

— TRAVEL GUIDE —



 $\rightarrow$  ormed in 1991 as the nonprofit marketing organization for the City of Martinsburg and the Berkeley County, WV area, the **Martinsburg-Berkeley County Convention and Visitors** Bureau exists to enhance the economy and quality of life in Martinsburg and Berkeley County through the promotion of our communities amazing historical, cultural, and natural assets and to further the development of the local travel and tourism industry.



### **DRIVING TIME**

Washington, DC	79 mi.
Baltimore, MD	85 mi.
Pittsburgh, PA	94 mi.
Richmond, VA	170 mi.
New York, NY	264 mi.
Charleston, WV	320 mi.
Columbus, OH	325 mi.

# **HISTORY**

# **EARLY HISTORY of** BERKELEY COUNTY

### **WELCOME TO THE HEART OF AMERICA'S HISTORY AND** WHERE HISTORY HAPPENS!

Berkeley County's roots run deep. Our History goes back long before George Washington stayed here.

The area that is now known as Berkeley County, West Virginia, was inhabited with History that goes back 2,000 years with the presence of the Mound Builders. During the 1500s and early 1600s, several thousand Huron Native Americans occupied the Eastern Panhandle. The Iroquois Confederacy in the later 1600s drove out the Huron Native Americans to use the area as hunting grounds. In the 1700s, the Tuscarora Native Americans migrated north and joined the Iroquois Confederacy.

In 1744, in the Treaty of Lancaster, Virginia officials purchased the Iroquois title of ownership of any land in the Shenandoah Valley for 200 pounds paid in gold. After this, the English indicated

they wanted to settle the frontier. The French noted they were more interested in trading with the Native Americans than settling the area. Because of this stand, many Native American tribes sided with the French in the French and Indian War. The French lost the war and ceded their possessions to the British.

In 1670 the first European to set foot in present-day Berkely County was John Lederer, a German physician, and explorer. In 1725 John Van Meter crossed the Potomac at what is now known as Shepherdstown and returned to New York to tell his sons to buy land in the area. In 1726 Morgan Morgan moved from Delaware and founded the first permanent English settlement in what is now known as West Virginia. This is in the present-day Bunker Hill area in Berkeley County. Morgan Morgan was also the first licensed tavern keeper and built Berkeley County's first public road. "George Washington Slept Here" is accurate for this area. In 1748, at the age of 16, George Washington surveyed present-day Berkeley County for Lord Fairfax. He returned to the area several times as he hoped the warm springs in Bath (Berkeley Springs) would be suitable for his ailing brother.

In 1772 Berkeley County became official when it was formed from Frederick County, WV. In 1801 Jefferson County was created out of the eastern section. and in 1820 Morgan County was formed

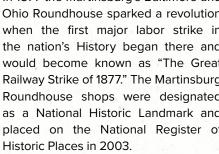
from the western area of Berkeley County.

Martinsburg was, in 1860, part of Virginia and was the Shenandoah Valley's second-largest town with a population of 3,364 people. It enjoyed a prosperous economy on the Valley Pike, a paved road, and a major depot on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. During the Civil War, the town changed hands over thirty times, was the site of two battles, and was home to the Confederate spy, Belle Boyd.

In 1877 the Martinsburg's Baltimore and Ohio Roundhouse sparked a revolution when the first major labor strike in the nation's History began there and would become known as "The Great Railway Strike of 1877." The Martinsburg Roundhouse shops were designated as a National Historic Landmark and placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2003.

The Washington Heritage Trail driving tour and the Civil War Trail pass through Berkeley County, making it an excellent location for day trips to Harper's Ferry, Gettysburg, Antietam, and the Shenandoah Valley historic sites.

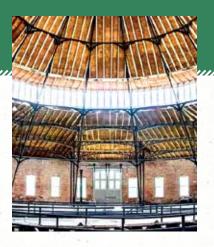
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For more information visit travelwy.com

# **MUSEUMS**

We are proud of our history and heritage and hope that it is portrayed in our museums, walking tours and driving tours. Please enjoy your time with us and feel free to ask questions of any of the museum docents.



# The Berkeley County Historical Society Archives Center

♥ 136 E. Race St. 304-261-4713 | HistoricBerkeley.org

**SEASON:** mid-January thru mid-December **HOURS:** By appointment only



### **Belle Boyd House**

• 126 E. Race St. 304-264-8801

**SEASON:** Open year-round **HOURS:** 9-4 Saturday & Sunday;

9-5 Weekdays



### **Adam Stephen House**

**SEASON:** May 1-thru October 31 **HOURS:** 10-5 Saturday; 12-5 Sunday



### **Morgan Cabin**



# Sumner-Ramer Heritage Archives and Museum

515 W. Martin St.304-261-0197

**SEASON:** Year-round

**HOURS:** By appointment only



### **B & O Roundhouse** and the Caperton Train Station

TheMartinsburgRoundhouse.com

**SEASON:** First full weekend in May thru last full weekend in October **HOURS:** By appointment only



# The Dillon Farm Museum

Ridge Rd. @Rt. 9 west of I-81304-582-5707 ∣DillonFarmMuseum.org

SEASON: April 1-October 31

HOURS: 1-5 Sunday

# **PARKS**

# Kun for everyone.

### WAR MEMORIAL PARK

City-Owned, 19.5 acres
Located at 500 N. Tennessee Avenue, Martinsburg, WV 25401

- Outdoor Pool Facility
   Open Memorial Day through Labor
   Day (when school is in session, only open on weekends); cost is \$5.00 per person/per day
- · Heated Leisure Pool
- · Multi-Purpose Room
- Maintenance Garage
- 6 Pavilions
   (Available for rental April October; various sizes with electric and grills; all covered shelter spaces)
- 2 Outdoor Tennis Courts (courts are also lined for pickleball play)
- 2 Sand Volleyball Courts
- 3 Public Restrooms
- · Concession Stand
- · 4 Playground Areas
- Picnic Tables throughout the park
- Covered Concert Stage and Bleachers
- · Extensive Parking Areas



- 18-Hole Lighted Miniature Golf Course
- June through August, the minigolf course is open on weekdays (Monday-Friday: 11:00 am-9:00 pm) except on days when schools are in session.
- June through August weekend hours are Saturday, 11:00am-9:00pm; Sunday, 1:00pm-9:00pm); Labor Day Weekend hours are Saturday, 11:00am-8:00pm; Sunday, 12:00pm-8:00pm; and Monday (Labor Day), 11:00am-8:00pm.
- During the month of September, the course is only open on Saturdays (11:00 am-8:00 pm) and Sundays (1:00 pm-8:00 pm). The course closes for the season the last weekend in September.



### POOR HOUSE FARM PARK

County-Owned, 225 acres
Located at Almshouse Road, Martinsburg, WV 25403



- Large Pavilion (Rotary) Rental Fee: \$100; 15 tables (seats: 120 – 150 people), grills, electric, playground, and sand volleyball court adjacent to the pavilion site.
- Medium Pavilion (Kester) Rental Fee: \$75; 8 tables (seats: 64 – 80 people), grill, electric, the portable restroom at the site and public restroom facility nearby (beside Poor House Farm Barn)
- Stocked Trout Stream
- 5 Miles of Jogging/Hiking/Mountain Bike Trails



- Playground Area
- · Poor House Farm Barn
- Stocked 5-Acre Rickard Lake
- Home to Emmert Field Youth Football Complex
- · Practice Soccer Fields
- Recreation Ball Field
- 1 Restroom Facility
- Sand Volleyball Court
- · 18-Hole Disc Golf Course
- · Home to the Henry Equestrian Arena

### **AMBROSE PARK**

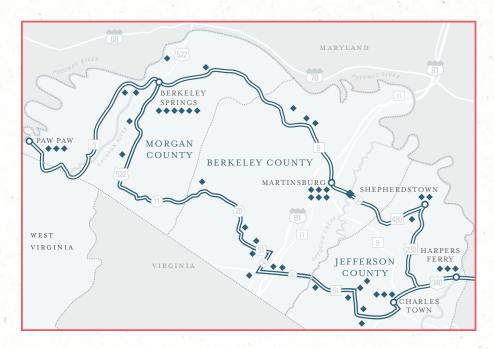
City-Owned, 4.3 acres
Located on Mall Drive, Martinsburg, WV 25401

- Large Pavilion Pavilion Rental Fee: \$50; Tables in Pavilion: 8 (Seats 48-60 people); grill and electric available
- 2 Restroom Facilities
- 2 Playground Areas
- Paved Parking
- Wurzburg Dog Park (Small and large dog sections; membership-based)
- Gateway Children's Garden (Open seasonally on specific days; more information available online)





# **ADVENTURE**



### **Washington Heritage Trail**

This driving trail meanders through the three counties of West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle, offering a rich timeline of American History that includes a Colonial spa town, early industrial sites, railroad landmarks, and Civil War locations. The footsteps of America's first President are particularly prominent and inspired the creation of the 136 - mile National Scenic Byway. Much of the trail that crosses the Panhandle follows two historic east/west passageways into America's first frontier: the Potomac River and the historic Alexandria to Warm Springs Road, which is known today as WV route 9. Trail guides are available at the Visitors Centers or visit www.WashingtonHeritageTrail.com.





Geocaching in Berkeley County is an unforgettable adventure that offers challenging caches for all experience levels. We have more than 57 active caches that have earned 100 favorite points or greater!

### **NEW TO GEOCACHING?**

No problem! We have caches for all experience levels. Geocaching is a treasure hunt that combines the use of technology and the outdoors that engages folks through GPS tracking and clues to find caches. Caches can look like anything, from a tupperware container to a birdhouse or fake rock, and can either be hidden or in plain sight. Once a cache is found and opened, geocachers sign the log book inside the cache and return it to its hiding place before moving on to the next challenge!

### **READY TO START?**

Head to **geocaching.com** to create an account at and get started caching today!



# **ANNUAL EVENTS**













### **MARCH**

### **Eastern Panhandle Home Show**

Hosted by the Eastern Panhandle Home Builders Association

### St. Patrick's Celebration

Hosted by Main Street Martinsburg

### **APRIL**

### House and Garden Tour

Hosted by the Shenandoah-Potomac Garden Council

### MAY

### Wine Festival

Hosted by Main Street Martinsburg

### Founder's Day/Martinsburg **Heritage Fair & Festival**

Hosted by the General Adam Stephen Memorial Foundation

### JUNE-AUGUST

### **Toni Saylor Summer Concert Series**

Hosted by The Martinsburg-Berkeley County Parks & Recreation

### **Summer Concert Series at Martinsburg Town Square**

Hosted by Main Street Martinsburg

### JULY

### **Independence Celebration Fireworks**

Hosted by the Eastern West Virginia Regional Airport

### **AUGUST**

### **Berkeley County Youth Fair**

Hosted by Berkeley County Youth Fair Association

### **OCTOBER**

# Mountain State Apple Harvest Festival Hosted by Mountain State Apple Harvest Board

### 4 State Food Truck Fest

Hosted by Main Street Martinsburg

### **DECEMBER**

### **Christmas on Main**

Hosted by Main Street Martinsburg

# **LOCAL EATS**



# **Downtown Martinsburg**

- · Habanero Mexican Grill
- Sweet Hut Café
- Brix27 Restaurant and Wine Bar
- New Peking
- Anthony's Pizza
- Everything Cheesecake
- Bob's Carry Out
- Historic McFarland House
- Good Natured
   Collective Market & Café
- · Thai Martinsburg
- Stoney's Whiskey, Wine, and Raw Bar



### Martinsburg

- Chopsticks
   Asian Cuisine
- China Garden
- · Giovanni's
- Sissy's
- · Café Del Sol
- Spice Connexion
- Thai Finn
- Asian Garden
- Angelo's Brick
   Oven Pizza
- Fiesta Tapatia
- Heatherfields Restaurant and Lounge
- Kobe Japanese Steak House & Sushi Bar
- Mother Shuckers Crab Shack
- Tito's Pizza
- Empire China
- The Pizza Shop (Wilson St.)
- · Just In Time Seafood

Mountaineer Pub

- Sumo Fusion
- Firebox 55
- Hoss's
- Mamma Boyd's Family Diner
- Mountaineer Meat Smokers
- Nutritious Vibes
- The Copper Still Pub & Grill
- Olde Country Diner
- · Pownall's Bistro
- Las Trancas
- Purple Iris Restaurant
- Taco Loco
   Taqueria & Tequila
- Spring Mills Diner

### **Berkeley County**

- · Jordyn's Deli
- Pizza Oven
- Oriental Buffet
- Pizza Montese
- Cinco de Mayo
- The Clubhouse Grille and Pub at The Woods
- Viva Mexico
   Family Restaurant
- Tokyo Steakhouse
- The Cider Press
- King's New York Pizza
  - Inwood
  - Rockcliff Drive
  - Hedgesville
  - Falling Waters
  - Shepherdstown
- Kitzie's Restaurant
  - Rockcliff Drive
  - Spring Mills

For restaurant's address and directions, please give us a call at

304.264.8801

Martinsburg BERKELEY COUNTY, WY

# STAY WITH US

### Hotels

### Comfort Inn-Aikens Center

1872 Edwin Miller Boulevard Martinsburg, WV 25404 304.263.6200

### Fairfield Inn & Suites

451 Foxcroft Avenue Martinsburg, WV 25401 304.901.3003

### **Hampton Inn Inwood**

4758 Gerrardstown Road Inwood, WV 25428 304.229.6677

### **Hampton Inn Martinsburg**

975 Foxcroft Avenue Martinsburg, WV 25401 304.267.2900

### Hilton Garden Inn

65 Priority Drive Martinsburg, WV 25403 304.263.0101

### Holiday Inn

301 Foxcroft Avenue Martinsburg, WV 25401 304.267.5500

### **Home2 Suites by Hilton**

820 Foxcroft Avenue Martinsburg, WV 25401 304.579.8888

### **Knights Inn**

1997 Edwin Miller Boulevard Martinsburg, WV 25404 304.267.2211

### Motel 6

5595 Hammonds Mill Road Martinsburg, WV 25404 304.274.2181

### Quality Inn & Suites – Kearneysville

1937 Short Road Martinsburg, WV 25402 304.263.8888

### **Quality Inn Spring Mills**

1220 TJ Jackson Drive Falling Waters, WV 25419 681.353.2115

### **Red Roof Inn**

209 Viking Way Martinsburg, WV 25401 304.263.1800

### Super 8

2048 Edwin Miller Boulevard Martinsburg, WV 25404 304.263.0801





# Leatherman's Falling Waters Campsites

7685 Williamsport Pike Falling Waters, WV 25419 304.274.2791

## Lazy A Campground & Cabin

317 Kathy's Lane Hedgesville, WV 25427 304.229.8185

### **Nahkeeta Campsite**

1435 Charles Town Road Martinsburg, WV 25405 304.263.5382

### Sleepy Creek Wildlife Management Area Primitive Campsites Berkeley County, WV

# **Budget-Friendly Lodging**

### **Economy Inn**

1616 Winchester Avenue Martinsburg, WV 25405 304.267.2994

### Heritage Inn

1024 Winchester Avenue Martinsburg, WV 25401 304.267.2935

# B&B's, Cabins & Lodges

### The Woods - Cabins

1630 The Woods Road Hedgesville, WV 25427 800-248-2222

### The Purple Iris B&B

1956 Winchester Avenue Martinsburg, WV 25401 304.262.6110

### **Elk Branch Lodge**

2223 Sleepy Creek Road Hedgesville, WV 25427 304.754.3855

### Apple B&B

129 W Burke Street Martinsburg, WV 25401 Phone: 304.901.5454

Third-party rental options (Airbnb, Vrbo, etc.) are also available.

# CULTURAL

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# **Apple Blossom Gallery** 127 W Burke St.

Berkeley Art Works 116 N Queen St.

Black Sheep Gallery/ Wonderment Puppet Theater 412 W King St.

Burke Street Tattoo & Gallery 130 W Burke St.

**Queen Street Gallery** 213 N Queen St.

**Apollo Civic Theatre** 128 E Martin St.

### **OTHER OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES**

Tomahawk MX Park Hedgesville, WV

North Mountain Paintball Gerrardstown, WV

Peacemaker National Training Center Gerrardstown, WV

Zetts Tri-State Fish Hatchery Inwood, WV Stauffer's Marsh Nature Preserve 45.7 acres Back Creek Valley, WV

Yankauer Nature Preserve 104 acres

Martinsburg, WV

Sleepy Creek Wildlife Mangement Area

# **FARMERS MARKETS**



### **Orrs Farm Market**

*Open Year Round* 682 Orr Dr, Martinsburg

### **Kitchen's Farm Market**

Open Year Round 1025 Kitchen Orchard Rd, Falling Waters

**Taylors Farm Market** 

*Open Year Round* 178 Pilgrim St, Inwood

Spring Valley Farm Market

Open Year Round 1793 Dry Run Rd, Martinsburg

Martinsburg Farmers Market Summer Only 100 E Liberty St, Martinsburg









### MARTINSBURG-BERKELEY COUNTY **CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU**

126 E. Race Street Martinsburg, WV 25401 (304) 264-8801

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