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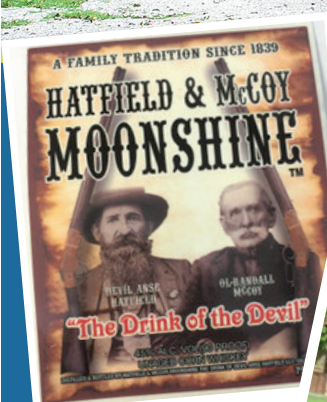
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THE REAL HATFIELD AND MCCOY FEUD

The McCoy family of Kentucky hated the Hatfield's of West Virginia for many reasons. Some say it was the clandestine affair of Johnse Hatfield and Rose Anne McCoy; some say it was a lawsuit over a sow and some pigs; some say it was the cost of a fiddle that caused the feud. For the first time ever, the key Hatfield McCoy Feud sites are open to visitors.



DAY 1

Arrive in Huntington and your first stop, a welcome reception at Heritage Station hosted by the Cabell-Huntington CVB. After checking into your hotel, the evening will be spent at Heritage Farm & Museum. Featured on “American Pickers,” the farm illustrates what a real Appalachian village would have been like. Stroll through the different buildings to experience life as it was “back then” and learn about the major inventions that changed everything to create the quality of life we take for granted today. Heritage Museum follows our Appalachian Heritage from the days of the trader to farmer, craftsman, and professional and beyond. Enjoy bountiful country cookin’ with toe-tappin’ entertainment and a wagon ride that takes you back in time through the village.

The Transportation Museum shows the progression of the revolution in transportation that took place all across America at the turn of the century with the advent of motorized vehicles. From covered wagons to carriages, early autos and an electric truck, you’ll find it here. The Industry Museum contains the development of agriculture, timber, glass, coal, oil and gas. You can watch a belt-powered machine shop.

A buffet dinner will be provided at the Farm while you listen to how the Farm was used for the production of the Hatfield McCoy documentary for the History Channel that was filmed to compliment the Kevin Costner mini-series.

DAY 2

Today we will explore more of Huntington. We’ll start the day at the Museum of Radio and Technology, one of the largest in the US and features over 10,000 square feet of displays from the 1920s to the present and everyone will recognize the technology of their childhood. The J Taylor Auto Collection has more than 30 automobiles dating back to 1914 on display, including a rare 1930 V-16 Cadillac Limousine and other examples of auto heritage. Old Central City is known as the “Antique Capitol of West Virginia” with many shops to be explored. Lunch will be on your own at Pullman Square, followed with a tour of the story of the We Are Marshall movie, the 1970 plane crash which destroyed the Marshall University Football team but not the spirit of the University or the City. Next stop will be Blenko Glass in Milton. Watch as artisans employ the dying art of hand-blown glass. This stop is a shopping paradise. This evening dinner will be a buffet at the Mardi-Gras Casino & Resort with time spent playing the slots or table games. Everyone’s a winner at Mardi Gras.

DAY 3

Following an overnight in Huntington, depart for Mingo County in the heart of the Hatfield McCoy Mountain Region. Visit the place where Johnse Hatfield and Rose Anne McCoy fell in love, the site of the Hog Trial; see the grave of Johnse and Rose Anne’s child; visit the location of the New Year’s Massacre; walk the Paw Paw Patch where the McCoy boys were executed. Don’t just read the history of the feud, walk in the footsteps of the families. In addition, share an Appalachian themed lunch in the area. The Coal House in Williamson is a unique structure built in 1933 from 65 tons of coal. Yes, you read that right! It really is made of coal! Today she houses the Tug Valley Chamber of Commerce and the local gift shop and tourist information center.

The West Virginia mine wars climaxed in the largest battle on American soil since the Civil War but their beginnings can be traced to the upheavals caused by the U.S. Industrial Revolution. When people began working in industrial settings the conditions were harsh. Injuries and death were common and many toiled at demanding and dangerous jobs for 70 hours a week. In spite of their hard work, most people were barely able to survive because wages were so low. This was also true in the coal industry. The coal companies that dominated life in this remote region had been successful in keeping the unions out. However, in around 1919 there was a big push to unionize the southern West Virginia coal fields in Mingo and Logan counties. See the site of the 1920 Matewan Massacre where Sid Hatfield, Mingo County sheriff fought back the Baldwin Felts detectives who were evicting miners who joined the union from their company homes. They say the ghost of Sid Hatfield still walks the streets of Matewan, so you never know where Sid Hatfield might show up.

In Logan County you will visit the Hatfield Cemetery and see the life-sized statue of Devil Anse Hatfield. The Museum in the Park at Chief Logan State Park features changing exhibits and displays of artwork and historical items from the collections of the West Virginia State Museum and the State Archives. One area of the museum is dedicated to local and regional history.

Dinner and lodging will be at Chief Logan State Park Lodge and you just never know when a real live Hatfield might show up or even Devil Anse himself. Finish the evening with a tasting of the “Drink of the Devil”, real moonshine produced by Devil Anse’s great, great, great granddaughter. Handed down for generations, the recipe used to make Hatfield & McCoy Moonshine is as authentic and original as the mountains and streams that bear the family names. The original recipe belongs to Devil Anse Hatfield and is currently produced in small, handmade batches, six days a week, in the micro-distillery in Gilbert, West Virginia, on original Hatfield land.

DAY 4

Following an overnight in Logan, you will depart West Virginia with ideas for your next trip to Almost Heaven.

Options depending on season & availability:

Huntington – Marshall Artist Series Performance, Keith Albee Theatre Organ Performance

Logan – Aracoma Story Performance, Coalfields Jamboree Performance, Pickin in the Park

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Day 1

3:00 pm	Arrive Heritage Station, Huntington, WV for a Welcome Reception
3:45 pm	Depart for Hotel
4:00 pm	Check in to lodging facility in Huntington
5:00 pm	Depart for dinner
5:30 pm	Arrive Heritage Farm and Museum for dinner, tour, entertainment
8:00 pm	Return to Hotel

Day 2

7:00 am	Breakfast on your own
8:00 am	Depart for tours
8:30 am	Arrive Museum of Radio and Technology for tour
9:30 am	Depart
9:45 am	Arrive J Taylor Auto Collection for tour
10:30 am	Depart
10:45 am	Arrive Old Central City for shopping
11:45 am	Depart for lunch
12:00 pm	Arrive Pullman Square – Lunch on your own
1:15 pm	Depart for Driving tour of “We Are Marshall”, final stop Memorial Fountain
2:00 pm	Depart
2:30 pm	Arrive Blenko Glass for tour & shopping
3:45 pm	Depart
4:30 pm	Arrive Mardi Gras Casino for gambling, dinner
6:00 pm	Dinner Buffet
7:30 pm	Return to Hotel

Day 3

7:00 am	Breakfast on your own
7:30 am	Baggage Out
8:00 am	Depart for Williamson, WV
10:30 am	Arrive Coal House for introduction to area and meet a Hatfield descendant
11:15 am	Depart
11:30 am	Catered lunch
12:30 pm	Depart for tour of Hatfield McCoy Feud sites – Hog Trial Cabin, Paw Paw Patch, McCoy Massacre, Aunt Betty’s House, Devil Anse’s gravesite
3:00 pm	Arrive Matewan – tour Depot Museum, site of Matewan Massacre, reception
4:30 pm	Depart for Logan, WV
5:15 pm	Arrive Chief Logan State Park & Museum in the Park for tour
6:00 pm	Stolen pig dinner at Chief Logan State Park & entertainment
7:30 pm	Check in Chief Logan State Park Lodge
8:15 pm	Moonshine Tasting with Hatfield McCoy Distillery, The Drink of the Devil

Day 4

7:00 am	Breakfast on your own
7:30 am	Baggage Out
8:00 am	Depart for home
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