

## **LOCAL ATTRACTIONS**

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### **Town of Shepherdstown**

**Shepherdstown, WV**

Visit the oldest town in West Virginia and the site of James Rumsey's first successful demonstration of a steam powered boat in 1787. Shepherdstown was an open-air hospital during the Civil War, especially after the Battle of Antietam. It is home to the Contemporary American Theater Festival (CATF) held every summer at Shepherd University, a top-ranking public liberal arts university. This quaint town is popular for its trendy shops, art galleries, and restaurants.

### **Historic Shepherdstown Museum**

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Located in the Entler Hotel, the museum recaptures the feeling of a small town hotel prior to the Civil War with many Civil War and Shepherdstown antiques. The rear of the building contains the half-scale replica of James Rumsey's steamboat. Open April through October on Saturday from 11:00am to 5:00pm and on Sunday from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. For more information, call (304) 876-0910.

### **Opera House**

**Shepherdstown, WV**

The Shepherdstown Opera House, one of the nation's oldest movie theaters, first began showing films in 1909. The first theater in the area to make the transition to sound, the Opera House began showing "talkies" in 1928 and operated continuously until 1958, when it was closed and abandoned. Reopened in 1992 after a two-year renovation, it is currently used as a venue for both film and live music. For show times, call (304) 876-3704.

### **Little House**

**Shepherdstown WV**

The smallest house in Shepherdstown, this super-sized doll house was a Shepherd College project. Completed in 1929, the 2 story "house" was built so student teachers could observe children playing in a "laboratory" setting. It is located on Princess Street.

### **Rumsey Monument**

**Shepherdstown, WV**

The monument was erected in honor of James Rumsey, the inventor of the steamboat. It is located at the end of Mill Street overlooking the Potomac River.

### **Farmers Market**

**Shepherdstown, WV**

Every Sunday from April through December at 9:00am to 1:00pm, local farmers bring produce, meat, eggs, flowers, plants, and baked goods to King Street just behind the library.

**Elmwood Cemetery****Shepherdstown, WV**

Elmwood's hallowed ground contains the graves of 285 Confederate veterans, and offers its own self-guided walking tour. There are approximately 120 graves of casualties of the Battle of Antietam buried in the "Soldiers Graveyard" near the front of the cemetery. Elmwood is located on Route 480 between the Clarion and German Street.

**O'Hurley's General Store****Shepherdstown, WV**

Step back in time as you enter O'Hurley's General Store which specializes in a wide variety of "long-ago" merchandise like handmade rugs and hand-crafted furniture, pottery items, cookware and toys. Every Thursday night, join owner Jay Hurley and other musicians for a weekly jam session of Appalachian and heritage music.

**Morgan's Grove Park****Shepherdstown, WV**

Located minutes from the Clarion on Route 480, this 20 acre park has shade trees, meadows, playgrounds, walking/jogging/hiking trail, picnic areas, and sports fields. Once the site of fairs, horse races, camp meetings, and patriotic celebrations, it was entered in the National Register of Historic Places in 1999.

**Cress Creek Country Club****Shepherdstown, WV**

Shepherdstown's only country club offers golf, tennis, and swimming in a tranquil and natural rural setting. For more information or to schedule a tee time, call (304) 876-3375.

**C & O (Chesapeake & Ohio) Canal****Potomac River, MD**

The canal's towpath is an elevated trail 184.5 miles long between Cumberland, MD and Georgetown, DC. Used originally as a path for mules, it is now used for recreational activities such as hiking and biking. Built in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, it was a lifeline for communities and businesses along the Potomac River. For more information, please check [www.nps.gov/choh](http://www.nps.gov/choh).

**Antietam Battlefield****Sharpsburg, MD**

The Battle of Antietam was the bloodiest single day in American military history. Lasting only twelve hours on September 17, 1862, more than 23,000 soldiers were killed, wounded, or missing. The battle ended the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia's first invasion into the North and led to Abraham Lincoln's issuance of the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation. For more information, call the Visitors Center at (301) 432-5124 or check [www.nps.gov/anti](http://www.nps.gov/anti).

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**Harpers Ferry****Harpers Ferry, WV**

Take a walk through time as you visit the historical town of Harpers Ferry with its collection of small museums created with many historical buildings. This unique place made its mark when abolitionist John Brown staged a raid on the U.S. Arsenal with the hopes of establishing a colony to assist runaway slaves and attack slaveholders. The failed raid was one of the catalysts of the Civil War. For more information, call the Visitors Center at (304) 535-6029 or check [www.nps.gov/hafe](http://www.nps.gov/hafe).

**Ridgefield Farm and Orchard****Harpers Ferry, WV**

Nestled at the foot of the Blue Ridge near Harpers Ferry, Ridgefield is aptly named. The ridge dominates the landscape, and the fields abound with apples, pumpkins, and Christmas trees. It has been a working farm since the 1890's. Open daily from July 24 through December 24. For more information, call (304) 876-3647 or check [www.ridgefieldfarm.com](http://www.ridgefieldfarm.com).

**River Riders****Harpers Ferry, WV**

River Riders is perfect for the outdoor adventure seeker with white water rafting, tubing, kayaking, and canoeing on the Shenandoah and Potomac Rivers as well as a newly opened zipline canopy tour and aerial adventure park. For more information, call (304) 535-2663 or check [www.RiverRiders.com](http://www.RiverRiders.com).

**Charles Town****Charles Town, WV**

Historic Charles Town was founded on land provided by Charles Washington, brother of George. Today, six homes built by the Washington family still stand. The Court House is where John Brown was tried. Charles Town offers lots of history as well as a thriving downtown with antique shops and restaurants. It is also home of the Old Opera House, the oldest theater in West Virginia, where a variety of stage productions are presented throughout the year. For schedule information, call (304) 725-4420 or check [www.oldoperahouse.org](http://www.oldoperahouse.org).

**Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races****Charles Town, WV**

Enjoy live thoroughbred horse racing and casino-style gambling seven days a week. There are superb restaurants, live entertainment, and a host of other amenities. For more information, call (800) 795-7001 or check [www.hollywoodcasinocharlestown.com](http://www.hollywoodcasinocharlestown.com).

**Summit Point Motorsports Park****Summit Point, WV**

Summit Point features world-class, amateur automobile, motorcycle, and kart racing on four road racing circuits. Open from April to November. For more information, call (304) 725-8444 or check [www.summitpoint-raceway.com](http://www.summitpoint-raceway.com).

## **Berkeley Springs**

## **Berkeley Springs, WV**

Known as the “country’s first spa”, Berkeley Springs is an historic spa and art-filled town nestled in the West Virginia mountains. It boasts warm mineral springs, full service spas, world-class dining, and dozens of unique shops. Berkeley Springs is a town with two names – Berkeley Springs, the official post office name, and Bath, the name given it by George Washington. The mineral springs flow unceasingly at 74.3 degrees and 2,000 gallons per minute. You can choose to bathe at the centuries-old historic baths in Berkeley Springs State Park, fed by the famed warm springs, or at one of the contemporary spas offering a variety of health treatments. For general town information, call (304) 258-9147 or check [www.berkeleysprings.com](http://www.berkeleysprings.com). For the State Park, call (304) 258-2711 or check [www.berkeleyspringssp.com](http://www.berkeleyspringssp.com).

## **Washington Heritage Trail**

## **Morgan, Berkeley, & Jefferson Counties, WV**

Follow the footsteps of George Washington through West Virginia’s Eastern Panhandle and a landscape rich in historic, natural, and scenic resources. Mountains and valleys, rivers and springs, vestiges of bygone industries and five picturesque 18<sup>th</sup> century towns highlight a rural retreat combined with rich cultural attractions. For more information, check [www.washingtonheritagetrail.com](http://www.washingtonheritagetrail.com).