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

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED!

PLEASE CALL
Phone:
540-420-1006

“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”