

# ALL THE BEST PLACES IN HISTORIC BERKELEY SPRINGS! AMERICA'S FIRST SPA!







There are plenty of things to do around Berkeley Springs! This historic town is known for its local spas, artistic scene, and natural beauty of Wild and Wonderful West Virginia!

ITEMS TO BRING

PLACES TO EAT

**SHOPPING** 

SPAS

**ACTIVITIES** 

**FESTIVALS** 

PLACES TO WORSHIP

BATTLEFIELDS

VISITOR'S GUIDE

# Items to Bring



- 1. Operational flashlight and bottled water in case of power outages
- 2. Food and Drink
- 3. Personal Bath Items: Shampoo, Toothpaste, Hair Dryer, Body Soap
- 4. Fire Starter Stick/Kindling and Matches (if you have reserved a place with a fireplace or woodstove.) Note: just enough wood will be brought inside to start the fire, we try to keep wood dry, but if weather conditions are rainy the wood will get wet on top. Try to pull wood from the lower rolls of with wood pile. You will need to carry wood in to keep the fire burning. Be sure the flu or damper are open, if not smoke will fill the room! Check with a flashlight before lighting the fire. If you are not familiar with wood stoves or fireplaces, please do not attempt to build fires.
- 5. If you reserved a property with a hot tub: please bring beach towels; the house will have regular towels, if you use the towels with the hot tub, you may have to do a load of laundry to have enough towels for the weekend. Make sure cover is on hot tub at all times when not in use. Be sure water level does not get below any of the Jets, the hot tub will turn off and not heat, damage may occur to the pump. You will need to fill the water in the tub if you splash it out!
- 6. In the winter months:your may want to bring a flashlight, extra food and water. (In case you are snowed in or the power goes off). Snow shovel, bag of sand, kitty litter, or salt in case you get stuck. Decks are shoveled, but snow blows and melts and accumulates. You will need to make a trough yourself.







B – Breakfast L – Lunch D-Dinner C-Cocktails \* Reservation Recommended

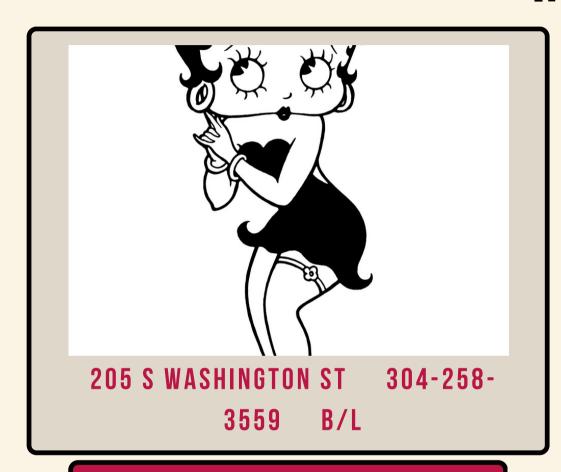
Please note that we do recommend calling ahead as some locations are seasonal

There are also several fast food/pizza places available in the area; McDonald's, Subway, Dairy Queen, etc.

There are so many choices to dine in Berkeley Springs that you will have some trouble choosing where to eat. You will have a hard time deciding which is your favorite because they are all fabulous! From casual to fine dining, we have it all.

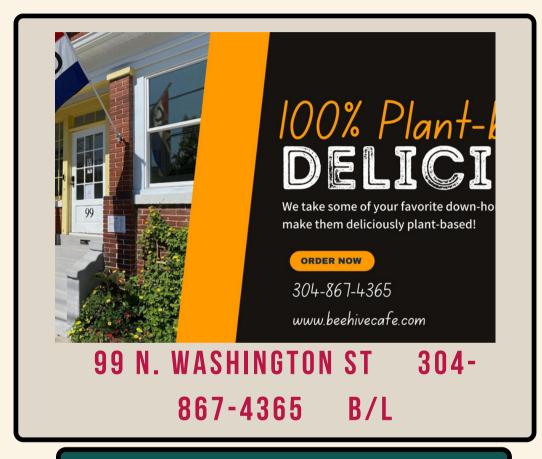


#### IN TOWN / BERKELEY SPRINGS



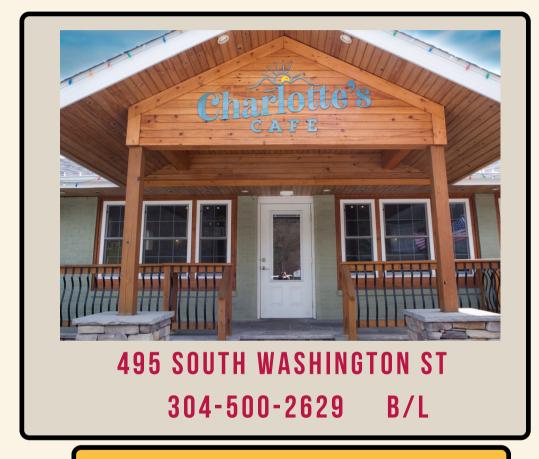
#### BETTY LOU'S/ ROYS

Good food for a decent price!
Daily Specials available on
their Facebook page.
Open 6am- 1:30 PM



#### **BEEHIVE CAFE**

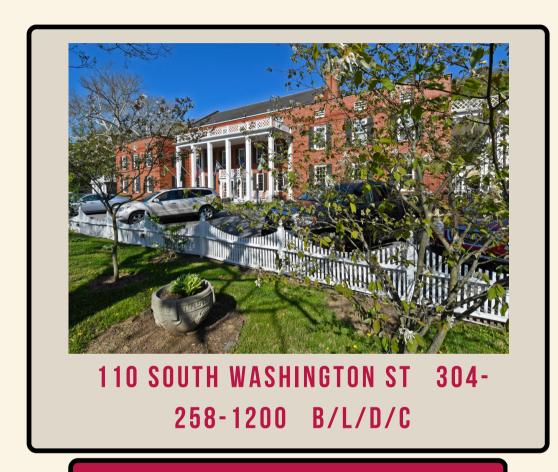
Vegetarians delight! Serves all your favorite down-home dishes made entirely from plants.



#### **CHARLOTTE'S CAFE**

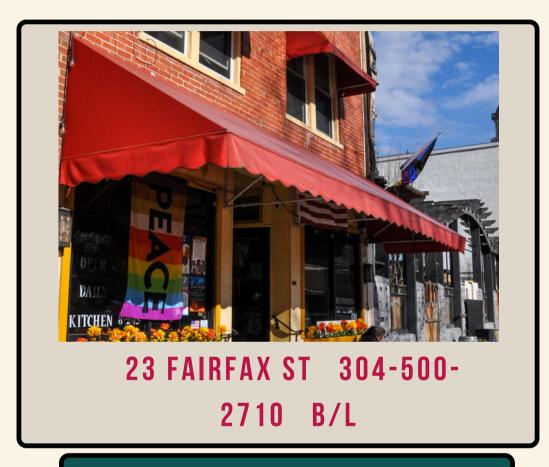
A local favorite! Charlotte's has a classic Lunch, a great breakfast, and plenty of desert! They also have catering options.

#### IN TOWN / BERKELEY SPRINGS



#### THE COUNTRY INN

Historic Inn with a great restaurant! Perfect for large groups and gatherings! A recommendation for sure.



#### FAIRFAX COFFEE HOUSE

Coffee on main! The Fairfax
Coffee House is located at the heart of town and serves
organic coffee and teas. Hot or cold the Coffe House has it all!



#### LOT 12 PUBLIC HOUSE

Fine wine and gourmet dining! Made from locally sourced ingredients, and prepared with care! Perfect for a romantic evening.

#### IN TOWN / BERKELEY SPRINGS



#### MI RANCHITO

Ole! Feeling spicy? Check out the local Mexican restaurant.
They have all the classics! Open 11am - 9pm.

Check out their menu online.



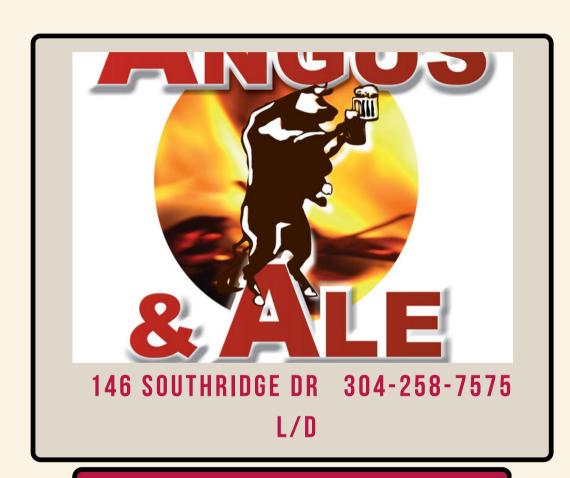
#### RAVENWOOD PUB

By reservation only. Seasonal and local, with years of culinary experience, and a great selection of cheeses! Its a rare treat!



#### NAKED OLIVE LOUNGE

Mind your P's and Q's. The Lounge is our own local Speakeasy. Good food and great cocktails! Ask about their infused olive oils!



#### **ANGUS AND ALE**

Classic American Restaurant.

Large Burgers, wings, ribs, and more! Not looking for anything fancy, just want a good burger?

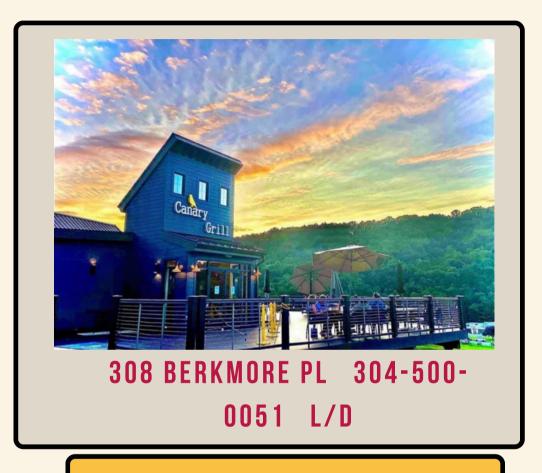
Angus and Ale is waiting for you.

#### **SOUTH OF TOWN**



#### CACAPON STATE PARK

Prospects, are often hard to find. Not the case with this restaurant! Head over the Lodge, and downstairs is a restaurant with style!



#### **CANARY GRILL**

Finally, a place with a view!

Canary is a great place for families and friends alike, with good food and occasional live, music!



#### MOUNTAINSIDE

Also known more colloquially as Georgie's Pizza. This restaurant has a large menu of American and Italian cuisine. Eat in or take out.

#### **SOUTH OF TOWN**

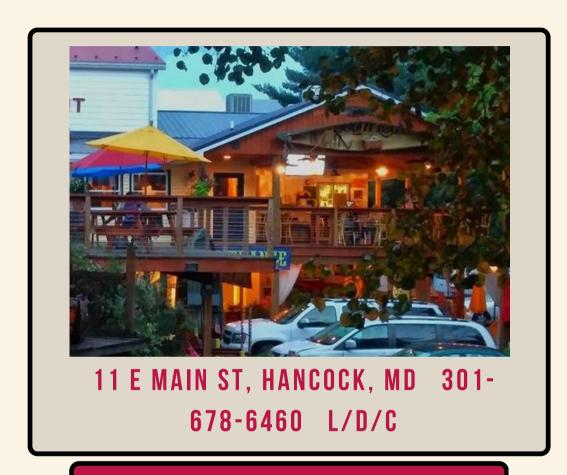


#### SOUTHERN BELLE

Both a truck stop and restaurant, this belle ain't no sissy. Great breakfast for a good price. If you're lookin' for the diner, this lady's for you.



Tony's has the meats. They also have wood fired pizza, subs, soups, salads, and specialty items. Great selection of cuts, as well.

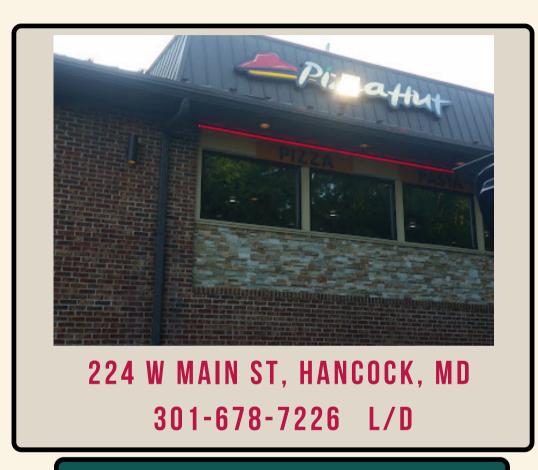


#### BUDDY LOU'S

Do you like antiques? Good food? A outside deck for pets? Buddy Lou's is the place for you!

Just a short drive out of Berkeley Springs.

#### **NORTH OF TOWN**



#### PIZZA HUT

No One Out Pizzas the Hut. *No One*. But that won't stop you from enjoying it! Right off the exit. Take out and Delivery. Call ahead.



#### POTOMAC RIVER GRILL

Good specials, great food, easy to find. Right on the Maryland side of the bridge is a diner with all the fixings. Parking can be a little rough.



#### **CHINA STAR**

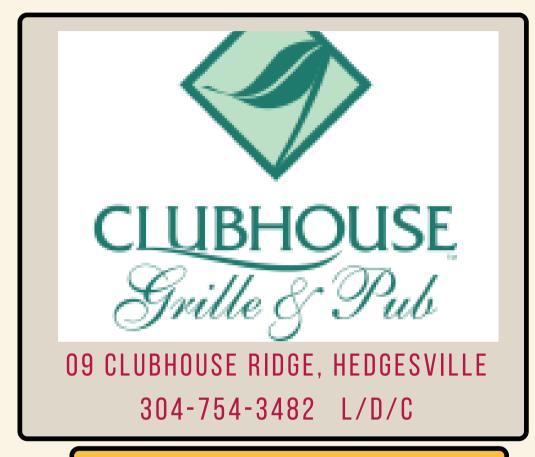
Order Up! Local Chinese
Restaurant ready for your order!
Just a short drive out of
Berkeley Springs.

#### EAST OF TOWN



#### KING'S PIZZA

King's might out pizza the hut.
Kings offers, great pizza, classic
Italian food, and surprisingly
good burgers. Recommended.



THE CLUBHOUSE GRILLE

Located at the heart of the Woods resort. The Clubhouse, has a variety of specials available.



**BS BREWING COMPANY** 

Berkeley Springs Brewing
Company is right off of Cold
Run Valley Rd, and has choice
selection of Craft Beers, Unique
specials, and great

#### **WEST OF TOWN**



#### DORIS'S DELI & GROCERY

A small hole in the wall, a combined Deli and Grocery store. Right in the center of Great Cacapon..



#### TREETOP RESTAURANT

Comfortable restaurant with daily specials, good food, and a great bar with over 24 beers on tap! They also have a wonderful desert menu!

# PIZZA PLACES





### Fox's Pizza (304-258-8000)

1644 Valley Road, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

# Mythical Pizza (304-402-MYTH)

1855 VALLEY ROAD, SUITE #200, BERKELEY SPRINGS, WV 25411

# Tony's Butcher Block (304-258-4770)

2880 Valley Road, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411









Berkeley Springs has a varierty of local shops for you to explore! Artisan goods, glassware, antiques, and more!





#### **Berkeley Springs Antique Mall**

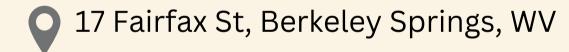
Quality antiques & collectibles from 30 dealers, including Salter's Political Collectibles. (304) 258-5676



7 Fairfax St, Berkeley Springs, WV

#### Warm Springs Run General Store

Local General Store with a wide variety of things for sale!



#### Fleur de Lis Cheese Shop

Artisan cheese shop...specializing in fine meats & cheeses wholesale, retail & catering. (727) 742-8333



#### <u>Jules Enchanting Gifts</u>

Special sparkles, fabulous functionals, and captivating collectables from around the world. (304) 258-9509



13 Fairfax St, Berkeley Springs, WV

#### **Marley Max Candles and More**

Hand poured soy candles and melts, approx 40 scents available. Handmade soaps, bath bombs, bath salts, salt lamps, organic herbal teas and ceramic mugs. Handmade ceramic and copper pet treat containers, pet dishes, and pet themed mugs. Electric candle/wax warmers, incense, and wind chimes.



21 Fairfax St. Suite 1, Berkeley Springs, WV

#### **Mineral Springs Trading Company**

"Frivolities and Essentials for an Art Fueled Life" thoughtfully sourced handmade artisan products.



45 fairfax St, Berkeley Springs, WV



#### **Mountain Laurel Artisans**

Regional & National contemporary American crafts & wearable art.



1 North Washington St, Berkeley Springs, WV

#### **Portals New Age Shop**

Offers a variety of products created by local artisans, from soaps to jewelry to dreamcatchers. Portals maintains a selection of aromatherapy, essential oils, and homeopathic remedies for your alternative healing needs. (304) 258-5200



21 North Washington St, Berkeley Springs, WV

#### <u>Himalayan Handicrafts</u>

Imports clothing, jewelry, statues and Buddhist ritual objects, one-of-a-kind antiques, furniture, paper goods, carpets incense and many other handicrafts directly from Nepal and Tibet. Also organizes regular travel tours to the Himalayas. (304) 258-0618



81 North Washington St, Berkeley Springs, WV

#### **Community Garden Market**

Market offering bulk food, frozen and shelf convenience foods, dairy and non-dairy substitutes, homeopathic remedies, natural personal care items, fresh organic produce, and more.



148 NorthWashington St, Berkeley Springs, WV

#### **The Vintage Kitchen**

Homer Laughlin, Edwin K. Knowles China, glassware, and primitives, including lamps, vintage linens and photos. (304) 886-4503



257 NorthWashington St, Berkeley Springs, WV

The Phoenix Rising

Native American Jewelry and Home Decor.



312 NorthWashington St, Berkeley Springs, WV



# Berkeley Springs FARMER'S MARKET

(SEASONAL)

Sundays 10am till 2pm April through Mid-December Thursdays 2pm till 5pm July & August Located Downtown Berkeley Springs, WV at the corner of Route 522 & Fairfax Street

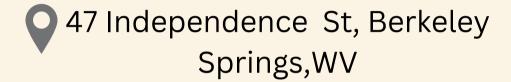


www.berkeleyspringscottagerentals.com



#### **Inspired Chaos**

Quirky and fun gifts for all. 304-258-3692



#### **Sage Moon Herb Shop**

A large selection of bulk herbs and teas, high quality essential oils, herbal supplements. (301-943-4765)



42 Independence St, Berkeley Springs, WV

#### CJ's Floral and Gift Shop

Full service florist, Ty retailer, balloons and gifts. (304-258-6683)



50 Independence Street , Berkeley Springs, WV

#### **Give Purrs a Chance**

Give Purrs a Chance is a non-profit cat adoption center. Their Catique Boutique with hundreds of items for sale both vintage and new. Many local artists and craftspeople offer ceramics, jewelry, soaps, textiles and many other cat related items. (304) 258-7299



51 Independence Street, Berkeley Springs, WV

#### **Hunter's Hardware**

Old time hardware store with garden supplies, housewares, sporting equipment, guns & ammo, paint, plumbing, electric and much more.

304-258-2442



115 Independence Street, Berkeley Springs, WV

#### **Black Cat Music Shop & Studio**

A local source for everything music. New, used & vintage instruments, accessories, gifts, pro- audio, instrument repair, consignment, livesound/Backline sales and rentals, books and lessons. Recording studio, weekly jam sessions and BlackCat School of Rock.



155 Independence Street ,Berkeley Springs, WV



#### **Berkeley Springs Trading Post**

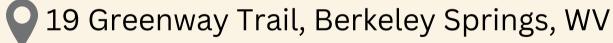
Pawn shop with selection of guns, games, jewelry, tools and more. 304-258-8964



3711 Valley Road, Berkeley Springs, WV

#### **Country Roads Inspirations**

Handmade soap, bath and body products. Every day special 5 soaps for \$20. They also have Salt Therapy. Check out their salt cave at http://berkeleyspringssaltcave.com (304-258-0381)



#### **Olde Town Cabins & Sheds**

Cabins, sheds, garage, cabana sales. (304-258-4582)

2976 Valley Rd, Berkeley Springs, WV

#### **Country Traditions Emporium**

Specializing in primitive and country furniture, accessories and décor our shop is home to several local WV artists including a furniture maker, a sign maker and primitive décor designers. Crafting supplies swill help customers create their own one of a kind item. Amish made furniture for your porch and home.



7440 Valley Road, Berkeley Springs, WV **Quail Hollow Farm** 

By Appointment. Wide selection of hard to find herbs, as well as many varieties of the familiar favorites.



5285 Highland Ridge Rd , Berkeley Springs, WV

#### <u>Obitco</u>

Obitco offers a full host of services for printing, shipping, technical support, and more!



1855 Valley Road5 fairfax St, Berkeley Springs, WV



### Shops East of town

#### **Youngblood Antiques**

Studios – Please call for an appointment before you go... (304-258-9219)



944 Martinsburg Road, Berkeley Springs, WV

#### **Frog Valley Artisans**

Featuring works by a collection of artists. Gallery features, pottery, fused and stained glass, forged iron sculpture and more. (304-258-3541)



82 Powerline Lane, Berkeley Springs, WV

#### **Heath Studio Gallery**

Featuring the paintings and prints of Jonathan & Jan Heath. (304-258-9840)



2976 Valley Rd, Berkeley Springs, WV

#### <u>Highland Forge</u>

By Appointment; Custom hand forged metalwork. (304-258-4058)



2994 Highland Ridge Road, Berkeley Springs, WV

#### **Hsu Studio**

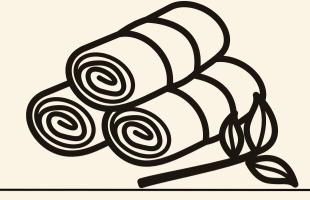
By Appointment. Unique jewelry, wall hangings, mobiles and sculptures. Works also available at the Ice House.(304-258-1911) 8 miles south off Route 522

#### <u>Jane Frenke Fiesta Fibers</u>

By Appointment. Weaver and a quilter, now produce beautiful hand made fabrics in quantities large enough to sell to others. Works also available at the Ice House. (304-258-4582)



Johnson Mill Road, Berkeley Springs, WV





# SPAS & WELLNESS

Local Spas and wellness locations. Berkeley Springs is famous for its title of America's First Spa! People from across the ages have been drawn to the healing warm springs, and healing and wellness have been a focus for the town for a very long time. Let the stress melt away!





# ATASIA SPA

Treatments include facials, pedicures, manicures, sugar polish, mud treatment and various wraps. Massage-ranging from therapeutic to aromastone and raindrop therapy to Reiki and reflexology. Atasia is the dream of master massage therapist, Frankie Tan, who designed and built the spa with its unique blend of Asian and western decor. All Atasia's therapists are licensed in their specialties.

304 -258 -7888 info@atasiaspa.com



# BERKLEY SPRINGS STATE PARK

The original warm mineral springs are centerpiece of various treatments offered to the public in two facilities operated by the state of West Virginia. The main bathhouse provides sauna, baths and female massagers for women on one side and male massagers for men on the other. The historic Roman Bath House is on the north end of the park, reservations are required. The park is in the heart of town and also has an outdoor pool open in summer, a public tap for free spring water and open pools of springs run-off. Budget conscious spa goers love the park's modest prices.

Make your reservation today by calling the Main Bathhouse at 304-258-2711 or the Old Roman Bathhouse at 304-258-3976.



# RENAISSANCE SPA

For sheer pampering pleasure, nothing beats A Renaissance Spa at the Country Inn of Berkeley Springs. Sitting high above the town, spa guests are presented with a fantastic view and treated daily to famed mineral whirlpool baths for two set in private rooms, full body massages, facials, manicures, pedicures, waxing and various beauty treatments. All are provided by certified and trained professionals.

304-500-2642



#### **Able Body Wellness**

Massage and bodywork treatments.



122 Independence St., Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

#### Flowphase Acupuncture

Five Element Acupuncture that supports clearer energy throughout the body and spirit and eases physical pain. Contact them for more details.



110 Congress Street, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

#### **Evelyn Garcia, LMT Massage Therapy**

Evelyn has many years of experience practicing massage therapy in the Berkeley Springs. Her training includes Neuromuscular Therapy, Deep Tissue Massage, Swedish massage, Cranio-Sacral Therapy, La Stone Therapy and Reiki. These modalities can be combined to provide an integrated massage experience. (304-258-9069)

3767 Cold Run Valley Road, Berkeley Springs, WV

#### **Accupuncture with Dixie**

Dixie provides acupuncture and related treatments that will improve, reverse and prevent a broad array of health problems.

Practicing at Sage Moon Herb Shop. Appointment Only. (304 -258-7288)

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110 Congress St, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

#### **Tejase Bodyworks**

Massage and yoga therapy to enhance well-being in body, mind and spirit. Incorporating a variety of modalities including Swedish and deep tissue massage, myofascial release, trigger point therapy, yoga postures, breath work and mindful meditation. Christina Page is a board-certified massage therapist and certified yoga therapist. Call for appointment.



Berkeley Springs, WV

#### <u>Jensuya Belly Dance</u>

Jensuya Belly dance and Mediterranean folk dance classes, workshops, mini lessons, coaching and live music and belly dance for parties and events.



Berkeley Springs, WV



There are so many different activities in the area to explore and have some fun. From mountains to lakes and everything else in between, there is never a dull moment!

Morgan County began its historic life as the playground of Thomas Lord Fairfax. Period letters and documents describe Fairfax's frequent visits to his spa on the edge of the wilderness. Along with many social gatherings, he soaked in the warm mineral waters of the springs and rode into the mountains.

Fairfax was occasionally joined in these adventures by his friend and Virginia neighbor, George Washington. Today, Morgan County remains a favorite playground of folks along the East Coast. The area is blessed with wooded mountains and ridges, two rivers, several lakes and a wide selection of contemporary recreation activities for both individuals and families. Contact Travel Berkeley Springs at 1–800-447-8797 for special brochures on the Cacapon River and Morgan County as a whole.



# Fishing

#### Cacapon Lake

Located within the Cacapon Resort State Park, the lake is stocked with Trout each Spring, and also has Bass, Bluegill, and Catfish. West Virginia fishing licenses are required.

#### Sleepy Creek Lake

Sleepy Creek Lake is a 205-acre lake located on the 23,000-acre Sleepy Creek Wildlife Management Area. The lake is accessible from several points on U. S. Route 522 and WV Route 9 East near Hedgesville. The lake was built in 1962 with a maximum depth of 26 feet and an average depth of 9 feet. Pit toilets and four primitive camping areas (fees charged) are also on site. Boating with electric motors only is permitted. The lake is stocked with Bass, Crappie and Northern Pike.

#### Potomac River

Public access points are located at Country Road 10 near Cherry Run, and an additional access point near Paw Paw, WV. Bass and Bluegill are common fish.

#### Cacapon River

A carry down public access point that allows small boats. Located just before the Great Cacapon on Route 9 West before the bridge. The Cacapon River is home to Large and Small Mouth Bass.



#### Cacapon Resort State Park 304-258-1022 ex.4165

The 18-hole, 72 Par, Robert Trent Jonesgolf course with 73 well placed sand bunkers and a challenging 100 yard green. Opened in 1960 this championship golf course has carts, driving range, pro-shop, club house, and deer obstacles.

#### The Woods Resort 304-754-7222

The 18-hole Mountain View Course for the low handicappers and the Stony Lick mid length course are both great options. The Mountain View Course is mainly flat and fair course near the Pro-shop.

The Stony Lick is now an 18-hole, 3600-yard, par 62 course. Contact the Woods for more information.





#### Hunting:

#### Wildlife Management Areas

More than 20,000 acres in two wildlife management areas provide opportunities for hunting everything from white-tailed deer to roaming flocks of wild turkey. There are also spring and fall seasons for various game. This includes the Sleepy Creek Wildlife Area and the Widmeyer Wildlife Area.

#### Quail Hollow Hunts 304-258-0584

Offers the finest Quail, Pheasant, and Chukar hunting. 300+ acres present a breathtaking view and quality habitats for game. Hunting licenses are required of both residents and nonresidents 15 to 65 years of age. NEVER hunt on private land without permission. Clay Shooting is also offered.

#### Shooting:

10x Freedom Gun Range 304-258-8382

10x Range is an outdoor Range that provides a roofed pistol range up to 10 lanes. They also offer 100-yard Archery and Rifle ranges. Contact them for more information.



#### **Cacapon Resort State Park** 304-258-1022

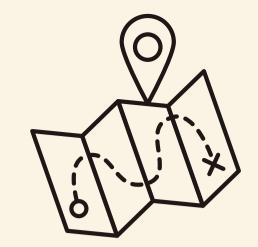
Nine different trails with a total of twenty-three miles are perfect for both the seasoned hiker as well as the beginner hiker. Pick up a guide at the park office and explore the beautiful nature of West Virginia. Contact the park for more information.

#### **C & O Canal** 301-678-6665

Following the Potomac River from DC to Cumberland, Maryland is a 185-mile-long hiking/biking trail. Access the trail in Hancock, Maryland at marker 125. Don't have a bike? No problem, check out C&O Bicycle, which offers bikes for rent and sale. Contact them for more information.

#### **Washington Heritage Trail** 800-447-8797

We encourage you to check out the Washington Heritage Trail that winds along the West Virginia Eastern Panhandle. Stop by the Visitor Center in Berkeley Springs to pick up maps and the guide. You can explore our "Washington" Connection in Jefferson, Berkeley and Morgan County.



## Other Activities



- The Star Theater is a historic local theater playing movies on Friday Sunday. (304-258-140)
- The Ice House is a gallery for local juried artists to exhibit and sell their artwork. For exhibit and theater information contact (304-258-2300)
  - <u>The Berkeley Springs Museum</u> has exhibits to satisfy those looking for a historical perspective. (800-447-8797)
  - Give Purrs a Chance is a non-profit cat adoption center located in Berkeley Springs where the felines mingle with the human guests. Entrance fee applies (304-258-7299) The Paw Paw Tunnel (Part of the C&O Canal), is accessible to walkers and cyclists year 'round. (301-678-5463)
- The Fearless Painter Community Craft Center south of Berkeley Springs on Rt 522 is a great family friendly place to make a treasured keepsake of your visit. (304-449-7028) Forestheart Craft Group is access to workshops, presentations, and private lessons of painting, delightful paper whimseys and cards, glass beadmaking, weaving, and custom graphic design. (Mary T. Klotz / 304-258-3878 / 301-663-3855 / owner@forestheart.com)



Annual Quilt Show Opening Reception in Berkeley Springs, April. Presented by the Delectable Mountains Quilt Guild. The Yard Square quilts hang in local businesses until Memorial Day Weekend, when they are auctioned at the Morgan Arts Council commonly known as the Ice House; proceeds to benefit a local charity selected by the Guild members.

Uniquely West Virginia Wine and Food Festival in Berkeley Springs every April celebrates our local wines and "ramps".

Hey Girlfriend weekend in June celebrates friendships, chocolates and shopping.

Apple Butter Festival held in Berkeley Springs every year on Columbus Day weekend in October. The traditional harvest festival is kicked off by a hometown parade on Saturday morning followed by two days of family-friendly games, contests, live music, food, fine arts and local crafts. With no admission fee, we encourage anyone interested in joining us for Apple Butter to make their reservations EARLY as all available houses, hotel rooms and BnB's will be booked solid.

**Zombie Walk** - Berkeley Springs downtown in **October**, check out the Morgan County Partnership website for more info - https://morganpartnership.org/ or call 304-258-7807.

Art & Élegance – Yearly event in November benefitting the Morgan Arts Council. Held at the Country Inn, themes change each year. A collaboration between The Arts Council and the Morgan County Business Community, it is sure to be a fun evening. Call for information: MAC at: 304-258-2300.

Winter Fest in December kicks off with a winter parade, Cocoa Crawl and tree lighting to get you in the wintertime mood.

Stroll around town to enjoy the many seasonally decorated parking meters.

International Water Tasting hosted by the Country Inn in Berkeley Springs is in February during Presidents Day Weekend. This is the largest and longest running Water Tasting in the world. The Country Inn 304-258-1200. For daily schedule or questions 800-447-8797



# Places of Worship

#### In Town

Berkeley Springs Presbyterian 101 Mercer Street 304-258-1352

Church of Christ 290 S Green Street 304-258-5175

**First UMC** 49 S Green Street 304-258-2766

St. Mark's Episcopal Church 180 S Washington Street 304-258-2440

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Liberty & Bath Street facing Rt522 304-258-1311

Trinity-Asbury UMC 106 Wilkes Street 304-258-1033

#### Out of Town

Berkeley Baptist Church Rt 522 and 13 304-258-4101

Calvary Bible Church 2065 Valley Road 304-258-1099

Seventh Day Adventist Church 3606 Valley Road 304-258-6620

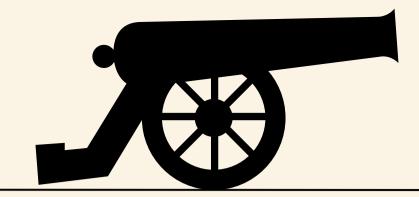
Union Chapel United Methodist 10123 Valley Road, Rt 522 South 304-258-2107

Hancock (USA) Presbyterian Church 17 East Main Street, Hancock 301-678-5510

Hancock United Methodist 170 W Main Street, Hancock 301-678-6440

St. Peter's Catholic Church 16 East High Street, Hancock 301-678-6339

St. Thomas Episcopal Church Church & High Street, Hancock 301-678-6569







Berkeley Springs is located nearby several notable battlefields.





P.O. Box 158 / Sharpsburg, MD 21782-0158 / 301-432-5124

Established by Act of Congress on August 30, 1890, this Civil War site marks the end of General Robert E. Lee's first invasion of the North in September 1862. The battle claimed more than 23,000 men killed, wounded, and missing in one single day, September 17,1862, and led to Lincoln's issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation.

#### **ACTIVITIES:**

Audiovisual Program: "Antietam", is shown on the hour from 9:00am to 4:00pm. This 25-minute movie describes the Maryland Campaign and the Battle of Antietam. Narrated by James Earl Jones, "Antietam" is shown in the visitor center theater.

Tours: The best way to view the battlefield is to take the self-guided driving tour. The tour road is 8½ miles long with 11 stops. Most visitors drive the route, but walking and biking are encouraged. CD audio tours, which enhance the self-guided tour, may be purchased from the bookstore.

Interpretive Programs: During the summer season scheduled talks are conducted daily by park rangers. Check at the Visitor Center for a daily schedule.

#### Harpers Ferry National Historic Park

P.O. Box 65 | Harpers Ferry, West Virginia 25425 | (304) 535-6298

THE HISTORY OF HARPERS FERRY HAS FEW PARALLELS IN THE AMERICAN DRAMA. It is more than one event, one date, or one individual. It is multi-layered – involving a diverse number of people and events that influenced the course of our nation's history. Harpers Ferry witnessed the first successful application of interchangeable manufacture, the arrival of the first successful American railroad, John Brown's attack on slavery, the largest surrender of Federal troops during the Civil War, and the education of former slaves in one of the earliest integrated schools in the United States.

#### John Brown's Raid

John Brown believed he could free the slaves, and he selected Harpers Ferry as his starting point. Determined to seize the 100,000 weapons at the Arsenal and to use the Blue Ridge Mountains for guerrilla warfare, abolitionist Brown launched his raid on Sunday evening, October 16, 1859. His 21-man "army of liberation" seized the Armory and several other strategic points. Thirty-six hours after the raid begun, with most of his men killed or wounded, Brown was captured in the Armory fire engine house (now known as "John Brown's Fort") when U.S. Marines stormed the building.

Brought to trial at nearby Charles Town, Brown was found guilty of treason, of conspiring with slaves to rebel, and murder. He was hanged on December 2, 1859. John Brown's short-lived raid failed, but his trial and execution focused the nation's attention on the moral issue of slavery and headed the country toward civil war.

#### The Civil War

The Civil War had a profound and disastrous effect on Harpers Ferry, leaving a path of destruction that wrecked the town's economy and forced many residents to depart forever. Because of the town's strategic location on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad at the northern end of the Shenandoah Valley,

Union and Confederate troops moved through Harpers Ferry frequently. The town changed hands eight times between 1861 and 1865.

On April 18, 1861, less than 24 hours after Virginia seceded from the Union, Federal soldiers set fire to the Armory and Arsenal to keep them out of Confederate hands. The Arsenal and 15,000 weapons were destroyed, but the Armory flames were extinguished and the weapons-making equipment was shipped south. When the Confederates abandoned the town two months later, they burned most of the factory buildings and blew up the railroad bridge.

Federal forces re-occupied Harpers Ferry in 1862. During the Confederacy's first invasion of the North, on September 15, 1862, Maj. Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson surrounded and captured the 12,500-man Union garrison stationed here. When the Federals returned to Harpers Ferry after the Battle of Antietam, they began transforming the surrounding heights into fortified encampments to protect both the town and the railroad. In 1864, Union Gen. Philip H. Sheridan used Harpers Ferry as his base of operations against Confederate troops in the Shenandoah Valley

# Gettysburg National Military Park 97 Taneytown Road / Gettysburg, PA 17325-2804 / 717-334-1124

Located 50 miles northwest of Baltimore, the small town of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania was the site of the largest battle ever waged during the American Civil War. Fought in the first three days of July 1863, the Battle of Gettysburg resulted in a hallmark victory for the Union "Army of the Potomac" and successfully ended the second invasion of the North by General Robert E. Lee's "Army of Northern Virginia". Historians have referred to the battle as a major turning point in the war, the "High Water Mark of the Confederacy". It was also the bloodiest single battle of the war, resulting in over 51,000 soldiers killed, wounded, captured or missing.

The Soldiers' National Cemetery at Gettysburg was dedicated on November 19, 1863, when President Abraham Lincoln delivered his immortal Gettysburg Address. The cemetery contains more than 7,000 interments including over 3,500 from the Civil War. Post-battle efforts preserved small portions of the battlefield as a memorial to the Union victory. On February 11, 1895, congressional legislation was signed to establish Gettysburg National Military Park as a memorial dedicated to the armies that fought this great battle. Gettysburg National Military Park incorporates nearly 6,000 acres, with 26 miles of park roads and over 1,400 monuments, markers, and memorials.

#### **ACTIVITIES:**

Plan to spend at least four hours at the park, though an entire day is more desirable. The park is open 9am – 5pm daily. Visit the National Park Visitor Center and view the vast museum of Civil War relics. While there, view the 20-minute Introductory film about the Battle of Gettysburg. Next, visit the adjacent Cyclorama Center, which has additional museum artifacts and the massive painting of the Battle of Gettysburg, featuring the climax of "Pickett's Charge". Tour the battlefield park on your own with a self guiding tour or with a Licensed Battlefield Guide (fee). During the summer months, there are free ranger led programs and special walks. Tickets for Museum Center range, consult the website for current rates and discounts.



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Known as the "Battle That Saved Washington", the battle of Monocacy on July 9, 1864 between 18,000 Confederate forces under General Jubal Early, and 5,800 Union forces under General Lew Wallace, marked the last campaign of the Confederacy to carry the war into the north. One of the objectives of this campaign was to capture Washington, D.C.

Although this battle was a military victory for the Confederates, it was also a defeat. Time spent for battle cost the Confederates a day's delay in marching on the federal capital. General Lew Wallace's defense along the Monocacy bought critical time to allow Washington to be reinforced. Early's raid would be thwarted and the war would be taken to the south for the rest of the war.

At Gambrill Mill: Exhibit area located in Gambrill Mill visitor center includes electric map orientation program, interactive computer program, artifacts and interpretive displays of the battle. Trails, Roads: Stop at the visitor center for directions to the Worthington Farm Trail and Gambrill's Mill Trail and pick up a map for the Auto Tour of the battlefield area with directions to the five monuments. Programs/Activities: Programs vary throughout the year. Programs are offered by rangers and at special events in coordination with Living History volunteers. The Visitor Center is open 9am – 5pm daily.