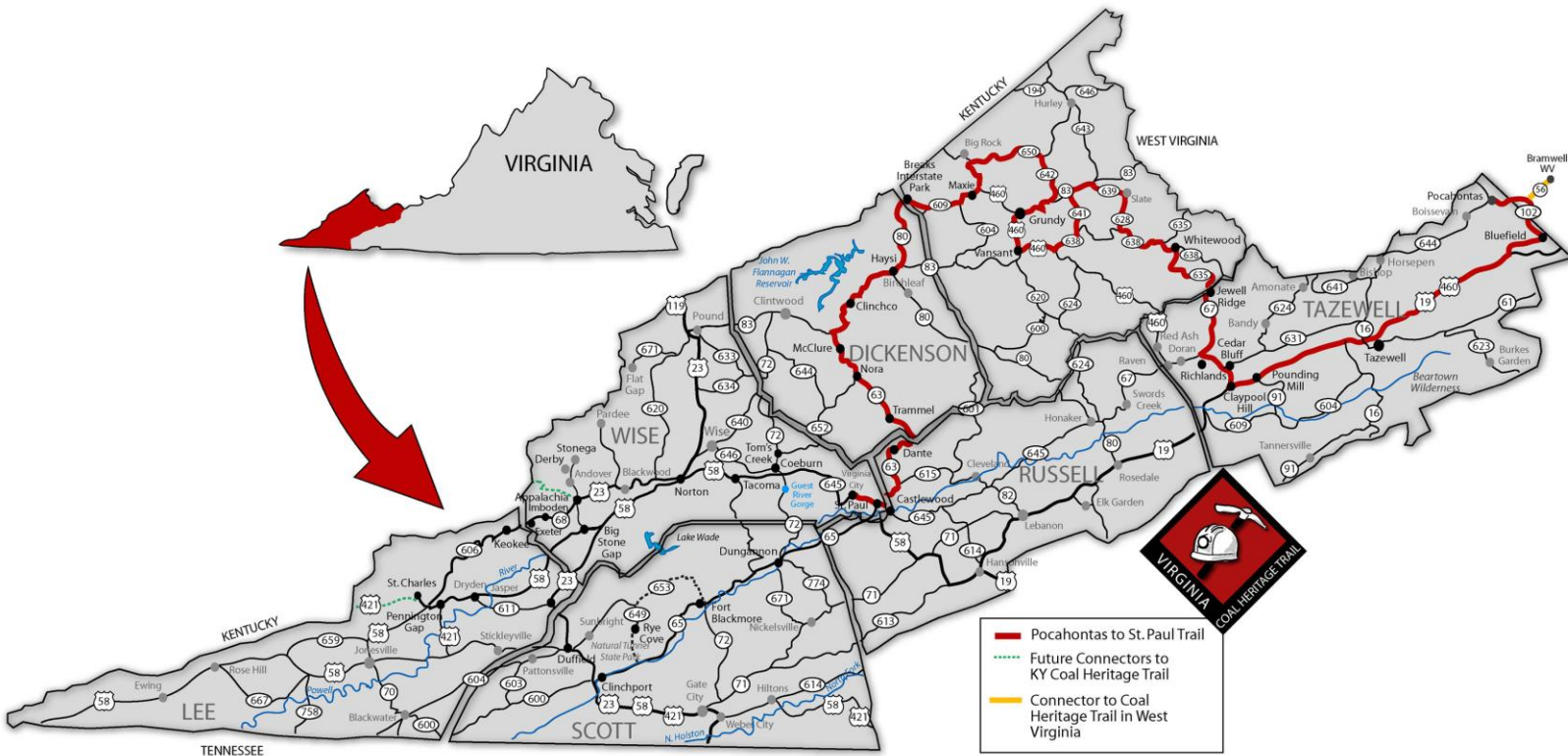


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POCAHONTAS TO ST. PAUL TRAIL Part of the Virginia Coal Heritage Trail System



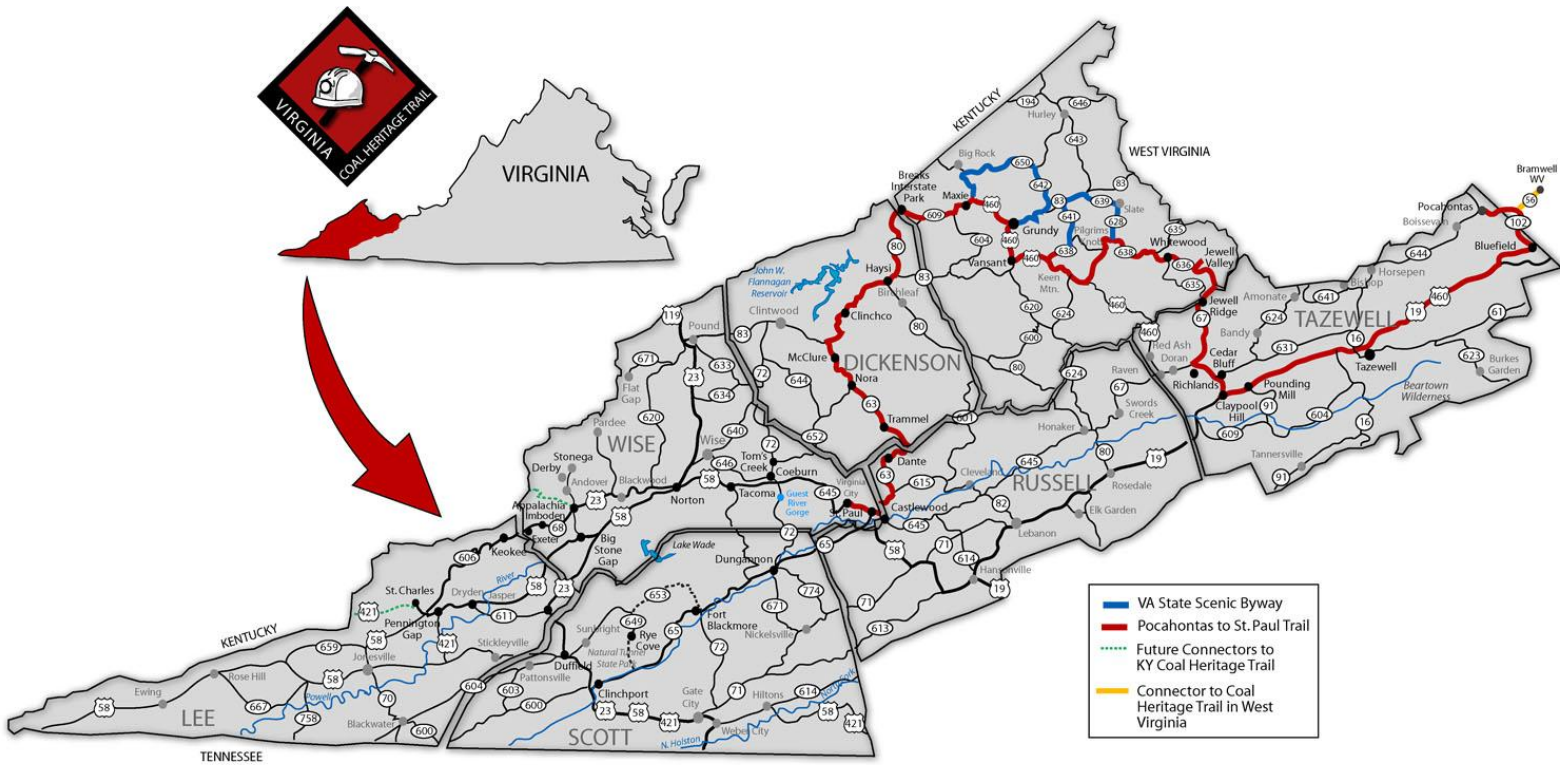
Starting Point of the Pocahontas Trail: Pocahontas Exhibition Mine (Tazewell County) at Hwy 659 to Hwy 644 (Town of Pocahontas) to Hwy 102 **with side trip connector to Coal Heritage Trail of West Virginia on Hwy 59 to Bramwell**). Continue south on Hwy 102 to Bluefield then west on Hwy 19 or Hwy 460/19 past Tazewell, Crab Orchard, Pounding Mills. Turn right on Hwy 460 at Claypool Mill. Take Business 460 through Cedar Bluff (1 mile loop) back to Hwy 460 then exit onto Hwy 67 N into Richlands turning right down to cemetery then turning back traveling south on Hwy 67 S to Third Street then Washington Street through downtown Richlands to First Street then back on Hwy 67 S turning right onto Bearwallow Road through downtown Jewell Ridge which loops back onto Hwy 67 S to Hwy 635 (into Buchanan County). Continue west turning left onto Hwy 638 through Whitewood to Hwy 628 to Hwy 639 through Slade to Hwy 83 to Hwy 641 to Hwy 638 to Hwy 460 west through the towns of Vansant and Grundy to Hwy 83 to Hwy 642 to Hwy 650 back to Hwy 460 east to Hwy 609 through Maxie to Route 80 then turn right onto Route 702 into Breaks Interstate Park.

Recommended Change in Route:

When one crosses into Buchanan County, take Hwy 636 west with 1 mile side trip north on Jewell Valley Road then back to Hwy 636 left to Hwy 638 then south on 680 to 460 west to Keen Mountain Coal Camp with a stop at Keen Mountain Company Store and tour of coal camp before continuing west on 460 through Vansant and Grundy. Turn west on 609 and continue on the original route through Maxie and Harman to Route 80 then right onto Route 702 into Breaks Interstate Park. (See revised map on next page)



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Come back to Route 80 turning right (Dickenson County) to Route 83 into Haysi to Route 612 then back to Route 83W through Clinchco, New Camp then Hwy 63 S through Freemont, McClure, Nora into Wise County and the start of the St. Paul Loop of the Virginia Coal Heritage Trail.

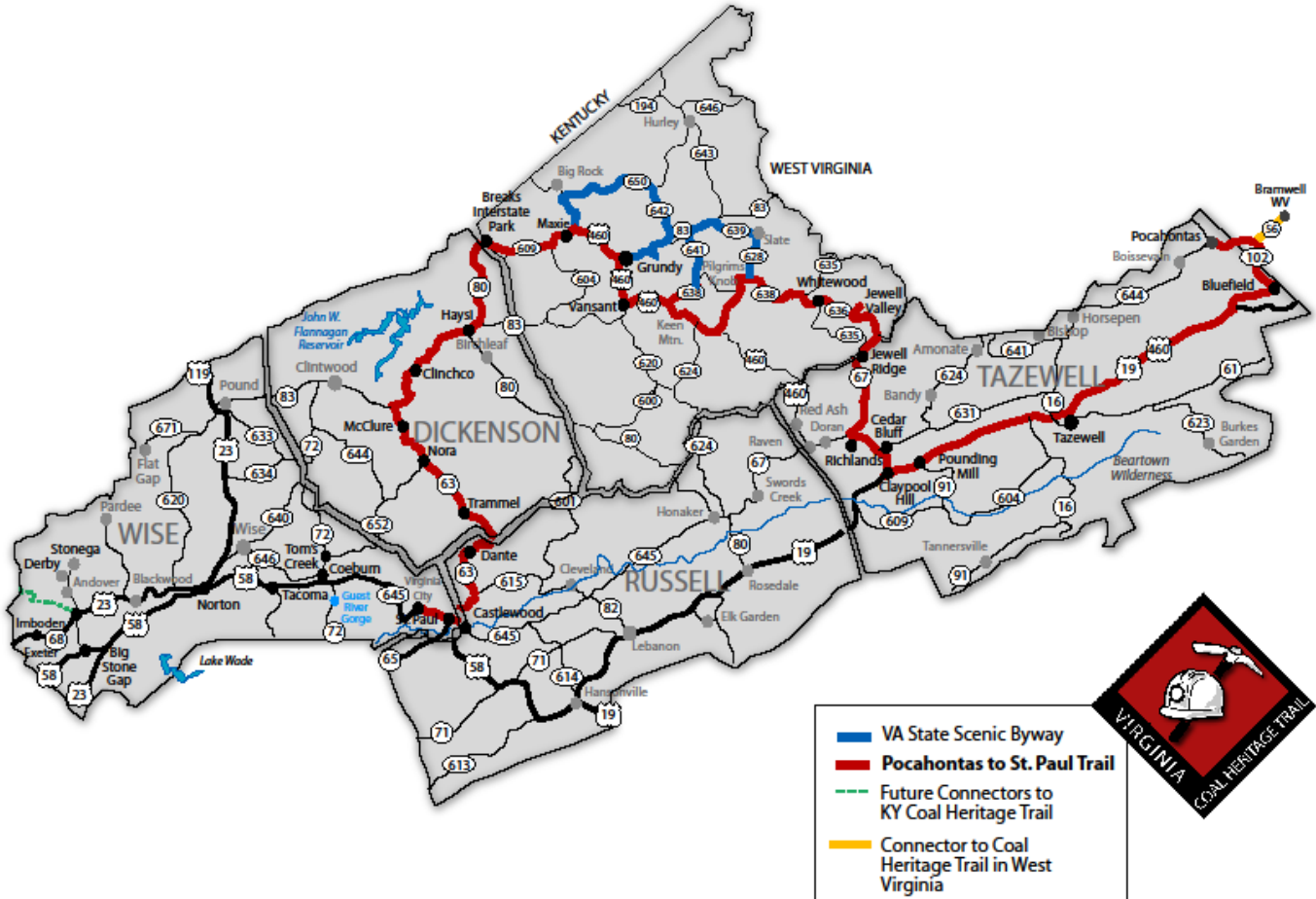
It has also been suggested that a spur route be added in Dickenson County at the juncture of VA 63 and VA 83 leading into Clintwood and to the location of the Ralph Stanley Museum, a premier cultural heritage site. At this time, no action has been taken to add this as a spur.

The following pages provide a further breakdown of the revised route, the mileage and a description of the trail from Pocahontas to St. Paul.

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| COUNTY/TOWN | HIGHWAY | MILE | TRAFFIC COUNT | DESCRIPTION |
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| Pocahontas - Tazewell County | Hwy 659 | .3 mile | 368 | Start trail at Pocahontas Exhibition Mine. – Two lane paved road. No center line |
| Pocahontas - Tazewell County | Hwy 644 | .4 mile | 998 | Takes one into downtown Pocahontas, the first and largest mining town in the Virginia Coalfields. Many historic buildings such as the Opera House. |



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| Pocahontas - Tazewell County | Hwy 102 | .9 mile | 1625 | Takes one by the park with an old caboose and the original depot. Track remains active in case line is reactivated to serve as a tourist ride to the community of Bramwell, WV and link the two states Coal Heritage Trail system. |
| Tazewell County | Hwy 102 | 5.0 miles | 1625 | Two lane curvy road with no consistent shoulder |
| Falls Mills - Tazewell County | Hwy 102 | 2.5 miles | 1625 | Road follows the creek with a breathtaking double falls. This is a "don't miss" location. Needs a scenic pull off located here. Travel 102 into downtown Falls Mills. |
| Tazewell County | Hwy 102 | 1.8 miles | 1625 | Road widens with large shoulders |
| Bluefields - Tazewell County | Hwy 102 | 2.1 miles | | Road tightens up with sidewalks. Travels past Graham Square with parking area, gazebo and gardens and then on into downtown with residential mixed with commercial. |
| Tazewell County | Hwy 460 | 14.0 miles | 18025 | 4 lane with grass median. Leads one out of Bluefield into county with scenic vistas of mountains and outcroppings. Lots of billboards all along the highway. |
| Tazewell - Tazewell County | Hwy 460 | 3.0 miles | 18025 | Scenic farmland. Then leads one into the town of Tazewell. |
| Crab Orchard - Tazewell County | Hwy 460 | .4 mile | 18025 | Exhibit of regional coal mining, Witten's Fort Historic Marker, Frog Level Station, Tourist Information Kiosk, Farmers Market & Horse Arena. |
| Tazewell County | Hwy 460/19 | 5.8 miles | | 4-lane divided highway with grass median, picturesque views of mountains, golf course, picturesque churches |
| Tazewell County | Hwy 460 | 4.9 miles | 18025 | Cuz Restaurant, near Pounding Mill Quarry. Four-lane divided hwy |
| Cedar Bluff - Tazewell County | Hwy 460 | 1.5 miles | | Commercial area |
| Richlands Tazewell County | Hwy 67 | 2.4 miles | 2874 | Downtown area Coal Miner's Memorial, Monument to Armed Forces |

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| Tazewell County | Hwy 67 | 2.8 miles | 1986 | Curvy windy road, very scenic, great for motorcycles except for the number of railroad crossings |
| Jewell Ridge Tazewell County | Hwy 67 Turn right on Jewell Ridge Road through the community | 3.8 miles | 187 | Historic Jewell Ridge Coal Camp. 2-lane road |
| Tazewell County crossing into Buchanan County | Turn right on Bear Wallow Road/VA 616 which becomes Chicken Ridge Road/ VA -636 | 7.4 miles | 187 | Road starts off very curvy, breathtaking vista – then wooded on both sides of road; 2 lane road with no center line |
| Jewell Valley - Buchanan County | Turn right onto Jewell Valley Road | 2 mile round trip | 270 | Side Trip: 1 mile Come to Dominion Coal Corporation Mine #6 |
| Buchanan County | Come back down Jewell Valley Road South 1 mile and turn right onto VA 638/ Dismal River Road | 8.4 miles | 584 | Will pass over railroad tracks and the town of Whitewood. 2-lane. |
| Buchanan County | Turn left onto Contrary Creek Road | 4.8 miles | 447 | Curvy, windy road. Great for motorcycles. 2-lane |
| Buchanan County | Turn right onto Riverside Drive/ US 460W | 2.2 miles | 7602 | Road is 4-lane with yellow center line. |
| Keen Mountain - Buchanan County | Turn left onto Keen Mountain Camp Road. Come back out to Riverside Drive/US 460 and turn left. | 0.2 miles | 528 | Coal Camp with historic commercial and residential buildings in excellent condition. <i>Proposed site for VCHT Visitor Center in the Keen Mountain Company Store.</i> |
| Buchanan County | Turn right onto 638 for 1 mile then come back to Hwy 460/83 through Vasant | 2.3 miles round trip | 1839 | Short side trip to see Jewell Ridge Smokeless Coke Ovens and Island Creek Coal Company. 2-lane road. |
| Vasant - Buchanan County | West on U.S. 460 | 5.3 miles | 7602 | Commercial with grocery store, fast food, shops, and car wash. Stop at Buchanan Courthouse to see Coal Miner Monument. |
| Grundy | West U.S. 460 | 4.5 miles | 7602 | Continue west on U.S. 460. 4-lane road |



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| Buchanan County | | | 9924 | Commercial area with restaurants, lodging and shopping. Stop at Buchanan Courthouse to see Coal miner statue. |
| | | | 9924 | Road follows the river. Excellent example of Coal Company homes along route. 4-lane road |
| Buchanan County | Turn left onto SR609 | .5 miles | 2234 | Cross over bridge then railroad tracks. Old mine area |
| Maxie - Buchanan County | SR609 | 3.0 miles | | Post office, road follows creek, few mobile homes. |
| Harman - Buchanan County | SR609 | 6.0 miles | | Begin climbing mountain, very windy two lane road with yellow center line. Active coal site visible. Overlook and start down Crest Mountain. |
| Dickenson County | Hwy 80 | .5 miles | 1169 | Travel into Breaks Interstate Park, breathtaking views and activities, whitewater rafting, visit the Clinchfield Overlook |
| Dickenson County | Hwy 702 | 1.1 miles | 397 | Breaks Interstate Park |
| Dickenson County | Hwy 80 | 6.2 miles | 1169 | Mill Overlook, a trail leads down. Start of the Crooked Road Music Highway. Curvy road, steep incline. Yellow center line. |
| Haysi | Hwy 83 | .9 mile | 3910 | Curvy road, meandering creek, brings one into downtown Haysi. |
| Haysi - Dickenson County | Hwy 612 | .5 miles | | Road leads into site of proposed campground |
| Dickenson County | Hwy 83 | 2.0 miles | 3910 | See Caboose B & B and Museum. Meandering creek with railroad crossing over it. 2 lane with center yellow line. |
| Clinchco-Dickenson County | Hwy 83 | .7 mile | 3910 | Post office, Coal Miners Memorial, commercial area |
| New Camp - Dickenson County | Hwy 83 | 2.9 miles | 3910 | Tunnel for railroad, Grocery store, residential homes, Depot, etc. |
| Fremont - Dickenson County | Hwy 83 | 1.4 miles | 3910 | Gas and oil pumps |
| Dickenson County | Hwy 63 | 2.0 miles | 1369 | Railroad, lumberyard, church and homes |

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| Nora Dickenson County | Hwy 63 | 1.9 miles | 1369 | Post office, gas station, school. 2-lane road. |
| Dickenson County | Hwy 63 | 3.0 miles | 1369 | Wooded on both sides of road, center yellow line |
| Trammel - Dickenson County | Hwy 63 | 1.6 miles | 1369 | Coal camp homes and row houses. Company store. 2-lane road. |
| Russell County | Hwy 63 | 1.8 miles | 1369 | Road narrows to 2 lane, curvy road around mountains. Head toward town of Dante. |
| Russell County | Hwy 627 | 3.0 miles | 414 | Historic buildings along with a museum that showcases the community's rich heritage. |
| Dante - Russell County | Hwy 63 | 2.4 miles | 2181 | Numerous row houses, church, railroad cars, Dante's Coal Miners Memorial. 2-lane road. |
| Russell County | Hwy 63 | 6.0 miles | 2181 | Residential area, Railroad and gas station. 2-lane road. |
| St. Paul - Wise County | Hwy 63 | 1.4 miles | 2181 | Town includes restaurants, gas stations, historic buildings gas stations. 2-lane road. |