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RV Traveler's Roadmap to Midland Trail

In the rugged mountains of lower West Virginia, where wild rivers race between towering cliffs, the twists and turns along the narrow ribbon of Rte. 60 offer irresistible temptations to slow down and savor the views.

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Highlights & Facts For The Ideal Experience



New River Gorge National River

Trip Length: Roughly 120, plus side trips

Best Time To Go: Year round.

Must See Nearby Attractions:

- 1** Greenbriar State Forest - 4 miles south of White Sulphur Springs (hiking, camping, and swimming)
- 2** Bridge Day (when the New River Gorge Bridge is open to pedestrians and BASE jumpers - held 3rd Saturday in October).

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Traveler's Notes



Autumn glory clinging to the West Virginia hills at Hawks Nest Overlook.

Midland Trail National Scenic Byway is the road of choice for those who want to leave the interstate behind and see the Best of West Virginia as Route 60 winds the 180-miles across WV's midsection offering a drive filled with fabulous vistas, world-class rafting, outdoor fun, art and artisan treasures & pioneer history.

West Virginia's capital city, Charleston has much to offer. Take your time and spend one or two days here. Downtown, stroll along Capitol Street's tree-lined brick sidewalks and explore the unique shops and eateries. Visit Taylor Books for a hand-made specialty coffee drink, and pick up a piece of local artwork in the Annex Gallery.

From Ansted, walk 2.5 miles down the Ansted-Hawks Nest rail trail to the bottom of the New River Gorge, and take a jet boat ride to see the Gorge from the water. Then, take the Gorge Tram back up to Ansted, and watch salsa being made at Blue Smoke Salsa. See the Page-Vawter House for an example of how area coal barons once lived.

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What To See Along the Way



- Charleston
- Kanawha Falls
- Hawks Nest State Park
- New River Gorge National River
- Babcock State Park
- Big Sewell Mountain
- White Sulphur Springs

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Facts & More Information To Plan Your Trip!



Glade Creek Grist Mill located in Babcock State Park.

- Charleston:** Once a frontier town and home to Daniel Boone, today Charleston is the historic, sophisticated capital of West Virginia and home to a variety of exciting cultural and recreational attractions.
- Kanawha Falls:** Located on the east bank of the Kanawha River 2 miles southwest of Gauley Bridge.
- Hawks Nest State Park:** The park's cliff-top overlook along U.S. Route 60 provides a scenic vista of the New River, some 750 feet below.
- New River Gorge National River:** A rugged, whitewater river flowing northward through deep canyons, the New River is among the oldest rivers on the continent. The park encompasses over 70,000 acres of land along the New River, is rich in cultural and natural history, and offers an abundance of scenic and recreational opportunities.
- Babcock State Park:** Over 4,100 acres adjacent to the New River Gorge National River and the heart of the whitewater rafting industry of West Virginia.
- Big Sewell Mountain:** Zigzagging across the Allegheny Plateau, the Midland Trail crests as it rolls across the Summit of Big Sewell Mountain. The peak, which climbs to 3,170 feet, served as a camp for Robert E. Lee and his Confederate troops during an 1861 Civil War campaign.
- White Sulphur Springs:** A steady supply of spring water, tinged with smelly sulphur and other minerals has been drawing health seekers – presidents and politicians among them, to this fashionable retreat since the 18th century.

Ready, set, go!