

## *Q u i c k C o u n t y F a c t s*

- \* The size of Pocahontas County is 941 square miles.
- \* Pocahontas County has the highest average elevation of any county east of the Mississippi.
- \* Pocahontas County has the largest concentration of public lands in West Virginia. Over 62% - totaling 349,000 acres - is either state or federal property.
- \* Five State Parks and two State Forests provide more state owned land than any county in the state.
- \* The county has more federal land than any county in the state - 312,000 acres.
- \* More than 800 miles of hiking and biking trails are located in the county.
- \* More than 1/3 of the Monongahela National Forest lies within the county. These 310,000 acres provide more than 500 miles of hiking and biking trails.
- \* Pocahontas County has approximately 9,000 residents - one of the smallest county populations in the state.
- \* More than one million tourists visit the county each year.
- \* Five county Visitor Centers greet more than 100,000 people annually.
- \* Pocahontas County has the most scenic byways of any county in the state.
- \* The Highland Scenic Highway is the highest average elevated highway east of the Mississippi.
- \* Pocahontas County is the *Birthplace of Rivers* as 8 rivers have their headwaters here. All water flows out of the county.
- \* In total earnings and employment, the impact of travel and tourism is greater to Pocahontas County than any other county in the state.\*
- \* One out of every four jobs - the largest percentage in the state - is generated by travel and tourism.\*

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**Nature's Mountain Playground**