

OCTOBER 2022

GROWTH RINGS

Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area News

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Page 1 Welcome

Page 2 Events

Page 3 Hiking Challenge /
Creative Economy Survey

Page 4 AmeriCorps
Recruitment

Appalachian Forest National Heritage Area promotes and supports a network of partnerships based around our unique Forest Heritage. We work in 16 West Virginia counties and 2 counties in western Maryland.

To learn more about us and the work we do, including our AmeriCorps program, visit afnha.org.

Fall in the AFNHA



Fall Events

Last week AFNHA staff and AmeriCorps members were busy at the Mountain State Forest Festival here in Elkins. We hosted the Mountain Weavers Guild at our Discovery Center, helped teach Leave No Trace principles at Conservation Village, and promoted our Pollinator Initiative and other programs at the Forestry Exhibit.

And that's just one of many great events in our region. Read on to find more seasonal events and learn how to take in the Autumn scenery with our Hiking Challenge!



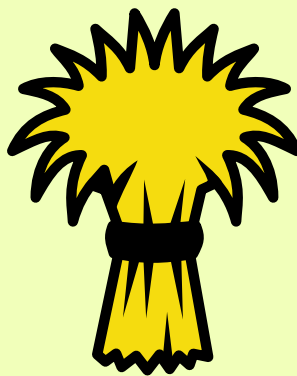
Roadkil Cookoff and Fall Festival in Marlinton



Spooky Seasonal Events

- Oct 15, 20, 21 | [Lantern Tours](#) | Beverly Heritage Center
- Oct 20, 27 | [Not So Spooky Ghost Tours](#) | Liberty Street Fountain Stage (Cumberland)
- Oct 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29 | [Haymond House Haunted Tour & Ghost Hunt](#) | Sutton
- Oct 20, 21, 22, 27, 29 | [Murder For Two](#) | Greenbrier Valley Theatre (Lewisburg)
- Oct 21-23, 28-30 | [Addams Family: A New Musical Comedy](#) | Landes Arts Center (Petersburg)
- Oct 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 | [Maniac Mountain Haunted House](#) | Buckhannon
- Oct. 21 | [Haunted Youth Center](#) | Stockert Youth & Community Center
- Oct 22 | [Nightmare on Main St](#) | Philippi
- Oct 22 | [Haunted Trail](#) | Bulltown Historic Area
- Oct 22 | [Cumberland Historic Ghost Tour](#) | Western Maryland Scenic Railroad Station
- Oct 26 | [South Cumberland Halloween Parade](#) | Cumberland
- Oct 26 | [The Historical Ghost](#) | Carnegie Hall (Lewisburg)
- Oct 26, 28 | [Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre](#) | Pocahontas County Opera House
- Oct 27 | [Frostburg Halloween Parade](#) | Frostburg
- Oct 27-28 | [Halloween in the Campground](#) | Watoga State Park
- Oct 29 | [Halloween Weekend](#) | Cacapon Resort State Park
- Oct 29 | [Zombie Crawl](#) | Buckhannon

Click on links for more info



Other National Heritage Area Events

- Oct 12 - 16 Autumn Glory Festival, Oakland
- Oct 15 | [Fall Festival & Craft Show](#) | Arthurdale Heritage
- Oct 15 | [Larenim Fall Festival](#) | Burlington
- Oct 15 | [Rocktober Fest](#) | Village at Blackwater (Canaan Valley)
- Oct 15 | [Ag Innovation Showcase](#) | Eastern WV Community & Technical College
- Oct 21-23 [WV Jeep Fest](#) | Good Evening Ranch (Canvas)
- Oct 22 | [Oktoberfest](#) | Summersville
- Oct 29 | [Grant County Dark Skies Project StarWatch](#) | Mt. Storm Park

Hiking Challenge

Fall is the perfect time to enjoy natural beauty of our National Heritage Area and hiking is a great way to take in our magnificent fall foliage!

Complete our **Hiking Challenge** by going on any 5 hikes in our region to receive a FREE embroidered patch! Learn more or see some suggested trails at afnha.org/hiking-challenge

Now is the perfect time to try our Challenge because the WV Department of Tourism is offering a FREE 1-year subscription to All Trails Pro. All Trails offers trail ratings and recommendations, offline maps, and much more. Claim your free subscription at <https://wvtourism.com/alltrails/>



Photo by WV Department of Tourism

Creative Economy Outcomes Survey

Have you attended a Highlands Creative Economy meeting or event? We want your Feedback!

This annual survey is to help assess the outcomes of Highlands Creative Economy activities, to be used for grant reporting and program improvements. If you have participated in **ANY** of these meetings, trainings, or summits, please take the time to fill this out and let us know if you think that these sessions have been helpful, or if you have any suggestions for improvements.

Take the survey HERE: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YSFJLJT>



HIGHLANDS
CREATIVE ECONOMY

AmeriCorps Recruitment - Apply Today!



AFNHA AmeriCorps



Gain valuable experience while making a difference in WV communities! ☆☆☆

AFNHA is seeking AmeriCorps members for conservation and/or cultural heritage-related positions for the program year beginning now.

- ✓ Positions are one year with a living stipend provided (\$16,502).
- ✓ The Segal Education Award (\$6,495) is granted to those that successfully complete the full year - use towards your Federal student loans or continuing your education at certain institutions.
- ✓ Most members qualify for SNAP assistance.
- ✓ Professional development and training opportunities to strengthen skills.
- ✓ WV Tuition Waiver available for AmeriCorps members who complete a minimum of 600+ hours in West Virginia

Contact Chrissy Hall, Program Manager at chrissyh@afnha.org with questions

AmeriCorps Conservation Opportunities

Interested in a career in Conservation work?

Help improve public lands, monitor environmental conditions, and/or educate about environmental stewardship. ☆☆☆

Available Positions include:

- ✓ Monongahela National Forest: Mon Forest Towns
- ✓ WV Highlands Conservancy
- ✓ AFNHA Pollinator and Partnerships
- ✓ Mon Forest Public Affairs - Communications
- ✓ AND MORE

To learn more about our conservation positions visit our website

<https://www.appalachianforestnha.org/conservation>

AmeriCorps Cultural Heritage Opportunities

Interested in a career in Cultural & Community Heritage work?

Help care for museum collections, design exhibits, manage events, and support cultural heritage tourism. ☆☆☆

Available Positions include:

- ✓ AFNHA Heritage Tourism
- ✓ Arthurdale Heritage Inc.
- ✓ Beverly Heritage Center
- ✓ Tourism Positions in Mineral, Nicholas, Hardy and Hampshire Counties
- ✓ WV Railroad Museum-Railroad Exhibit & Education
- ✓ AND MORE

To learn more about our AmeriCorps positions visit our website

<https://www.appalachianforestnha.org/heritage-community-development>



AmeriCorps



Follow Us On Facebook & Instagram!

