

# Barboursville

One of the Byway's oldest towns, Barboursville is a perfect blend of quaint and suburban.

**Natural** - √Guyandotte and Mud Rivers

**Recreational** - Barboursville Community Park and Main Street Park

**Historical** - Toll House and Historical Walking Tour of thirty-plus buildings

Barboursville, near the junction of the Guyandotte and Mud Rivers, once was rich hunting grounds for Shawnee Indians. The town was chartered by the Virginia General Assembly in 1813 and served as the county seat until after the Civil War.

When Route 60 was built through Barboursville in 1930 it bypassed Main Street and the once busy thoroughfare through town became quiet. Barboursville now offers the perfect blend of old and new, with a quaint historical downtown and the sprawling Huntington Mall.



Nancy Cartmill Park, Barboursville

The 750-acre Barboursville Community Park (see next page) offers many recreational activities including fishing, golf, hiking, horseshoes, and tennis. The park hosts a July 4th celebration and the West Virginia Soccer Tournament. A new amphitheater will be used for plays and concerts. Like parks in towns across America, Barboursville's Main Street Park, provides a place for townspeople and visitors to relax and socialize.

A Historical Walking Tour of over 30 buildings along Main and Central Avenues allows visitors to get a feeling for the "old." One building, Toll House (1837) is a log cabin now on Main Street, but originally located near the junction of the Mud and Guyandotte Rivers, the point where a ferryman collected tolls.

*Above Right: Toll House (1837)*

*Right: Thornburg House*

*Two of thirty-plus buildings on Historical Walking Tour*



Huntington



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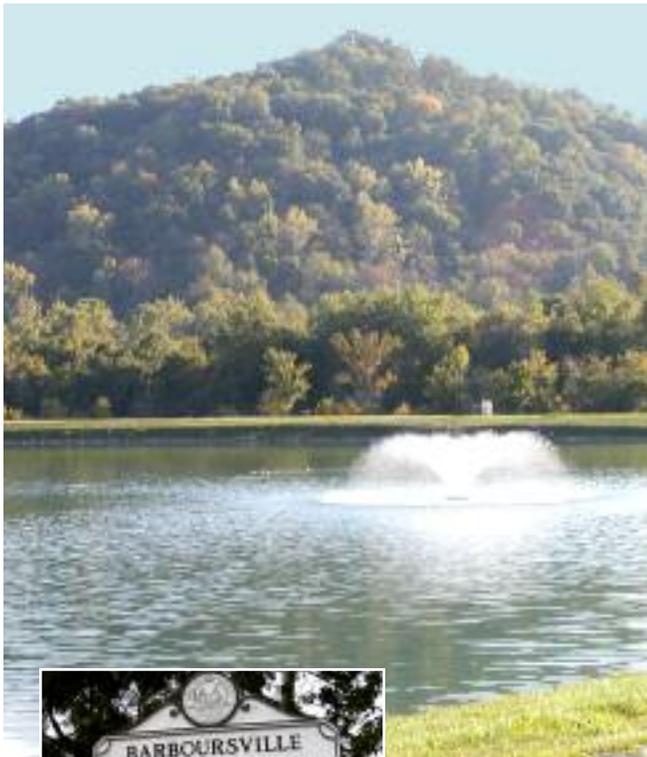
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Part of the goal of the Town Pages section is to show Intrinsic Qualities in their context, or surroundings. While this is sometimes a challenge to convey in pictures, we do want to pause here, "pull back the camera" and give an idea of the surroundings for the Barboursville Intrinsic Qualities described on the previous page.



# Milton

Watch world-famous Blenko Glass being handblown in this historic town.

**Scenic** - Pumpkin Park

**Historical** - Morris Memorial Home, Restored Covered Bridge, and Union Baptist Church

**Cultural** - Blenko Glass and WV Pumpkin Festival

Milton celebrates American life, past and present. Incorporated in September of 1876, the town became open to traffic from the James River Turnpike with the opening of a covered bridge that same year. The picturesque covered bridge has been reconstructed and now sets the tone at Pumpkin Park, home of the West Virginia Pumpkin Festival and Cabell County Fair.

Two historical buildings of note are Union Baptist Church and Morris Memorial and Convalescent and Nursing Home. In 1788 the "Union Church" was built as a log structure at the present site of the old Union cemetery. Settlers of various faiths were served until 1810 when Reverend John Lee and Reverend John Alderson organized the "Union Missionary Baptist Church."

In 1847, the congregation purchased a piece of property 600 yards east of the old church. Dedicated in 1849, that sanctuary still serves as a place of worship for local residents.



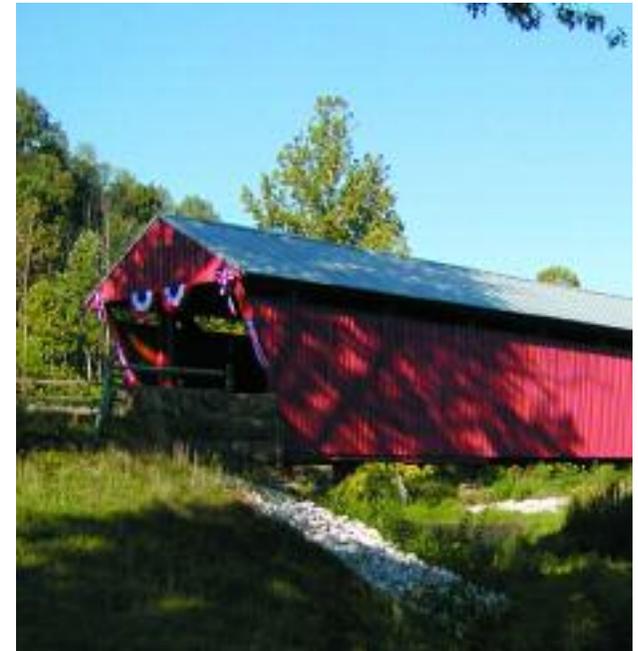
During the Civil War, Union Troops used the facility as a garrison to protect the one lane covered bridge that crossed the Mud River, just below the church. The covered bridge was a vital link in the James River and Kanawha Turnpikes. By war's end, the troops had completely gutted the church.

Union Baptist Church was restored by 1867 and regular services resumed. Since that time, it has grown and additions made to meet the needs of the expanding Milton community.

Milton is also home of world-famous Blenko Glass. William Blenko, the London-born founder, imported the European mouth blown process to Milton in 1921. Blenko Glass allows visitors to watch as skilled craftsmen transform molten glass into its final form using a 1000 year-old tradition of hand blowing. The Blenko Visitor Center offers an observation deck, beautiful museum exhibits of stained glass, and gift shop. Also, see Blenko stained glass windows throughout the sanctuary of Milton Baptist Church and in Washington, DC's National Cathedral Rose Window and other windows around the world.



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# Hurricane

The City of Murals.

**Recreational** - Waves of Fun at Valley Park, Skate Park at Hurricane City Park

**Historical** - History Row Caboose Museum, Plantation Corner and Murals Depicting Civil War and Railroading History, Reenactment of the Battle of Scary Creek and the Skirmish of Hurricane Creek Bridge (Hurricane), and Mary Ingles Encampment (Winfield)

**Archaeological** - History Row Native American Petroglyph (Hurricane)

**Cultural** - Quilts by Phyllis (Hurricane), Reenactment of the Battle of Scary Creek and the Skirmish of Hurricane Creek Bridge (Hurricane), Mary Ingles Encampment (Winfield)

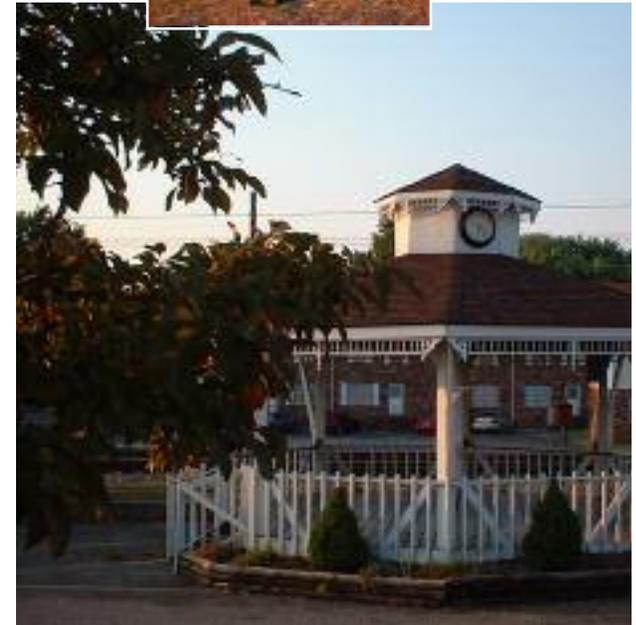
**Industrial Heritage** - Caboose Museum (Hurricane)

Named for a Revolutionary War general, Putnam County is proud of its rich history. As one of the fastest growing counties in West Virginia, it is also known as an economically progressive county with much to offer new businesses and new residents.

Putnam County has achieved important economic growth through recruitment of the recently build Toyota plant in Buffalo and the cooperative economic development efforts of Advantage Valley. Waves of Fun Water Park in Hurricane's Valley Park and a Skate Park in Hurricane City Park are evidence of recreational activities found in the county as a result of growth.

Much of Putnam County's recorded history centers on the town of Hurricane. Its origins were that of a stagecoach stop and livestock market. Subsequent growth occurred as a result of proximity to Collis P. Huntington's railroad in the 1880s and construction of Interstate 64 in the 1960s.

History Row, in the center of Hurricane, provides a glimpse of the past and includes the "Caboose Museum," which offers railroad memorabilia and other historical artifacts. A 77-inch Native American Petroglyph depicting the ancient "Water-Monster's Daughter," a prized archaeological find, sits outside the museum.



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Murals depicting the community's rich Civil War and railroading history are found on various downtown buildings. Hurricane's restored homes house private residences and shops, for example, Plantation Corner, which is housed in a Federal Style house built in 1885. Cultural and history are alive in other ways. Quilts by Phyllis offers quilting fabrics, services, and classes, which allow this important domestic skill to be passed to a new generation.

Individuals can take part in Living History by walking the Mary Ingles Trail near Winfield and by talking to actors portraying colonists from 1757 who tell the story of Mary Ingles' capture by Native

Americans and her later escape. In March, Valley Park hosts the Civil War Reenactment Weekend. Over 300 reenactors commemorate the Skirmish at Hurricane Bridge and the Battle of Scary Creek with everything from battle maneuvers to a Civil War Ball.

