

Midland Trail

Begin at the State Capitol and travel through Malden, boyhood home of Booker T. Washington. Then continue through white-water mountain country and the breathtaking scenery of New River Gorge and Hawks Nest State Park. On the eastern end, encounter colonial Lewisburg, and the oldest golf course in the US.



Length: 116.8 miles / 186.9 km

Time Take two hours to drive or
to eight hours to visit this
Allow: byway.

Local Information

West Virginia Division of Tourism
800-225-5982

Visitor Services

Fees



There are no fees to drive the byway.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Facilities



In each of the towns along the byway, pedestrians can use the sidewalks to visit the historic and scenic sites. Also, bicycles can safely use the town roads where traffic is limited to 35 mph. Bicycles are allowed on all sections of the byway except the I-77 section in Charleston. There are areas in the countryside where the shoulders of the byway are wide and pull-offs are offered at Historical Markers. In Charleston, a separate jogging path exists along the river at the Capitol Complex. Hiking and biking trails are also maintained at Hawks Nest State Park and at the New River Gorge area. At Caldwell, West Virginia, the byway connects to the 77-mile Greenbrier River Bike trail that is maintained by the Rails-To-Trails organization.

Camping



There are places to camp along this byway.

Food



There are places to buy food along this byway.



Gasoline

Gasoline is available.



Information

Midland Trail Visitor Information Centers are located at Malden (mile 4), Gauley Bridge (mile 38), and Lewisburg (mile 109). These centers offer information, brochures, and details about the trail.



Lodging

There is overnight lodging along this byway.



Phone

Public phones are available along this byway.



Restrooms

There are toilet facilities along this byway.



Retail

There are places to shop along this byway.

Special Considerations

There are a number of quality pull-offs that give visitors the opportunity to enjoy the scenic qualities of the Midland Trail to the fullest extent.

Restrictions

There are no planned seasonal closings. Occasionally, delays may occur during heavy storms.

Seasons

Best Time to Drive

Any time is a fine time to drive this byway, but it is definitely in the traveler's best interest to see the byway in the fall when the leaves are brilliant hues.

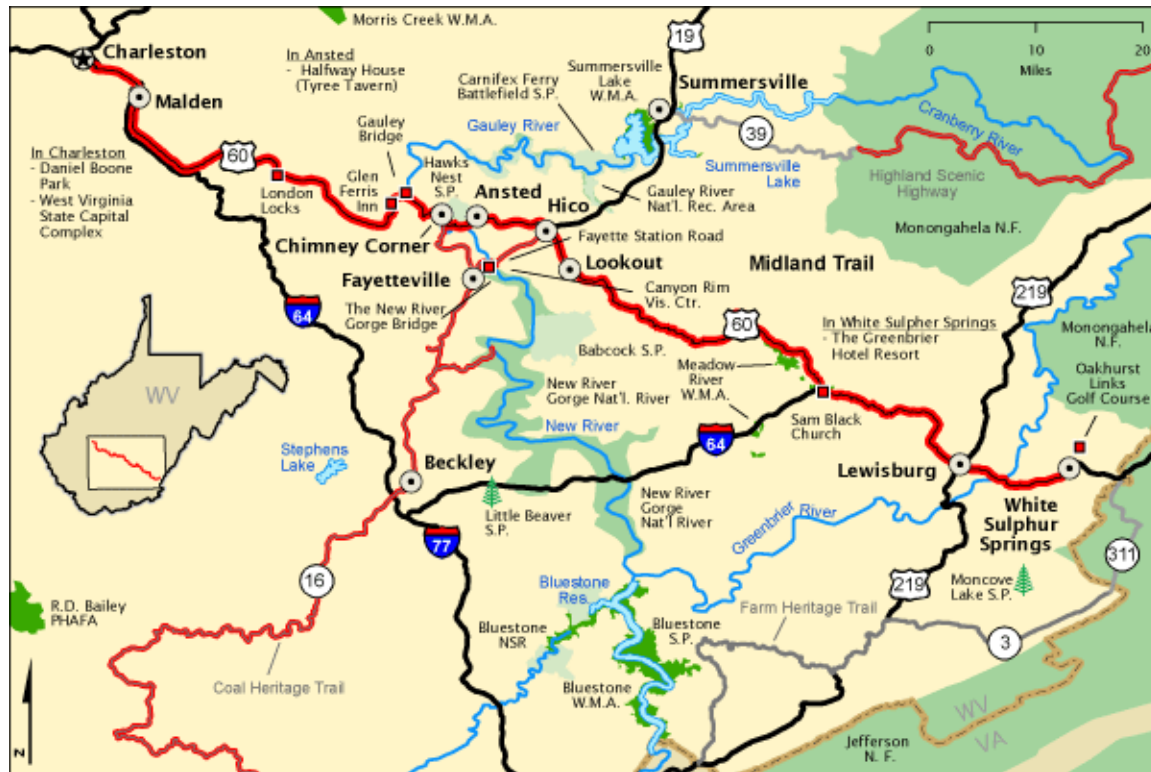
High Season

High season occurs from April to October when an abundance of outdoor extreme sports are available.

Off Season

The byway's off season is during the winter when it is cold and there are less recreational activities available.

Map and Directions



Legend:

Point of Interest	Campground	Featured Byway	Water	State Border
Park	Picnic/Rest Area	America's Byways	Wildlife Refuge	Urban Area
Mountain	Interstate	Other Byway	Wilderness Area	Tribal Nation
City	U.S. Highway	Other Road	Other Federal Lands	Military Base
Capital	State Highway	Trail	Other State Lands	

Driving Directions


The major byway route is US 60. The byway starts at the State Capitol building in Charleston and travels southeast across West Virginia to end in the town of White Sulphur Springs.

Getting to the Byway



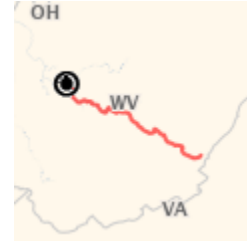
Nearby cities

Charleston, WV (1 miles / 1.61 km, 1 minute)

Start:  Intersection of Leon Sullivan Way and Washington St, Charleston, WV
N 38.349° W 81.630° [?]

Directions:

- In Charleston, the byway runs along Washington St. East.



Road Trip: The Midland Trail Historical Tour

Departure: White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia

Destination: Charleston, West Virginia

Time to allow: 1 day

Along every mile of the Midland Trail, historical buildings await to be explored. The natives of the area make sure that not an ounce of the culture is lost.

Day 1

- **Start: White Sulphur Springs**

Start off your journey with a glimpse of the history that abounds throughout the area. This town was the scene of the 1862 Civil War battle of Dry Creek.

- **Stop 2: Lewisburg**



From previous stop: 16 minutes / 11.37 mi (18.2 km)

Directions: Start going west on US 60 before turning left on US 64 towards Beckley. Take the 219 exit towards Lewisburg.

Suggested time at this stop: 45 minutes

Drive into this 200 year old ante-bellum town, which includes many galleries and shops for you to visit and collect souvenirs for your trip.

- **Stop 3: Sam Black Church**



From previous stop: 10 minutes / 14 mi (22.4 km)

Directions: Continue west on US60 before reaching the junction of US60 and US64.

Suggested time at this stop: 10 minutes

Trail past this historic church, which was built in 1902 and named in honor of Rev. Samuel Black, a circuit-riding Methodist minister.

- **Stop 4: Lookout**



From previous stop: 30 minutes / 29 mi (46.4 km)

Directions: Continue on US 60.

Suggested time at this stop: 30 minutes

Stop by the town of Lookout, which is home to "Spy Rock," and located close the Babcock State Park and Glade Creek Grist Mill.

- **Stop 5: Hico**

From previous stop: 5 minutes / 4.43 mi (7.1 km)

Directions: Start out going WEST on US-60 W toward CR-60 then make a U-TURN onto US-60 E. End at Hico.

Suggested time at this stop: 30 minutes

While on the Midland Trail, a stop in the heart of whitewater rafting country is a must, and a short detour will bring you to the Carnifex Ferry State Park, a historic Civil War battle site.

- **Stop 6: Ansted**



From previous stop: 10 minutes / 6.67 mi (10.7 km)

Directions: Go east on US60 E then make a U-turn onto US60 W.

Located near Hawk's Nest State Park, Ansted has buildings that date back to the Civil War era, such as the Halfway House, and in the third week of September, celebrate the Country Roads Festival with the natives.

- **Stop 7: Hawk's Nest State Park**



- From previous stop:** 3 minutes / 3 mi (4.8 km)
- Directions:** Located just outside of the town of Ansted.
- Suggested time at this stop:** 1 hour 30 minutes

This beautiful State Park offers a scenic overlook of the New River Gorge and tram rides down to the lake over 800 feet below.

- **Stop 8: Malden**

- From previous stop:** 1 hour / 45 mi (72.0 km)
- Directions:** Continue on US60.
- Suggested time at this stop:** 30 minutes

By visiting Malden, you can still see a number of homes from the time when salt industry was prominent. Malden also includes a reconstruction of Booker T. Washington's boyhood cabin, the Craik-Patton house.

- **End: Charleston**

- From previous stop:** 10 minutes / 7 mi (11.2 km)
- Directions:** Stay on US 60.
- Suggested time at this stop:** 2 hours

A city of charm and history, Charleston is a must-see place on the Midland Trail. Culture abounds on the grounds of the capitol where you will be able to find specialty shops, sample homemade apple butter, and hear traditional dulcimer, banjo, and guitar music.

Totals for Day 1

Total Distance Traveled: 120.47 miles / 192.8 km

Total Travel Time: 2 hours 24 minutes

Total Stopping Time: 5 hours 55 minutes