Greetings from Nature’s Mountain Playground.

Thank you for visiting our website and planning your future trip with us. So many of us, from community members, to tourism partners and travelers, call Nature’s Mountain Playground home. Whether you’re rooted here, you pass through, or you vacation here year after year, one thing we all share is this – we love Pocahontas County, West Virginia.

As we all stay home and practice social distancing, know the Pocahontas County Convention & Visitor Bureau wants each one of you to know how important you are to us. Although you are unable to travel here for pleasure right now, be assured we are looking forward to the time when it is safe for you to return. Our people, just like our mountains, are resilient. Together, we will get through this and become stronger as a community, as travelers and as people.

When the time is right, the sincere Mountain Culture our people represent will be ready to greet you here in Nature’s Mountain Playground. Meanwhile, Social Distance Naturally….. hike, bike, fish and paddle.

UPDATE on operations in Nature’s Mountain Playground:

The COVID-19 has brought many changes to how we operate and if we operate. Please know this is temporary and as soon as safe for everyone, our facilities, attractions and businesses will be reopening and look forward to welcoming guests and visitors. I continue to communicate with our partners. Here are some of the relevant information for you, but please note that not all facilities are noted and this information does change regularly and no reopening dates have been set. If you have specific questions, please call 304-799-4636 and I will assist you:

- The visitor centers around the county are temporarily closed. Literature is available outside the Marlinton Visitor Center.
- Snowshoe Mountain Resort is closed through May with all amenities closed.
- Most lodging is closed to guests.
- A number of restaurants around the county do offer take out options.
- Green Bank Observatory tour program and operations are closed to the public, however, walking tours and trails remain accessible. Events are cancelled through June. Please check the website for public event updates.
- Cass Scenic Railroad State Park and the Durbin Greenbrier Valley Railroad trains are temporarily closed and will announce train schedules as they are decided.
- Trails in state parks, state forests and the Monongahela National Forest are open. Beartown State Park is closed. Cranberry Glades boardwalk, Cranberry Nature Center and Highland Scenic Highway overlooks/restrooms/board walks are closed.
- The Pocahontas County Wellness Center is closed
- All Pocahontas County Libraries are closed
- Streams and rivers are open to fishing
- Spring Turkey season opens April 20th
TRAVEL ALERTS and guidance for visitors and residents can be found at these links:

WV State Parks travel alert and guidance
https://wvstateparks.com/travel-alert/

Governor’s executive orders and guidance related to these orders:
https://dhhr.wv.gov/COVID-19/Pages/Governor-Issues-Stay-at-Home-Order.aspx

Clearing house for all corona 19 information from WV DHHR:
NEW%3A%20Tourism%20Office%20Update%20on%20COVID-19--Coronavirus.wv.gov

Specifically for Public resources from WV DHHR:
https://dhhr.wv.gov/COVID-19/Pages/communities.aspx

I hope these are helpful as we all navigate this uncharted territory. Shelter at home. Social distance when you must be out. These measures are crucial.

Emergency Services:

- Dial 911
- Pocahontas Memorial Hospital: (304)799-7400
Epic Social Distancing