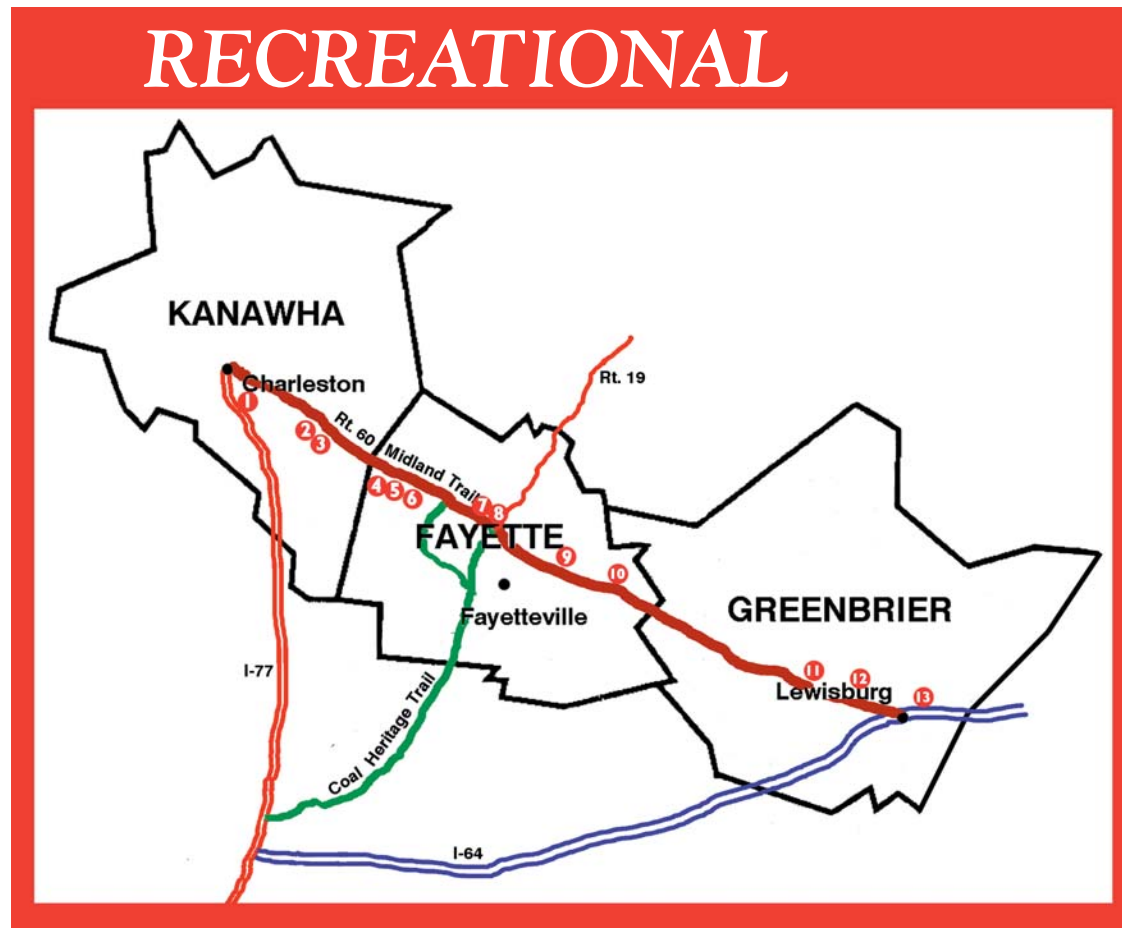


Recreational Qualities

Locations

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| 1. Daniel Boone Park | 8. Hico |
| 2. City Park, Glasgow | 9. Rainelle |
| 3. Fishing, Picnicking at London | 10. Rupert |
| 4. Kanawha Falls/ Glen Ferris | 11. Lewisburg |
| 5. Gauley Bridge | 12. Caldwell |
| 6. Hawks Nest | 13. White Sulphur Springs |
| 7. Ansted | |



RECREATIONAL QUALITIES



Dear Fun-Hogs:

Hello from Outdoors Land, where the surf is white, the cliffs are lovely, and the guys are wild. Boy, are you guys missing some fun out here! You should have taken that package deal the boss-man offered. Just didn't want to hang with the real outdoors people, huh? Well, don't worry--I'm thinking of you all chained to your desks and those piles of paperwork while I'm out getting sun and breeze and surf.

Went on the Lower New Monday and Tuesday the Lower Gauley. Met all sorts of people from all over the country; some of them said they arrange their vacations just to drive up Route 60 and whitewater. You'd think everybody in a raft would be West Virginians, but 95 percent come from out-of-state. That's how I met this real cute guy from North Carolina named Chris. He's an executive with a textile company in Durham, so I might be taking some weekend trips to North Carolina in the near future. Our group camped overnight together on the New (Chris is the gorgeous dark-haired one on my left). You guys would love the Gauley; whitewater rafters consider it one of the best rafting rivers in the world. Chris and I both fell out at a hole (I think destiny is bringing us together). Chris was going back, but he changed his mind

and stayed so we could do the rest of the package together. So we did a day of kayaking, then rock-climbing and rappelling (he's really good), then a day of mountain biking, and just a day of hiking (it was a great view, but to tell the truth, I wasn't just looking at the mountains and the rivers, if you know what I mean). The company even got us a llama trekking trip through the New River Gorge. And you all thought it was just rafting! Chris and I took advantage of the base camping at the company on our last night; they had a shelter for steak dinners, volleyball, and a cafe for beer. I also got color photos and a video to show you how much fun I was having while certain other wimps I know weren't (ha! ha!)

I really wish you guys had come. But there's another chance: In October, they open up the Upper Gauley for just six weeks, and they say it's one heckuva ride. Guides come all the way from Colorado just to experience it. Everybody get your bikes ready; we're going on the Greenbrier River Trail at Caldwell next Saturday.

See you guys in a week.
Love ya! Mean it!

Cynthia



Dear Mom and Dad:

Took this little trip up to West Virginia and am having a great time. Did whitewater- ing, kayaking, biking, camping, hiking, and llama trekking. Met this gorgeous, perky blonde who's a lawyer with a big firm in Charleston and just loves the outdoors. I think I'm in love (this time I really mean it). Planning to go back this fall and raft the Upper Gauley. You too????

Love, Chris



Hello from the world class Greenbrier Resort!!!! This place is fabulous - 3 championship golf courses rated among the best in the world. Massage, 5- star food, the works -- must come for Christmas!!! Conference is over tomorrow, then on to L.A. Sure it won't be anything like this!

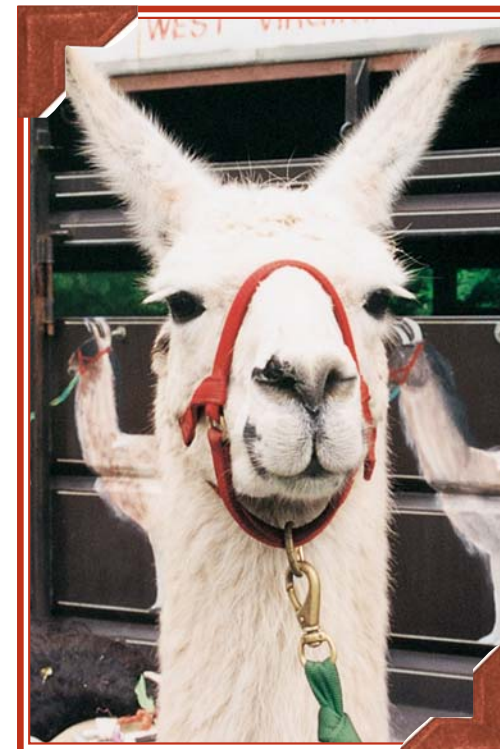
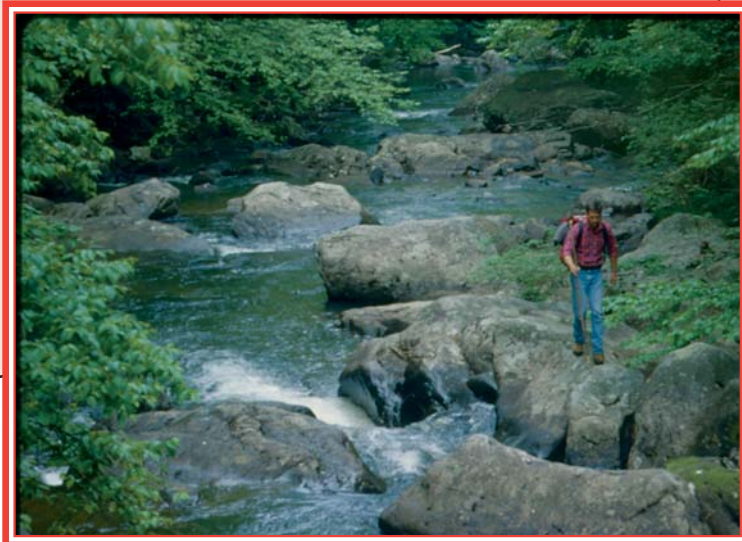
Ron

Joe:

Pete Warth went up Route 60 Midland Trail last year and told me he had some of the best fishing he's had in a long time. I didn't believe him. You know how he tells those fish stories of his (no pun intended). Well, I got to thinking, what with my vacation coming up, so I decided to check it out. there are some good places up there. Fished up at Daniel Boone Park. If you look behind me, you can see the State Capitol. Joe, you gotta come with me to Kanawha Falls. There's a great fishing spot right at the falls right next in a public park, and sometimes they take their boats right up to the falls. Up about a mile or so east, I got to cast at the Elkem Hydroelectric station; took a little getting to, but it was great casting. Caught a whole boat full of 9- inch bass and trout. Got some good ones at Hawks Nest down at the bottom of the New River Gorge.

Some companies along the Trail can arrange guided fishing trips. Come with me next time.

Tom



Camping is great fun on the Midland Trail and you can even llama trek down the New River canyon.

