

City of Williamson

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

Suggested Itinerary | Be sure to read it all!

Friday

Arrive in Williamson just in time to eat lunch at 34:Ate. They're only open from 11:00 AM until 3:00PM, Monday-Friday, so plan accordingly. (If you happen to be in town on Wednesday, Chicken and waffles are a local favorite)

After lunch, stroll up 2nd Avenue and stop in Melisa's Baskets Galore. This Simply Southern retailer and gift shop will definitely make the girls happy. Send the guys across the street to Williamson Gun & Archery. You'll also find Elma & Etsy, a cute new boutique, in West Williamson.

Just past the Mingo County Courthouse you'll find our historic Coal House. That's right, it is made entirely of bituminous coal and houses our visitor center/chamber of commerce as well as a small gift shop. Any questions you have about the area can be answered there. It's also worth snapping a picture in front of 65 tons of coal!

Daddy's Girls makes a tasty pit stop if you're craving cupcakes, brownies, or our favorite—cream horns!

Directly next door to the Coal House you'll find the Historic Mountaineer Hotel which has slept the likes of JFK, Loretta Lynn, Hank Williams, and more! In the lobby you'll find plenty of historic memorabilia to peruse. The Mountaineer still operates as hotel, but reservations are recommended.

You will also want to visit the new Hatfield McCoy Country Museum located on Alderson Street in Williamson. There you will find mining artifacts as well as various items linked to the infamous Hatfield McCoy Feud. (Open May-October, Thursday-Saturday, Call or email to arrange a tour outside of this time)

If you need other lodging options, check out the Tug Valley Inn, (who serves a homemade biscuit & gravy breakfast on Saturday and homemade pancakes on Sunday) the Sycamore Inn at the end of 2nd Ave, or if you'd prefer a bed & breakfast, the Hatfield McCoy House on 5th Avenue is a fun themed stay (and a geocachers dream!)

For dinner, check out The Steakhouse (located at the Southside Mall.) Enjoy a steak dinner or try the all-you-can-eat buffet!

Kids will love Giovanni's Pizza also located at the mall, and be sure to try their "Bill's" famous lemonade!

Saturday

Take an early morning walk along the Williamson flood wall. Built in 1985 by the Corps of Engineers after Williamson and surrounding areas were devastated by flooding from the Tug River. A stroll down 3rd Avenue will take you by the the reality tv film set of the History Channel's: Hatfields & McCoys White Lightning. (This is not open to the public, but makes great photo ops)

Grab breakfast at Hurley Drug or Tracks End. Both serve up traditional country breakfasts, made to order.

Then head around the corner to the Williamson Farmers Market where locally grown produce, honey, and handmade crafts can be found. (Open May-October) Many weekends feature musicians and other events.

Afterwards, take a short drive to Stone Heritage Museum in Stone, KY. (be sure to schedule your tour in advance!) There you'll take a trip back in time to life in a coal camp.

On your way back to Williamson, take a shopping break at the South Side Mall. You can browse specialty boutiques like Shae's, or indulge in Bath & Body Works. (Other stores include Hibbet's Sporting Goods, Rue 21, Factory Connection, Tractor Supply, Tim Reed's Gifts, Peeble's and more)

After shopping, enjoy dinner at Starter's Sports Bar. You'll find "Devil Anse" beer on tap and can enjoy a burger, ribs, or steak! (If you happen to be in town on a Wednesday, Trivia Night, is always fun and full of locals.)

If you're looking for nightlife, a short walk to Pike Street will take you to local hangout Motor Alley where you can find fun drinks like an "Alien Brain," a "Motor Boat" sharable bucket drink, or jello shots. Dandy's Bar also offers live music and drink specials.

Another evening option would be taking a drive to the town of Delbarton to enjoy the Delbarton Opry House. Live bluegrass is played every weekend beginning at 7:00 PM, and don't worry, someone there will teach you how to square dance!

Sunday

Sunday is the perfect day to do the Hatfield McCoy Driving Tour and explore Matewan. Departing from Williamson will take you by historic sites including Aunt Betty McCoy's House, the Hog Trial Cabin, the McCoy Well, and the site of the Paw Paw Tree Shooting.

Matewan is actually the center of the Hatfield McCoy feud and the battle site of the Matewan Massacre. You can visit the Matewan Depot Replica and meet local artisans, tour the WV Mine Wars Museum, and venture back to the railroad tracks to listen to the audio presentation of the massacre. (Look for the bullets lodged in the side of the building). Matewan is the recent winner of WV Focus Magazine's "Turn this Town Around" competition, and we're already seeing great progress! For a chat with a true Hatfield, stop in the Matewan House Bed & Breakfast. He's a talker -- don't say we didn't warn you!

During warmer months, you can board an airboat in downtown Matewan and get up close and personal with the Tug River! Call Hatfield McCoy Airboat Tours to schedule an appointment.

After visiting Matewan a drive along the scenic King Coal Highway into to Logan County will take you to Devil Anse Hatfield's cemetery. Tennis shoes are a necessity if you want to reach the grave site, as there is a rough dirt path you must climb to the top.

Another pitstop might include the Hatfield McCoy Moonshine Distillery in Gilbert, WV where the drinks of the devil can be sipped and purchased. Call to confirm tour hours.

Monday

Arguably the best way to experience the Tug Valley is by exploring the Hatfield McCoy Trails. People come from all over the world to ride one of the largest off-road trail systems in the United States! Williamson and Matewan both have direct access to the HMT system. Permits can be purchased in advance by visiting www.trailsheaven.com or various locations in town. If you don't have your own ATV,

let Scarlett Flame ATV Adventures take you for a ride. Book an excursion with them before you come and you'll get a guided tour of the Appalachian Mountains!

Contact Telephone Numbers:

The Coal House 304-235-5240

Stone Heritage Museum 606-237-6099 or 606-353-9834

Matewan Depot and WV Mine Wars Museum 304-426-5744 or 1-844-MATEWAN

Williamson Farmers Market 304-235-3400

Hatfield McCoy Moonshine Distillery 304-664-2821 www.drinkofthedevil.com

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Hatfield McCoy Airboat Tours 304-235-9090 www.hatfieldmccoyairboattours.com

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