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Personal Road Trip Guide

West Virginia State Highway #55

Miles	ITEM	SUMMARY
0.0	Photo - View from highway.	Welcome to wild, wonderful West Virginia.
0.0	Photo - View from highway.	Welcome to city of Elkins, WV.
0.0	Photo - View from highway	Tygart River, WV.
0.0	Junction of US Highway #33	East to community of Canfield, WV and a National Fish Hatchery. West to communities of Buckhannon and Weston. Note: Highway #250 and #219 overlap Highway #55 at this point.
0.0	Randolph County VW	Randolph County, the largest in West Virginia, is situated in the central eastern section of the state. It contains 1,046.34 square miles of land area. 176,230 acres of the Monongahela National Forest lie within the county. Within the county there are twenty knobs over 4,000 feet high. In the center of the county is the relatively broad Tygart Valley, WV. The county is drained by tributaries of the WV, Cheat and Tygart Rivers.
1.1	Ward Road	
5.6	Photo - View from highway.	Community of Beverly. Access to historic district of Beverly. Community of Beverly. Access to historic district of Beverly. In 1772, permanent settlers were returning to the valley. Randolph County was formed in 1787, and a town was laid out on the lands of James Westfall. At first known as Edmundton, the town was chartered as Beverly in 1790, and established as the county seat.
5.6	Photo - View from highway	'Rich Mountain - At Rich Mountain, 5 miles West, July 11, 1861, Federal forces defeated Confederate troops whose trenches may still be seen. Military reputations of Gen. Geo. B. McClellan and of Gen. W.S. Rosecrans were established by this victory.'
5.6	Photo - View from highway.	'Beverly - Settled about 1753 by Robert Files and David Tygart. Files' family was massacred near by Site of Westfall's Fort, 1774. In Mt. Iser Cemetery are the Union trenches and graves of Confederate soldiers killed in Battle of Rich Mountain.'
6.8	Access to Roadway #30	East side of highway.
7.5	Access to Roadway #37 - Scotts Lake Road	East side of highway.
8.5	Services at highway	Gas, public phone - East side of highway.
8.6	Community of Dailey, WV	Access from highway.
9.2	Access to lodging	East side of highway.
11.2	Community of Valley Bend, WV	Access from highway.
11.7	Services, gas, diesel on highway	East side of highway.
13.4	Roadside turnout	Gravel, no services - East side of highway.
15.3	Photo - View from highway	Community of Mill Creek. WV.
15.4	View from highway	Crossing Mill Creek.
15.9	Services and fuel at highway	Gas only, no diesel; access to public telephone.

16.3	Photo - View from highway.	Community of Huttonsville, WV. Photo of historical marker of 'Army Headquarters - 1861 - This village was held by Colonel George Porterfield until he was relieved of command by General Robert Garnett, (C.S.A). In 1861, it became the headquarters of Generals George McClellen and J.J. Reynolds of the Union Army.'
17.2	Junction of US Highway #250 and #92	East to communities of Durbin and Bartow. Note: Highway #250 leaves #55, heading East to Allegheny Mountains. Services, gas and diesel, at South side of highway.
17.8	View from highway	Travelling South on highway.
19.6	Roadway #43 - Beckey's Road	East side of highway.
20.8	View from highway	View from highway travelling South.
22.2	View from highway	Travelling South on Highway #55.
22.9	Roadway #56 - Crouch Road	Access to campground on East side of highway.
23.6	View from highway	Access to Kumbrabow State Forest - includes cabins, campground and picnic areas - North side of highway. Kumbrabow State Forest is located along the western edge of the allegheny Highlands atop Rich Mountain. The 9,474 acres of forest range from 3,000 to 3,930 feet above sea level, making Kumbrabow the state's highest forest. Kumbrabow is a showcase for stands of black cherry and red spruce. Diverse habitat has made black bear, turkey, deer, grouse, and bobcat sightings common to visitors throughout the year. Mountain laurel and rhododendron are abundant and surround the majority of several pristine streams, creating beautiful scenic views throughout the forest.
25.9	Roadside turnout	East side of highway.
26.0	View from highway	Approaching bridge on Tygart River, WV.
26.7	View from highway	Crossing Tygart River, looking West.
29.0	Conley Run Road	East side of highway.
30.1	Community of Valley Head, WV	Access from highway.
30.2	Junction of State Highway #15	West to community of Webster Springs.
30.7		Photo of historical marker. 'Valley Head - In 1777, Indians killed Darby Connolly and several members of his family on Connolly Run. Other settlers were taken captive. At Indian Run in 1780, three members of surveying party under Jacob Warwick were killed by the Indians.'
30.8	Roadway #64 - Marple Road	East side of highway.
31.1	Services and gas at highway	East side of highway.
32.1	Roadside turnout	Gravel, no services - West side of highway.
32.3	Roadside turnout	Gravel, no services - East side of highway.
33.9	Roadside turnout	Gravel, no services - West side of highway.
33.9	Roadway #219 - Big Run Road	East side of highway.
34.7	Access to camping and lodging	West side of highway.
34.8	Photo - View from highway	Community of Mingo, WV. - unincorporated.

35.4	Roadway #51 - Mingo Flax Road	West of highway.
35.7	Roadside turnout	Gravel with historical marker sign - East side of highway.
36.0	View from highway	Travelling South on highway.
37.7	Junction of Roadway #51 - Mingo Flax Road	West side of highway.
38.6	Pocahontas County, WV	Pocahontas County has five State Parks: Watoga-the largest; Droop Mountain-the oldest; Cass-the only one to interpret logging history; Beartown-the most unique; and the Greenbrier River Trail-the longest. Two State Forests are also in the county, Seneca State Forest and the Calvin Price State Park. Over 800 miles of country trails afford plenty of choices for where the family hike, mountain bikes, and horseback rides.
38.8	Community of Mace, WV	Access from highway.
38.8	Services, gas, lodging at highway	No diesel - West side of highway.
39.5	View from highway	Travelling South on Highway #55.
40.0	View from highway	Travelling South on Highway #55.
41.1	View from highway	Travelling South on Highway #55, view of the right side.
41.6	Junction of Highway #66	East access to Snowshoe Silver Creek Ski Resort, WV. East to community of Cass, WV. Access to public telephone.
44.8	Community of Slatyfork, WV	Located by the Elk River, WV in the Monongahela National Forest.
45.5	Access to Bed & Breakfast	Also access to campground.
45.6	Services and gas at highway	No diesel - West side of highway. Also access to public telephone.
47.4	View from highway	Travelling South on #55.
49.1	View from highway	Travelling South on Highway #55.
55.2	Junction of Highway #150 - The Highland Scenic Highway	The West Virginia Highland Scenic Highway is a beautiful corridor through the National Forest. This National Forest Scenic Byway extends 43 miles from Richwood to US Route 219, seven miles north of Marlinton. The Highway follows State Route 39/55 for 21 miles from Richwood to the Cranberry Mountain Nature Center and passes by Falls of Hills Creek. It then turns onto State Route 150 for the 22 mile Parkway section that passes by the Cranberry Glades and the Cranberry Wilderness. The Highway traverses the mountainous terrain of the Allegheny Highlands and Plateau, and rises from Richwood, elevation 2,325 feet, to over 4,500 feet along the Parkway. NOTE: For highway travel via the West Virginia Highland Scenic Highway SEE: Free RV Map Highland Scenic Highway Itinerary for driving directions.
56.2	View from highway	Travelling South on Highway #55.
56.4	Roadside turnout	Gravel, no services, with scenic viewpoint - East side of highway.
58.7	Photo - View from highway	Community of Edray, WV. Access to the Greenbrier River Trail State Park, WV. The WEst Virginia Greenbrier River Trail is a 78-mile long rail trail. Trail uses include bicycling, cross-country skiing, backpacking, and horseback riding.
58.8	Services and gas at highway	
58.9	Access to lodging	West side of highway.
60.3	Photo - View from highway.	Community of Marlinton, WV.

60.3	Access to lodging	West side of highway.
60.9	Stoney Creek Road	North side of highway.
61.6	Services, gas and diesel	East side of highway.
62.2	Junction of Highway #39	Access to Minnehaha Springs, WV. Services, gas and diesel at highway. Note: Highway #39 joins #219 and #55 at this point.
62.4	Photo - View from highway.	Roadside turnout, gravel, no services with historic sign - West side of highway. Photo of historic sign. 'Marlinton - Settled, 1749, by Sewell and Marlin. The oldest recorded settlement on western waters. Here stood oak, marking corner of first survey west of Alleghenies. Here was Fort Greenbrier, built 1755 and garrisoned by Andrew Lewis.'
62.4	Photo - View from highway	'Marlinton - The old Seneca Indian Trail from New York to Georgia may be seen at this point. During the French and Indian War, 18 settlers lost their lives in vicinity. During Indian raids in 1779, 13 were killed and many were taken captive.'
63.4	Junction of Roadway #18 - Spruce Flat Road	
65.7	Community of Buckeye, WV	Highway access.
66.1	Services and fuel at highway	Access to public telephone.
66.2	Access to Greenbrier River Trail	East side of highway. East side of highway. The Greenbrier River Trail, operated by West Virginia State Parks, is a 77 mile (120 kilometer) long former railroad, now used for hiking, bicycling, ski-touring, and wheel-chair use. The former Greenbrier Division of the C. & O. Railway was built at the turn of the century to serve the booming timber industry of that time. The trail passes through numerous small towns and traverses 35 bridges and 2 tunnels as it winds its way along the valley.
69.7	View from highway	Travelling South on Highway #55.
70.3	Access to Highway #150 - Highland Scenic Highway	Welcome to community of Mill Point. End of highway travel guide. Note: Highway #219 leaves #55 at this point. East access to Cranberry Mountain Visitor Center, Hills Creek Falls, North Bend Recreation Area. For continuation of Highway #219, visit MilebyMile.com - NOTE For highway travel via 'The West Virginia Highland Scenic Highway See: Free RV Highway Highland Scenic Highway' Itinerary driving directions --S&e9