

A Mountain Life Tour

*Guided Tour begins in
Rocky Mount, VA—
continues to Blue Ridge
Museum in Ferrum—
continues to Endicott—
returns to Rocky Mount*

*Tour: 60 miles round trip
Approx. 3 hours*

*Tours available:
Thursday, Friday, and
Saturday*

*April through October
(other times may be
available depending on
weather)*

*\$20 per person; adults
only*

**Community Partnership
335 South Main Street
Rocky Mount, VA 24151**

**Web site:
historicrockymount.com**

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REQUIRED!**

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“Good Times & Hard Times”

Mountain Life Tour

**Family Life &
Culture in
western Franklin
County, VA
during height of
moonshine era.**

Stories of families and events, as told to us.

Remembering: "I can still hear her laughing and singing while doing housework; dark hair piled on top of her head; she was happy and in love with her husband....."

Culture:

Like women everywhere, they craved art—just the medium was different.

Women of this area created their own art; they took great pride in baking the lightest cakes—even when using cast iron pans; sewing intricate quilt pieces; molding butter with pretty designs; putting up glass jars of fruit in deep, rich colors.

Remembering: "He was only a boy, 15 or 16 years old, when caught hauling sugar....."

Families:

Inherited from their ancestors, families had a fierce streak of self-reliance. They farmed and raised children without "government help". Pigs, sheep, beef, cows, chickens, and gardens of vegetables and grains, supplemented by hunting, provided all their food.

Remembering: "A proud woman, she rose early each morning, eager to get her housework done, have breakfast, and walk over Griffith Hill to catch a ride to work at the furniture factory in Bassett—and returning each evening to do it all over again....."

MOUNTAIN LIFE GUIDED TOUR

- **Stop at the Blue Ridge Institute & Museum**

See current Gallery Exhibits
(Spring '13: *Crooked Road Royalty & Musical Style*)

**See real Moonshine Still
Shop in Museum Store
Drive by Farm Museum**

- **Drive by St. James Church, established 1896**
- **Drive by Long Branch Primitive Baptist Church, constituted 1824**
- **Hear stories of families living in area in 1920-1950s and of Deputy Sheriffs working area in 1920-1930s**
- **See the hills & hollows / ride the roads where moonshine was made and hauled**
- **Visit the Franklin County Historical Society where "Old Times are not Forgotten"**