

Wild Adventures

WONDERFUL MEMORIES



RANSON

WEST VIRGINIA

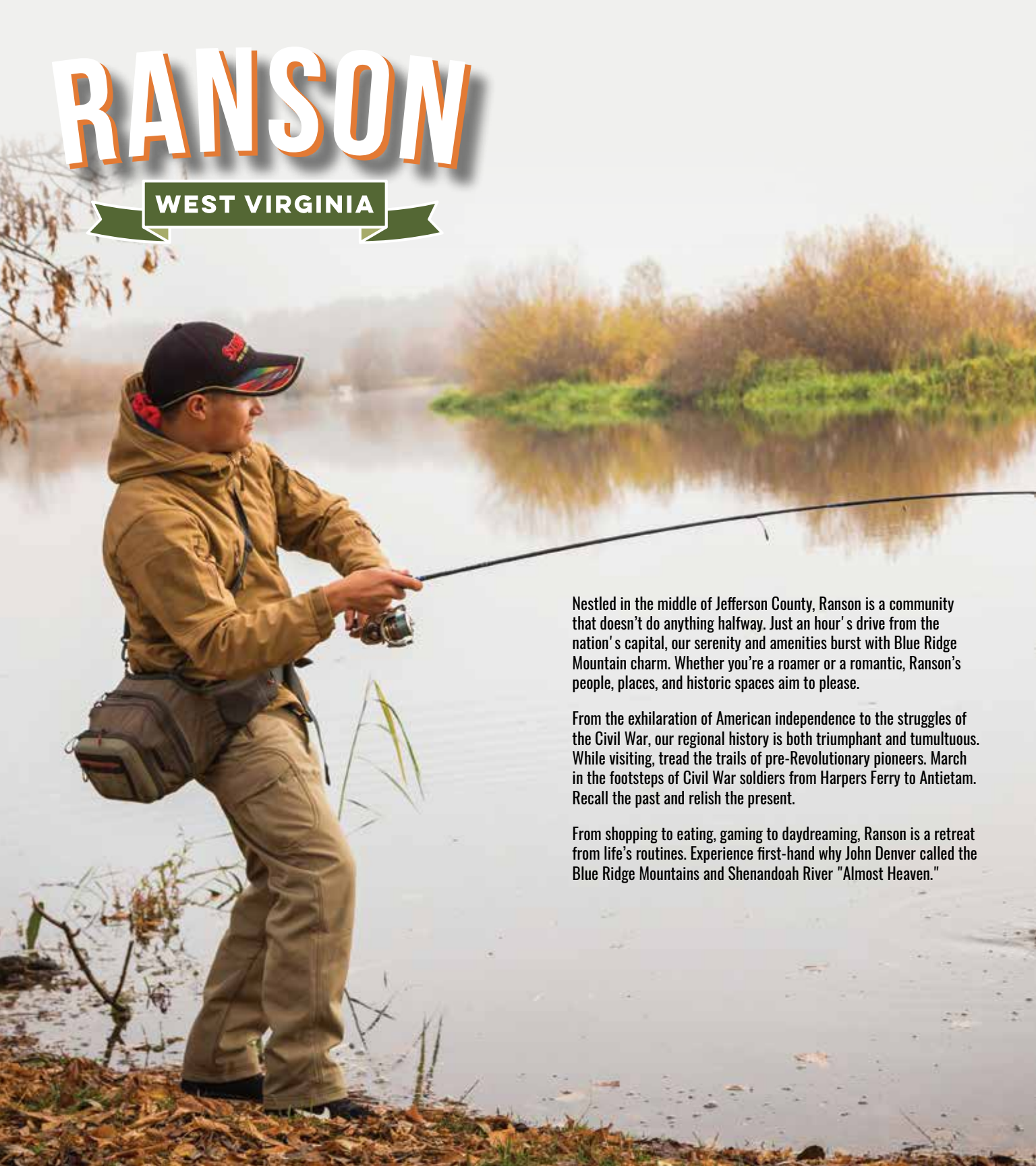
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WEST VIRGINIA

A man in a tan fishing jacket and cap is standing on a riverbank, casting a fishing rod. The background shows a calm river with autumn foliage reflected in the water.

Nestled in the middle of Jefferson County, Ranson is a community that doesn't do anything halfway. Just an hour's drive from the nation's capital, our serenity and amenities burst with Blue Ridge Mountain charm. Whether you're a roamer or a romantic, Ranson's people, places, and historic spaces aim to please.

From the exhilaration of American independence to the struggles of the Civil War, our regional history is both triumphant and tumultuous. While visiting, tread the trails of pre-Revolutionary pioneers. March in the footsteps of Civil War soldiers from Harpers Ferry to Antietam. Recall the past and relish the present.

From shopping to eating, gaming to daydreaming, Ranson is a retreat from life's routines. Experience first-hand why John Denver called the Blue Ridge Mountains and Shenandoah River "Almost Heaven."

HAPPY *Retreat*



Antietam National Battlefield

301.432.5124 – 5831 Dunker Church Rd., Sharpsburg, MD – [nps.gov](https://www.nps.gov)

The bloodiest one-day battle in American history left 23,000 soldiers killed, wounded, or missing after 12 hours of brutal combat. Explore the museum and battlefield, attend a talk, or take a self-guided hike through Civil War history.

Charles Town

304.728.3939 – 110 N. George St., Charles Town – [charlestownwv.us](https://www.charlestownwv.us)

Commemorated as a “Preserve America” city, Charles Town embraces its compelling past through loving restoration of its historic spaces. Established in 1786 by Charles Washington (the youngest brother of U.S. President George Washington), Charles Town was the site of abolitionist John Brown’s imprisonment, trial, and hanging, and the scene of Civil War skirmishes.

The C & O Canal National Historical Park

301.722.8226 – 171 Shoreline Dr., Harpers Ferry – [nps.gov/choh](https://www.nps.gov/choh)

Spanning 184.5 miles between Washington, D.C. and Cumberland, Maryland, the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal is a National Historic Park revered for its recreation opportunities. Operating for nearly 100 years, the canal was a lifeline for Potomac River communities as coal, lumber, and agricultural products floated down the waterway to market. Today, thousands of visitors run, bike, fish, and hike along this scenic path throughout the year. Located steps away from the canal towpath, the Visitors Center provides trail history and route information.

Happy Retreat

600 Mordington Ave., Charles Town – [happyretreat.org](https://www.happyretreat.org)

Explore the historic home of Charles Washington, the founder of Charles Town and George Washington’s youngest brother.

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park

304.535.6029 – 171 Shoreline Dr., Harpers Ferry – [nps.gov](https://www.nps.gov)

A “must see” destination for visitors of all ages, Harpers Ferry preserves the memory of the Civil War. Visit the site of abolitionist John Brown’s raid, hike trails and battlefields, and explore Jefferson County’s role in the War Between the States.

Harpers Ferry Train Museum and Joy Line Railroad

304.535.2521- Bakerton Rd., Harpers Ferry

Admire a large collection of old toy trains and railroad memorabilia. The museum is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. from mid-April to October. Children can take a ride on the train on Saturdays between 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. for a minimal fee.

The Jefferson County Museum

304.725.8628 – 200 E. Washington St., Charles Town – [jeffctymuseum.org](https://www.jeffctymuseum.org)

The Jefferson County Museum houses over 2,000 artifacts from the early Native Americans to World War II. You can even see the wagon that carried John Brown to his hanging. A treasure trove of relics and local history, the museum honors our country’s past.

Living Civil War History Museum

703.967.5269 – 343 Campground Rd., Harpers Ferry

Experience the Civil War firsthand at this kid-friendly museum. Open May through November, be sure to visit on Saturdays to experience live cannon fire.

Shepherdstown

304.876.2786 – 129 E. German St., Shepherdstown – [shepherdstownvisitorscenter.com](https://www.shepherdstownvisitorscenter.com)

The oldest town in West Virginia, Shepherdstown blends its historic past with modern sensibilities. Its historic downtown boasts fine dining, specialty shops, and cultural attractions pleasing to visitors of all ages. Live music, seasonal festivals, and a thriving arts scene create a community feel throughout the year.

Washington Heritage Trail Scenic Byway

304.724.3862 - 216 N. Mildred St., Ranson – [washingtonheritagetrail.org](https://www.washingtonheritagetrail.org)

The Washington Heritage Trail offers a rich timeline of American history. Spanning Jefferson, Berkeley, and Morgan Counties, our local section of the 136-mile National Scenic Byway guides visitors past such historic sites as Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, the Jefferson County Courthouse & Museum, and Washington family heritage homes.

Zion Episcopal Cemetery

304.725.5312 - 300 E. Congress St., Charles Town – [zionepiscopal.net](https://www.zionepiscopal.net)

View headstones dating back to the 1700s honoring Revolutionary fighters, Confederate soldiers, and 80 descendants of the Washington family.

SLEEP *In OR Out*



Sleep Out

Celebrate nature's beauty beneath the stars!

Harpers Ferry Campground

800.326.7238 – 408 Alstadts Hill Rd., Harpers Ferry – campingharpersferry.com

Potomac River views, cabins, and tent rentals let visitors experience nature in comfort.

Harpers Ferry/Civil War Battlefields KOA

800.562.9497 – 343 Campground Rd., Harpers Ferry – harpersferrykoa.com

Recreation abounds in this KOA campground featuring an outdoor pool, cabins, RV hook ups, miniature golf, grills and more!

Moulton Park Campground

304.728.3207 – 716 Bloomery Rd., Charles Town – jcprc.org

The half-mile of Shenandoah River frontage features picturesque campsites, a boat ramp, and rousing recreational fun. The boat ramp and picnic area are available year-round if weather permits.

Area lodging boasts ample amenities and family fun!



**WHETHER YOU SEEK HIGH THREAD COUNTS OR
HIGH MOUNTAINS, AREA LODGING OFFERS AMPLE
AMENITIES AND FAMILY FUN.**

SLEEP *In*



REAL COMFORT AND REAL VALUE FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT HAMPTON. GOING THE EXTRA MILE FOR OUR GUESTS.

Hampton Inn & Suites

304.725.2200 — 157 Pimlico Dr., Charles Town — www.charlestownsuites.hamptoninn.com

The hotel features 131 rooms with free Wi-Fi, an indoor pool and fitness center, shuttle service to and from Hollywood Casino, as well as an ideal lodging location in the Blue Ridge foothills.

At Hampton™, we deliver the casual, comfortable accommodations that guests love. From our Clean and Fresh Hampton bed™ to all the extras, such as hot breakfast and free Wi-Fi, we offer a consistent experience designed to delight — all backed by our 100% Hampton™ Guarantee. With over 2,000 locations worldwide, Hampton is your trusted travel destination, providing award-winning friendly service, comfortable surroundings and refreshing guest amenities.

- Clean and Fresh Hampton bed™
- Inviting décor and comfortable surroundings
- Complimentary tea and coffee available 24/7
- Free on-site business centers available at many locations
- Professional fitness rooms and indoor/outdoor pools available at most locations
- Meeting spaces available at most locations

Home2 Suites

304.725.5500 — 70 Jefferson Crossing Way Charles Town — www.home2suites.com

Home2 Suites by Hilton is a spirited, innovative hotel for savvy, cost-conscious travelers staying a few months or a few nights. From studio and one-bedroom suites to complimentary bonuses like the continental breakfast, internet access, fitness facility, pool and outdoor lounge area with fire pit, Home2™ is just your style.

This hotel boasts a robust lineup of over 120 channels DirecTV, complementary WIFI, fitness center and guest laundry. Located directly across from Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races and within a shopping center with numerous restaurants and grocery store within walking distance.

- All Suites with Fully-equipped Kitchens
- Serta Suite Dreams® Bed
- Queen Sleeper Sofa in All Suites
- Ergonomic Chair & Portable Table in All Suites
- 42" Flat-Screen HDTV in All Suites
- Free High-Speed Internet Access
- The Oasis - Your Place to Hang Out & Recharge
- Inspired Table Complimentary Breakfast
- Complimentary Business Services Area
- Spin2 Cycle - Fitness Center/Guest Laundry

**MORE THAN AN EXTENDED-STAY HOTEL;
IT'S A HIP AND HUMBLE HANGOUT WHERE
YOU'RE FREE TO BE YOU™.**



SLEEP *In*



Holiday Inn Express

1.888.HOLIDAY – 681 Flowing Springs Rd., Ranson – holidayinnexpress-charlestown.com

The hotel offers welcoming traveler touches, including 145 rooms, free continental breakfast, conference room, an outdoor pool, shuttle service to the Hollywood Casino, and instant access to Ranson attractions.

Holiday Inn Express is within driving distance to many local businesses & companies, as well as state & federal government training locations, wineries, breweries, & local dining options. Martinsburg & Harper's Ferry, West Virginia & Frederick, Maryland are all within a 30-minute drive

- Complimentary, Full Hot Breakfast Buffet
- Free High-Speed Internet Access
- On-site Guest Laundry Facilities & Fitness Center
- Complimentary Overnight Parking
- Outdoor Pool (Memorial Day through Late-September)
- Complimentary Cookies & Coffee

Less than 90 minutes from Washington D.C., Ranson, West Virginia is the pinnacle of proximity to big city opportunity while residing in a rustic and pastoral space. As one of the fastest growing cities in the Eastern Panhandle, Ranson is primed for business and planned development making it an economically stable choice for future residents and commerce.

A collaborative effort of business owners and public officials have worked together to create a dialogue that not only fosters a pro-business environment, but also creates a small town feel. The city embodies the best of both worlds: a business-friendly climate within the Baltimore-Washington metropolitan area and rural recreation with rich historical landmarks.

Locality Advantages:

- Abundant land and resources within the I-81, I-70, I-270 corridor.
- Thriving business and technology parks that offer abundant career opportunities.
- Proctor & Gamble manufacturing facility is located just 15 minutes outside the City of Ranson.

The Evolution of Ranson

Deemed by its founders as the "ideal place for industry and business," the saying still holds true. Ranson came to life in 1910 as the industrial hub of Jefferson County anchored by a booming manufacturing economy. Today, the city works to blend its industrial focus with its commercial capabilities. As part of this evolution the city has:

- Pre-approved hundreds of acres of residential, commercial and industrial development.
- Obtained approval for the construction of new MARC/Amtrak station with daily service to Union Station.
- Approved plans for the development of urban infill sites with accessible infrastructure and utilities.
- Adopted an expedited review process.
- Received numerous national planning and brownfields renewal rewards and recognition in national publications.

Revitalizing **RANSON**



BLUE RIDGE *Bargains*

**BURSTING WITH
HOSPITALITY, OUR
SHOPKEEPERS CARRY
TREASURES SUITED TO
EVERY TASTE**

Our retail scene is a
shopper's dream!



Art Deco Dekor

304.724.6004 – 114 E. Liberty St., Charles Town – artdecodekor.com

Specializing in vintage items from the 1900s to the 1960s.

B Vintage

304.725-6752 – 114 W. Washington St., Charles Town – shopbvintage.com

B Vintage offers home décor including furniture, lighting, and signs. The shop highlights up-cycled ideas and vintage style.

Elle's Niche

681-252-0302 – 114 E. Liberty St., Charles Town

Retail boutique featuring fun, functional, and handmade products.

Ellsworth Music

304.728.7060 – 217-6 Oak Lee Dr., Ranson – ellsworthmusiconline.com

Full-service music shop provides musical instruments and instruction to enthusiasts of every age.

HD Apparel- Thrift & Consignment Store

304-279-3643 – 102 E 12th Ave., Ranson

A consignment shop for bikers—stop in to shop or consign all your bike items.

Home Depot

304.728.6464 – 230 Oak Lee Drive, Ranson

Kohls

304.724.5700 – 260 West Virginia Way, Ranson

Marshalls Department Store

304-885-8679 – 217 Oak Lee Dr., Ste 21., Ranson – www.marshalls.com

Natalie's Nails

304.725.7771 – 217 Oak Lee Drive Suite #14, Ranson

Needful Things

304.725.6315 – 218 W. Washington St., Charles Town – needfulthings-website.com

Antiques, furnishings, and collectibles reign at this nostalgia shop.

Petco

304.724.7973 – 217 Oak Lee Drive Suite #16, Ranson

Second Impressions Kids Consignment Store

807 N. Mildred St., Suite 6, Ranson

Baby and Children's Clothing consignment store

Southern Charm

304.724.7722 – 131 W. Washington St., Charles Town

Trendy fashions and upscale consignments burst with Southern style.

Two Crows Antique Mall

1212 North Mildred St. Ranson – www.facebook.com/Two-Crows-Antique-Mall

Open Monday, Thursday Friday & Saturday 9a-6p

Two Rivers Treads

304-885-8843 – 400 S. Mildred St., Ranson – www.tworivertreads.com

The Nation's First Minimalist Shoe Store. Run-Walk-Health and proud to be the first retailer in the US to bring Enda: shoes 100% made in Kenya.

Washington Street Artists' Cooperative

304.724.2090 – 108 N. George St., Charles Town – wstreetgallery.com

Celebrating the work of local artists, the artists' collective and gallery space showcases a variety of media.

Weis Market

304.725.9559 – 217 Oak Lee Drive Suite #15, Ranson

Yarnability

304.876.8081 – 130 W Washington St., Charles Town – yarnability.com

REGIONAL *Eats*



Area restaurants serve up friendly service and international flavors.

A Step In Time

571.271.5999 – 432 W. 2nd Avenue, Ranson – pepperonirolls.com

Abolitionist Ale Works

681.252.1548 – 129 W. Washington St, Charles Town – abolitionistaleworks.com

Alfredo's Mediterranean Grille & Steakhouse

304.724.9992 – 741 E Washington St, Charles Town – alfredosmedcafe.com

Andy's Pizza

304.728.ANDY – 733 N. Mildred St., Ranson – andypizzaranson.com

Applebee's

304.728.8866 – 129 Jefferson Crossing Way, Charles Town – applebees.com

Benchwarmers Bar & Grill

304.728.2337 – 809 N. Mildred St., Suite 8, Ranson

Billie's Restaurant

304.725.9973 – 807 N. Mildred St., Ranson – billiesrestaurant.com

The Black Dog Coffee Company

304.724.9040 – 8001 Charles Town Rd., Shenandoah Junction – blackdogcoffee.net

Brother's Pizza

304.725.9711 – 114 Patrick Way, Charles Town – brotherspizzeriaiawv.net

Burger King

304.728.6549 – 737 Willow Springs Dr., Charles Town – bk.com

California Tortilla

304.724.1303 – 217 Oak Lee Dr., Ranson – californiatortilla.com/locations/ranson

Chick-Fil-A

304.728.1175 – 156 Joshua M. Freeman Blvd., Ranson – chick-fil-a.com

China Fortune

304.725.8868 – 309 S. Mildred St., Ranson – www.chinafortunecharlestown.com

Dairy Queen

304.724.7417 – 1189 S. George St., Charles Town – dairyqueen.com

Domino's Pizza

304.725.7417 – 109 S. George St., Ranson – dominos.com

Dunkin Donuts/Baskin Robbins

304.724.7030 – 33-1 West Virginia Way, Ranson – dunkindonuts.com

El Pollon

304.725.8635 – 38 Joshua M. Freeman Blvd., #102, Ranson – elpollonchicken.com

El Rancho

304.930.1993 – 132 Joshua M. Freeman Blvd., Ranson – elrancho-restaurant.com

Five Guys

304.724.7739 – 38 Joshua M. Freeman Blvd., Ranson – fiveguys.com

Ginza Japanese Steakhouse

304.728.9888 – 91 Saratoga Dr., Charles Town

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Glory Days Grill

304.728.9000 – 190 Oak Lee Dr., Ranson – glorydaysgrill.com

Grandma's Diner

304.724.9960 – 227 W. Washington St., Charles Town

Great Wall Chinese Restaurant

304.728.0898 – 176 Flowing Springs Rd., Charles Town – greatwallcharlestown.com

iHop

304.724.8300 – 134 Jefferson Crossing Way, Charles Town – ihop.com/restaurants-charlestownwv

Jersey Mike's Subs

304.725.0070 – 71 Jefferson Crossing Way, Charles Town – jerseymikes.com

John's Family Restaurant

304.725.4348 – 847 Berryville Pke., Charles Town

La Mezzaluna Café

304.728.0700 – 90 Somerset Blvd, Charles Town – lamezzalunacafewv.com

KFC

304.725.7681 – 620 E. Washington St., Charles Town – kfc.com

Ledo Pizza

304.724.8100 – 217 Oak Lee Dr., Ranson – ledopizza.com/store/ranson

Little Caesars

304.728.3993 – Joshua M. Freeman Blvd., Ranson – littlecaesars.com

McDonald's

304.724.1171 – 108 Joshua M. Freeman Blvd., Ranson

Mi Degollado Mexican Restaurant

304.725.0333 – 92 Somerset Blvd., Charles Town – midegolladowv.com
304.725.8562 – 611 N. Mildred St., Ranson – midegolladowv.com

Mountain View Diner

304.725.8522 – 811 Willow Springs Dr., Charles Town

M Street Bakery

304.930.1363 – 618 N. Mildred St., Ranson

REGIONAL *Eats*



New China Restaurant

304.725.6104 – 1026 N. Mildred St., Ranson

Ortega's Taco Shop

304.728.4321 – 100 W Washington St., Charles Town

Paddy's Irish Pub

304.725.4999 – 210 W. Liberty St., Charles Town – paddys-wv.com

Panera Bread

304.728.6050 – 217 Oak Lee Dr., Ranson – panerabread.com

Pizza City

304.724.1234 – 702 N. Mildred St., Ranson – pizzacitywv.com

Pizza Hut

304.728.0018 – 184 Flowing Springs Rd., Charles Town – pizzahut.com

Popeye's Chicken

304.930.1518 – 805 E. Washington St., Charles Town – popeyes.com

Rossy's

681.252.4125 – 1446 Flowing Springs Rd., Charles Town

Royalicious

304.728.4663 – 126 Patrick Henry Way, Charles Town – royaliciousbagelbakery.com

Roy Rogers

304.728.6050 – 217 Oak Lee Dr., Ranson – royrogersrestaurants.com

Ruby Tuesday

304.728.6680 – 701 Willow Springs Dr., Charles Town – rubytuesday.com

Scoop Dawg

304.725-3294 – 809 N Mildred St, #3, Ranson

Subway

304.728.0488 – 5 Ranson Sq., Ranson

304.724.6511 – 217 Oak Lee Dr., Ranson – subway.com

Sumittra Thai Cuisine

304.885.8747 – 213 W. Washington St., Charles Town – sumittrathaiwv.com

Sweet Frog

304.728.3780 – 190 Flowing Springs Rd., Charles Town – sweetfrog.com

Taco Bell

304.725.2772 – 64 Flowing Springs Rd., Charles Town – tacobell.com

Tee Dawgs BBQ

304.725.2271 – 307 W Washington St., Charles Town – teedawgsbbq.com

Wendy's

304.725.1980 – 764 E. Washington St., Charles Town – wendys.com

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PRIMP AND PREP AT
OUR LOCAL HAVENS
OF RELAXATION

Local spa experiences
relax and reenergize.



Head Hunters Salon & Day Spa

304.725.8080 - 212 W. 3rd Ave., Ranson - headhunterssalonspa.com
Sublime treatments for hair, skin, body, and nails.

Hillbrook Inn & Spa

304.283.7008 - 4490 Summit Point Rd., Charles Town - hillbrookinn.com
Distinctive massage, facial, and body treatments for individuals and groups.

Moving Mountains Yoga

304.725.4423 - 622 N Mildred St., Ranson - movingmtnsyoga.com
Modest and contemporary yoga studio for those seeking balance of mind and body.

Bushel & Peck

304.885.8133 - 100 Washington St, Charles Town - jeffersongap.org
Specialty Grocery store and Farmers Market.

Charles Town Farmers Market

304.579.0924 - 100 South Samuel Street, Charles Town - panhandlefarmfresh.com
Locally grown products highlight our agricultural talents and seasonal flavors
(Saturdays, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., April - October).

Morgan's Grove Market

304.870.4230 - 207 S. Princess Street, Shepherdstown - morgansgrovemarket.com
Bringing fresh flavors from their farm to your table
(Mondays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-7:00 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m.-5 p.m.).

Shepherdstown Farmers Market

304.876.2786 - S. King St., Shepherdstown - panhandlefarmfresh.com
Area growers harvest fresh food and fun in historic Shepherdstown
(Sundays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., April - December).

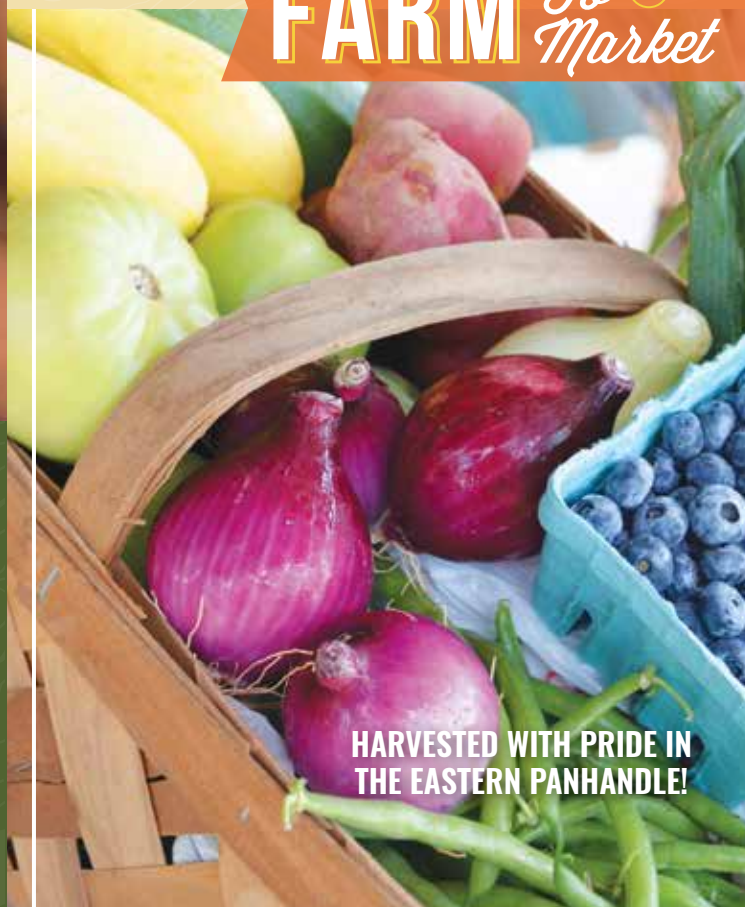
Town & Country Nursery

304.725.1252 - 1885 Darke Lane, Kearneysville
Garden Center.

Wysong Farm

304.671.2341 - 1055 Daniel Rd, Shanendoah Junction
Locally grown produce, hours: 12p-6p.

FARM To Market



HARVESTED WITH PRIDE IN
THE EASTERN PANHANDLE!

COUNTY *Culture*



SHEPHERD UNIVERSITY'S CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY ARTS

Charles Town Opera House

304.725.4420 — 204 N. George St., Charles Town — oldoperahouse.org

Affectionately known as the "Old Opera House," this turn-of-the-century venue presents timeless performances and acting instruction to area hopefuls.

Craftworks

304.728.6233 — 1469 Lloyd Rd., Charles Town — wvcraftworks.org

Situated on 12 acres, this non-profit art organization combines experiences of art, nature, and sustainable living. Take a class, stroll the trails, or visit Cool Spring Art Gallery.

Ranson Civic Center

304.725.2437 — 432 W. Second Ave., Ranson — ransonwv.us

Ranson's Convention and Visitors staff puts the fun in every function. Our 40,000-square-foot venue is a premiere space for expos, conferences and special events.

Shepherdstown Opera House

304.876.3704 — 131 W. German St., Shepherdstown — operahouselive.com

A celebrated artistic venue, the Opera House features acclaimed artists, live music, and films throughout the year.

Shepherd University Performing Arts Series

304.876.5000 — 301 N. King St., Shepherdstown — shepherd.edu

Inspired literary, music, and dance programs enthrall patrons throughout the year.

Steam at Harper's Ferry

304.885.0094 — 180 High St., 1-B, Harpers Ferry — steamathf.wordpress.com

An eclectic gallery and gift shop featuring Victorian and steampunk-themed art.

Washington Street Artists' Cooperative

304.724.2090 — 108 N. George St., Charles Town — wstreetgallery.com

This local artists' collective and gallery space nourishes Charles Town's creative spirit.



The arts are center stage in Jefferson County, a Certified Arts Community (CAC).

PLAY *Time*



**FROM CHAMPIONSHIP
GOLF TO CLASS V RAPIDS,
RECREATION IS A ROARING
GOOD TIME!**

Fishing

Go fishing on the Shenandoah and Potomac Rivers and experience the great outdoors at its best. Purchase your fishing license and reel in the fun for a day or a weekend getaway!

White Fly Outfitters

304.876.8030 – 4332 William L Wilson Frwy, Harpers Ferry – whiteflyoutfitters.com
Situated right next to the Potomac and Shenandoah River, take a guided trip, rent a kayak or pick up gear and apparel for your fishing needs.

Golf

Locust Hill Golf Course

304.728.7300 – 278 St., Andrews Dr., Charles Town – locusthillgolf.com
Rated #5 in West Virginia by Golfweek Magazine for its superb public access, Locust Hill features 35 acres of lakes and Blue Ridge beauty. Equally appropriate for novice and veteran golfers, four sets of tees on every hole welcome players at all levels.

Horseback Riding

Elk Mountain Trails

301.834.8882 – 921 Hoffmaster Rd., Knoxville, MD – elkmountaintrails.com
Elk Mountain provides memorable horseback adventures through the Blue Ridge Mountains and on the banks of the Potomac River.

Majestic Reins Stables

304.283.7727 – 4937 Shepherdstown Pke., Shenandoah Junction
Learn the ropes of horseback riding on Majestic Reins' scenic trails.

Hiking & Biking

The Appalachian Trail Conservancy & Visitors Center

304.535.6331 – 799 Washington St., Harpers Ferry – appalachiantrail.org
As the psychological halfway point of the 2,000-mile trail from Maine to Georgia, this haven offers respite for hikers "going the distance". Along the four miles of trail passing through Jefferson County, elevations range between 265 and 1,200 feet.

Bolivar Heights Battlefield Trail

304.535.6029 – 171 Shoreline Dr., Harpers Ferry – nps.gov
Walk in the footsteps of Abraham Lincoln and Stonewall Jackson on this family-friendly trail.

The C & O Canal National Historical Park

301.722.8226 – 171 Shoreline Dr., Harpers Ferry – nps.gov/choh
Located just over the Maryland line in Cumberland, the C&O towpath boasts scenery and fresh mountain air. Beloved by bicyclists, runners, hikers, walkers, and horseback riders, the path is an outdoor enthusiast's dream.

Jefferson Rock

304.535.6029 – 171 Shoreline Dr., Harpers Ferry – nps.gov
Get a bird's-eye view of the convergence of the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers atop this rock formation, which Thomas Jefferson deemed "worth a voyage across the Atlantic."

Maryland Heights

304.535.6029 – 171 Shoreline Drive, Harpers Ferry – nps.gov
A challenging hike with Civil War forts, ruins, and river views.

Virginus Island

304.535.6029 – 171 Shoreline Dr., Harpers Ferry – nps.gov
Two easy hiking loops yield discovery in once-thriving industrial town along the Shenandoah River.

WV Route 9 Bike Path

304.724.3862 – trailink.com
The WV Route 9 Bike Path follows the busy thoroughfare from Martinsburg to the Charles Town/Ranson area. Note that the path runs through open space with little to no shade. While the southern portion of the trail is fairly flat, the northern half is somewhat hilly. A biking enthusiast's dream!

The Green Scene

Adventure Park at Harpers Ferry

304.535.2663 – 408 Alstadts Hill Rd., Harpers Ferry – harpersferryadventurepark.com

Thrill-seekers enjoy zip line canopy tours and aerial forest challenge trails.

Briar Run Park

304.725.2437 – 593 Oak Lee Dr., Ranson

Flowing Springs Park

304.725.2437 – Flowing Springs Rd., Ranson

Experience this open, natural, and undeveloped park with a fresh water stream. Great for nature walks and bird watching.

Lance-Slusher Park

304.725.2437 – 216 N. Mildred St., Ranson – cityofranson.net

Playgrounds, a tennis court, a basketball court, picnic tables, and a pavilion are designed for outdoor fun for family reunions and picnics.

Morgan's Grove Park

304.728.3207 – Kearneysville Pke., Shepherdstown – jcprc.org

A local favorite for community gatherings, this local park features twenty acres of shade trees, meadows, playgrounds, and streams.

West End Park

304.725.2437 – 432 W. 2nd Avenue, Ranson – cityofranson.net

Playground, basketball court and picnic tables designed for family outdoor fun

Racing

Hollywood Casino at Charlestown Races

1.800.895.7001 – 750 Hollywood Dr., Charles Town – hollywoodcasinohardestown.com

Experience live thoroughbred racing under the lights!

Summit Point Motorsports Park

304.725.8444 – 201 Motorsports Park Cir., Summit Point – summitpoint-raceway.com

Designed for sports cars, and motorcycles, Summit Point hosts races and delivers expert instruction to fans of all ages.

Wet and Wild

River Riders

1.800.326.7238 – 408 Alstadts Hill Rd., Harpers Ferry – riverriders.com

From leisurely tubing to white water rafting, River Riders is Jefferson County's source for water recreation. Offering instruction and equipment rentals to cyclists, canoers, kayakers, fishermen, and hikers, River Riders equips thrill-seekers for the great outdoors.

Harpers Ferry Adventure Center

800.836.9911 – 37410 Adventure Center Lane, Purcellville VA – harpersferryadventurecenter.com

Harpers Ferry Adventure Center offers a full day of amenities, including White Water Rafting, Tubing, Flat Tubing, Kayaking, Zip Lines, and Aerial Ropes Course adventures.

PLAY *Time*

MAKE IT A RACE TO RANSON!



ADRENALINE

Adventure

EXPERIENCE ADVENTURE
FROM TREETOP TO
HAIRPIN TURN!

Harpers Ferry Adventure Center

540.668.9007 – 37410 Adventure Center Lane Hillsboro VA
harpersferryadventurecenter.com

Harpers Ferry Adventure Center takes an adrenaline rush to another level. Aside from high-octane activities, the beautiful property can be used as a venue rental for weddings and other special events.

River Activities

- Canoeing
- Kayaking
- Rafting
- Tubing

Aerial Activities

- Zip line Tours
- Ropes Course

Land Activities

- Off Road Segways
- Jumping Pillow
- Team Building

River Riders Family Adventure Resort

1.800.326.7238 – 408 Alsadts Hill Rd., Harpers Ferry
riverriders.com

River Riders' expert instruction and commercial-grade equipment rentals ensure safe adventures via water, land, and sky.

Water Adventures

- Canoeing
- Fishing
- Kayaking
- Tubing
- Paddle boarding
- Whitewater Rafting (Class I-V)

Land Adventures

- Biking Excursions (along the C&O Canal)
- Paddle & Pedal Packages

Sky Adventures

- Aerial Adventure Course featuring zip lines, rope bridges, and scenic sky views
- Canopy Tour featuring two to three hours of aerial fun along eight riverside zip lines

Summit Point Raceway

304.725.8444 – 201 Motorsports Park Cir., Summit Point
summitpoint-raceway.com

Summit Point offers road racing and instruction in a high-octane environment. Offerings include:

Drift Nirvana - Teaches the hottest drift techniques to drivers at the beginner and intermediate levels.

Friday at the Track - Provides an introduction to high performance streetcar driving.

Jefferson 500 - One of the most respected vintage races on the East Coast, this spring event welcomes over 200 participants a year for three days of motor madness.

Reboot your sense of adventure



Are You GAME



Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races

800.795.7001 - 750 Hollywood Dr., Charles Town

hollywoodcasinocharlestown.com

Featuring Vegas-worthy slots, gaming, racing, dining, and entertainment, Hollywood is “all in” for your pleasure.

Within the casino paradise, 2,800 slots bring blockbuster payoffs at all denominations. Offering blackjack, roulette, craps, poker, and everything in between, live gaming is spirited and suspenseful.

Racing “reins” at Charles Town. Home to the Charles Town Classic, Race for the Ribbon and the West Virginia Breeders Classics, Hollywood Casino offers some of the nation’s best full-field, nine-race cards. They also simulcast horses and dog races around the country 365 days a year.

If gourmet dining is more appealing than gaming, Hollywood Casino boasts red carpet-worthy dining and entertainment. Whether you crave Asian fusion or award-winning wines, restaurants deliver flavors to savor.

Casino Restaurants

Epic Buffet

800.795.7001 - 750 Hollywood Dr., Charles Town - *hollywoodcasinocharlestown.com*

An all-you-can-eat extravaganza serving up delicious dishes for lunch and dinner!

Final Cut Steakhouse

800.795.7001 - 750 Hollywood Dr., Charles Town - *hollywoodcasinocharlestown.com*

This contemporary American steakhouse features hand selected USDA Mid-Western Prime Beef and a 300 bottle wine list.

Skybox Sports Bar

800.795.7001 - 750 Hollywood Dr., Charles Town - *hollywoodcasinocharlestown.com*

Award-winning wings, draft brews, and dozens of screens to catch your favorite game.

Skyline Terrace

800.795.7001 - 750 Hollywood Dr., Charles Town - *hollywoodcasinocharlestown.com*

Steak and seafood specialties are served up with Shenandoah mountain and racetrack views.

9 Dragons

304.724.4259 - 750 Hollywood Dr., Charles Town - *hollywoodcasinocharlestown.com*

Featuring sushi, Hong Kong-style cuisine, and the best noodles on this side of the Atlantic.

MONTHLY *Must Dos*



Spring

Charles Town Classic Horse Races

(April) - hollywoodcasinoharlestown.com

The Charles Town Classic has become an annual stop for visitors and residents alike! With a plump purse and some of the top horses in the world, it's a springtime must-do in Jefferson County.

Summer

Ranson Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show

(June) - ransonwv.us

Held in conjunction with the Ranson Festival, the Ranson Car, Truck & Motorcycle show features classic and contemporary makes and models. From Model T's to Triumphs, the show celebrates vehicle restoration and modern craftsmanship in a "wheely" fun, family-friendly environment.

Historic Heritage Festival

(June) - ctheritagefestival.com

A seasonal tribute to Charles Town's heritage, featuring food, cultural events, and children's activities.

Contemporary American Theatre Festival

(July) - catf.org

An internationally-acclaimed salute to the stage hosted by Shepherd University. The multi-week festival welcomes fine actors, playwrights, and visitors from around the globe.

African American Heritage Festival

(August) - ransonwv.us

African American history and culture shine in Charles Town and Ranson.

Jefferson County Fair

(August) - jeffersoncountyfairwv.org

A celebration of food and festivity featuring agricultural demonstrations, carnival games, and live music.

Charles Town Car Show

(August/September) - charlestownwv.us

Charles Town shuts down Main Street for full-throttle fun with over 300 cars!



Fall

Mountain Heritage Arts & Crafts Festival

(September) - jeffersoncountywvchamber.org

The Shenandoah Junction-based showcase features fine art, food, wine, and bluegrass.

Race for the Ribbon 5K

(September) - hollywoodcasinocharlestown.com

In partnership with the West Virginia affiliate of Susan G. Komen, Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races presents a weekend of activities dedicated to the fight against breast cancer. Come see the Race for the Ribbon track walk, an evening of Thoroughbred horse racing, or a 5K fun run.

Freedom's Run Marathon

(October) - freedomrun.org

Fitness enthusiasts participate in a marathon, half marathon, 10k, 5k, or kids' run through our national parks.

West Virginia Breeders Classics

(October) - wvbc.com

Pure(bred) excitement reigns at this Hollywood Casino race, featuring star-studded entertainment.

A Ghostly Tour of Harpers Ferry

(Year-Round) - harpersferrywv.net

A lantern-lit tour of Harpers Ferry's paranormal past.

Charles Town Ghost Tours

(Year-Round) - wvcommerce.org

A two-hour exploration of Charles Town's haunted history.

Over the Mountain Studio Tour

(November) - studiotourwv.org

Local artisans share their works at locations throughout Jefferson County.

Winter

Ranson Tree Lighting

First Saturday after Thanksgiving - ransonwv.us

Ranson kicks off the holidays with ceremony and seasonal joy. Santa and Mrs. Clause will attend on a horse drawn sled with wagon rides from 6-8 pm.

Charles Town Tree Lighting

Night after Christmas Parade - charlestownwv.us

Charles Town spreads comfort and joy with carols, cocoa, and Kris Kringle.

The Charles Town- Ranson Christmas Parade

First Saturday in December - ransonwv.us

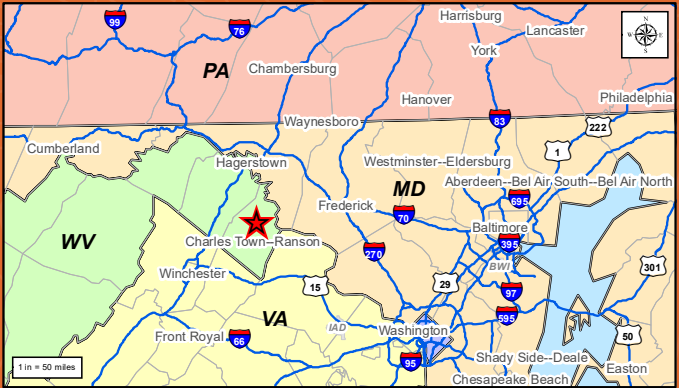
A twinkling town tradition featuring floats and marching bands in holiday finery.

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AND TALENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. SAVE THE
DATES FOR SERIOUS FUN!**

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GETTING *Here*



Road

Located off U.S. Route 340, Ranson is close to Washington, D.C. (60 miles west) and Baltimore, MD (75 miles east).

Rail

Amtrak service is available in Washington, D.C., Baltimore, MD, or Harpers Ferry, WV. Maryland Area Rail Transit (MARC) Train Service provides regional service to Harpers Ferry from Washington, D.C. and Baltimore-area locations.

Sky

Baltimore Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport is 75 miles away.

Dulles International Airport is 40 miles away.



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