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APPENDIX C: RESOURCE INFORMATION ON HISTORIC SITES

Along the Virginia Coal Heritage Trail

Sites listed on the National Register are noted in green.

**Those noted in red are not on the route but may provide historical or genealogical information on the area.*

CATEGORY	COUNTY	NAME/ADDRESS	PHONE/EMAIL/WEB	DESCRIPTION
Side Trip	Tazewell	Town of Tazewell	(276) 988-4069 tchs@netscope.net Tazewellhistory.org	Dates from the 1800s, contains historic homes including residences of Gov. George C. Peery, Wynns Home (National Register), rail station and quaint shops. Located off of actual route.
Genealogy	Tazewell	Emma Yates Memorial Library 179 Center Street Pocahontas, VA 24635	(276) 945-9448 Emma_yates@comcast.net	Once the home and milliner shop of Miss Emma Yates. Genealogy resources.
Museum	Tazewell	Higginbotham House Museum Pisgah Road Tazewell, VA 24651	(276) 988-3800 Tazewellcounty.org/ Higginbotham_House_Museum	Heirlooms, antiques, and artifacts covering 5,000 years
Tour	Tazewell	Cedar Bluff Historic District Tour 115 Central Ave. Cedar Bluff, VA 24609	(276) 964-4889	Historic grist mill, town and historic district. Maps are available.
Museum	Tazewell	Historic Crab Orchard Museum & Pioneer Park US Route 19/460 3663 Crab Orchard Rd. Tazewell VA 24651	(276) 988-6755 info@craborchardmuseum.com Tazewellcounty.org/ Higginbotham_House_Museum	Exhibits on American Indian settlements, tools, pioneer life, the Civil War, and 20 th century railroad industries; pioneer park of log and stone buildings furnished to depict 1830's life. Fourteen cabins from the 1800s show what life was like.
Museum	Tazewell	Pocahontas Exhibition Mine & Museum 215 Exhibition Mine Rd. Rt. 659 Pocahontas, VA 24635	(276) 945-2134 (276) 945-9522 pocahontasva@comcast.net Wvweb.com/www/pocahontas_mine	Museum of coal heritage at the Pocahontas Mine. Oldest attraction of its kind, opening in 1938. Is part of the renowned Pocahontas Coal Fields. The only Exhibition Coal mine designated as a National Historic Landmark.
	Tazewell	Town of Pocahontas	(276) 945-9522 (276) 988-5091 pocahontasva@comcast.net	Listed on the National Register of Historic Places; was VA's first coalfield boom town.
Site/Bldg	Tazewell	Tazewell County Courthouse	(276) 988-7541 Gouote185@state.va.us	Historical records Resource information but not



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		Main Street Tazewell, VA 24651		<i>actually on the route</i>
Historical Society	Tazewell	Tazewell County Historical Society Dr. Greever House E. Main Street Tazewell, VA 24651	(276) 988-4069 tchs@netscope.net Tazewellhistory.org	Genealogical resources; local history and preservation <i>Resource information but not actually on the route</i>
Side Trip	Tazewell	Thistle Cove Farm 261 Cove Road Tazewell, VA 24651	(276) 988-4121 thistlecovefarms@gmail.com	Working Appalachian homestead raising hypoallergenic & rare American Curly horses, Romney, Merino & rare/primitive sheep. Focus on Appalachian heritage. <i>Not actually on route</i>
Genealogy	Tazewell	Tazewell Co. Library 310 E. Main Street Tazewell, VA 24651	(276) 988-2541	Genealogical information <i>Resource information but not actually on the route</i>
Genealogy	Tazewell	Tazewell County Tourism	(276) 988-6755 (800) 588-9401	Local Information
Memorial	Tazewell	Richlands Coal Miner's Memorial 200 Washington Square Richlands, VA 24641	(276) 963-3385 richlandschamber@4seasons.wireless.net	Dedicated in 2003, the memorial is a tribute to the men/women who sacrificed all they had to make a living.
Tour	Tazewell	Walking Tour of Tazewell		Brochure available from Tazewell County Historical Society; tour includes homes, churches, old banks and law offices
Site/Bldg	Buchanan	Buchanan County Chamber of Commerce P.O. Box 2818, Main Street Grundy, VA 24614	(276) 935-4147	Local Information
Site/Bldg	Buchanan	Buchanan Co. Courthouse Main Street Grundy, VA 24614	(276) 935-6526	Historical records
Historical Society	Buchanan	Buchanan County Historical Society Route 2, Box 3 Poe Town Rd Grundy, VA 24614	(276) 935-6581 sherrybright@hotmail.com	Publications concerning Buchanan County history and genealogy
Site/Bldg	Buchanan	Buchanan County Public Library Route 2, Box 3 Poe Town Rd Grundy, VA 24614	(276) 935-6581 www.bcpl.net	Genealogical resources
Site/Bldg	Dickenson	Birchleaf Farm Inc.	(276) 865-4115	<i>A working farm with old-time</i>

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		HCR Box 77 Birchleaf, VA 24220	noah@naxs.com	techniques. 3 miles from Sandlick Elementary School and 5 miles from Haysi on Rt. 845.
Site/Bldg	Dickenson	Breaks Interstate Park Visitor Center Route 80 Breaks VA 24607	(276) 865-4413 (276) 865-4414 800-982-5122 bip@movnet.com	Exhibits of natural and historical features of the area. Local information.
Site/Bldg	Dickenson	Dennis E. Reedy Railroad & Coal Mining Museum Now Closed 21 Main Street Clinchco, VA 24226	(276) 865-9593 (276) 865-5337	Collection of railroad and mining artifacts from the region no longer exists. Collection and old post office in which the museum was located have all been sold and removed from site.
Site/Bldg	Dickenson	Dickenson Co. Chamber of Commerce Main Street in First Union Bldg. P.O. Box 1989 Clintwood, VA 24228	(276) 926-6074	Local Information <i>Resource information but not actually on the route</i>
Site/Bldg Memorial	Dickenson	Dickenson County Coal Miners Memorial Clinchco, VA	virginia.org/site/features.asp?featureid=412#dick	Tribute to the men and women who died in the coal mines. listing 309 names and deaths, dating back to the early 1900s.
Site/Bldg	Dickenson	Dickenson County Courthouse Main Street Clintwood, VA 24228	(276) 926-1630	Historical Records <i>Resource information but not actually on the route</i>
Genealogy	Dickenson	Jonnie B. Deel Memorial Library P.O. Box 650, Chase St. Clintwood, VA 24228	(276) 926-6617	Genealogical Resources <i>Resource information but not actually on the route</i>
Genealogy	Dickenson	Southwest Virginia Ancestors Quarterly Route 2, Box 307 Clinchwood, VA 24228	(276) 926-6837	Genealogical resources <i>Resource information but not actually on the route</i>
Museum	Russell	Dante Coal Mining & Railroad Museum 30 Straight Hollow Road Dante, VA 24237	(276) 495-8103 (276) 495-1042 Lora12@suddenlink.net	Enjoy exhibits of coal and railroad memorabilia donated by the residents and former residents of Dante. Home to the Dante History Project display that traveled around VA, WV, and KY for 2 years.
Monument	Russell	Dante Coal Miner's Memorial Rt. 63 Dante, VA 24235	Danteliveson.org	Dante was once the headquarters of the Clinchfield Coal Corporation and home to thousands of coal miners &



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				their families. Memorial honors those who worked in the mines and esp. those who died underground.
Site/Bldg	Russell	Old Russell County Courthouse Route 58A St. Paul, VA 24283	(276) 762-7254	Original structure served as a courthouse for far Southwest Virginia. Is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is a Virginia Landmark. Many antiques are displayed in the building.
Site/Bldg	Russell	Russell County Chamber of Commerce 232 W. Main Street Lebanon, VA 24266	(276) 889-8041	Local Information <i>Resource information but not actually on the route</i>
Site/Bldg	Russell	Russell Co. Courthouse 121 E. Main Street Lebanon, VA 24266	(276) 889-8000 Russell@mounet.com	Historical, local and genealogy information <i>Resource information but not actually on the route</i>
Side Trip	Russell	Jesse's Mill Lebanon, VA 24266	(276) 889-8041	<i>Roller process mill built between 1889-1890</i>
Side Trip	Russell	Dickenson Bundy Log House US 58 Castlewood, VA 24224	(276) 762-7254	Constructed from 2 log homes. One built in 1769 and the other built in 1790. The house is open to the public and houses a craft store that features local crafters.
Site/Bldg	Scott	Duffield Railroad Museum	A very worthwhile stop along the route	Large railroad collection in depot used in the making of "Coal Miner's Daughter". Also a caboose and other railroad artifacts.
Site/Bldg	Scott	Natural Tunnel State Park Rt. 871 Duffield, VA 24244	(276) 940-2674 Naturaltunnel.info	850 ft. long natural tunnel, camping, swimming, picnic area, Cove Ridge Center
Trail	Scott	Daniel Boone Wilderness Trail	Danielboonetrail.com	Established in 17175 and traveled by over 300,000 settlers. Travels through the county.
Site/Bldg	Scott	Dungannon Depot c/o Main Street 344 Phoenix St., STE 101 Dungannon 24245	(276) 467-2665 travis@ddcinc.org Ddcinc.org/depot.htm	Restored 1912 railroad station combines history with the present day.
Site/Bldg	Scott	Scott County Courthouse 104 E Jackson St, Suite 102 Gate City, VA 24251	(276) 386-3801	Historical records <i>Resource information but not actually on the route</i>

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	Wise	Town of Appalachia	(276) 565-3900 Wisecountychamber.org	The town is considered to be a largely intact “era” town of the late 1800s, early 1900s. The town was at the center of a booming coal mining culture. Many railroad buildings remain in the town.
Site/Bldg	Wise	Louis E. Henegar Miners Memorial Park Callahan Avenue Appalachia, VA 24216		Open-air park with old mining machinery
Site/Bldg	Wise	Appalachia Cultural Arts Center 508 Main Street P.O. Box 754 Appalachia, VA 24216	(276) 565-1049 (276) 565-1386 Acac_theatre@mail.org Freewebs.com/acac-theater	The purpose of the center is to revitalize the souls and spirits of a community and her people through the use of the arts and humanities.
Historic District	Wise	Big Stone Gap	(276) 523-2060 Bigstonegap.org	This lovely, Victorian-era town was the inspiration for the novel, Big Stone Gap, by Adriana Trigiani.
Trail	Wise	Crooked Road: Virginia’s Heritage Music Trail Route 58 thru Big Stone Gap	(866) 686-6874 info@thecrookedroad.org Thecrookedroad.org	Driving tour through the Appalachian Mountains from the Blue Ridge to the Coalfields region following Route 58. The traditional music was passed down from the generations. Musicians and local instrument makers can be found along the trail.
Site/Bldg	Wise	Christ Episcopal Church 100 Clinton Ave. Big Stone Gap, VA 24219	(276) 523-0401	Virginia historical landmark Established in October of 1890
Site/Bldg	Wise	101 Car 619 Gilley Ave. Big Stone Gap, VA 24219	(276) 523-2060 gaptourism@va-village.com	Railroad car from the South Carolina & Georgia Railroad, representative of passenger cars from the late 1800s.
Visitor Center	Wise	Lonesome Pine Regional Tourist Center 619 Gilley Ave. Big Stone Gap, VA 24219	(276) 523-2060	A regional tourist center promoting the Big Stone Gap area.
Walking/Driving Tour	Wise	Big Stone Gap Walking/Driving Tour 619 Gilley Ave. Big Stone Gap, VA 24219	(276) 523-2060 gaptourism@va-village.com	Tour starts of 101 Car. Brochures available at the mini-mall in Appalachia.



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Museum	Wise	John Fox, Jr. Museum E. Shawnee Ave. Big Stone Gap, VA 24219	(276) 523-2747	Home of writer John Fox, Jr.; memorabilia and furnishings form the Fox family; guided tours available.
Visitor Center	Wise	Heart of Appalachia Visitor Center 311 Wood Ave. Cloverleaf Square, Suite G3 Big Stone Gap, VA 24219	(888) 798-2386 (276) 523-2005 heartofappalachia.com	Local Information
Museum	Wise	Harry Meador Coal Museum E. Third Street Big Stone Gap, VA 24219	(276) 523-9209 (276) 523-4950	Coal mining heritage museum. Features exhibits and objects collected by Mr. Meador, an executive with a local coal company. Various displays exist in the museum, including a collection of photographs, mining equipment and tools, office equipment, coal company items and a small dentists' office from the early 1900s.
Genealogy	Wise	Mountain Empire Genealogy Quarterly P.O. Box 628 Pound, VA 24279		Genealogical resources <i>Resource information but not actually on the route</i>
Genealogy	Wise	National Melungeon Registry Wise Co. Historical Society P.O. Box 368 Wise, VA 24293	(276) 328-6451 (276) 546-1141 (276) 796-5233 wchs@naxs.com	Genealogical information and books <i>Resource information but not actually on the route</i>
Genealogy	Wise	Southern Appalachian Ancestral Registry Wise Co. Historical Society P.O. Box 368 Wise, VA 24293	(276) 328-6451	Genealogical information and books <i>Resource information but not actually on the route</i>
Museum	Wise	Southwest Virginia Museum 10 W First Street Big Stone Gap, VA 24219	(276) 523-1322 swvmuseum@dcr.virginia.gov Dcr.virginia.gov/state_parks/sou.shtml	Exhibits depict heritage of Southwest Virginia.
Site/Bldg	Wise	June Tolliver House Clinton Ave. Big Stone Gap, VA 24219	info@junetolliverhouse.org Junetolliverhouse.org	Former boarding house; thought to be the inspiration of June Tolliver character from the Fox novel, "Trail of the Lonesome Pine." The house is a National and Virginia

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				Historic Landmark. Also serves as a craft/gift shop with items featuring local artists.
Site/Bldg	Wise	Wise County Courthouse 206 E. Main Wise, VA 24293	(276) 328-6111 courtbar@naxs.com	Historical records <i>Resource information but not actually on the route</i>
Historical Society	Wise	Wise County Historical Society P.O. Box 368 Wise, VA 24293	(276) 328-6451 wchs@mywisecounty.com Wisevahistoricalsoc.org	Local history and preservation <i>Resource information but not actually on the route</i>
Genealogy	Wise	Wise County Public Library 124 Library Road Wise, VA 24293	(276) 328-8061 1prlwise@copmunet.net	Genealogical resources <i>Resource information but not actually on the route</i>
Site/Bldg	Wise	Wise County Chamber of Commerce 765 Park Ave. Norton, VA 24273	(276) 679-0961	Local information
Site/Bldg	Wise	Duff Academy Clinton Avenue Big Stone Gap, VA 24219	(276) 523-4707	The Duff family private school adjacent to the June Tolliver house.
Site/Bldg	Wise	Tacoma Community Center 4408 Stone Mountain Rd Tacoma VA 24230	(276) 679-1855 (276) 395-3206	Sets along the Crooked Road and presents a traditional music show every Saturday that features musicians and bands from the Coalfield region. The Center is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places as well as the Virginia Registry.
Site/Bldg	Lee	Appalachian African-American Cultural Center 230 N. Leona St. Pennington Gap, VA 24277	(276) 546-5144 (276) 546-1981	1939 one-room school for African-American children; tapes, pictures, and school records. Oral presentation available by appointment.
Site/Bldg	Lee	Lee County Chamber of Commerce Church and Main Street, Suite 206 Jonesville, VA 24263	(276) 346-7763	Local Information Resource information but not actually on the route
Site/Bldg	Lee	Lee County Courthouse Main Street Jonesville, VA 24263	(276) 346-7763	Historical records Resource information but not actually on the route
Historical	Lee	Lee County		Local history and preservation



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Society		Historical Society P O Box 231 Jonesville, VA 24263		Resource information but not actually on the route
Site/Bldg	Lee	Lee County Public Library Joslyn Ave. Pennington Gap, VA 24277	(276) 54601141	Genealogical resources
Museum	Lee	Long Hollow Log School Museum Lee County High School Jonesville, VA 24263		1858 log schoolhouse Resource information but not actually on the route
Side Trip Site/Bldg Museum	Lee	Wilderness Road State Park Route 2, Box 115 Route 58 West Ewing, VA 24248	(276) 445-3807	Visitor Center has museum and theater with 18 minute film, "Birth of a Nation" depicting the settlers move westward through the Cumberland Gap in the late eighteenth century. An authentic, reconstructed frontier fort, Martin's Station, is on the site. Reenactors portray living history (seasonal). Picnic shelters and the Wilderness Road Trail, a 10 mile linear trail that connects to the Cumberland Gap National Historical Park.
Site/Bldg	Lee	Cowan Mill Route 698 c/o Lee Co. Chamber Pennington Gap, VA 24248	(276) 546-2233	Grist mill built in 1890