

festivals & events

Mountain State Forest Festival

Oct. 2 to 9, 2016
 Location: Elkins, WV
www.forestfestival.com
 304.636.1824

The Mountain State Forest Festival is one of the largest and oldest festivals in West Virginia, highlighting the beauty and splendor of our mountains and valleys in all their autumn glory. It also promotes prudent development, conservation and the culture of our abundant natural resources for the future.



Old Fashion Beverly Christmas

Dec. 3, 2016
 Location: Beverly, WV
www.historicbeverly.org
 304.637.7424

Visit historic Beverly for the annual Old Fashioned Christmas celebration featuring plenty of good food and drink, a profusion of arts and crafts. A Victorian Santa and caroling add to the holiday splendor.



Pickin' in the Park
 Most Wednesday evenings
 From 6-10 pm
 Location:
 Elkins City Park, Elkins, WV
www.augustaheritagecenter.org/events/augusta-events/pickin/
 304.637.1209

Pickin' is a weekly acoustic bluegrass and old-time jam sponsored by Augusta Heritage Center of Davis & Elkins College. Participants are invited to join a jam, to start one of their own, or just to listen.



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Randolph County Welcomes you to Heritage Festivals That Will Thrill the Family!

Randolph County has history and heritage that is second to none in the Appalachian mountains and we celebrate all that makes us unique through the many festivals and events that take place in our variety of communities in the area.

Our celebrations all include great food, musical presentations, arts and crafts, heritage, history and culture, all locked into a background of some of the most beautiful mountain landscapes found in America. In addition, visiting these celebrations and festivals can be tied-in with a number of great area attractions that will further enhance your family's memories of Randolph County's bevy of festivals.

No matter what the season, come and be a part of it. This festival guide will help you discover what's happening in Randolph County.

Explore all Randolph County has to offer at:

www.randolphcountywv.com



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www.randolphcountywv.com | 1.800.422.3304



Fasnacht

February 2 to 6, 2016 | Location: Helvetia, WV
www.helvetiawv.com | 304.924.6435

Fasnacht is the pre-lenten burning of Old Man Winter. It occurs on the Saturday before Ash Wednesday and is likened to Mardi Gras. It has its roots in the Swiss Winterfest.



Maple Syrup Festival

March 18 to 20, 2016
Location: Pickens, WV
www.pickenswv.com
 304.924.5363



In late winter, here in our mountains surrounding Pickens, nights are freezing and days begin to warm, it's maple sugaring time! You'll find pancake feeds (topped with Maple Syrup, of course),

crafts & artists at work, West Virginia music, children's activities & playground, quilt show, woodcarving demonstration, muzzle-loading demonstration, ham & bean buffet dinner, a square dance and much more! Join us for a full weekend of activities celebrating this!

Helvetia Ramp Dinner & Dance

April 30, 2016
Location: Helvetia, WV
www.helvetiawv.com
 304.924.5018



Ramps are a pungent member of the leek family that grow wild in the Appalachian mountains. They were often the first fresh vegetable available to early settlers and the tradition developed of having large meals that included this green. Volunteers prepare over 60 bushels of ramps, 300 pounds of ham, 60 pounds of beans, 480 pounds of potatoes, and 200 pounds of cabbage. Typical schedule: Supper from 2:00 p.m. until the food is gone!

Ramps & Rails Festival

April 30, 2016
Location: Elkins, WV
www.randolphcountyfairwv.com | 304.635.7803

Come out to the Seventh Annual Ramps & Rail Festival! We will have a fun-filled day of live music, 40+ vendor booths, kids' games, a silent auction, raffles and TONS of ramp-filled foods! Vote for your favorite ramp recipe!



Mill Creek's Mother's Day Celebration

May 5, 2016 | Location: Mill Creek, WV
 304.335.7470

A week-long celebration of Mother's Day and Mill Creek's Birthday. Mother's Day is a holiday honoring motherhood that is observed in different forms throughout the world. The American incarnation of Mother's Day was created by Anna Jarvis in 1908 and became an official U.S. holiday in 1914.



Bowden Fishing Derby

June 11, 2016
Location: Bowden, WV
www.wvdnr.gov | 304.637.0238

The Bowden Fishing Derby is held at the Bowden Fish Hatchery every June. This event is for children 3-14 and takes place on the Saturday of the state's free fishing days. Registration begins at 7:30AM, with fishing from 8:00AM to 1:30PM.



Coalton Days

June 18 to 19, 2016
Location: Coalton, WV
www.coaltondays.com
 304.636.3267

The Coalton (Womelsdorf) community, welcomes you all to come and join us all in the yearly celebration of our heritage and culture.



Follow Your Bliss Festival

June 24 to 26, 2016
Location: Helvetia, WV
www.followyourblissfest.helvetiawv.com
 304.924.9096

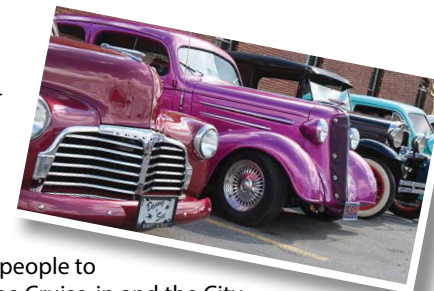
The Annual Follow Your Bliss music festival in beautiful Helvetia WV. Get ready for a wild and wonderful weekend, full of great music, local food, arts and craft vendors, and the chance to see old and to meet new friends. Our Festival is a FREE event with proceeds going to local charities and the Hospice Corporation. The Follow Your Bliss Festival honors and memorializes Rogers McAvoy, professor at West Virginia University and long-time resident of Helvetia.



Mountain State Street Machines Annual Auto Extravaganza

July 1 to 3, 2016
Location: Elkins, WV
www.erccc.com
 304.636.4335

This event is held annually during the Fourth of July weekend. Each year there are nearly 600 entries in the show bringing thousands of people to Downtown Elkins for the Cruise-in and the City Park. The Annual Auto Extravaganza stands out as one of the largest and most favored shows in the state.



Beverly Heritage Days

July 23-24, 2016
Location: Beverly, WV
www.historicbeverly.org
 304.636.5032

The town of Beverly will bring its rich history to life with Beverly Heritage Days.



The bi-annual event celebrates the West Virginia town's vibrant past with costumed interpreters, period demonstrations, music, food, crafts and other activities.

Beverly Days & Fireman's Festival

July 25 to 31, 2016
Location: Beverly, WV
www.historicbeverly.org
 304.637.7424

This week-long Celebration. Includes a parade, live entertainment and fun, family events.



Augusta Heritage Festival

July 13, 2016
Location: Elkins, WV
www.augustaheritagecenter.org
 304.637.1209 or
 800.624.3157

The Augusta Festival is the final weekend that caps off the summer session. It's a wonderful celebration of traditional dance, craft, and music that is attended by thousands.



Randolph County Fair

Sept. 9-14, 2016
Location: Beverly, WV
www.randolphcountyfairwv.com
 304.636.1235

This annual event highlights Randolph County's unique rural heritage, youth, community and agricultural lifestyles through a county-wide fair celebration at Camp Pioneer.



Helvetia Fair

Sept. 10-11, 2016
Location: Helvetia, WV
www.helvetiawv.com
 304.924.6435

The Helvetia Community Fair celebrates the rich culture and history of Helvetia, WV, a small Swiss community located in Randolph County. One of the oldest agricultural fairs in West Virginia, the Helvetia Community Fair encourages local families, friends, and visitors to celebrate our harvest and our heritage.

