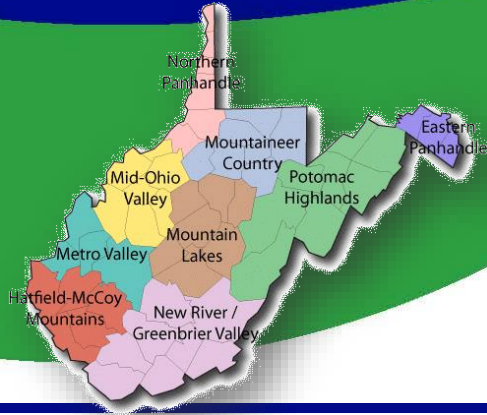


# WEST VIRGINIA



GLOBAL EDUCATIONAL CONCEPTS



For more information about WEST VIRGINIA, click here: <https://wv.gov/>

## MAJOR CITIES:

Central WEST VIRGINIA  
North WEST VIRGINIA  
East WEST VIRGINIA  
South WEST VIRGINIA

Charleston  
Parkersburg, Wheeling, Clarksburg  
Harper's Ferry, Elkins  
Beckley, Welch, Hinton

## WEST VIRGINIA – CLIMATE

West Virginia has a humid continental climate, with hot summers and cool to cold winters. The climate of the eastern panhandle is influenced by its proximity to the Atlantic slope and is similar to that of nearby coastal areas. Mean annual temperatures vary from 56°F (13°C) in the southwest to 48°F (9°C) at higher elevations. The yearly average is 53°F (12°C). The highest recorded temperature, 112°F (44°C), was at Martinsburg on 10 July 1936; the lowest, -37°F (-38°C), at Lewisburg on 30 December 1917.

Prevailing winds are from the south and west, and seldom reach hurricane or tornado force. In Charleston, average annual precipitation (1971–2000) was 44 in (111.8 cm) annually and is slightly heavier on the western slopes of the Alleghenies. Accumulations of snow may vary from about 20 in (51cm) in the western sections to more than 50 in (127 cm) in the higher mountains.

## CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Click on these sites for more cultural activity ideas:

<http://www.wvculture.org/events.aspx>

<https://www.atlasobscura.com/things-to-do/west-virginia>

<https://vacationidea.com/ideas/best-things-to-do-in-west-virginia.html>



- **[Heritage Farm Museum and Village – Huntington, WV](#)**

Heritage Farm Museum and Village is nestled in West Virginia's Ohio River Valley and is dedicated to allowing visitors to discover the proud history of Appalachia. The village contains more than 15 log buildings, five of which provide unique heritage-inspired tourist accommodations – including a train caboose.

Visitors can explore a blacksmith shop, log church, homestead site, petting zoo, and a children's machine discovery zone. Seven award-winning museums will entertain adults and children alike, from the Country Store Museum to the Bowes Doll and Carriage Museum to the Children's Activity Museum. There are also hiking trails, guided tours, artisan crafts, and a gift shop.

<https://www.heritagefarmmuseum.com/>



**[Exhibition Coal Mine – Beckley, WV](#)**

The Exhibition Coal Mine is a seasonal activity in Beckley, West Virginia, featuring an underground mine, coal camp, museum, and gift shop. Thousands of visitors each year make their way to New River Park to take an underground tour in the vintage coal mine.

Guests will enjoy a guided ride provided by veteran miners who describe the traditional mining responsibilities of both past and present. In addition, visitors can tour the original coal camp buildings that are situated throughout the grounds, including the Coal Company House, Pemberton Coal Camp Church, and the Helen Coal Camp School.

<https://beckley.org/general-information-coal-mine/>



- **[The Greenbrier – White Sulphur Springs, WV](#)**

America's Resort, has just been declassified, so now registered resort guests and the public can tour the once top secret congressional relocation facility dubbed The Bunker. This hidden emergency fallout shelter from the Cold War era was bored into the mountainside under the West Virginia Wing of The Greenbrier hotel.

Daily guided tours depart from the Trellis Lobby and take roughly 90 minutes. History buffs will appreciate the \$5 coupons toward the purchase of the book, *The History of the Greenbrier*, or the DVD, *The Greenbrier, America's Resort, The Brief History*, distributed at the end of each tour. Children under 10 are not admitted.

<https://www.greenbrier.com/>



- **[West Virginia Botanic Garden – Morgantown, WV](#)**

The West Virginia Botanic Garden is a realized dream that began in 2000 on the former 80-acre Tibbs Run Reservoir. These beautifully landscaped gardens were created and shaped for the sheer enjoyment of its visitors. Guests can bask in all its wondrous glory daily from dawn till dusk.

There is a rich variety of regional ornamental plants and inspirational landscapes. Workshops and guided walks are offered throughout the year, highlighting the plant life that thrives during each season. Guests can also take one of nine guided tours, each focusing on a specific aspect of the garden, from wildflowers to amphibians.

<https://www.wvbg.org/>



- **[Lost World Caverns – Lewisburg, WV](#)**

The Lost World Caverns is a magical oasis of stalagmites and stalactites 120 feet below the Earth's surface. Visitors can take self-guided tours utilizing a cavern guide sheet to explore the half-mile loop at their own pace.

While exploring, spelunkers will see several stunning formations, including the Snowy Chandelier, the War Club, and the Bridal Veil – a gorgeous column of shimmering white calcite. Visitors can also meander through the dinosaur museum, which features the remains of a prehistoric cave bear. Thrill-seekers can take the 4-hour guided Wild Cave Tour, which includes crawling, climbing, and getting muddy while traversing the "deepest, darkest, depths of the cave."

<https://www.lostworldcaverns.com/>



- **[Cass Scenic Railroad State Park – Cass, WV](#)**

Visitors will feel as though they've been transported back in history to an era of steam locomotives when visiting Cass, home to Cass Scenic Railroad State Park. This meticulously preserved mountain town features charming company houses repurposed into tourist accommodations, restored buildings housing the museum and company store, and the train depot.

During its glory days, the 1901 Cass Scenic Railroad was used in the logging industry, hauling logs from Canada to a lumber mill in Cass. The same steam-driven Shay trains from that period now transport tourists instead of logs. Visitors hopping aboard this excursion will be enthralled by the unparalleled views.

<https://wvstateparks.com/park/cass-scenic-railroad-state-park/>



- **[State Capitol – Charleston, WV](#)**

The State Capitol in Charleston, West Virginia, was designed by world-renowned architect Cass Gilbert. This impressive national monument features the highest state capitol dome in the nation as well as several elegant interior details such as a grand crystal chandelier and marble walls, which add to its majestic look.

The Capitol faces the river and has a commanding statue of Abraham Lincoln in one corner of the front lawn. Guests are encouraged to take a grounds map from the welcome center for self-guided tours or sign up for a free hour-long guided tour of the Capitol complex and its impeccably manicured grounds.

<https://wvtourism.com/company/state-capitol-complex/>



- **[National Radio Astronomy Observatory – Green Bank, WI](#)**

The National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO) was founded in 1956; they design and operate "the world's most versatile radio telescopes," including the world's largest moving telescope. Their state-of-the-art telescopes are reserved for working astronomers and qualified scientists, but they also provide tours to the general public and offer both formal and informal educational programs.

Guests can tour the 25,000-square-foot facility, including the Catching the Wave Exhibit Hall, view videos in the auditorium, dine at the café, and meander through the gift shop. Visitors can also participate in StarLab planetarium sessions, take a guided bus tour of the telescopes, and engage in a variety of hands-on activities.

<https://public.nrao.edu/>

## GROCERY SHOPPING








Aldi Broughton Foods Fas Check Supermarket Food Lion	Giant Eagle Kroger Save-A-Lot Wal-Mart Supermarket
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Click on this site for more grocery stores in West Virginia:

<http://supermarketpage.com/state/WV/>

## SHOPPING

### **Malls in West Virginia**

	<b>Charleston Town Center</b>	Charleston, WV (Central WV)	105 stores
	<b>Crossroads Mall</b>	Beckley, WV (Southern WV)	43 stores
	<b>Flatwoods Factory Stores</b>	Sutton, WV (Central WV)	8 stores
	<b>Grand Central Mall</b>	Vienna, WV (Northeast WV)	79 stores
	<b>Huntington Mall</b>	Barboursville, WV (Central WV)	129 stores
	<b>Meadowbrook Mall</b>	Bridgeport, WV (Northeast WV)	93 stores
	<b>Morgantown Mall</b>	Morgantown, WV (Northeast WV)	58 stores

Click here for more information on shopping:

<https://mallseeker.com/west-virginia-malls.aspx>

## PHARMACIES

Walgreens  
CVS Pharmacy  
Kroger Pharmacy  
Walmart  
Sams Club

Click here for locating other pharmacies in West Virginia:

<http://www.superpages.com/yellowpages/C-Pharmacies/S-WV/>

## POST OFFICES/SHIPPING



Click here for more information:

<http://www.postofficehours.net/state/WV.html>



Click here for more information:

<http://local.fedex.com/wv/>



Click here for more information:

[https://www.ups.com/dropoff?loc=en\\_US](https://www.ups.com/dropoff?loc=en_US)

## TIME ZONES

### WEST VIRGINIA Time Zone – WEST VIRGINIA Current Local Time - Daylight Saving Time

WEST VIRGINIA is in the Eastern Daylight Time

Click here for more information:

<https://www.timeanddate.com/time/zone/usa/west-virginia>

## COST OF LIVING IN WEST VIRGINIA

Cost of Living / United States / West Virginia

Data powered by ERI's Geographic Assessor

### Cost of Living Score

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The cost of living score is calculated based on accumulating the cost of food, transportation, health services, rent, utilities, taxes, and miscellaneous.

↓ 8%

Less than national average

### Average Salary

**\$49,935 (USD) Yearly**

**\$24 (USD) Hourly**

Calculate your salary based on [job title](#), [location](#) and [experience](#)



Click here for more information:

<https://www.eri.com/cost-of-living/united-states/west-virginia>

## MINIMUM WAGE

State	2020 Minimum Wage	2020 Tipped Wage
WV	\$8.75	\$2.62

Click here for more information:

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/minimum-wage/state#wv> or

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/state/minimum-wage/tipped#WestVirginia>



## **WORKERS' COMPENSATION**

**Click here for more information:**

<https://www.wvinsurance.gov/Workers-Compensation>

## **TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

Bluefield Area Transit  
Central West Virginia Transit Authority  
Country Roads Transit  
Fairmont-Marion County Transit Authority  
Mountain Line Transit  
Monongalia County Urban Mass Transit  
Ohio Valley Regional Transit  
Potomac Valley Transit  
Tri River Transit

**Click here for more information:**

<https://www.apta.com/research-technical-resources/public-transportation-links/west-virginia/>