

# GILES COUNTY, VA

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Giles County, VA has a history rooted in traditional manufacturing, but it's the majestic mountains and the New River that closely tie the residents to home. The County consists of five unique towns: Rich Creek, Pembroke, Narrows, Glen Lyn and Pearisburg. Together these five communities comprise "Virginia's Mountain Playground." Giles is filled with well-known hiking trails, (that often feature waterfall rewards) welcoming resorts, and outdoor outfitters to make your outdoor experience one-of-a-kind.



**POPULATION:**  
**16,784**



**APPALACHIAN TRAIL:**  
**65 miles**



**EMPLOYMENT:**  
**7,298**

## WHAT GILES COUNTY IS KNOWN FOR:



### NEW RIVER WATER TRAIL

Giles County has made an effort to make the New River more accessible than ever. Tons of boat launches and docks are available for paddlers, boaters, and floaters of any skill level. When you're ready for your next adventure, look to the New River Water Trail.



### DIRTY DANCING

Much of the cult classic Dirty Dancing was filmed in Giles County, VA at Mountain Lake Lodge, including famous scenes at Kellerman's, the gazebo, and Baby's cabin. The lodge offers unique lodging and tons of outdoor adventure activities like hiking and zip line tours.



### OUTDOOR RECREATION

Known as "Virginia's Mountain Playground," Giles is not shy about its vast amount of outdoor recreation. If you're looking for opportunities to hike, bike, fish, camp, UTV or otherwise, Giles is a good place to start. Try the 65 miles of Appalachian Trail!

## MAJOR EMPLOYERS:



MOUNTAIN LAKE  
LODGE



*NanoSonic*  
Putting nanotechnology to work



PATRICK ENTERPRISES  
Corporation





# VIRGINIA'S NEW RIVER VALLEY

Virginia's New River Valley is an eclectic mix of interconnected small towns that each offer their own unique vibe and appeal. The region provides an abundance of cultural and social offerings due to the presence of three world-class universities, while retaining the charm and benefits of small town living. The NRV is home to a diverse and innovative business community with companies that range from high-tech startups to foreign-based corporations to specialty agribusiness. These organizations benefit from the collaborative spirit of our region and a loyal, highly-skilled, and educated workforce. The scenic beauty of the region also fosters a deep connection to nature, which is deepened by access to outdoor recreation and the preservation of our natural environment. It's clear why Virginia's New River Valley is "A Natural Fit."



**POPULATION:**  
In the NRV: **183,054**  
1 hr. drive time: **641,286**



**INTERNATIONAL COMPANIES:**  
In the NRV: **12**  
1 hr. drive time: **45**



**ANNUAL GRADUATES:**  
Virginia Tech: **6,400**  
Radford University: **2,400**  
New River Comm. College: **500**



**EMPLOYMENT:**  
In the NRV: **76,800**  
1 hr. drive time: **258,904**



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