

Inside this itinerary, you'll find a map showing the route of the Staunton-Parkersburg Turnpike. Sites are in alphabetical order, with corresponding numbers on the map.

The back of this brochure lists visitors' centers along the turnpike. Contact them prior to your visit for more in-depth information about sites in their area. This will only enhance your trip!



The Staunton-Parkersburg Turnpike was a toll road built by the Commonwealth of Virginia in the mid-19th century to connect Staunton (VA) with Parkersburg (present-day WV). Running through Highland and Augusta Counties in Virginia, and Pocahontas, Randolph, Upshur, Lewis, Gilmer, Ritchie, Wirt, and Wood Counties in West Virginia, control of this road became crucial during the Civil War.

The turnpike in West Virginia was designated a National Scenic Byway in 2005. Today, visitors can follow much of the original route, via US 250 from Staunton to Elkins, US 33 to Troy, and WV 47 to Parkersburg.

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National Scenic Byway**  
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### **Greater Parkersburg CVB**

350 7th St., Parkersburg, WV 26101  
(800) 752-4982  
greaterparkersburg.com

### **Ritchie County Tourism & Visitors Bureau**

PO Box 116, Harrisville, WV 26362  
(304) 869-4070  
visitritchiecounty.com

### **Lewis County CVB**

499 US Hwy 33 East, Weston, WV 26452  
(800) 296-7329  
stonewallcountry.com

### **Upshur County CVB**

16 S Kanawha St., Buckhannon, WV 26201  
(304) 473-1400  
visitupshur.org

### **Elkins Depot Welcome Center**

315 Railroad Ave., Elkins, WV 26241  
(304) 635-7803  
elkinsdepot.com

### **Randolph County CVB**

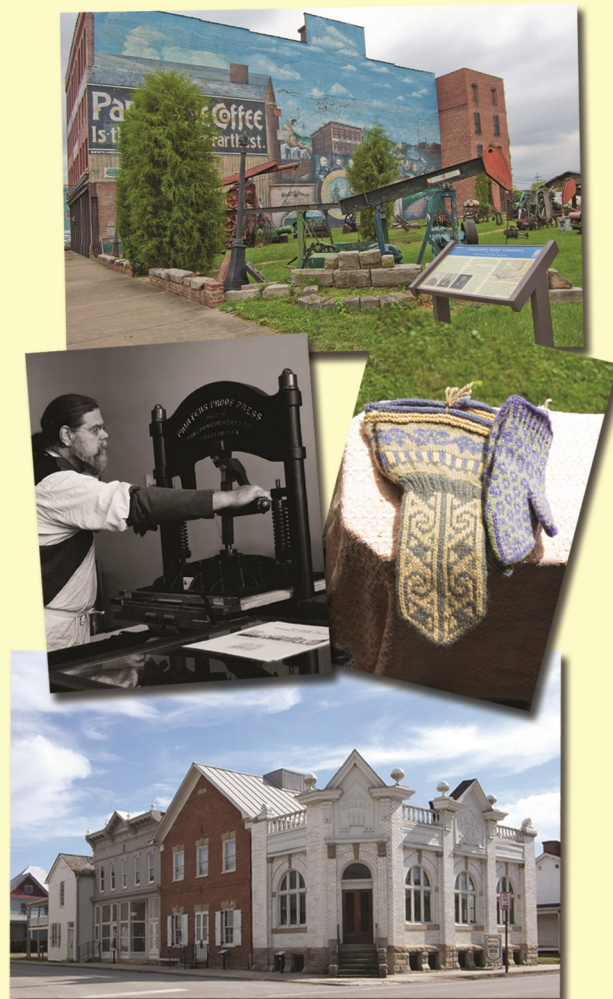
1302 N Randolph Ave., Elkins, WV 26241  
(304) 636-2780  
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### **Pocahontas County CVB**

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# Discover Our Heritage!



**STAUNTON-  
PARKERSBURG  
TURNPIKE**





Here, we highlight many of the fine exhibits and museums along the Staunton-Parkersburg Turnpike. Come discover our heritage!

### **Beverly Heritage Center** 1

Four historic buildings combine to tell the stories of the turnpike, First Campaign and statehood and small town life in a county seat.

### **Blennerhassett Island State Park** 2

Home of the re-created mansion of Harman Blennerhassett. Access by sternwheeler only to tour the island. Additional museum in downtown Parkersburg.

### **Cass Scenic Railroad State Park** 3

Step back in time to a former logging town with the original Shay engine at the helm of scenic train excursions. A company store, restaurant, museum and shops open to the public.

### **Darden Mill** 4

Two museums share this former flour mill on the Elkins railyard: Appalachian Forest Heritage Area, and the West Virginia Railroad Museum.

### **Elkins Depot** 5

Learn about how industrialists Davis and Elkins brought the railroad to this farm community. Home to scenic train rides and welcome center.

### **General Thomas Harris Museum** 6

The former four-room schoolhouse features exhibits on military, dentistry, Ritchie County schools and the Golden Horseshoe award.

### **Greenbrier Ranger District** 7

The Bartow office of the Monongahela National Forest features an exhibit on the Civil War battle of Greenbrier River as well as artifacts from the local forest industry.

### **Henderson Hall** 8

A unique gem, this riverside plantation still houses its original contents in extraordinary condition. The 29-room brick home has been owned and occupied by the Henderson family

### **Jackson's Mill** 9

Boyhood home of Confederate General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson, it has been the location of West Virginia's state 4-H camp since 1921.

### **Mountaineer Military Museum** 10

An extensive collection of U.S. military memorabilia housed in the former Weston Colored School, a rarity of these schools, built with brick.

### **Museum of American Glass** 11

West Virginia has long been known for its functional and decorative glass. Learn about its history and importance.

### **National Radio Astronomy Observatory** 12

Operators of the Robert C. Byrd Green Bank Telescope, the world's largest fully steerable radio telescope. Tours and science center exhibits open to the public.

### **Oil & Gas Museum** 13

The museum presents the notable history of the oil and gas industry. Exhibits include how wealth from oil impacted the West Virginia statehood, the Civil War and local industries.

### **Randolph County Historical Society** 14

The former Blackman-Bosworth Store houses an extensive collection of local history. On-site is a subscription school and the Jacob Stalnaker cabin. Open summers or by appointment.

### **Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum** 15

The largest hand-cut stone masonry building in North America was built between 1858 and 1881, with pause during the Civil War. The asylum and grounds were used as a military post, changing hands several times during the war. It closed in 1994, but is open again today for historic, photographic, and ghost tours.

### **Upshur County Historical Society** 16

Housed in the oldest building on Main Street in Buckhannon, the historical society hosts a local history exhibit each summer.

### **Veterans Museum of the MOV** 17

Established by local veterans, it showcases military photographs, letters, uniforms and artifacts; hosts a research library; and assists families with deployed or retired members.

