BIRTHPLACE of RIVERS
NATIONAL MONUMENT

NORTH FORK OF CHERRY RIVER
Enjoy driving alongside the North Fork on the hardship scenic highway where no commercial or vestral development comes between you and this wild, beautiful river. The cold, clear North Fork is a favorite destination for anglers looking to tangled with rainbow, brown, or brook trout.

TEA CREEK BACKCOUNTRY
Tea Creek mountain and hilly mountain make up this legendary backwoods area, popular for its hunting, fishing, and recreational trails. Restoration efforts have made Tea Creek home to a healthy population of native brook trout. With a vast network of trails, the area is one of the top mountain biking destinations in the Mid-Atlantic region.

CRANBERRY GLADES
Adjacent to the Cranberry Wilderness and Backcountry Areas, Cranberry Glades is one of the most visited natural features in the Mountain state. Known for its biodiversity, the glades is accessible via a half-mile boardwalk, and it's popular among hikers, botanists, and nature photographers.

HIGHLAND SCENIC HIGHWAY
With several overlooks at over 4200 feet, the Highland Scenic Highway is the highest average-elevation highway in the eastern United States. The Scenic Highway borders the Cranberry Wilderness, and provides access to over 100 miles of recreation trails.

CRANBERRY WILDERNESS
At over 48,000 acres, the Cranberry Wilderness is the largest National Forest Wilderness Area in the eastern United States. Outdoors Travel declared the cranberry “one of America’s top 5 wilderness spots” and tusk ridge Outdoors Magazine called the area the “Wildest Wilderness in the Southeast.”

MILL POINT FEDERAL PRISON
A prison for renouncement during prohibition, then for renouncement during W.W.II, the Mill Point Federal Prison is a fascinating piece of American history. Foundations of many buildings can be seen in what are now walkouts or dense forests. Mill Point became known as the “prison without walls” after renowned author and former inmate Howard Fast wrote of his experience at the facility.
FOR WEST VIRGINIA, BY WEST VIRGINIANS

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