

**COVID-19 SPECIAL STATEMENT:
POCAHONTAS COUNTY CONVENTION & BUREAU**

So many of us, from community members, to tourism partners and travelers, call Nature's Mountain Playground *home*. Whether you're rooted here, you pass through, or you vacation here year after year, one thing we all share is this – we love Pocahontas County, West Virginia. As we navigate through these stressful and trying times, we here at the Pocahontas County Convention & Visitor Bureau want each one of you to know how important you are to us here in Nature's Mountain Playground. Our people, just like our mountains, are resilient. Together, we will get through this and become stronger as a community, as travelers and as people. Thank you, for your continued support of Pocahontas County, West Virginia. We can't wait to greet you here again, and until then – stay safe, stay sanitary and stay strong. Just as President Kennedy once said when he visited our great Mountain State, "The sun does not always shine in West Virginia, but the people always do."

Here are updates to the Pocahontas County CVB operations, attractions and events.

Pocahontas County Convention & Visitors Bureau is monitoring any and all updates concerning the widespread virus COVID-19 as it pertains to West Virginia and Pocahontas County in general. The Pocahontas County CVB highly values the safety of our community, tourism partners and visitors. As this situation evolves, the Pocahontas County CVB will continue to communicate with partners and visitors alike on the affect that COVID-19 has on our county and state.

As of Thursday, March 19, the Pocahontas County CVB in Marlinton will continue providing support to community members, partners and guests via phone & email. For planning resources, we encourage visiting our website, NaturesMtnPlayground.com, or for information call the Pocahontas County CVB directly at (800)336-7009.

For now, the Pocahontas County CVB will continue posting to our Facebook, as well as utilizing our website to communicate changes in business operations throughout the county. We can still assist you over the phone at 800-336-7009.

Planning resources are still available on our website by visiting NaturesMtnPlayground.com, or by calling 800-336-7009.

Temporary Operational Changes & Cancellations ~ As of March, 19 2020

- Green Bank Observatory: "In response to the health concerns posed by the Coronavirus COVID-19, the Green Bank Observatory is suspending all public programs and events. The Science Center, café, and gift shop will be closed to visitors starting on Monday, 16 March. No new reservations for educational programs will be taken for March, April, or May 2020.

Self-guided walking tours of the grounds are encouraged. Maps are available in the outside kiosk at the Green Bank Science Center. Please note that all operations and observations with active telescopes will continue on site. Prohibitions on the use of digital cameras, cellphones, fitness tracking devices or any device utilizing blue-tooth technology are still in effect. Please leave those devices in your cars or at home when you visit.”

Please click this link for the official Green Bank Observatory statement:

<https://greenbankobservatory.org/statement-about-covid-19/>

- Green Bank Observatory has cancelled these public programs and events:
 - Star Labs offered on Sundays, cancelled March-May
 - Star Party - March 21
 - Family Science Lab - March 21
 - Star Party - April 18
 - Earth Day - April 19
 - Drake Lecture - April 25
 - Ozma60 Workshop - April 26-30
 - Single Dish Remote Observer Training Workshop - May 11-15
 - Star Party - May 16
 - Family Science Lab - May 23
 - GBT Observer Training Workshop - May 18-20
- Durbin & Greenbrier Valley Railroad has cancelled all April excursions, including Saturday departures of the New Tygart Flyer (April 4, 11, 18) as well as Ramps and Rails Festival (April 25). To view their full statement, including information on rescheduling and reimbursement, please click the link below.
<https://www.facebook.com/MountainRail/photos/a.209398669077879/3798363286848048/?type=3&theater>
- Snowshoe Mountain Resort is closed until Memorial Day Weekend
- 2020 Mountain State Maple Days scheduled for Saturday, March 21, is cancelled
 - Frostmore Farm is still offering maple goods for sale at their self-service roadside stand in Frost, WV
- Pocahontas County Opera House Ceara Conway performance for Saturday, March 21 has been postponed
- Great Greenbrier River Race, scheduled for Saturday April 25, has been cancelled ~ we'll see all you racers in 2021!
- The Pocahontas County Wellness Center is closed
- All Pocahontas County Libraries are closed for two weeks, effective March 18th
- The 4th Avenue Artisans Gallery & the Leatherbark Ford Gallery are closed until May 1st, 2020

For a list of available lodging establishments, please call the Pocahontas County CVB at (800)336-7009.

As of Tuesday, March 17, in accordance with Governor Jim Justice and state health officials, West Virginia restaurants and bars will offer take-out only. These restaurants listed below will be offering take-out services. For their menu or for pick-up details, please call their numbers listed below.

- Last Run Restaurant, Cass: (304)456-9952
- Locust Hill Pub, Marlinton: (304)799-5471
- Dirtbean Café, Marlinton: (304)799-4038
- Station 2, Durbin: (304)456-4506
- Alfredo's, Marlinton: (304)799-2222
- Dairy Queen, Marlinton: (304)799-7227
- Godfather's Pizza, Marlinton: (304)799-4700
- Rayetta's, Marlinton: (304)799-4888
- Greenbrier Grille, Marlinton: (304)799-7233
- Route 66, Cass: (304)456-4288
- Henry's Quick Mart, Green Bank: (304)456-4228
- Marlinton Motor Inn, Marlinton: (304)799-4711
- Subway ~ Slatyfork: (304)572-3535
- Subway ~ Marlinton: (304)799-4455

For additional resources, please use the list below:

Pocahontas County Homeland Security & Emergency Management: (304)799-3985
Pocahontas County Health Department: (304)799-4154
Pocahontas Memorial Hospital: (304)799-7400
West Virginia Department of Health & Human Resources: (304)872-0803
West Virginia Tourism Office: (304)558-2200
West Virginia Homeland Security & Emergency Management: (304)558-5380