



SCENIC INTRINSIC QUALITIES

Scenic Quality is the heightened visual experience derived from the view of natural and manmade elements of the visual environment of the scenic byway corridor. The characteristics of the landscape are strikingly distinct and offer a pleasing and most memorable visual experience. All elements of the landscape -- landform, water, vegetation, and manmade development -- contribute to the quality of the corridor's visual environment. Everything present is in harmony and shares in the intrinsic qualities.

- America's National Scenic Byway

The scenic beauty of the trail probably ranks third along with cultural in overall strengths of the Virginia Coal Heritage Trail just behind historic and archaeological sites. There are numerous breathtaking views of mountain ranges. The farmland throughout Scott and Wise Counties are also worth noting. Rivers and streams flow throughout the region providing cascading waterfalls. Below are just a few of the views one will experience when traveling along the Virginia Coal Heritage Trail.



Along Hwy 23/58 in Lee County



View on Hwy 23/58 in Wise County



View on Hwy 460 in Tazewell County



View at Cedar Bluff on Bus 460



View on Hwy 380 in Buchanan County



View in Russell County on Hwy 65



Along Hwy 606 in Lee County



Hwy 58 in Lee County



View on Hwy 65 in Scott County



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View on Hwy 606 in Lee County



View on Hwy 83 in Dickenson County

All of these areas are viewable directly from the Virginia Coal Heritage Trail and do not require pull-offs. Areas that do need pull-offs are noted in the recommendations and in APPENDIX A: Snapshot View of the Byway. There are also interpreted nature trails in a number of communities. See *CHAPTER VII* for more on this.

Below is an excellent example of a well developed, accessible, interpreted overlook located on Hwy 58A (Norton Loop & St. Paul Loop) of the Virginia Coal Heritage Trail.

