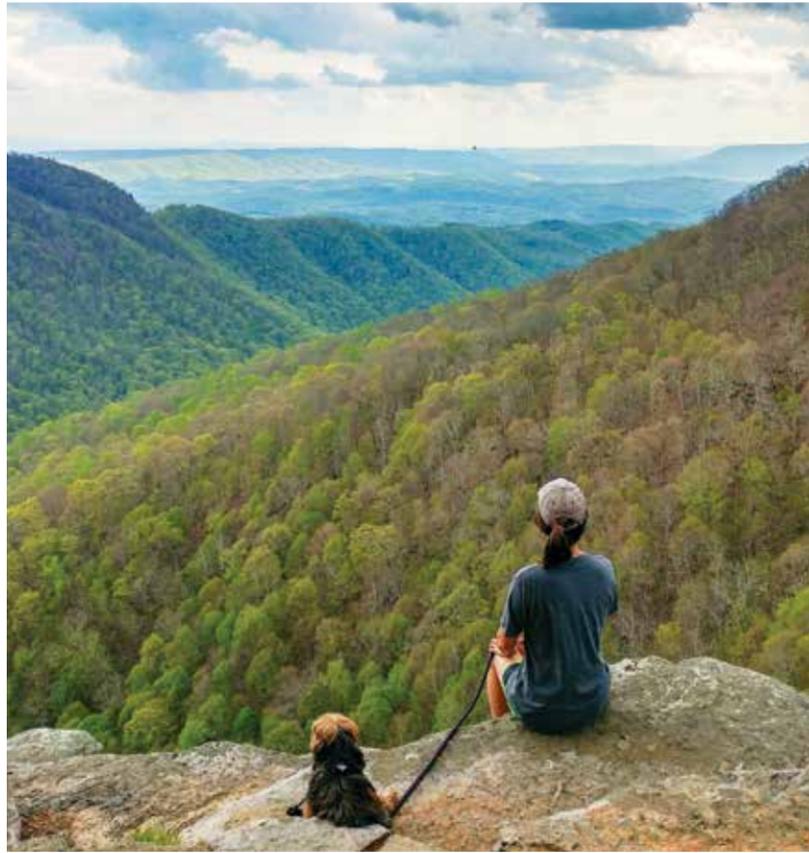
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Sincerely,
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Tourism Marketing Director

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Sincerely,
Chris McKlarney
Giles County Administrator

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The New River is the second oldest river in the world, so it was “new” when discovered, and it is one of the few to flow north. The majority of its 37 miles of Giles County is suitable for many activities though it ranges from a depth of a few inches in some places to 100 feet at the base of the Palisades Cliffs.

THE NEW RIVER WATER TRAIL

A new appreciation and recognition for the value of the nation’s rivers is materializing through water trails. Which is where the ubiquitous paddle replaces the knobby-soled hiking boot for forward motion, and the trail is filled with sparkling, free-flowing water. From the seat of a canoe, kayak, raft, boat, or paddleboard, the waterway hiker in Giles County glides along the surface of the New River.

Preservation, restoration, and pure enjoyment of this historical river have propelled Giles County

organizations and individuals to designate the New River as a natural, waterway trail. A little more than 10 percent of its 320 miles meander through the county, and the waterway is notable for being the second oldest river in the world (thus, New compared to the Nile). One of several stories about its name points to a Captain Byrd. He was charged with opening a road from the James River to Abingdon in 1764. The map he used, written by Thomas Jefferson in 1755, did not show the river, so Byrd noted it as “New River.”

Headwaters are found near Blowing Rock, N.C., and the New River is one of a few waterways which flows north. Water depths in Giles County range from a few inches to 100 feet near the Palisades vertical rock cliffs cut away by the river’s constant flow across centuries. Historically speaking, the New River provided a transportation route for Indians, pioneers, and commercial trades, and served as a life-saving landmark in the 1700s for Mary Draper Ingles. Mrs. Ingles was captured by Indians who took her hundreds of miles





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on waterways up into the Ohio Valley. Upon escaping, she followed the rivers backwards, using the New River as her guide home.

A local cooperative effort has been initiated to promote and enhance New River Water Trail experiences, develop maps, and landmark designations, and connect with land and bicycle trails. As a recreational corridor through beautiful scenery, abundant fish and birds and noteworthy geological formations, the New River provides waterway adventures for all outdoorsy folks.

Visitors who enjoy a soft adventure can cruise quietly along sections of the waterway, while those who lean toward more thrilling excitement can find it in Class I, II, and III rapids in places along the entire 37 miles. Local outfitters offer equipment, guides, knowledge, and half-day, full-day and overnight excursions on this wonderful, friendly, historic waterway.

Fast water and big rocks create the perfect water environment for big smallmouth bass and flathead catfish. You can pull a canoe up on an island and fish with jigs or spinner baits to hook some fine trophies. The New River also has several lazy, slow stretches where fisherman can enjoy the scenery and still have luck fishing for rock bass near grass beds. The slow water, near dams along the river, house flathead and channel catfish, as well as walleye and smallmouth bass when fished with live bait.

Whether fishing, sunning, socializing, exploring, or picnicking, the New River Water Trail is one of the coolest ways to experience a significant, natural habitat in Giles County.



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EGGLESTON, VA 24086

Distance: 6 miles
Estimated Float Time: 3 hours
Estimated Fishing Time: 6 hours

With towering cliffs lining both sides of the river, including the historic Palisades Cliffs on river right just downstream of the put in, this section is recognized as one of the most scenic floats in all of Virginia. Short riffles are scattered throughout the float, appealing to both boaters and anglers. Fly anglers can try casting a wooly bugger in the eddies and runs. While spin fisherman can try top-water baits along the grass edges early and late in the day. This float has one strong Class II, two milder Class II's, and several Class I riffles. Take out off Route 623 on river right at the Pembroke VDGIF ramp just upstream of the Route 623 Bridge.

PEMBROKE TO RIPPLEMEAD

201 RIVER ROAD,
PEMBROKE, VA 24136

Distance: 2.5 miles
Estimated Float Time: 1 hour
Estimated Fishing Time: 3 hours

A short but beautiful float characterized by numerous islands and riffles throughout, this section is a great run for a quick afternoon or morning float. It can also be added to the sections before or after it to lengthen the trip. One of the largest tributaries of the New, Walker Creek, enters on river left near the end of the float signaling the beginning of Whitt Riverbend Park. This float has one strong Class II at the beginning of the float and the rest are Class I and riffles. Take out off Route 636 on river left at the entrance of Whitt Riverbend Park and before the Route 460 Bridge.

RIPPLEMEAD TO BLUFF CITY

995 RIPPLEMEAD ROAD,
RIPPLEMEAD, VA 24150

Distance: 8.5 miles
Estimated Float Time: 4 hours
Estimated Fishing Time: 8 hours

One of the best whitewater runs in all of Virginia, offering Class I and II's throughout the entire length of the float. In addition to scenic, towering bluffs along the banks, this is one of the top paddling trips in the southeast. Big Stony Creek, a stocked trout stream, enters on river right about halfway through the trip and Clendenin Shoals, located about 2 miles from the takeout, is a strong Class II rapid with large wave trains throughout. Smallmouth and musky fishing is good throughout the float, particularly in the oxygenated riffles during the warmer months. Take out on river left just below the Route 460 Bridge.



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Estimated Fishing Time: 4 hours

Mostly smooth water with one long shoal about a mile into the float. Take out is on river left at VDGIF ramp at Camp Success Park in the town of Narrows just downstream from the mouth of Wolf Creek. **WARNING:** Narrows Falls, a dangerous Class III rapid that descends 7 feet in 50 feet of river, looms downstream of the takeout and presents numerous hazards in its course including the remains of an old dam.

NARROWS TO GLEN LYN

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Distance: 5.5 miles
Estimated Float Time: 2.5 hours
Estimated Fishing Time: 6 hours

A very calm float with several riffles and big islands dotting its course. Put-in at either the Lurich Road access on river left just downstream of Narrows Falls, or at the Rich Creek VDGIF ramp on river right about a mile downstream. Take out at the Glen Lyn VDGIF ramp just above the Route 460 Bridge at Glen Lyn Park. Approximately 7 miles of river flows through Virginia before exiting the state, but finding a takeout can be challenging.

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fishing

The Falls at **Dismal Creek**
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- Day Hikes

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Day Hikes to Enjoy

Angel's Rest
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Cherokee Flats Day Use Area
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- 2 New River Park Private Access:** Private campground. Please contact for reservations and more information- 540-599-2777
- 3 Eggleston Boat Landing:** Eggleston Rd. to River Rd. wide gravel put in on left.
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- 5 Pembroke Boat Landing:** Take Rt. 460 to Snidow Rd. in Pembroke. Stay right. Take left fork onto River Road. Boat Landing sign can be seen. Follow paved road over the railroad tracks. Boat ramp is on left just before bridge.
- 6 R&R Campground:** On the opposite side of the Pembroke Boat Landing. Primitive camping 540-922-0091
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- 8 Ripplemead Boat Landing:** Take Rt. 460 to Pearisburg/Ripplemead Exit. Turn toward Ripplemead and follow the paved road over the railroad tracks. It will turn to gravel. The boat ramp is on the left just outside of the parking lot. Primitive camping, bathrooms and picnic shelter are available.
- 9 Bluff City Boat Landing:** Turn onto Cord Rd. at east end of Rt 460 bridge and at stop sign turn left onto Thomas Dr. - Turn Right onto Tanney Rd. - Go across tracks under the bridge.
- 10 Camp Success Boat Landing:** Take Rt. 460 to Narrows. Cross over the New River and take your first right turn onto Lurich Rd. Camp Success is on your right. Drive all the way to the end of the camp's gravel road to get to the boat ramp. The camp offers primitive camping and bathrooms.
- 11 Lurich Road Boat Landing:** Take Rt. 460 to Narrows. Cross over the New River and take your first right turn onto Lurich Rd. Pass Camp Success, on your right. Drive approximately 3 miles. The boat ramp will be on your right just past the Narrows Falls.
- 12 Rich Creek Boat Landing:** Located near Gentry's Landing on US-460E in Rich Creek. Public boat ramp made of concrete. This site is within walking distance to the Gentry's Landing Campground.
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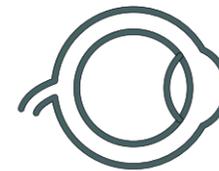
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GLEN LYN TOWN PARK is a quiet spot for camping, fishing, launching a boat, or walking, and **RICH CREEK'S WOODLAND PARK** is often used for athletic activities and community gatherings. The **NEWPORT RECREATION CENTER** is a central site for local events, art studios, youth activities and concerts. **EGGLESTON** is most delightful from a raft, boat or canoe on the New River, next to the Palisades Cliffs. Campgrounds along the river create fun experiences for all ages.

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WAR SPUR LOOP

War Spur Loop is an easy trail through the Mountain Lake Wilderness that treats hikers to a wide variety of plant life and an outstanding view. Most hikers travel the loop counter-clockwise, following the Salt Pond Mountain ridge to the overlook.

Directions: Follow US 460 west for 6.5 miles. Turn right on Mountain Lake Road (SR 700). Travel 3.5 miles past Mountain Lake Hotel. War Spur Trailhead is on the right

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VIRGINIA WALK TRAIL

This 1.3 mile nature trail meanders around White Rocks Campground. The name "Virginias Walk" comes from the fact that the trail travels from Virginia into West Virginia and then back again. The trail begins at campsite #9 and ends at Campsite #26.

Directions: From Blacksburg, VA: Follow SR 460 west for 15 miles to SR 635. Turn right on SR 635. Travel 17 miles. Turn right onto SR 613. Continue 0.8 miles; turn left onto entrance road. Campground is one mile ahead. Total distance from Blacksburg: 35 miles



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CASCADE FALLS PEMBROKE

Difficulty Level: Moderate
Distance: 4.0 miles round trip
Features: Dogs allowed, cliffs, rocky path, wading in pool below falls

Total hike is 4.0 miles round trip over sometimes steep terrain on a sometimes rough and often muddy path.

Directions: Take exit 118 I-81 north on US-460, making sure to use the bypasses around Christiansburg and Blacksburg. After 26.6 miles turn right on Cascade Dr (SR-T623) in Pembroke. The entrance is in 3.3 miles. Fees for Access: \$3 fee per vehicle

DISMAL FALLS WHITE GATE

Difficulty Level: Easy
Features: Best time to view falls is winter to early summer. Peaceful, pretty, and easily accessed is the 15 ft. Dismal Falls.

Directions: Take exit 98 from I-81 going north on VA-100. Go 11.6 miles and turn left on VA-42. After 10.1 miles turn right on SR-606. After 1 mile, turn right on SR-671 which becomes unpaved after .4 miles. .5 miles after the pavement ends, there is a sign for the falls and a small pull-off on the right of the road.

MILL CREEK FALLS NARROWS

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Features: Series of waterfalls through Mill Creek Nature Park, native trout stream

Directions: Easiest access to the falls is through the Town of Narrows taking Rt. 100 to VA-652 to the intersection of VA-710. On foot follow VA-652 (gravel) on the left side of the creek through a gate marking the Town Farm Park. Stay close to the creek the whole way.
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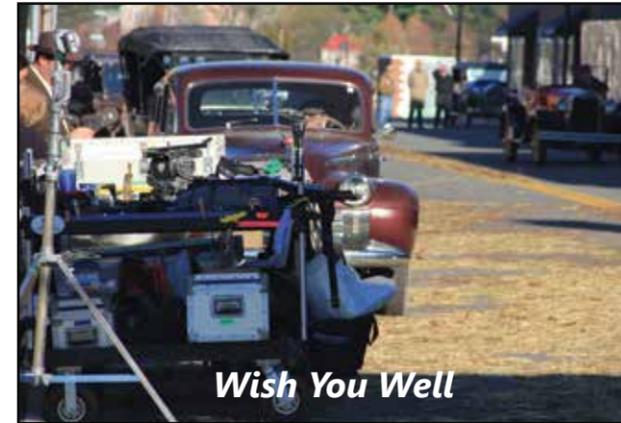





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Art in Public Places

The natural beauty of Giles is complimented with a tasteful placement of art in public places. Commissioned pieces or community supported art, popup in our communities. Visit our LOVEworks in Narrows, Pearisburg and at the Newport Recreation Center.

Drive past building murals in Pearisburg and Narrows that highlight our people, our history, & our surroundings. Enjoy the one mile River Sculpture Walking Trail in the Pearisburg Town Park featuring installation pieces of art created from debris removed from the New River. Artist contributing include Robert Tuckwiller & Nikki Pynn.

Giles Artisans

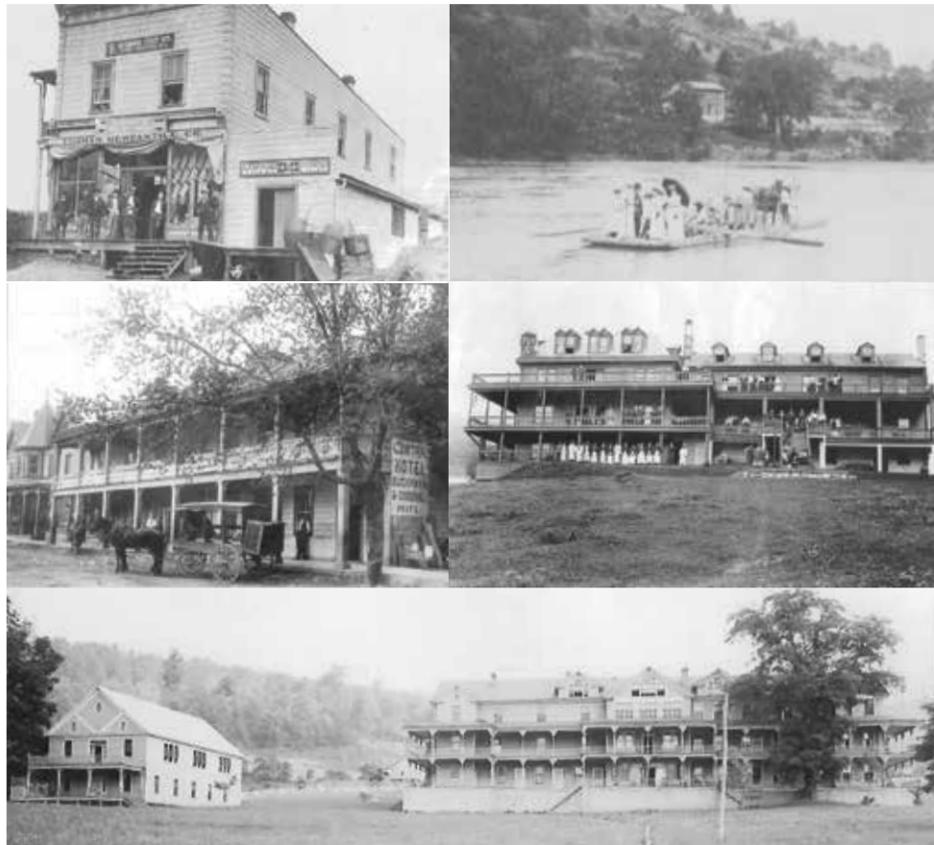
The clang of a blacksmith hammer echoes through the mountains while the heat of a kiln melts glass that is molded into glimmering shapes. The artisans here work their magic by putting their heart and soul into each piece. The single melody of a handmade banjo shares a tapestry of mountain tales in traditional songs. The artisans on the Giles Trail have carved, molded, melded, painted and quilted unique and creative art that is found in the quaint hamlets scattered in the mountains and valleys of Giles County.

Film

With many beautiful locations year-round it makes Giles a prime location for film. The Giles County Film Office strives to make filmmaking easier by meeting with scouts and production companies from the moment they begin looking at locations until they wrap. Contact the Giles Film Office at gilesfilmoffice@gilescounty.org.

Celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2017, Dirty Dancing released in 1987, starring the late Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey was filmed at Mountain Lake Lodge. "Kellerman's Resort" and Dirty Dancing went on to win the Academy Award for Best Original Song and a Golden Globe and Grammy. Guests still flock to Mountain Lake to relive the magic of Dirty Dancing.

Wish You Well filmed in 2012 and based on a best-selling novel by David Baldacci brings his original story to the big screen with Life Out Loud Films, Copper Beech Productions and Baldacci Entertainment. The film stars Josh Lucas, Mackenzie Foy, and Academy Award Winner Ellen Burstyn. It was filmed throughout Giles County including Eggleston, Newport, Pembroke, and Pearisburg. Residents filled in and streets were transformed to recreate the scene of a coal mining town of the 1940's.



Giles County was established in 1806 and is named after William Branch Giles. Giles County is part of the Fincastle Turnpike along the Wilderness Road. Prior to the influx of Europeans in the 1830's, Giles had Native American and pioneer settlements. Evidence of their presence has been dated back more than 10,000 years. The first evidence of white settlers was that of a Mary Porter who was killed by Indians in 1742 in the far western part of modern day Giles. Adam Harman is believed to have established the first permanent settlement in Giles in 1745. It was on his property in Eggleston that Mary Draper Ingles returned after being captured by Indians in 1755. You can now retrace some of those steps along the Mary Ingles Trail along the New River in Glen Lyn.

Our Courthouse which is a prominent fixture in Pearisburg has been in continuous use since 1836. That along with many remaining churches

provide a glance into the stories of the communities of Giles. Much of the land in Pearisburg was donated by Captain George Pearis. He is buried and visitors can still hike to the Pearis Cemetery along the Appalachian Trail. Also at this location, visitors can see a large Magnolia acuminata or Cucumber Magnolia tree. Another large specimen can be found in the front yard of the historic Giles County Club, also in Pearisburg.

Giles County is also home to three of the few remaining covered bridges in Virginia. The Sinking Creek Covered Bridge, built in 1916 is open to the public and is maintained by Giles County. The picnic tables and serene park allow visitors to sit and ponder the days when this was used as a main thoroughfare for people living in Clover Hollow. We encourage you to explore our Driving Tours and points of interest through our friendly communities.



ANDREW JOHNSTON HOUSE AND MUSEUM

In 1987, the Andrew Johnston family heirs deeded the family home and property to the Giles County Historical Society. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places, and the museum opened in 1997. A 2-car garage is now a Research Room with documents of interest to Giles County historians and genealogists. The 1829 Federal-style, brick home features 22-inch thick walls, log floor joists 12 inches thick, period stenciling and bright, high-ceiling rooms that depict fine, country living in the 1800s. The Giles County Historical Society is headquartered here.

Open Wed. - Friday, 12-5 pm | Sat. - Sun., 2-5 pm Admission is free.
 Pearisburg (540) 921-1050
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Giles County officials embrace preservation and sensible environmental stewardship along with entrepreneurial ventures and companies in myriad industries. The County is proud to be supportive of cottage industries and home-based businesses, as well as commercial enterprises.

Small businesses prosper in the little towns and outlying regions, and many of their products and services may be found around the globe. Farming businesses include fresh produce, organic flowers, fish, pork, chicken and beef products. Many of the Giles County restaurants pride themselves on serving locavore and using fresh, locally-sourced ingredients in season. Farmer's markets offer farm-to-table produce.

Giles County's largest employer, Celanese, provides employment to more than 1,000 people and is in the midst of a \$150 million dollar investment. Other Fortune 500 companies like General Electric, Caterpillar and Appalachian Power have a presence and work force in Giles County connected to power and mining.

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6899 Virginia Ave | Pembroke VA 24136
540.626.7281 | eems.gilesk12.org
429 Students, grades K-7

Giles High School

Giles High School offers secondary education from grades 8 through 12. A strong vocational program is offered, along with distance learning classes with New River Community College and participation in the Southwest Virginia Governor's School for Science, Mathematics and Technology.

1825 Wenonah Ave | Pearisburg, VA 24134
540.921.1825 | ghs.gilesk12.org
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Giles County Technology Center

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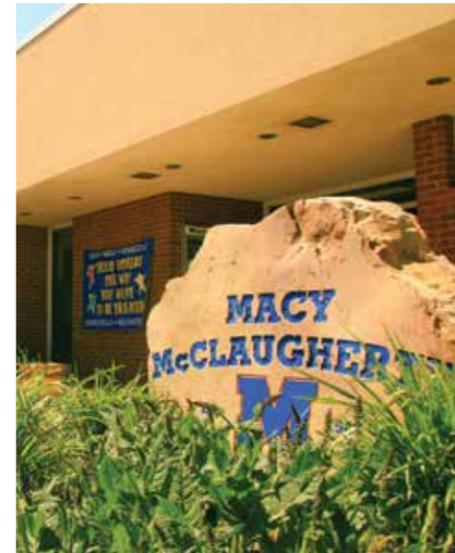
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1001 Henson Avenue | Pearisburg, VA 24134
540.921.1363 | mms.gilesk12.org
521 Students, grades pre K-7

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540.726.2391 | nems.gilesk12.org
432 Students, grades K-7

Narrows High School

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New River Community College

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practical nursing and more.

Virginia Tech

Dedicated to its motto, Ut Prosim (That I May Serve), Virginia Tech, in the next county, takes a hands-on, engaging approach to education, preparing scholars to be leaders in their fields and communities. As the Commonwealth's most comprehensive university and a leading research institution, Virginia Tech offers 215 undergraduate and graduate degree programs to more than 30,000 students and manages a research portfolio of more than \$450 million. The university fulfills its land-grant mission of transforming knowledge to practice through technological leadership and by fueling economic growth and job creation locally, regionally and around the world.



Eggleston

GilesCounty.org/Eggleston

The first permanent Giles County settlement, Eggleston was originally called Gunpowder Springs for the odor from a local sulfur spring. Sitting quietly along the New River adjacent to the picturesque Palisades Cliffs, Eggleston is once again being built up as a small resort town with a quality restaurant, charming gift shop and lodging.

Narrows

TownofNarrows.org

Narrows, settled around 1778, gets its name from the historic "narrows" point where the New River cuts through the ridges of East River and Peters Mountain. Among the attractions in Narrows are the Narrows Town Park ("The Boom"), Camp Success Park, Narrows Farmer's Market, Veteran's Memorial, Mill Creek Nature Park and the Duck Pond. (540) 726-2423

Pembroke

Pembrokeva.org

The Cascades waterfall in Little Stony Creek Valley spills 66 feet to gentle pools below. Mountain Lake Conservancy (2,600 acres), the area's outfitters, restaurants, New River access and miles of hiking and mountain biking trails surround the town, incorporated in 1948, two centuries after the first settlers. (540) 626-5333

Glen Lyn

GlenLyn.org

The Town of Glen Lyn, on the Virginia-West Virginia border, is host of a flea market every weekend in summer and fall at the Town Park, and a stone marker for "Mary Porter, killed by Indians, 1742" documents a very early settlement in the region. (540) 726-7075

Newport

NewportRecreation.com

The Village of Newport is home to the oldest agricultural fair in the state, organized in 1936 as an educational enterprise, and held the second Friday and Saturday in August. With covered bridges, widespread farms and a small town atmosphere, Newport is a charming place. (540) 544-6822

RICH CREEK

RichCreek.org

Rich Creek, on the border of West Virginia, is affectionately known as the "Gateway to Giles County." Its well-known and anxiously awaited Harvest Festival is held each September. Woodland Park, the community center and public library are active resident gathering spots. (540) 726-3260



Pearisburg

Pearisburg.org

Pearisburg is the county seat and largest town in Giles County. It is on a plateau above the New River at the approximate geographic center of the county. Downtown is home to restaurants and stores, and the Giles County Courthouse is an outstanding example of Federal architecture. (540) 921-0340

White Gate

GilesCounty.org/Whitegate

A quiet drive through the countryside should definitely include the small community of White Gate. Renowned for wide, green valleys of farmland and old homes, this Amish enclave offers farm fresh vegetables, homemade breads, jams, quality crafts and homemade ice cream.

Town of GLEN LYN

Nestled in the foothills of East River Mountain and bisected by the New River and East River, Glen Lyn's history dates back to 1742. Local residents report having seen a hand-carved stone inscribed: "Mary Porter Killed by Indians, November 28, 1742." This pre-dates the Draper Meadows Settlement by seven years, though Draper Meadows is recognized as the oldest settlement west of the Alleghenies.

This little mountain hamlet has developed its town park and walking trails that run parallel to and offer photogenic views of the New River. The Dr. F.D. Morse Walking Trail is about three miles long and the Mary Ingles Trail is nearly eight miles. The Muddy ACCE Race, music shows and flea markets occur in our warm months. More than 47 campsites include water and electric and another 15 primitive sites are designated for the no-frills camper. Visit glenlyn.org or call 540-726-7075.



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- ReNew the New's Ramps-N-Roads www.renewthenew.org

April

- Hell Climb www.triadventure.com/hell-climb-10k
- Earth Day at Giles Mountain Vineyard & Winery
- Pearisburg Easter Egg Hunt at Pearisburg Community Center
- The New River 500 at Kairos
- Spring up Wolf Creek Bike Ride www.springupwolfcreek.org

May

- Kid's Fishing Day www.TownofNarrows.org
- Mountains of Misery Bike Race www.mountainsofmisery.com

June

- Henry Reed Fiddlers Convention in Newport
- Pearisburg Festival in the Park facebook.com/PearisburgFestivalinthePark
- Eastern Divide Ultra 50K Mountain Run www.easterndivideultra.com
- Summer Solstice Celebration at Giles Mountain Vineyard & Winery www.gilesmountainwinery.com

July

- Narrows Homecoming at Narrows Town Park
- Art & Music Festival at Giles Mountain Vineyard & Winery
- Newport 4th of July Parade
- Mountain Lake Biological Station Open House, www.mlbs.virginia.edu

August

- Newport Agriculture Fair at Newport Fairgrounds www.newportagriculturalfair.com
- Pearisburg Eye Run 5K www.facebook.com/PearisburgEyeRun

September

- Muddy ACCE Race muddyaccrace.com
- Art on the Lawn www.gilesartscouncil.org
- Rich Creek AutumnFest

October

- Pembroke Heritage Festival www.pembrokeheritagefestival.com
- Pearisburg Scarecrow Festival
- Narrows Fall Festival www.townofnarrows.org

November

- Narrows High School Winter Bazaar

December

- Christmas with the Johnstons at the Giles County Historical Society www.gilescountyhistory.org

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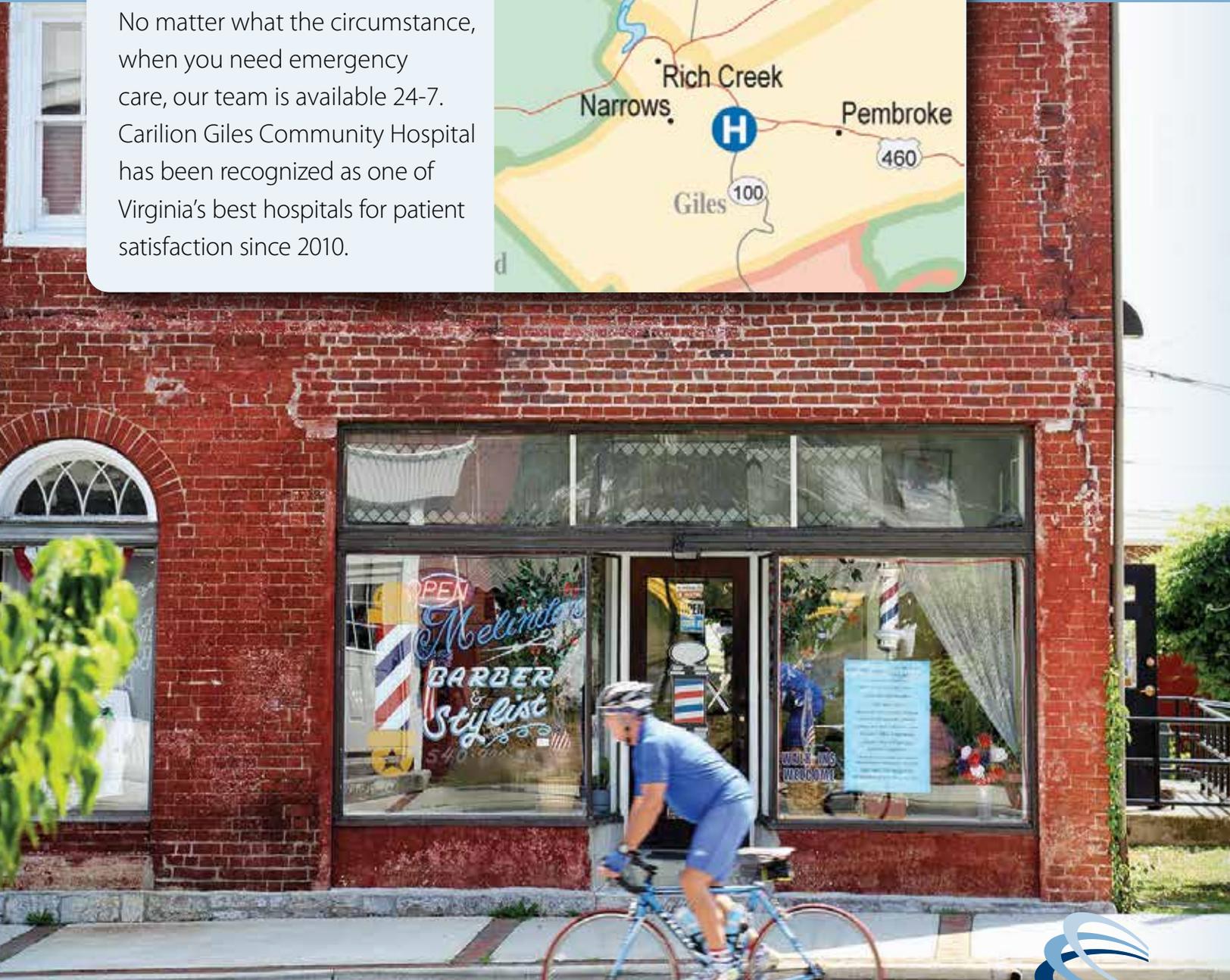
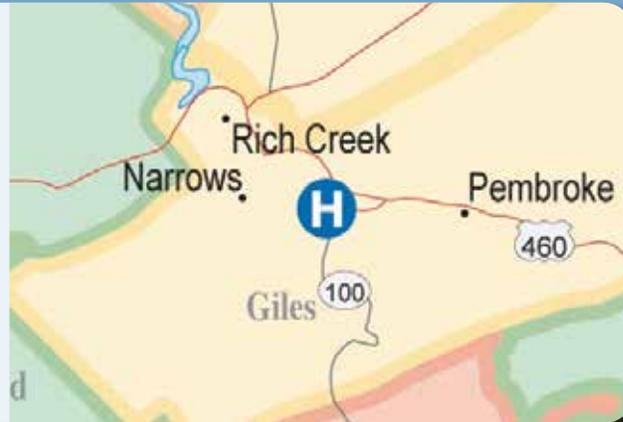


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