

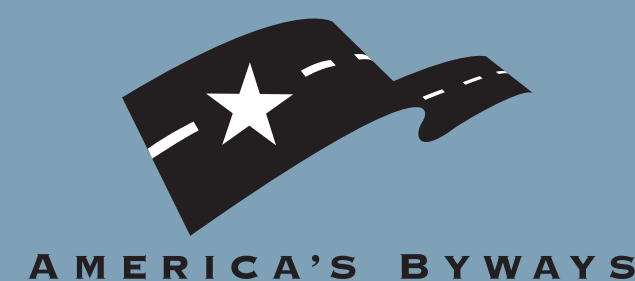
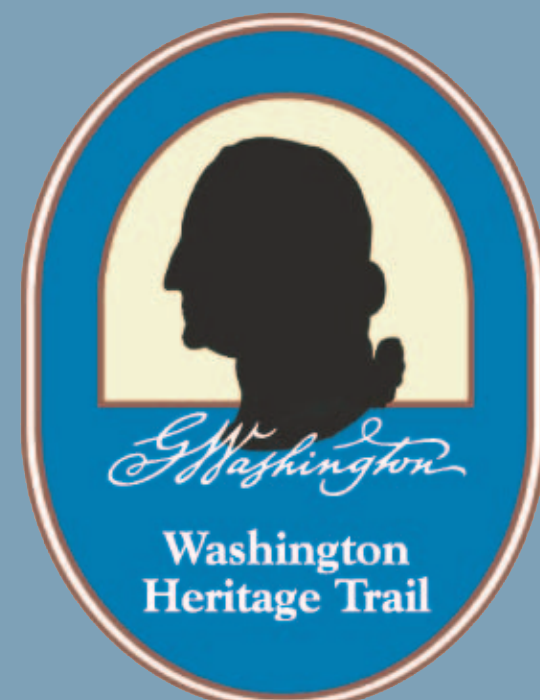
Washington Heritage Trail

The Washington Heritage Trail in West Virginia



The Washington Heritage Trail is a 136-mile national scenic byway inspired by the prominent footsteps of George Washington through the three historic counties of West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle. Compelling history, spectacular scenery, geologic wonders, recreation and year 'round activities and festivals are highlighted by 45 historical sites. The trail meanders across mountains and rivers, through forests, farms and orchards as it connects five 18th century towns that remain the center of life today and offer comfortable lodging, unique shopping and fine dining. More information on attractions and services throughout the area is available at each town's Visitor Center.

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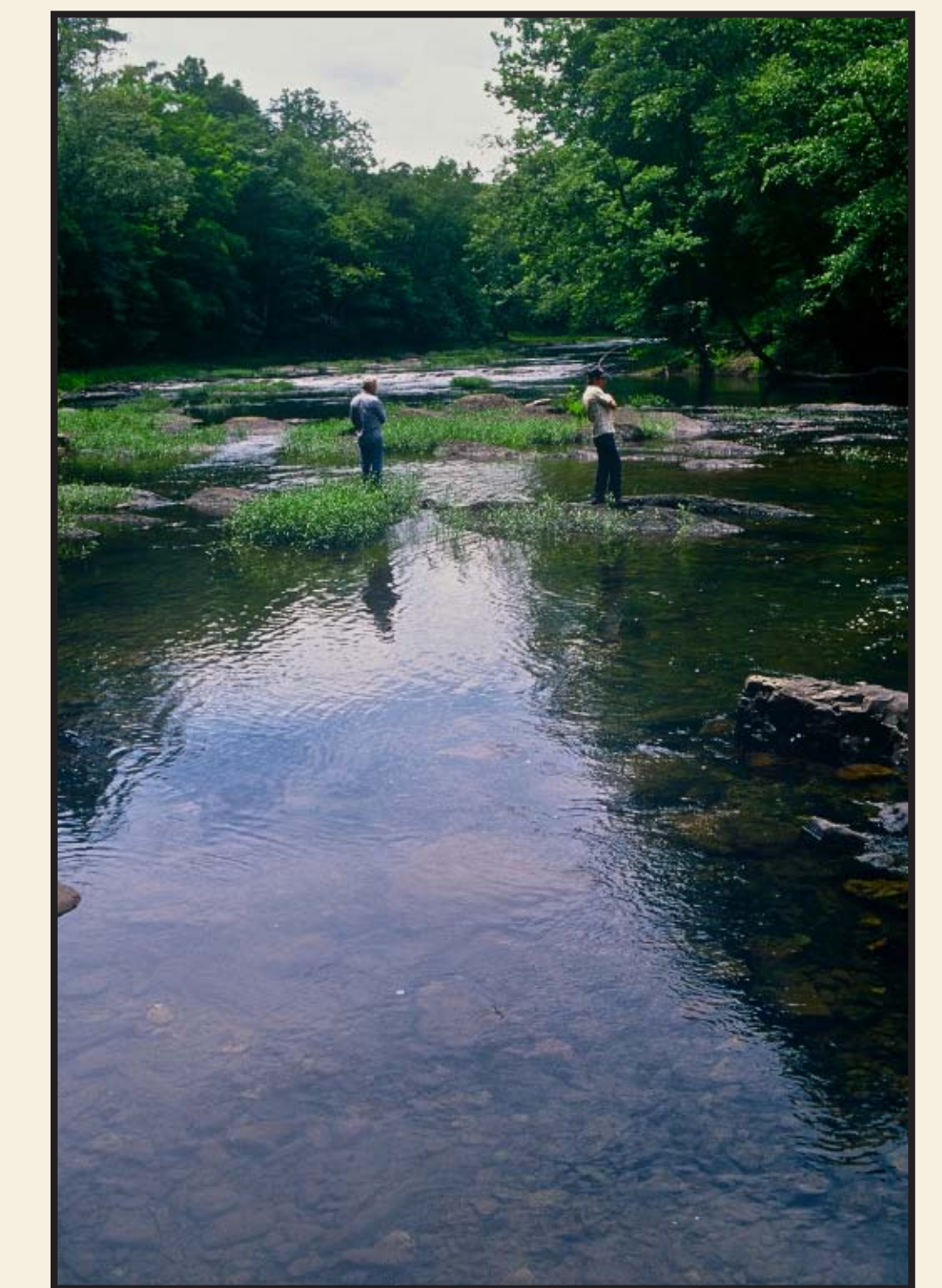
Great Cacapon

The tiny hamlet of Great Cacapon is situated on the western side of Cacapon Mountain on the Potomac River just upstream from its juncture with the Cacapon River. Artifacts of a Native American town circa 1300AD have been found along the Potomac in this area.

George Washington records stopping at "Great Cacapehon" during his original surveying trip of this area in 1748. He returned to survey the area in 1750 and 51 including 270 acres of frontage along the joining of the rivers that included the location of today's town. A structure built there by Isaac Dawson was fortified during the French and Indian War and served as one of a line of forts under Washington's command.

Washington owned prized Potomac riverfront land nearby and mentioned it in his diaries as one of his motives for visiting often. He was particularly impressed with the lush black walnut growth on the 240-acre tract which he valued in his will at \$3600. Today, Washington's acreage is inaccessible except by river and is in private hands.

Attractions in Great Cacapon include a sportsman access to the wild and scenic Cacapon River just before entering town. A stone arch B&O railroad bridge over the Cacapon River is also visible from the road. The Cacapon River is a prime ecotourism site for Morgan County.



WV9's path west along the winding, bending Cacapon River for nearly 20 miles from Great Cacapon to Paw Paw is among the most scenic roads in the state. Three river access points are available and marked.

It lyes on Potomac River about 12 miles above the Town of Bath (or Warm Springs) and is in the shape of a horseshoe; — the river running almost around it.

George Washington's Will - 1799