

So, You've Decided to Attend the Pocahontas County Film Preservation Symposium and Moonshine Jamboree...

Congratulations! You've made a wise decision!



You'll be joining dozens of other like-minded, kind-hearted souls in the beautiful landscapes of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, and seeing things that you never thought you'd see.

Pocahontas County was created by an act of the Virginia General Assembly on December 21, 1821, and named in honor of Pocahontas, the Indian princess who was the daughter of Chief Powhatan, the King of the Confederated tribes of Atlantic Virginia. As of 2000, the population was 9,131.

What can I expect?



Film watching, piñata smashing, eating and drinking, square dancing, swimming, hiking, fireworks, history, campfires, shows of talent, and who knows what other kinds of goings-on.

Expect both the expected and the unexpected, and be prepared for the incomprehensible.

What should I bring?

If you're camping, bring the usual stuff that you bring on a camping trip. If you're staying in one of the three-walled shelters at High Rocks, there will be a cot, but you should bring a sleeping bag and pillow.

- Bug spray
- Sunscreen
- Flashlights and lanterns

- Swim trunks and a towel, if you want to go swimming

- A costume or costume-ish thing for the Costume Campfire

- Drinks of choice, alcoholic and non-alcoholic
- Snacks of all sorts
- Cooler with ice for any of your coolables
- Water bottles to fill (to save on cups)



A word about groceries:

There are some small grocery stores along Highway 219. Foodland in Marlinton is the nearest supermarket. Plan on buying any groceries you might want before you get to the area, if possible.

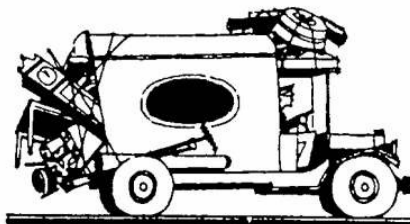


Where do I go?

The primary Pocfest venues are in the vicinity of Mill Point, WV at the intersection of highways 219 and 39 & 55. Highway 219 heads north from I-64 at Lewisburg, through Hillsboro and Marlinton. 39 and 55 runs east/west from Richwood.

If you arrive on Friday the 2nd:

Before 5:00pm, meet at Blue Lick Run



- Blue Lick Run is off 39/55 approximately 2 ½ mile west of the intersection with 219 at Mill Point. Look for the Pocfest sign on the side of the road and go through the gate and head north on the dirt driveway. Search for “Blue Lick Run, Little Levels, WV” on Google Maps.

Between 5:00pm and 8:00pm, meet at the High Rocks Campground

- Head west on 39/55 from Mill Point, pass the Boxley quarry on the right, a large brick house on your right and mini horse farm. Turn RIGHT on Thompson Road (approximately ¾ mile west of Mill Point), a one lane, paved road. There is a cedar-sided house with a big screened in porch on the corner. (If you go too far, you'll pass the Stumblin' In Restaurant on your left). Go north on Thompson Road (heading up the mountain). Go straight up the black top for about 1 ½ miles. Several gravel roads/driveways will fork off to the right. Stay to the LEFT on the hard road. The blacktop will end at a row of black mailboxes. Continue straight over the rise. The road will now be gravel. At the next fork past the mailboxes, bear RIGHT and continue up to the campground. You'll cross two creeks. The driveway will be on your left, through a farm gate. If you go to far, you'll dead end at the next gate to a government grazing allotment.

After 8:00pm, meet at the One Room Schoolhouse

- Head northeast from Mill Point on 219/39/55. The schoolhouse is on the east side of the road, approximately 1 mile north of Mill Point, just south of Sewell Cove Rd.

If you arrive on Saturday, go to High Rocks, or check the schedule on the website to see if we're going to be somewhere else when you arrive.

What about cell phones?



Cellular telephony technology is an inexact science in rural areas like Pocahontas County. Depending upon your service provider and your location you may occasionally get service, but just assume that you won't be using your cell phones.

In case of emergency, call Blue Lick Run at 304-653-4609 or High Rocks at 304-653-4891. There are landlines at both places.

There is also wi-fi at Blue Lick Run.

How much will this cost?

Okay, let's talk turkey. \$99.99 per person will cover meals from Friday evening until Monday morning, as well as the group's rentals of the Opera House in Marlinton and the High Rocks campground, plus some other incidental costs. If you choose to go on the Pearl S. Buck Birthplace tour, that's an extra \$6. And we'll be passing the hat for the square dance band. If money is an issue for you, let us know and we will work something out for you. If money is not an issue for you, feel free to donate more in order to cover extra costs.



What is Pocfest's cardinal rule?

No drinking and driving. The roads in Pocahontas County are winding and often treacherous, especially at night. We don't want you to end up in the hoosegow, or worse.

Also, fighting, spitting and excessive cussing are by special arrangement only.

See you soon!