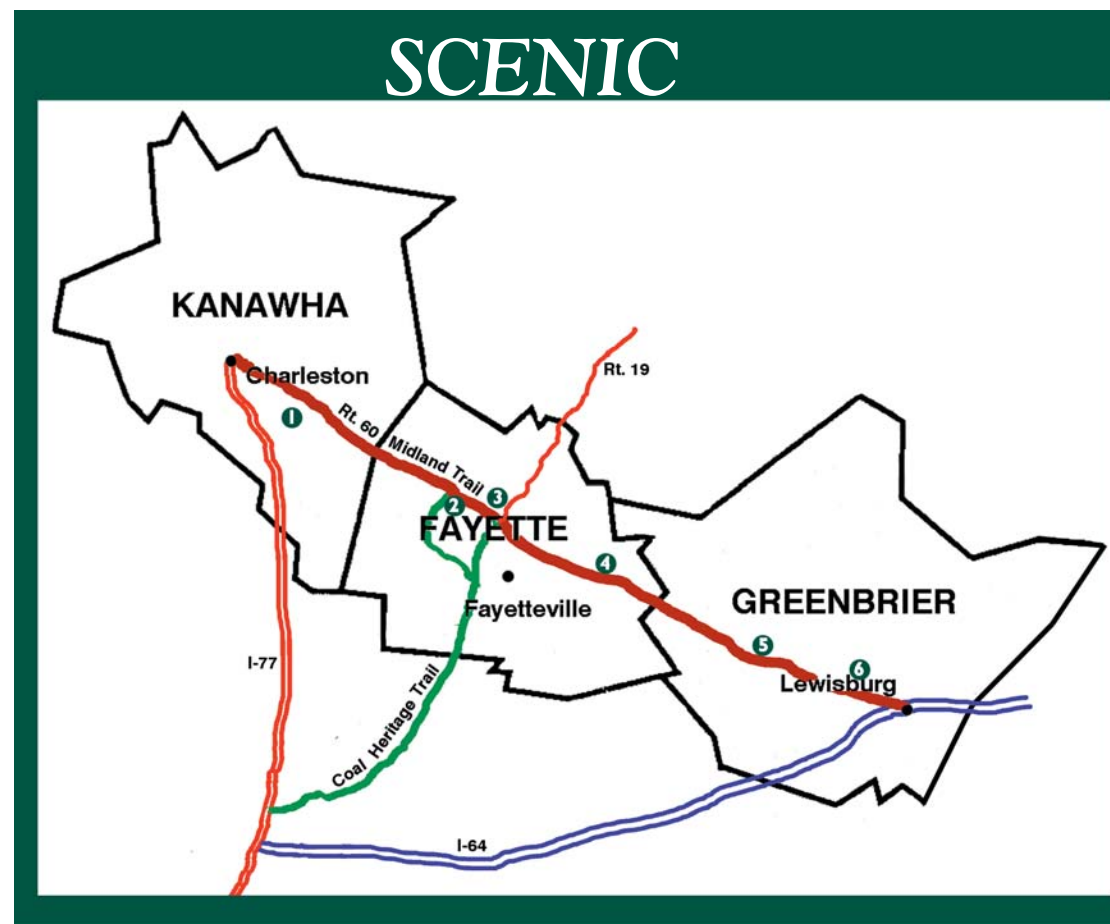


Scenic Qualities

Locations

1. Kanawha Valley, with Kanawha River
2. Vista at Kanawha Falls/ Glen Ferris/ Gauley Bridge
3. New River Gorge
4. Hawks Nest Overlook (Ansted)
5. Big Sewell Mountain Overlook
6. Greenbrier Valley-Big Levels



SCENIC QUALITIES

Dear Folks:

Remember when we were talking about your retirement plans last Christmas? Remember that motor home I dragged you down to see at Honest John's? Well, I found the perfect trip for you. Beautiful scenery--and lots of it!

We were heading back home to Roanoke from Cincinnati and somebody at one of the Visitor Centers told me about a real scenic route, the Midland Trail. I had some time, so I took Jackie and the kids. You really need to come here. The fall weather was just beginning to turn the leaves all up and down the sides of the mountains, and boy, what a nature show!

Went through the
K a n a w h a
Valley

Mom:
The marriage of rivers!!!
Here near the town of Gauley Bridge the
New River (only one of a few rivers that
flows North) joins the Gauley River (best
Whitewater rafting East of Mississippi)
join to create the Great Kanawha River--
commercial riverpath to the Ohio and
Mississippi Rivers.

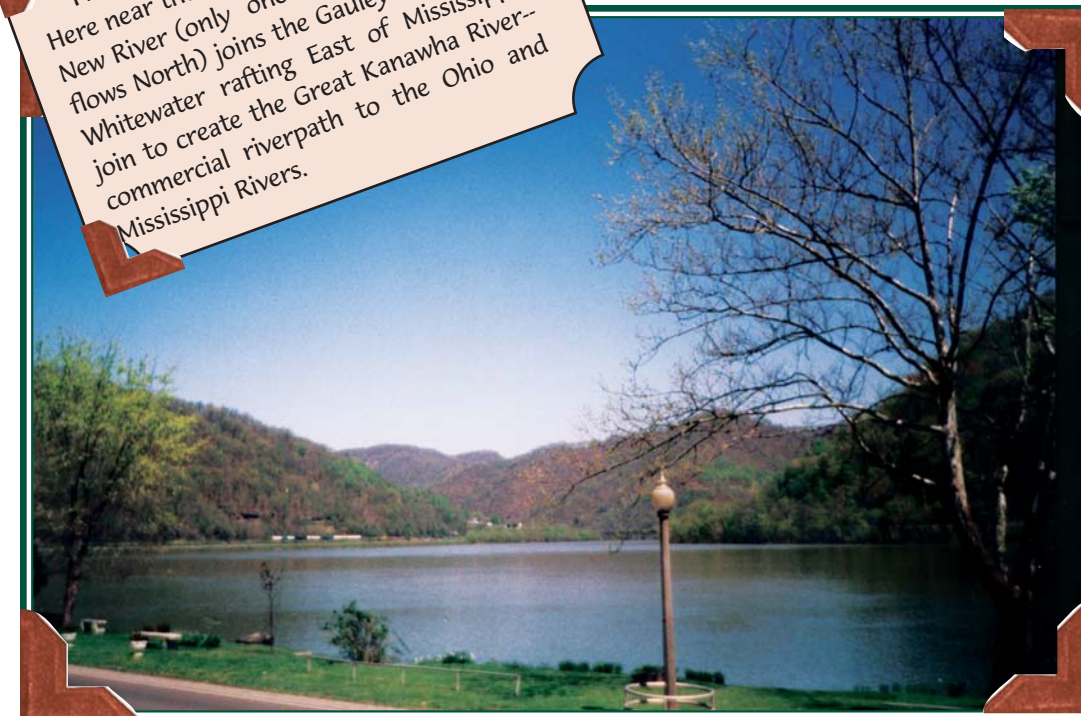
and saw the Kanawha River, with mountains on both sides. Lots of beautiful forest land and mountains as far as the eye can see.

When we got to Kanawha Falls, we saw a raging waterfall, and Mom, you know how you love waterfalls. Dad, be sure to pack a fishing rod--they fish at the falls, too. Around the corner from that the valley opened up into a wide vista at the junction of the Gauley and New Rivers. Jackie was speechless.

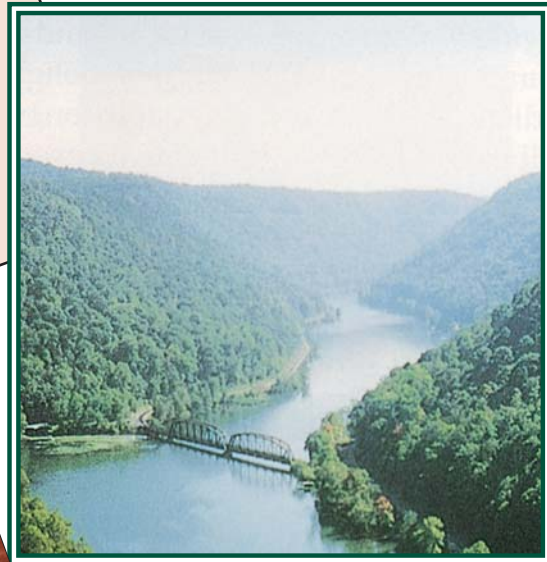
The kids were badgering us to stop and eat, so we pulled off at another waterfall, Cathedral Falls, and had a picnic. Mom, you better bring your camera!

Passed up a mountain and got some great views of the New River. That's the photos in the envelope. Stopped at an overlook

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Watched real hawks diving and soaring in the wind of the New River Gorge Valley here at Hawk's Nest State Park. Dining room, lodge and meeting rooms all w/ this view -- Ask Meg in conf planning to call for rates!



Look at this perfect view!! The highest point on the Midland Trail --They really need to make a nice pull-off here so travelers could enjoy they view while they picnic! Talk to your garden club!



at Hawks Nest and looked right down into the Gorge. One side has the old railroad that ran through the Gorge. Robbie likes trains, and he got excited when he saw a train cross the river. We caught a view of the Hawks Nest Tunnel on the other side. You'd like it, Dad, with your engineering background and all; they say it was a real feat of engineering. Check out the photos. The great thing is that there are a lot of pull-offs for that motor home you're going to buy (hint, hint).

Dad, I knew you were a real Civil War buff, so we pulled off and shot this view from Big Sewell Mountain. General Lee used to watch his troops from the mountain. Imagine seeing a whole army in that plateau (it's also where he got Traveler).

Got into Greenbrier County and saw a lot of beautiful farmland. The kids had never even seen cows and horses up close. Maybe we spend too much time in the city. Jane wants a horse now, but I told her that we don't have space to keep one.

Dad, you worked a lot of years, and you sacrificed a lot to send me to school, and you really helped us through a lot. You and Mom really deserve to spend some time on the open road and enjoy things. I think you need to pay another visit to Honest John's, this time with your checkbook. there are some great places on the Trail for a second honeymoon. Jackie and I thinking about one ourselves. Just think about it.

Jackie and the kids send their love.

Love,
Rick

Here in Greenbrier Valley the terrain changes to rolling pastures, pleasant streams and a gentle way of life.

