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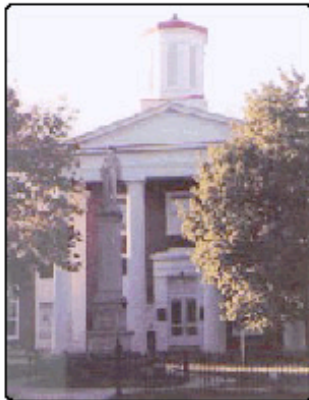
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Welcome to Craig County!



Rich in natural beauty, historic Craig County, Virginia is a place one won't soon forget. Historic New Castle is the charming county seat of Craig County. The stately courthouse (pictured) was built in 1852 with locally made bricks, and features a bell cast by the same foundry that made the Liberty Bell. This and other landmarks on the National Register of Historic Places include the old Brick Hotel and Star Saloon, built in the 1840's, now the home of the Craig Historical Society and its museum, as well as the sheriff's office. You'll also want to view the many lovely old homes located in the down-town area.

Paint Bank, a nearby town, is home to Tingler's Mill in operation since 1783. The 22 foot overshot waterwheel for the mill was used to generate electricity, bringing lights and other electrical conveniences to Paint Bank far before power came to New Castle.

Traveling through Craig County you'll find beautiful turn of the century farmhouses with rail fences and old barns, quaint rural churches, the Appalachian Trail in addition to the wonderful rural scenery. Spring, late summer and fall are wonderful times to visit Craig County, not only for the beautiful scenery but also for the activities that take place. In mid- April the county welcomes the arrival of spring with the annual Red Bud Festival. In late August, the four-day Craig County Fair is held with agricultural exhibits, shows, and a carnival. The Fall Festival held in October in New Castle features local performers, crafts, an antique car show, and tours of the Old Brick Hotel. In addition, Craig County is home to two national forests, Jefferson and Washington, which make up over 50% of the county. From camping and hiking to fishing and hunting to bird watching along the trails, the national forest provide visitors with a wealth of outdoor activities to choose from.

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Did you know?

- * The Craig County School Board meets the 1st Tuesday of every month.
- * The Craig County Board of Supervisors meets the 1st Monday and 3rd Tuesday of every month.

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