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Things to Do to Celebrate West Virginia's 160th birthday

How West Virginia are you? See how many items you can check off, and then make plans to knock off a few more before the big B-day on June 21.



- 1. Hike the four miles of the **Appalachian Trail** that lie in West Virginia at Harpers Ferry.
- 2. Take the iconic photo of **The Glade Creek Grist Mill** at Babcock State Park.
- 3. Visit the **New River Gorge National Park and Preserve**.
- 4. Ride an attraction at **Camden Park** in Huntington.
- 5. Watch a **West Virginia Public Theatre** production.
- 6. Support local farms by visiting a **farmers market**.
- 7. Say hi to the **statue of Minnehaha** in Elkins.
- 8. Take a child to the **Avampato Discovery Museum** at the Clay Center for the Arts & Sciences in Charleston.
- 9. Visit **Green Bank Telescope**.
- 10. Putt the 18 holes at **Coal Country Miniature Golf** in Fairmont.
- 11. Watch **Mountain Stage** live.
- 12. Take a photo of a beautiful **barn**.
- 13. Purchase a piece of **Fiestaware**.
- 14. Experience the **annual home tour** in Bramwell.
- 15. Visit **Lambert's Vintage Wines** in Weston.
- 16. Tour **Harpers Ferry National Historical Park**.
- 17. Shop at **Capitol Market** in Charleston.
- 18. Hike to see the waterfall at **Twin Falls Resort State Park**.
- 19. Ride the **Potomac Eagle Scenic Railroad**.
- 20. Stay at **The Blennerhassett Hotel**.
- 21. Watch a movie featuring the state's favorite actress, **Jennifer Garner**.
- 22. Enjoy the art at **Gary Bowling's House of Art** in Bluefield.
- 23. Eat a piece of **DeFluri's Fine Chocolates** in Martinsburg.
- 24. Participate in **Fasnacht** in Helvetia.
- 25. Buy a book at **Taylor Books** in Charleston.
- 26. Hike **Cranberry Glades**.
- 27. Attend a show at the **Contemporary American Theater Festival** in Shepherdstown.
- 28. Enjoy a hot dog at **Hillbilly Hot Dogs** in Lesage.
- 29. Ice skate at **Canaan Valley**.
- 30. Visit the **springs at Berkeley Springs**.
- 31. Run (or watch) the **Marshall University Marathon** in Huntington.
- 32. Eat a slice of **Original DiCarlo's Famous Pizza**.
- 33. Stay the night at **General Lewis Inn** in Lewisburg.
- 34. Hike **Seneca Rocks**.
- 35. Take your picture at the **Springhouse at The Greenbrier**.
- 36. Order a slaw dog or root beer float at **Frostop Drive-In** in Huntington.
- 37. Visit master blacksmith **Jeff Fetty's** studio in Spencer.
- 38. Eat a **Golden Delicious** apple.
- 39. Stay at the **Koolwink Motel** in Romney.
- 40. Bike the **Greenbrier River Trail**.
- 41. Step into yesteryear at **Hardman Supply Company**.
- 42. Eat at **Fish Hawk Acres' cafe and marketplace** in Buckhannon.
- 43. Celebrate **Bridge Day**.
- 44. Ride an ATV on the **Hatfield-McCoy Trails**.
- 45. Visit the **Mountain State Art & Craft Fair** in Ripley.
- 46. Enjoy all things pumpkin at the **West Virginia Pumpkin Festival** in Milton.
- 47. Visit the **Holy Cross Monastery** in Wayne.
- 48. Eat a traditional Swiss lunch at **The Hütte** in Helvetia.
- 49. Play bocce at the **Italian Heritage Festival**.
- 50. View **Blackwater Falls**.
- 51. Tour the **Beckley Exhibition Coal Mine**.
- 52. Enjoy a performance at **Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center** in Huntington.
- 53. Visit the mill at **Jackson's Mill**.
- 54. Read *West by West*, NBA star **Jerry West's** biography.
- 55. Shop at the **Wheeling Artisan Center**.
- 56. Grab a donut from **JR's Donut Castle** in Parkersburg.
- 57. Drive through the **Philippi Covered Bridge**.
- 58. Tour **Heritage Farm Museum** in Huntington.
- 59. Eat a hamburger from **Farmer's Daughter Market & Butcher** in Capon Bridge.
- 60. Visit the **New Deal Homestead Community of Arthurdale**.
- 61. Ride a train at **Cass Scenic Railroad State Park**.
- 62. Celebrate maple syrup at the **West Virginia Maple Syrup Festival** in Pickens.
- 63. Purchase tickets to a show at **Chuck Mathena Center** in Princeton.
- 64. Shop and eat at **Tamarack**.
- 65. Visit the **Mother's Day Shrine** in Grafton.
- 66. Hike **Dolly Sods Wilderness**.
- 67. Enjoy a sweet time at the **Lewisburg Chocolate Festival**.
- 68. Attend a **WVU football game**.
- 69. Eat a **Slaw Dog**—that's chili, slaw, mustard, and onions, please.
- 70. Take a class at **Augusta Heritage Center** in Elkins.
- 71. Drive through **Oglebay's Festival of Lights**.
- 72. Enjoy **FestivALL** in Charleston.
- 73. Visit the **Coal House** in Williamson.
- 74. Eat a slice of grape and gorgonzola pizza from **Pies & Pints**.
- 75. Take a "cowfie" at **Lost River Trading Post** in Wardensville.
- 76. Make a pot of **pinto beans and cornbread**.

- 77. Attend the **West Virginia Wine & Jazz Festival** in Morgantown.
- 78. Visit **Prabhupada's Palace of Gold** in Moundsville.
- 79. Tour the **West Virginia State Museum**.
- 80. Enjoy a production at the historic **Capitol Theatre** in Wheeling.
- 81. Experience **Mystery Hole** in Ansted.
- 82. Swim in the infinity pool at **Bavarian Inn** in Shepherdstown.
- 83. Take a picture from the iconic Lovers' Leap at **Hawks Nest State Park**.
- 84. Attend a **Marshall University football game**.
- 85. Visit the iconic **Pumpkin House** in Kenova.
- 86. Listen to live music at **The Purple Fiddle** in Thomas.
- 87. Eat a box of **Holl's** Swiss chocolatier chocolates.
- 88. Hike **Beartown State Park** in Renick.
- 89. Visit Richwood for the **Feast of the Ramson**.
- 90. Meet the **Mothman** in Point Pleasant.
- 91. Take a walk at **Ritter Park** in Huntington.
- 92. Drive through **Julia-Ann Square Historic District** in Parkersburg.
- 93. Ski, snowboard, or tube one of **West Virginia's ski resorts**.
- 94. Visit West Virginia's highest point, at **Spruce Knob**.
- 95. Hike, fish, play golf, or stay at one of our **49 state parks**.
- 96. Experience the **Strawberry Festival** in Buckhannon.
- 97. Visit **Pearl S. Buck Birthplace** in Hillsboro.
- 98. Boat, swim, or scuba dive in **Summersville Lake**.
- 99. Give a gift subscription to **WV Living** magazine.
- 100. Watch a movie at **Warner's Drive-In theater** in Franklin.
- 101. Sing "**Take Me Home, Country Roads**" at the top of your lungs.
- 102. Visit a shop or gallery in **Thomas**.
- 103. Stroll the ghost town of **Thurmond**.
- 104. Play a round of golf at **Stonewall Resort**.
- 105. Take a tour of the **Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum** in Weston.
- 106. Witness the state's unique wildlife at the **West Virginia Wildlife Center** in French Creek.
- 107. Visit **The Resort at Glade Springs**.
- 108. Drive the border-to-border **Midland Trail** between White Sulphur Springs and Kenova.
- 109. Witness an epic sunset at **Snowshoe Mountain Resort**.
- 110. Kayak the **Coal River Water Trail**.
- 111. Take a picture of **rhododendron**, the state flower.
- 112. Visit **Smoke Hole Caverns** in Cabins.
- 113. Eat a donut from **Jolly Pirates Donuts** in Huntington.
- 114. Enjoy the **RoadKill Cook-Off** in Marlinton.
- 115. Attend the **West Virginia State Fair**, Lewisburg.
- 116. Take a selfie at the **West Virginia State Capitol**.
- 117. Strap on your cross-country skis or grab a bite to eat at **White Grass Ski Touring Center** in Canaan Valley.
- 118. Visit the place where West Virginia became a state at **Independence Hall** in Wheeling.
- 119. Eat buckwheat cakes at the **Preston County Buckwheat Festival**.
- 120. Take a photo of the **Blue Sulphur Springs Pavilion** near Alderson.
- 121. Enjoy the **Back Home Festival** in New Martinsville.
- 122. Tour **Organ Cave** in Ronceverte.
- 123. Spend the day at the **Huntington Museum of Art**.
- 124. Take a selfie in front of the **World's Largest Teapot** in Chester.
- 125. Enjoy a show at the restored 1924 **Metropolitan Theatre** in Morgantown.
- 126. Visit the **Flatwoods Monster Museum** and **Bigfoot Museum** in Sutton.
- 127. Tour the **Cockayne Farmstead** in Glen Dale.
- 128. Experience a **whitewater rafting trip**.
- 129. Pick your own produce at **Orr's Farm Market** in Martinsburg.
- 130. Eat a hot dog from **Morrison's Drive Inn** in Logan.
- 131. Tour the **Moundsville Penitentiary**.
- 132. Challenge yourself on the Via Ferrata at **NROCKS Outdoor Adventures** in Circleville.
- 133. Take your chances at **Wheeling Island Hotel-Casino-Race Track**.
- 134. Enjoy a picnic at **Valley Falls State Park** near Fairmont.
- 135. Tour a sugar shack during **Mountain State Maple Days**.
- 136. Try **Custard Stand** chili on a hot dog.
- 137. Visit a West Virginia **distillery or brewery**.
- 138. Pack a **pepperoni roll** and take a road trip.
- 139. Go to a show at **Carnegie Hall** in Lewisburg.
- 140. Eat pizza at **Pizzas and Cream** in Nebo.
- 141. Ride your bike on the **Elk River Trail**.
- 142. Enjoy a performance under the stars at **Cliffside Amphitheater** in Beaver.
- 143. Eat dessert at the **Poky Dot Diner** in Fairmont.
- 144. Attend the **Sternwheel Regatta** in Charleston.
- 145. Stay at the historic **Graceland Inn** on Davis & Elkins College's campus.
- 146. Visit the **Grave Creek Mound and Delf Norona Museum** in Moundsville.
- 147. Play on the inflatables at **Tygart Lake State Park**.
- 148. Eat a **ramaroni roll** from the **original Donut Shop** in Buckhannon.
- 149. Celebrate fall at the **Mountain State Forest Festival** in Elkins.
- 150. Purchase a subscription to *Wonderful West Virginia* magazine.
- 151. Shop at **Harper's Old Country Store** at Seneca Rocks.
- 152. Stay in a treehouse at **Country Road Cabins**.
- 153. Take a selfie in front of a **mural on Mercer Street** in Princeton.
- 154. Kayak **The Trough**, a canyon on the South Branch of the Potomac River.
- 155. Watch a horse race at **Charles Town Races**.
- 156. Purchase a piece of **Blenko Glass**.
- 157. Eat locally sourced **maple syrup** on your pancakes.
- 158. Shop at **Pullman Square** in Huntington.
- 159. Take a horse-drawn carriage ride at **Blennerhassett Island**.
- 160. Attend a stargazing event at **Watoga State Park**, an internationally certified Dark Sky Park.



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