

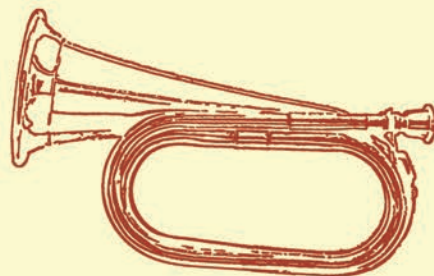
Enjoy the 225-mile journey along the Staunton-Parkersburg Turnpike. Take a day or a week to explore the sights and sounds this National Scenic Byway has to offer!



Discover Civil War and heritage sites and museums, outdoor recreation, arts and entertainment, railroads, antiques and unique shopping, scenic views, and more.

Be sure to visit [spturnpike.org](http://spturnpike.org) today for all the tools you need to plan your trip!

**Staunton-Parkersburg Turnpike Alliance** was formed in 1994 from a collaborative effort of groups and individuals concerned with protecting and promoting the historic sites along this important turnpike.



**Our mission is to:**

- Interpret the history of the Staunton-Parkersburg Turnpike and its connecting pikes;
- Present the history and significance of the Civil War campaigns along the pikes;
- Enhance the historic and scenic qualities of the land along the pikes;
- Encourage low-impact heritage tourism.



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# DRIVE IT!



**National Scenic Byway**



The Staunton-Parkersburg Turnpike is an historic road from Virginia's upper Shenandoah Valley to the Ohio River. Begun in 1838 and completed by 1850, it was designed by master engineer Claudius Crozet. The turnpike was prized by both Union and Confederate armies during the Civil War as essential for control of western Virginia.



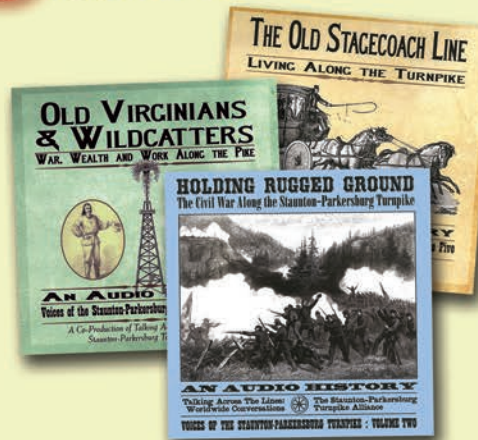
*The Stage-Driver* by David Hunter Strother - April 1872

Today, much of the route follows modern roads. Other portions are original routes that offer excellent opportunities for visitors to experience the turnpike much as it was in the mid-1800s. The turnpike begins in Staunton, Virginia and follows US 250 through Augusta and Highland Counties. Crossing into West Virginia, it passes through Pocahontas and Randolph Counties in the high Allegheny Mountains of central Appalachia. It continues westward along valleys and ridges on old US 33 into Upshur and Lewis Counties, then WV 47 through Gilmer, Ritchie, Wirt, and Wood Counties.

The West Virginia portion is designated a National Scenic Byway and West Virginia Byway.

# SHOP! ONLINE

Enhance your turnpike experience with our historical booklet and audio tours. Purchase a souvenir keychain, magnet, or postcard as a memento of your trip!



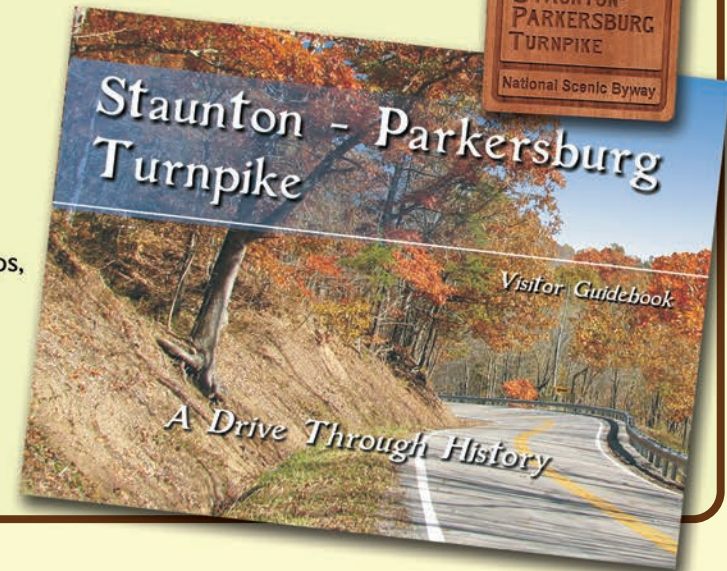
Learn more about the turnpike through the stories and music in our 7-part series of audio tours!

Our magnets and keychains are crafted from local wild cherry.



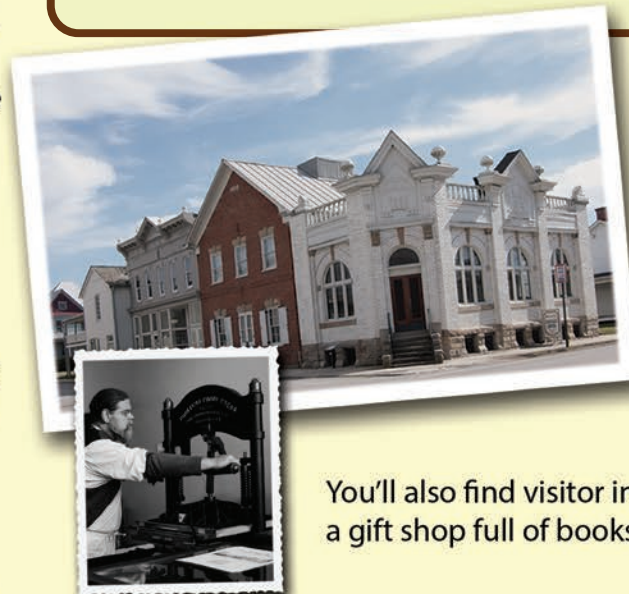
The 36-page guidebook is full of maps, history, and travel information.

Find these items and more at  
[spturnpike.org](http://spturnpike.org)



Our headquarters, located in the Beverly Heritage Center, combines four historic buildings into one great heritage attraction. Buildings and exhibits include:

- **Travel a Turnpike through Time**
- **Struggle for the County Seat**
- **Beverly's Heyday**
- **Battle of Rich Mountain**



You'll also find visitor information, public restrooms, research archives, and a gift shop full of books, music, shirts, and locally-made crafts and souvenirs.





### Map Key

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|  | National Scenic Byway |  | Hospital                |
|  | Interstate Highway    |  | Information             |
|  | US Route              |  | Museum or Historic Site |
|  | State Route           |  | Picnic Area             |
|  | Federal Lands         |  | Scenic Excursion Train  |
|  | State Lands           |  | Scenic Overlook         |
|  | Campground            |  | Trail - Bicycle         |
|  | Civil War Site        |  | Trail - Hiking          |
|  |                       |  | Winter Recreation       |

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Plan your trip on the turnpike using our interactive maps and itineraries. Need lodging and dining options? Use our visitor services page to contact local welcome centers.

