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THINGS  
TO DO

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## 1. VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

This Smithsonian-affiliated museum features award-winning exhibits, ground-breaking scientific research and collections, and innovative educational programs for all ages.

21 Starling Ave., Martinsville  
(276) 634-4141

## 2. MARTINSVILLE SPEEDWAY

NASCAR's oldest and shortest track is home to five NASCAR sanctioned races per year. Stop by on weekdays (excluding race weeks) to walk "The Short Track!"  
340 Speedway Rd., Ridgeway  
(276) 956-7200

## 3. PHILPOTT LAKE & MARINA

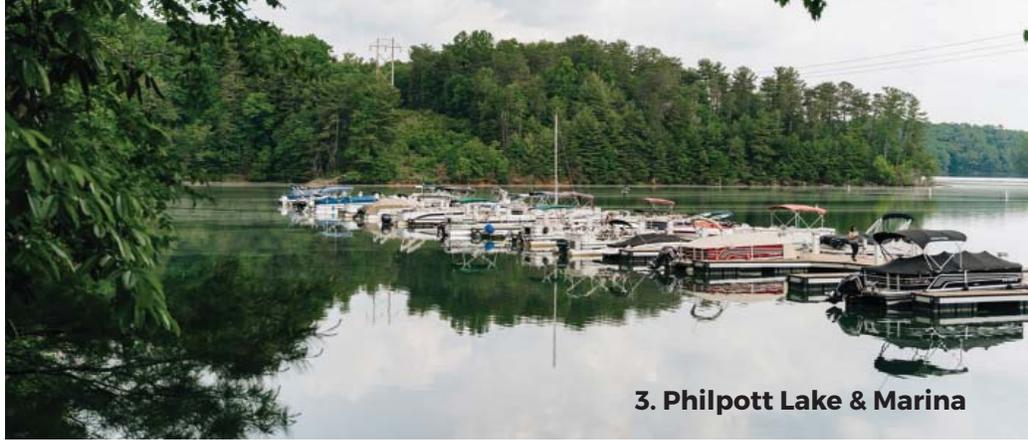
Philpott Lake is a 3,000 acre-reservoir which offers boating, swimming, camping, picnicking, biking, hunting, fishing, and wildlife observation. There is also a marina which offers slips, fuel, and a convenience store.

### Lake

1058 Philpott Dam Rd., Bassett  
(276) 629-2703

### Marina

300 Boat Dock Rd., Bassett  
(276) 340-0485



3. Philpott Lake & Marina



1. Virginia Museum of Natural History

## 4. MARTINSVILLE MUSTANGS

Catch a few Martinsville Mustangs games at Hooker Field! The collegiate baseball team will keep you entertained throughout the summer. Home games feature theme nights, fun onfield activities, and multiple firework shows. Check the VisitMartinsville.com calendar for game listings.  
450 Commonwealth Blvd. E., Martinsville  
(276) 403-5250

## 5. PIEDMONT ARTS

Located in the heart of Martinsville's Arts & Cultural District, Piedmont Arts is an award-winning art museum offering thought-provoking exhibitions, performing arts, and a full schedule of art classes for all ages.  
215 Starling Ave., Martinsville  
(276) 632-3221

## 6. SMITH RIVER SPORTS COMPLEX

Not just for sporting events, the Smith River Sports Complex boasts an EVOS playground, walking trails, a Smith River access point, a driving range, and more!  
1000 Irisburg Rd., Axton  
(276) 638-5200

## 7. BASSETT HISTORICAL CENTER

For those conducting family history or historical research, the Bassett Historical Center is a gem. Over 25,000 books/items are available to the public, as are family and local history files.  
3964 Fairystone Hwy., Bassett  
(276) 629-9191

## 8. PUBLIC ART

Explore the many area murals and public works of art located throughout MHC, including the Gravely-Lester Art Garden. A variety of topics and mediums are featured including murals, sculptures, and more.  
Various addresses.  
(276) 632-8006

## 9. MHC HERITAGE CENTER & MUSEUM

This museum, located in the historic Henry County Courthouse, offers exhibits on local and regional history which change regularly so there is always something new for everyone to enjoy.  
1 E. Main St., Martinsville  
(276) 403-5361

## 10. UPTOWN PINBALL

This arcade features retro and modern games alike—all with convenient access to Uptown Martinsville. Day passes are available to play the 100+ machines.  
35 E. Church St., Martinsville  
(276) 224-7139

## 11. POURS

Sip award-winning wines and locally distilled brandy.  
**Hamlet Vineyards**  
405 Riverside Dr., Bassett  
(276) 629-2121  
**Smith River Spirits**  
1317 Eggleston Falls Rd., Ridgeway  
(888) 215-0607

## 12. CRAFT BEER

Savor the sweet and tangy flavors of locally brewed craft beer.

### Mountain Valley Brewing

4220 Mountain Valley Rd., Axton

(276) 833-2171

### Scuffle Hill Brewing Company

2620 Virginia Ave., Collinsville

(276) 352-5183

## 13. SMITH RIVER FEST

Run, paddle, cast, and bike your way to fun at Smith River Fest! Held annually at the Smith River Sports Complex in Henry County, this event is truly a celebration of all things associated with the Smith River and our great outdoors. Ride the river, learn to fly-fish, browse vendors, challenge yourself in the Helgramite Hustle 5K Mud Run, and more!

1000 Irisburg Rd., Axton

(276) 634-4640

## 14. P&HCC'S FAB LAB AT THE DALTON IDEA CENTER

The Idea Center boasts a three-floor, 20,520 square-foot facility that houses the Fabrication Laboratory (Fab Lab) and the Technology Accelerator. A variety of classes and events such as *Family Days* are scheduled at the IDEA Center throughout the year. Check the VisitMartinsville.com calendar for upcoming classes and events.

26 Fayette St., Martinsville

(276) 656-5461

## 15. ROOSTER WALK MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL

This 4-day festival celebrates music, art, and the great outdoors at the idyllic Pop's Farm venue, just outside of Martinsville, VA. With roughly 50 bands performing on 5 different stages, an eclectic roster of great music guides the Rooster Walk experience.

Pop's Farm, 675 Hobson Rd., Axton

(276) 455-1110

## 16. SPENCER-PENN CENTRE

This historic facility offers monthly music nights, a children's library, camps & classes, and rental spaces for special events. You can also see the Stanley Bowles 1927 classroom and school memorabilia on display throughout the building.

Don't miss the annual Pig Cookin' every April featuring vendors, kids' activities, music, a charity ride, and of course, delicious BBQ!

475 Spencer Penn Rd., Spencer

(276) 957-5757

## 17. BLUE RIDGE REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM

Our local libraries offer so much more than books! Did you know that you can borrow a fishing pole and gear for FREE at the libraries? This is just one of many little known surprises to be discovered at Blue Ridge Regional Libraries.

310 E. Church St., Martinsville

(276) 403-5430

## 18. SMITH RIVER TRAIL SYSTEM

The 20 miles of trails that make up the Smith River Trail System offer ample opportunities for biking, hiking, running, and walking. You can enjoy both paved and natural-surfaced trails.

See page 15 for more information.

(276) 632-8006

## 19. MOUNTAIN LAUREL TRAILS

Situated on 100 acres, this biking complex provides 12 miles of award-winning trails offering varying levels of difficulty for beginners as well as seasoned bikers.

411 Mountain Laurel Trl., Ridgeway

(276) 340-9144

## 20. SIMPLY SUZANNE'S CAFÉ & THE BLUE RIDGE REGIONAL AIRPORT

Treat yourself to lunch at Simply Suzanne's Café at the Blue Ridge Regional Airport, and you may be lucky enough to see a plane or helicopter land or take off on the runway.

525 Airport Rd., Martinsville

(276) 957-1142



13. Helgramite Hustle Mud Run at Smith River Fest

## 21. BEAVER CREEK RESERVOIR

Ready to hit the water, but don't have your own kayak or canoe? Enjoy a memorable and affordable day on the water with a visit to Beaver Creek Reservoir, where you can rent a boat and lifejacket, on-site, to use for the day. Or bring your own non-gasoline powered boat to the lake. The reservoir is also a great place to fish, hike, picnic, and observe nature.

200 Boat Ramp Dr., Martinsville  
(276) 656-5179

## 22. STUDIO 107 & GALLERY 22

You can't spell Martinsville without art! Experience Martinsville-Henry County's creative culture firsthand by taking a class or shopping for a one of a kind piece.

### Studio 107

105 E. Church St., Martinsville  
(276) 638-2107

### Gallery 22

22 Walnut St., Martinsville  
(276) 806-7186

## 23. LAKE SUGAR TREE MOTORSPORTS PARK

This stadium-style supercross track, the first motorcross facility east of the Mississippi, hosts a number of events throughout the year that appeal to riders and fans of all ages.

400 Movie Movers E., Axton  
(276) 650-1158

## 24. THE SUSTAINABLE HOMESTEAD INSTITUTE

This non-profit organization is committed to sustainable development, ecological land design, and nature reliance education. Since their inception, the facility has offered a variety of classes to give students first-hand knowledge of what it takes to create self-enriching abundant agricultural systems through environmental connection and ancestral skill immersion.

190 Eastridge Rd., Ridgeway  
(276) 226-9104

## 25. FAHI

The Fayette Area Historical Initiative African American Museum and Cultural Center (FAHI) was created to collect, preserve, and interpret African American experiences and community life in Martinsville-Henry County. Exhibits highlight the history and culture of more than 100 years of African American history on Fayette Street.

By appointment only.

211 W. Fayette St., Martinsville  
(276) 732-3496

## 26. INFINITY ACRES

If you love animals, call Infinity Acres Petting Ranch and schedule a guided tour. Camps and workshops are offered throughout the year. You can go alpaca trekking, hold a sugar glider, see giant tortoises, and much more.

136 Joppa Rd., Ridgeway  
(276) 358-2378

## 27. STONEHAUS FARMS

This unique establishment offers farm tours so that visitors can get an up close and personal look at a variety of fascinating animals including Nigerian dwarf milking goats, llamas, donkeys, and more. They also offer skill-based classes in husbandry and cheese-making and sell products made on site.

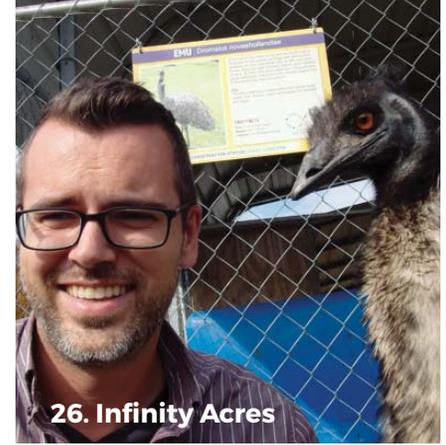
By appointment.

59 Forsythia Dr., Martinsville  
(276) 403-2306

## 28. DISC GOLF

Wilson Park offers an 18-Hole, 60-Par disc golf course for your enjoyment. A course review and downloadable scorecard can be found on Martinsville's Parks & Recreation webpage.

1560 E. Church St. Ext., Martinsville  
(276) 632-8006



## 26. Infinity Acres

## 29. SPORTLANES

Sportlanes is a retro bowling center from 1962 offering friendly fun for everyone. Spend an afternoon enjoying a few games of bowling on the 18 traditional wood lanes, featuring wood approaches. Love bowling? Join one of the leagues! Sportlanes is also a fun option for your next birthday party.

10 Koehler Rd., Martinsville  
(276) 632-6060

## 30. LIVE THEATRE

Martinsville-Henry County is home to two local theatre troupes offering high quality performances throughout the year.

### P&HCC Patriot Players

Patrick & Henry Community College  
Walker Fine Arts Theatre  
645 Patriot Ave., Martinsville  
(276) 656-0244

### TheatreWorks Community Players

Black Box Theatre  
44 Franklin St., Martinsville  
(276) 632-2800

## 31. GEOCACHING

Geocaching is a real-world, outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices. Participants travel to a specific set of coordinates and attempt to find the item that's hidden at that location. There are more than 200 treasures to find in the area!

[www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com)

### 32. CUSTOMIZE JEWELRY AT THE JEWELER'S EDGE

With more than 30 years of combined experience in jewelry repair and sales, the staff of The Jeweler's Edge specializes in remounts, pearl/bead restringing, ring sizing, chain repairs, and stone setting. They are also Diamond Council of America-certified in diamonds and gemstones. Browse their immaculate inventory, or even have them design a piece with you, or for you. Bring your pieces and your ideas, and create something unforgettable.

[2440 B Greensboro Rd., Martinsville](#)  
(276) 790-3621

### 33. RUN A RACE (MILES IN MARTINSVILLE)

Miles in Martinsville is a challenge series created to support outreach programs of the Martinsville-Henry County Family YMCA. Do you have what it takes to complete a local 5K, 9 miler, or even the Martinsville Half Marathon? Find details on scheduled series races on their website.

[www.milesinmartinsville.com](http://www.milesinmartinsville.com)  
(276) 632-6427

### 37. Small Town Eateries



### 39. Bassett Hwy 57 Cruise-In



### 34. HISTORIC BASSETT TRAIN DEPOT

This iconic venue space, in the heart of Downtown Bassett, brings history to life in an elegant way. The Bassett Train Depot was completely renovated in 2019 and is now available for rent for special events. This depot fuses historic beauty and modern amenities to create a memorable location your guests will not forget.

[3536 Fairystone Park Hwy., Bassett](#)  
(276) 629-6777

### 35. TGIF CONCERTS

This annual concert series held in Uptown Martinsville occurs each year during the months of June, July, and August. These concerts are a summer night of fun with live music, food, a beer garden, and children's activities.

[65 W. Main St., Martinsville](#)  
[www.facebook.com/TGIFConcertSeries](http://www.facebook.com/TGIFConcertSeries)

### 36. FARMERS' MARKETS

The Collinsville Farm Market, Martinsville Uptown Farmers' Market, and Ridgeway Farm Market offer a wide variety of produce, locally made goods, and more.

*See page 32 for more information.*

### 37. SMALL TOWN EATERIES

Martinsville-Henry County hosts an abundant amount of "mom and pop" spots to satisfy that comfort food craving.

*See pages 36-37 for more information.*

### 38. BIKE BARN

The Martinsville-Henry County YMCA Bike Barn offers a FREE bike loan program that gives everyone the opportunity to ride the Dick & Willie Trail in Martinsville-Henry County. Whether you're a guest or resident of the area, if you want to experience the trail, and don't have a bicycle, stop by the Doyle Street Trail Head to borrow a bike and helmet. Open seasonally.

[220 Doyle St., Martinsville](#)  
(276) 632-6427

### 39. BASSETT HWY 57 CRUISE-IN

The Bassett Highway 57 Cruise-In is the premier cruise-in for the area, taking place on 6 different weekends from May to October. The cruise-in features hundreds of cars of all makes and models from all over the Commonwealth as well as several neighboring states. The events are free to the public with many food truck options as well as music. It's great fun for the whole family!

[3525 Fairystone Park Hwy., Bassett](#)  
[www.bassettcruisein.com](http://www.bassettcruisein.com)

### 40. ROSIE'S GAME ROOM

Located inside the Quality-Dutch Inn in Collinsville and newly renovated in 2021, this venue offers electronic casino-style games, off-track betting, and a grill with full bar. Their multiple televisions show a combination of live sporting events and horse races from tracks around the country.

[2360 Virginia Ave., Collinsville](#)  
(804) 557-5709

## 49. Henry County Fair



### 41. INTERNATIONAL CUISINE

Martinsville-Henry County offers cuisines from around the world with flavors ranging from Asian specialties to traditional Italian fare to delicious Mexican dishes.

*See pages 36-37 for more information.*

### 42. RIVES ON THE ROAD

Rives on the Road offers high-quality musical, educational, and artistic programming. This volunteer-run organization, which operates under the umbrella of Rooster Walk Inc., has taken the show on the road! Patrons can continue to enjoy the performances of high-caliber entertainers the Rives Theatre was known for, just at different locations in Martinsville-Henry County.

Show and performance information can be found at [www.roosterwalk.com](http://www.roosterwalk.com).

### 43. GOLF

Enjoy a round of golf or take a swing at the driving range during your visit. Surrounded by the beauty of the Blue Ridge Mountains, you're sure to come back for another game.

#### Forest Park Country Club

1821 Mulberry Rd., Martinsville  
(276) 632-1711

#### Smith River Sports Complex Driving Range

1000 Irisburg Rd., Axton  
(276) 638-5200

### 44. THE LITTLE POST OFFICE

Standing at just 275 square feet, The Little Post Office was built in 1893 as a postal distribution center for the Star Route Delivery Postal Service and is the last free-standing structure of its kind. Today the facility and grounds may be rented for weddings, parties, and other special occasions through Piedmont Arts.

207 Starling Ave., Martinsville  
(276) 632-3221

### 45. ANTIQUE SHOPPING

For those who love the thrill of finding the perfect piece that's missing from their collection, a perfect memento from their childhood, or exactly what they need to complete their next project, they will LOVE antiquing and pickin' in MHC.

*See page 7 for more information.*

### 46. MASSAGE THERAPY

Take time for yourself and enjoy a pampering visit to one of our area salons and spas. You'll thank yourself later!

*See page 33 for more information.*

### 47. CAMPING

Park your RV or pitch a tent and enjoy the serenity of nature in Martinsville-Henry County at one of our local campgrounds.

*See page 40 for more information.*

### 48. FAIRY STONES

Fairy stones (staurolites) are a natural crystal that forms in the shape of a cross. Discover the legend and uncover your own fairy stones hidden underground. Multiple locations are available for you to either hunt or purchase your own.

Various addresses.  
(276) 632-8006

### 49. HENRY COUNTY FAIR

Enjoy family-friendly rides, attractions, contests, petting zoo, and live music at this annual, multi-day event. And the best part? Fair food! Don't skip out on the popcorn, funnel cakes, fried Oreos, and more.

[www.henrycountyvafair.com](http://www.henrycountyvafair.com)  
(276) 634-4640

### 50. IMAGINATION LAVENDER FARM

Housing approximately 1200 plants, of both English and French varieties, Imagination Lavender Farm produces a variety of lavender products, including essential oils, that can be purchased in their on-site store. Visit the shop to pick up something special for yourself or a loved one.

3590 Green Hill Dr., Martinsville  
(276) 734-2828

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