



IT'S ALWAYS PLAY TIME IN ABINGDON...

Abingdon is a unique town in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia — rich in history, culture, outdoor recreation and old-fashioned hospitality — just minutes from the Virginia/Tennessee border on I-81.

Abingdon is home to the famous **Barter Theatre**, whose alumni include Gregory Peck, Ernest Borgnine and Patricia Neal. Also in downtown Abingdon is the luxurious four-star **Martha Washington Inn & Spa**. Tree-lined Main Street is filled with art galleries, shops and lots of great restaurants. No wonder we say, "It's always play time in Abingdon."



ARTS, CULTURE & RECREATION

A town of only 8,000 residents, Abingdon's arts venues and treasures beckon:



- Home to the historic **Barter Theatre**, the *State Theatre of Virginia*.
- Artists in residence showcase their skills and work at the **Arts Depot**.

- With over 160 members, **Holston Mountain Artisans** has been featuring locally-made crafts since 1971.



- **Heartwood** is the gateway to Southwest Virginia craft, music, and culture. Home to the *Crooked Road* music trail.

• William King

Museum of Art, with world renowned rotating art exhibits, it's never the same museum twice.

- **Round the Mountain** artisan network finds its home in Abingdon at Heartwood. Juried art from Round the Mountain is sold at Heartwood.

HISTORIC SITES

Fields-Penn 1860 House Museum

Catch a glimpse of what life was like for a prosperous family of 10, just prior to the Civil War. Free Guided Tours Available.

Muster Grounds

Location where the Revolutionary War volunteer militia of the *Battle of Kings Mountain* started their march over the Appalachian Mountains. Interpretive Center and Tours.



White's Mill

An authentic water-powered grist mill, circa 1790. A Virginia Historic Landmark and on the *National Register of Historic Places*.

Twenty-block Historic District

Stroll brick-lined sidewalks past buildings dating back to the 1700s. Visit fine shops offering art, antiques, coffee, Virginia wine, unique clothing, plus an olive oil tasting room, and a tea parlor.



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EVENTS

It's Always Play Time in Abingdon for a reason.

ANNUAL FESTIVALS & EVENTS

January	January Jams at Barter Theatre
March	Shamrock 4 Mile Run
April	Music on the Lawn at The Martha
May-June	Thursday Jams
June	Hops & Howlers Brewfest
August	The Virginia Highland Festival
September	Buskerfest

NEWS & EDITORIAL IDEAS

Rooted in Appalachia Culinary Experiences

Hop on the town trolley and sample local dishes on a Taste of the Town Tour or discover our Rooted in Appalachia restaurants on your own.

The Crooked Road

Explore Virginia's Heritage Music Trail from Abingdon. Visit the hub at Heartwood then venture out to the major venues and local jams

The Full Barter Experience

Find out what it takes to put on a Barter show. Tour backstage, explore the costume and wig shop and learn about the Barter's unique history.

Recreational Trails

Home to the Virginia Creeper Trail and a short drive to the Appalachian Trail, Abingdon is an outdoor lover's dream.

VISIT ABINGDON ATTRACTIONS

Barter Theatre

Home of Barter Theatre, the State Theatre of Virginia. Started in 1933 during the great depression, Barter is one of the longest running professional theatres in the nation. This live theatre produces over 20 shows a year on two unique stages.

Heartwood: Southwest Virginia's Artisan Center

30,000-square-foot artisan center that features the best of Southwest Virginia's craft, music and food offerings. Heartwood is home to The Crooked Road and Round the Mountain Artisan Network.

Abingdon Farmers Market

Offers fresh local produce, baked goods, garden plants, flowers, eggs, snacks, handmade crafts and more. Open seasonally every Tuesday evening and Saturday morning.



Wolf Hills Brewery

Melding together time-honored brewing techniques with modern beer styles, Wolf Hills Brewery creates over 14 unique beers. Live music in the tasting room and local food trucks each weekend.

Abingdon Vineyard & Winery

A farm winery located on a 50 acre farm along the South Holston River and near the Virginia Creeper Trail offering tours and tasting.

Abingdon Music Experience



The Abingdon Music Experience

is a year long series of music events that brings musicians of all genres to Abingdon. From

January Jams at Barter Theatre and Music on the Lawn at the Martha to Thursday Jams all summer, there is something for everyone.

AbingdonMusicExperience.Com

UNIQUE LODGING

Abingdon offers much more than familiar chain hotels. From historic, four-star **Martha Washington Inn & Spa** to quaint B&B's, Abingdon has lodging for any taste or need.

SIGNATURE ANNUAL EVENT

The Virginia Highlands Festival will celebrate its 67th year in 2015. The festival features the best in arts, crafts, antiques, and Appalachian culture. Special exhibits, concerts, and lectures take place everyday during this nine day event.

DATES FOR 2015: July 31- August 9

www.vahighlandsfestival.org