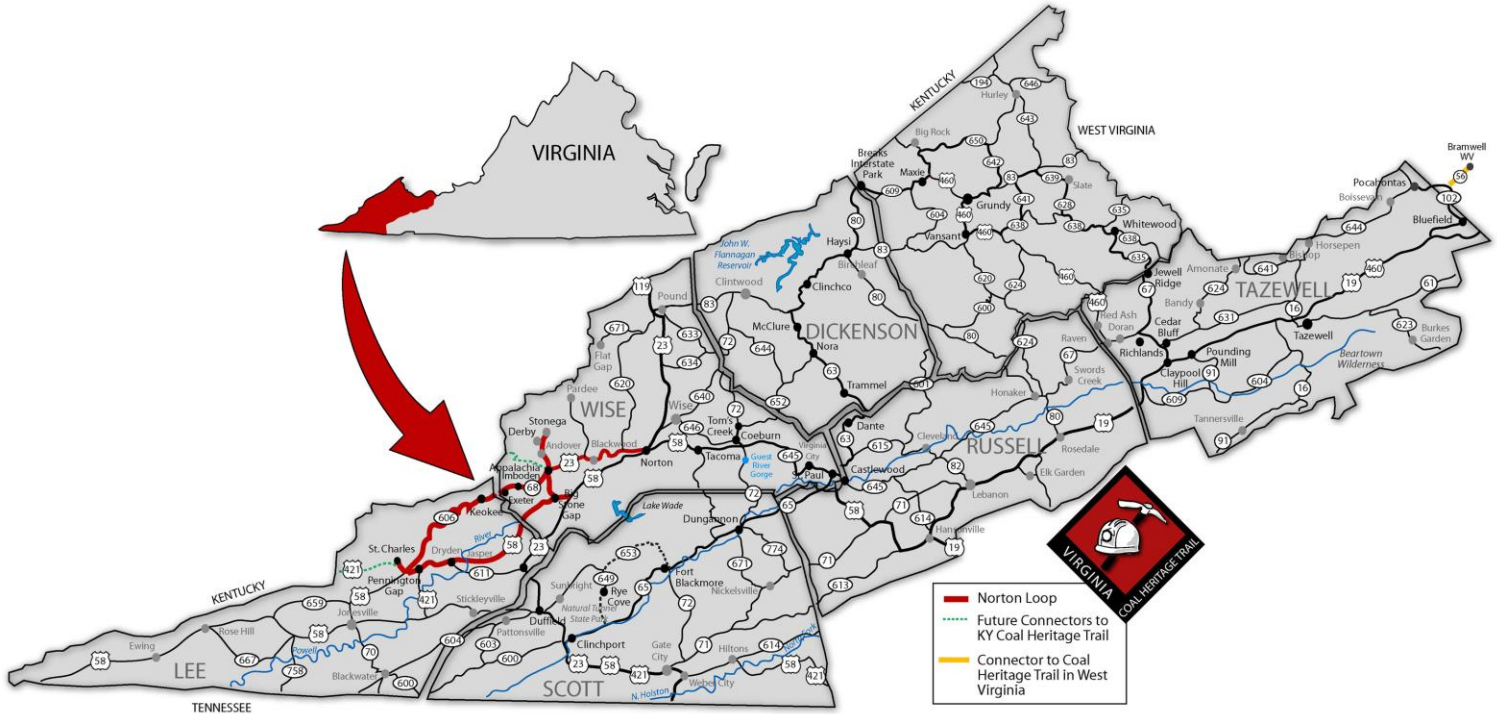




NORTON LOOP
Part of the Virginia Coal Heritage Trail System



Starting Point of Norton Loop: At the intersection of Hwy 58A and Hwy 23 (Wise County), turn west on Business 23 through downtown Norton, past Blackwood through downtown Appalachia. Turn right onto Hwy 68 past the communities of Imboden, Exeter crossing into Lee County where road changes names to Hwy 606 (at Lee County) through the towns of Keokee and Robbins Chapel, then turns left onto Hwy 421 past Stone Face in the Mountain into Pennington Gap (Side Trip: Take Hwy 421 W to Hwy 352 takes one to St. Charles or continue west on Hwy 421 for a connector with the **proposed Kentucky Coal Heritage Trail.**)

At the intersection of Hwy 421 and Hwy 58A, turn east onto Hwy 58A through Downtown Pennington Gap to Downtown Big Stone Gap. Hwy 58A turns into Wood Avenue West. Turn left onto 1st Street then right onto Shawnee Avenue three blocks turning right onto Bus 23/East 5th Street or turn left onto Business 23 to go back to downtown Appalachia. Continuing on Fifth Street/Bus 23, cross over Wood Avenue, turn left onto Gilley Avenue/Bus 23 which merges with 58A also known as Orby Cantrell Hwy and heads north back to Norton.

Please note: A formal request has been made to the Virginia Coal Heritage Trail Authority by the Wise County Tourism Committee to extend the Norton Loop of the



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Byway to include the Stonega Coal Camp and the Derby Coal Camp. See APPENDIX K for a copy of the request. Both sites are listed on the National Register of Historic Places as historic districts and are located just a few miles off the route. As noted in the request, each district “has its own personality rich in history”. The requested extended route is noted in blue on the map below:

Appalachia to Stonega

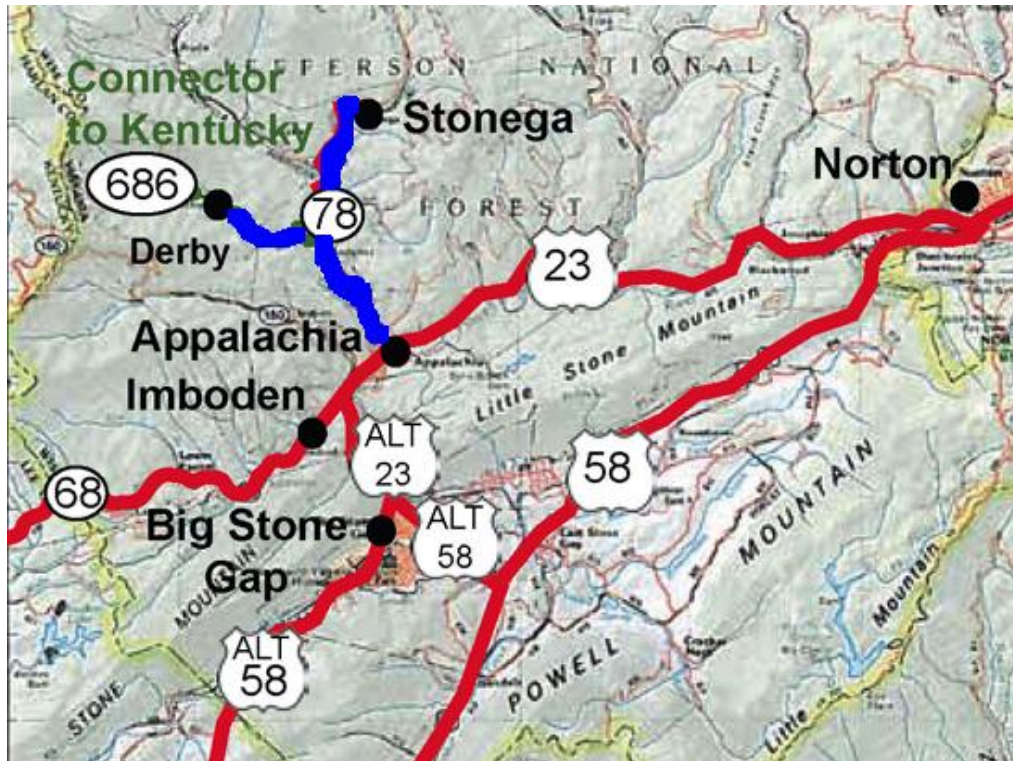
Start out going north on Callahan Ave. toward W. Main Street/US23 BR/Trail of the Lonesome Pine.	2.7 miles
Callahan Avenue becomes Stonega Road.	1.4 miles
Turn right to stay on Stonega Road.	.03 miles
WELCOME TO STONEGA	.01 miles
SUBTOTAL MILES: 4.1	

Stonega to Derby

Start out going west on Stonega Road toward Cross Creek Road.	.03 miles
Turn left to stay on Stonega Road.	1.4 miles
Stonega Road becomes Callahan Avenue	1.1 miles
Turn Right onto Derby Road.	2.0 miles
WELCOME TO DERBY	.01 miles
SUBTOTAL MILES: 8.5	

Derby to Appalachia

Start going East on Derby Road toward Treetop Road.	2.0 miles
Turn right onto Callahan Avenue.	1.6 miles
WELCOME TO APPALACHIA	3.7 miles
TOTAL MILES: 12.16	

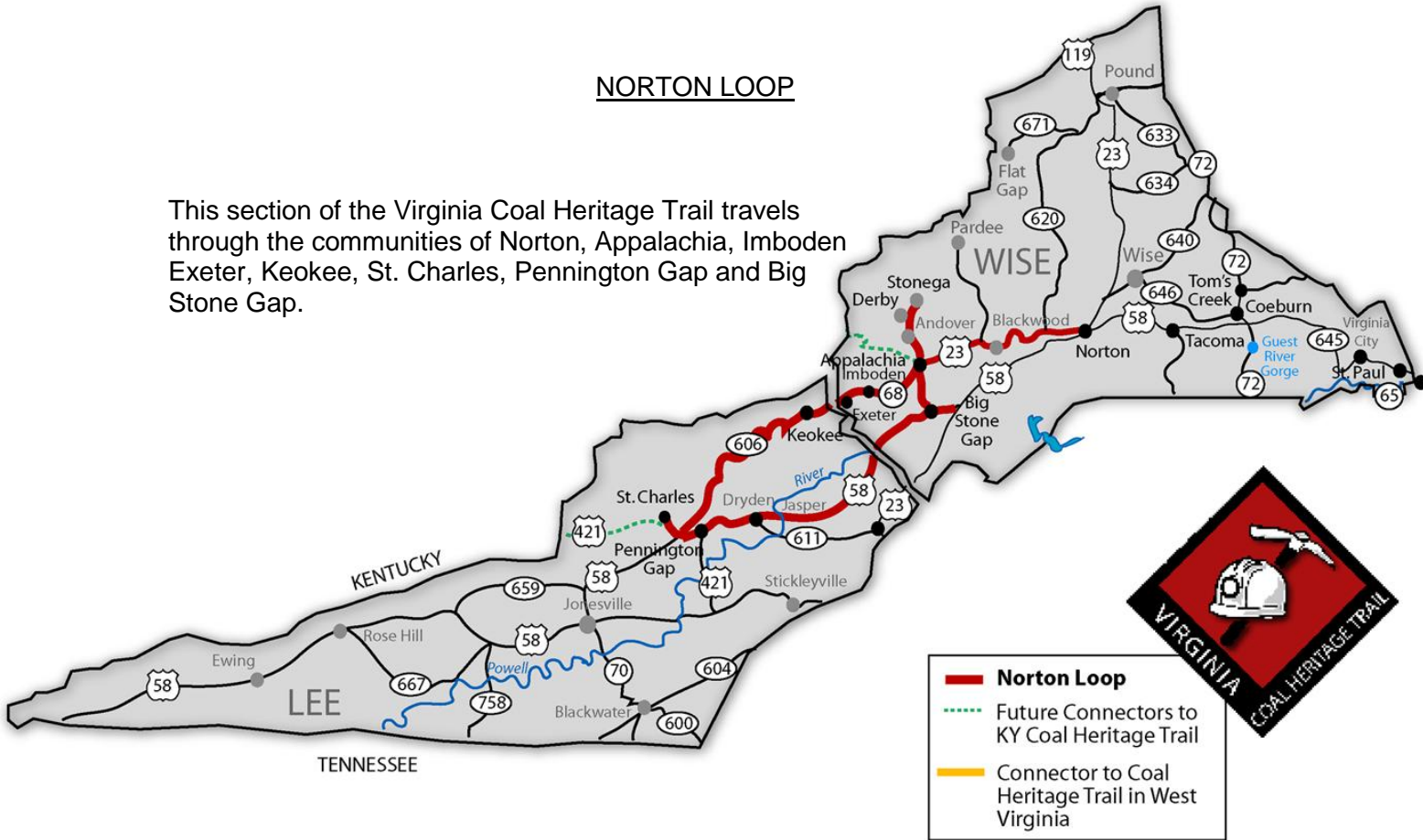


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This section of the Virginia Coal Heritage Trail travels through the communities of Norton, Appalachia, Imboden Exeter, Keokee, St. Charles, Pennington Gap and Big Stone Gap.



- **Norton Loop**
- - - Future Connectors to KY Coal Heritage Trail
- Connector to Coal Heritage Trail in West Virginia

COUNTY/TOWN	HIGHWAY	MILE	TRAFFIC COUNT	DESCRIPTION
City of Norton	Hwy 58/23	2.0miles		Highway travels into and through downtown Norton (Wise Co.). Confusing intersection of Hwy 58/23.
Wise County	Business 23	8.4 miles		2-lane curvy road with yellow center line. Many sections are wooded and scenic views. Nearing town of Appalachia road remains curvy with coal operations, railroad and plenty of scenic views
Appalachia Wise County	Business 23/Main Street	.8 miles	7120	Views of historic town, need pull offs for photos. Recommended addition to route noted on the previous page.
Wise County	Hwy 606/68	.7 miles	1794	
Imboden Wise County	Hwy 606/68	.7 miles		Curvy 2-lane road



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Exeter Wise County	Hwy 606/68	1.7 miles		Curvy 2 lane road. Good area for motorcycles
Lee County	Hwy 606/68	4.1 miles	470	Curvy, winding 2 lane road with periodic view of Keokee Mining Operation
Lee County	Hwy 606-58	1.8 miles		Side Trip with wildlife area and boat ramp.
Keokee Lee County	Hwy 606/68	1.5 miles		Residential area. Sharp hairpin turn not marked.
Lee County	Hwy 606/68	8.3 miles		Road is more narrow, no centerline, very curvy with a series of hairpin turns. Great road for motorcycles. Road eventually widens with yellow centerline. Road is curvy road, wooded on both sides with yellow centerline.
Lee County	Hwy 606/68	1.5 miles		Road leads into section with houses, church, foot bridge, and railroad crossing.
Lee County	Hwy 606/68	.9 miles		Road becomes more curvy with yellow outline.
Lee County	Hwy 421	1.6 miles	4279	Curvy road
Lee County	Hwy 352	2.3 miles	1865	Two lane road very scenic
St. Charles	Hwy 352	1.4 miles		Takes one into downtown of small coal community. Byway signs needed here.
Lee County	Hwy 421 S	5.6 miles	1865	Towards Pennington Gap. Very scenic but has a lot of Kudzu in sections.
Pennington Gap Lee County	Hwy 421	1.6 miles		Curvy two lane road - scenic drive. Good area for photo taking.
Pennington Gap Lee County	Hwy 58A	6.4 miles		Road divides after Hwy 421 intersection. Then returns to 2-lane.
Pennington Gap Lee County	Hwy 58A/Veterans Memorial Hwy	4.8 miles	6613	Scenic vista. Highway divides with grass median in to double lanes.
Wise County	Hwy 58A/Pennington Gap Hwy	2.2 miles		Traveling into Big Stone Gap, road tightens to 2 lanes with bright yellow centerline.
Big Stone Gap Wise County	Hwy 58A	1.0 miles		Downtown area with gas stations, restaurants, museums, etc.
Big Stone Gap Wise County	Business 23	6.5 miles	6613	Residential area, businesses

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Wise County	58A/23/Orby Cantrell Hwy	.5 miles	14143	Norton Loop intersects with St. Paul loop Scenic vista, overlook
City of Norton	58A/23	2.1 miles		Takes one back to the start of the Norton Loop. Or one can turn right and continue onto Hwy 58A along the St. Paul loop.