

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.

**Staunton-Parkersburg Turnpike
National Scenic Byway**
PO Box 227 / 4 Court St.
Beverly, WV 26253
(304) 637-7424
spturnpike.org



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

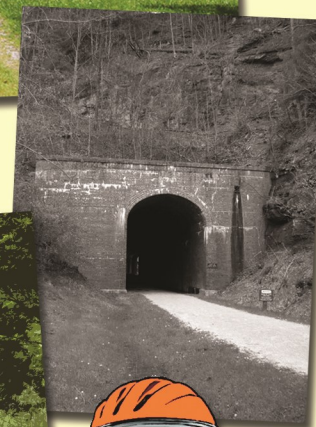
1302 N Randolph Ave., Elkins, WV 26241
(304) 636-2780
randolphcountywv.com

Pocahontas County CVB

708 2nd Ave., Marlinton, WV 26954
(800) 336-7009
pocahontascountywv.com



Riding the Rail Trails

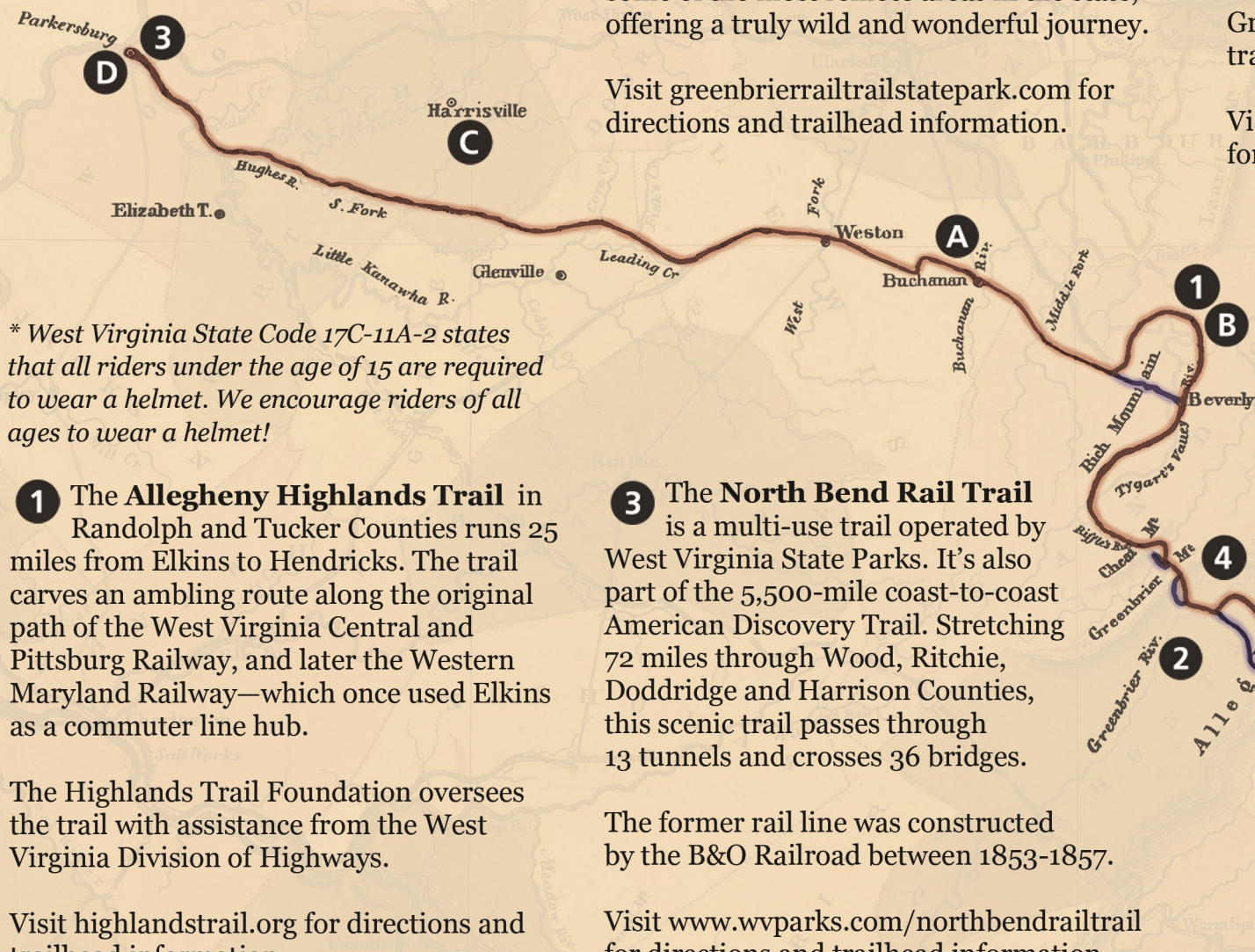


**STAUNTON-
PARKERSBURG
TURNPIKE**



If your idea of fun includes pedaling a two-wheeler, then look no further! West Virginia offers dozens of bicycling opportunities throughout the state, with four rail-trails along the Staunton-Parkersburg Turnpike.

So pack up your bicycle and head out for an adventure off the beaten path!



** West Virginia State Code 17C-11A-2 states that all riders under the age of 15 are required to wear a helmet. We encourage riders of all ages to wear a helmet!*

1 The Allegheny Highlands Trail in Randolph and Tucker Counties runs 25 miles from Elkins to Hendricks. The trail carves an ambling route along the original path of the West Virginia Central and Pittsburg Railway, and later the Western Maryland Railway—which once used Elkins as a commuter line hub.

The Highlands Trail Foundation oversees the trail with assistance from the West Virginia Division of Highways.

Visit highlandstrail.org for directions and trailhead information.

2 The Greenbrier River Trail in Pocahontas and Greenbrier Counties is a 78-mile long multi-use rail trail operated by West Virginia State Parks.

The trail closely mimics its namesake, the Greenbrier River, for most of its length, offering trail users numerous opportunities for swimming and fishing.

The Greenbrier River Trail passes through some of the most remote areas in the state, offering a truly wild and wonderful journey.

Visit greenbrierrailtrailstatepark.com for directions and trailhead information.

3 The North Bend Rail Trail is a multi-use trail operated by West Virginia State Parks. It's also part of the 5,500-mile coast-to-coast American Discovery Trail. Stretching 72 miles through Wood, Ritchie, Doddridge and Harrison Counties, this scenic trail passes through 13 tunnels and crosses 36 bridges.

The former rail line was constructed by the B&O Railroad between 1853-1857.

Visit www.wvparks.com/northbendrailtrail for directions and trailhead information.

4 The West Fork Trail in Randolph and Pocahontas Counties is a 27-mile long rail-trail that runs from Durbin to the Shavers Fork River. It lies on the old rail bed of the Coal & Iron Railroad, which ran from Elkins to Durbin beginning in 1903.

The 21 miles of trail between Durbin and Glady are maintained by the U.S. Forest Service. The trail ends where it meets the track from West Virginia Central Railroad, the partner railroad that runs Durbin & Greenbrier Valley Railroad scenic excursion trains.

Visit traillink.com/trail/west-fork-trail.aspx for directions and trailhead information.

Bike Shops Along the Turnpike

- A** Buckhannon
Fat Tire Bicycle (304) 472-5882
- B** Elkins
Joey's Bike Shop (304) 636-0219
- C** Harrisville
Country Trails Bikes (304) 628-3100
- D** Parkersburg
Bob's Bicycle (304) 424-6317
Parkersburg Bicycle (304) 485-2453