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In the town of Accident, you can step back in time at the **Drane House**, which was built in 1798 and is believed to be the oldest standing structure in Garrett County.

Branch Bender Cider (branchbendercider.com) offers cider tastings and

shop their store where you can purchase their cider by the bottle. **FireFly Farms Market** (fireflyfarms.com) is well known for their award-winning cheeses so make a cheese pairing reservation or shop their market for delicious handmade artisan cheeses, cured meats, tapenades, and a curated selection of wines and craft beers. **Cove Run Farms** (coverunfarmscornmaze.com) is open every September thru October offering a 7-acre corn maze, petting zoo, tractor/trike track and rubber duck races, among other activities. Stop in to see the lavender at **Deep Creek Lavender Farm** where bloom is late June thru mid-July, view their sunflowers in August and purchase lavender products in their farm store or online at deepcreeklavenderfarm.com. Shop **Meadow Mountain Hemp**, one of the first commercial hemp growers in Maryland, for CBD products, apparel and more. meadowmountainhemp.farm.



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Brewery & the Beast serves locally brewed beer alongside gourmet BBQ-inspired dishes. **Huckleberry's Catering** (huckleberryscatering.com) provides catering services for events or even at your vacation lodging of choice. **Goehringer's Catering** (goehringerscatering.com) provides personalized menus for all of your catering needs. Looking for lodging? **Enchanted Table Meadow** is a bed & breakfast offering beautiful scenic views. airbnb.com/rooms/28787420. **Bumble Bee RV Park & Campground** (bumblebee.camp) features fully renovated RV sites, tent sites & glamping domes for overnight stays. Looking for a best friend? Adopt a furry pal at **HART for Animals** (hartforanimals.org) offers veterinary, boarding & grooming services.

Accident hosts their annual **Accident Fourth of July Homecoming** on July 4 which features a parade, food, games and music. Accident also hosts an annual **town-wide Yard Sale** on the second Saturday of July and a **Concert in the Park** held on a Sunday in September at the pavilion at Town Park West. accidentmd.org

DEER PARK

Deer Park is home to **The Deer Park Inn**, which offers elegant dining by French-born Chef Pascal and guest accommodations in the Pennington Cottage, a Victorian Mansion listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The town also serves as the home base for **Flying Scot, Inc.**, who has manufactured nationally recognized sailboats for over 60 years. Shop their online store at flyingscot.com.

Deer Park also hosts **two barn quilts on the Garrett County Barn Quilt Trail** which runs throughout Garrett County. View **stop #4** Turkey Tracks Barn



Photo: Flying Scot, Inc.



Photo: Sarah Duck

Quilt on the Barn Quilt Trail at 2515 Boiling Springs Road in Deer Park. The second quilt is **stop #29** Bear Paw Barn Quilt, located at 500 Main St in Deer Park. View the full trail at garrettbarnquilts.org

HISTORY

The town of Deer Park is famous for being the original home, and namesake of, Deer Park Water, one of the oldest bottled water companies in America. Water from the spring, which gushes forth 150,000 gallons a day, has been bottled and sold as Deer Park spring water since 1873. The original spring, which is not open to the public, was bought in 1993 by the Perrier Group of America and now belongs to Nestle.

During the 1800s, this small town east of Oakland was a favorite resort for the wealthy and famous in the Baltimore-Washington area. The Deer Park Hotel opened on July 4, 1873. In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, people high-tailed it there by train and horse in the summer to what was once one of the fanciest resorts in the country. A handful of rental cottages were built on the hotel grounds which is where President Grover Cleveland and his new bride, Frances Folsom, honeymooned.



Photo: Timothy Jacobsen

As the automobile gained momentum and train travel waned in popularity, Deer Park began to lose its luster. The stock market crash of 1929 helped lead to the hotel ceasing operations that year. While the hotel was razed in 1942, a marker commemorates its former site.

FRIENDSVILLE

Whitewater enthusiasts have come from around the country, and even the globe, to Friendsville to take on the rapids of the class IV/V Youghiogheny River. Visitors can book with several outfitters, including



Photo: Timothy Jacobsen

Precision Rafting Expeditions (precisionrafting.com) and **Wilderness Voyageurs Outfitters, Inc.** (wilderness-voyageurs.com) who run rafting and kayaking trips on the Youghiogheny.



Photo: Sarah Duck

If you're looking for one of the most scenic hikes in Garrett County, head to Friendsville's **Kendall Trail** (garretttrails.org) which runs along the scenic banks of the Youghiogheny River.

Stillwater Haven is a 6,000 sq. ft. private luxury vacation rental home along the Youghiogheny River available for year-round bookings. stillwaterhaven.com

Friendsville's Riverside Community Park (friendsville.org) features a paved walking and biking loop, river access ramp and a small sand beach, fishing access to Bear Creek and the Youghiogheny River, two baseball fields, pavilions, basketball courts, horseshoe pits, sand volleyball court, tennis courts, large playground and plenty of open space.

Riverside Community Park also hosts the **Garrett County Celtic Festival** (gccelticfestival.com) each June featuring Celtic music, Irish dancers, pipes & drum bands, workshops, children's activities, food and more. The town hosts their annual **Friendsville Days Festival** (facebook.com/FriendsvilleDays) every August which features a flotilla, fireworks, live music, food, crafts, puppet show, cornhole tournament, inflatables, car show, contests, pony rides, parade and more! Today, you can step back in time with the **Friendsville Interactive History Tour**. The tour features 18 stops which showcase the area's rich history. Learn more at: friendsville.org/historytour

Friendsville's **All Earth Eco Tours** (allearthtours.com) offers kayaking tours on the Savage River Reservoir, guided nature tours and walks, private yoga instruction and snowshoeing tours, among other activities.

Shop Schoolhouse Earth (schoolhouseearth.com) for gourmet foods, gifts, garden accessories, home decor, jewelry, children's books and toys, art and a year-round Christmas room for collectible Santas, angels, snowmen and ornaments. Don't forget to bring the family to visit all the animals in the free petting zoo! **Railey Design** (raileydesign.com) is a one-stop destination all things in home furnishings and design services.



Photo: Deep Creek Cellars

Shop local foods, gifts and crafts and partake in wine tastings at Garrett County's only winery, **Deep Creek Cellars**, a European-style winery making artisanal, natural wine from regional grapes for over 25 years. deepcreekcellars.com

Herbal Earth Apothecary, LLC is a farm store apothecary focusing on herbs and flowers that are known to have healthful properties. herbalearthapothecary.com

Wild Ember Bread (wildemberbread.com) is a market bakery offering hand-made organic breads and pastries. **The Root Cafe** ([instagram.com/therootcafe321](https://www.instagram.com/therootcafe321)) offers a locally-sourced menu with a variety of drinks, breakfast, and lunch options.

Yorkie Acres Farm (yorkieacresfarm.com) offers a farm store, farm visits, glamping farm stays, rustic barn events, pastured lamb, flowers and herbs.



GRANTSVILLE

You'll find a number of attractions on the **Historic National Road**, which runs through the town of Grantsville, including



Photo: Timothy Jacobsen

Casselman River Bridge State Park. When it was built in 1813, the Casselman River Bridge was the largest single-span stone arch bridge in the world and it was open to traffic until 1953. It is a designated National Historic

Landmark & listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Casselman River provides some of the best fly fishing in the Mid-Atlantic or simply picnic beside the bridge at the park.

****Please Note:** As of this printing, The Maryland Park Service has closed Casselman River Bridge State Park in Grantsville due to cracking within the stonework, missing grout, and dislodged stones within the bridge. Check visitdeepcreek.com for updated information**

The **Grantsville Community Museum** has a variety of Garrett County historical artifacts on display including an extensive historic photography collection and a display of artifacts and information about the B-52 Bomber crash near Grantsville in 1964. garrettcountymuseums.com/grantsvillemuseum.

Grantsville is also home to **Meadow Mountain Overlook** (garretttrails.org) which offers a stunning view of Garrett County. **Big Run State Park**, which is situated at the mouth of the Savage River Reservoir and surrounded by **Savage River State Forest**, offers fishing, boating, hiking and hunting opportunities. Big Run also offers rustic camping opportunities available by reservation only at parkreservations.maryland.gov or by calling 1.888.432.CAMP. Savage River State Forest is Maryland's largest state forest, with hiking, biking, boat/canoeing, geocaching, ORV trail riding, fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, primitive camping and a public shooting range. Savage River State Forest is also home to the scenic **Monroe Run Overlook**, which has a small pull-off parking area next to it on New Germany Road. All Earth Eco Tours offers **kayak tours on the Savage River Reservoir** seasonally (allearthtours.com).

New Germany State Park features a 13-acre lake for boating, swimming and fishing, along with hiking, biking, picnic tables & grills, geocaching, camp sites, cabin rentals and

cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. Boat rentals are available at the Lake House. **Grantsville Town Park** (visitgrantsville.com) offers a children's playground, picnic pavilions, basketball & tennis courts, public restrooms and numerous events throughout the summer. **Miner Hickory Farm Stables** (minerhickoryfarm.com) offers horse boarding, riding and horsemanship lesson and trails to enjoy in the spring, summer and fall. **Casselwood, LLC** is a fish hatchery and agri-tourism operation located on the Casselman River, 667.786.2555



Photo: Sarah Duck

The Casselman Inn & Restaurant (thecasselmann.com) offers home cooked country food including homemade breads, cakes and pies prepared in their bakery. **The Cornucopia Café** serves creative classics for brunch & dinner with a full bar and an expansive river view deck with pet-friendly seating. **Grantsville Exxon** offers quick convenience food and a Subway restaurant. Enjoy breakfast or lunch at **Casselmann Creamery's Farmers Table Eatery**. **Penn Alps Restaurant & Craft Shop** serves home cooked meals with daily specials and lunch and dinner buffets Fridays - Sundays.

Grantsville is home to a variety of local shops including **Penn Alps Restaurant and Craft Shop** (pennalps.com) which



Photo: Cornucopia Café

features work from hundreds of tri-state artisans. **Blue Moon Antiques** (bluemoonantiques.com) is a full-service antiques shop featuring furniture, rugs, paintings, glassware and vintage clothing.

Four Seasons Stitchery

(4seasonsstitchery.com) offers handmade items including quilts, along with wall hangings, crochet and cross stitch kits and products. **Nature's Surfaces** (naturesurfaces.com) features a showroom and slab yard or tour their manufacturing facility. Shop **Little Crossings Pantry** (littlecrossingspantry.com) for specialty foods, beer & wine, cookware, and entertaining essentials to elevate your home's kitchen to a gourmet experience. **The Casselman Market** is a full-service grocery and supermarket offering high-quality groceries. Shop fresh fruit, veggies and candy at **Hilltop Fruit Market** (facebook.com/HillTopFruitMarket).

Grantsville's **The Casselman Inn & Restaurant** is an affordable historic Inn, Motel and Restaurant. Stay in one of their Inn rooms, including the two-room Dorsey Suite or at their



Photo: Timothy Jacobsen

40-room motel. **The renovated Comfort Inn of Grantsville** offers rooms with a microwave, fridge and cable TV plus an indoor heated pool, exercise room, free Wifi & breakfast. **Ella's Enchanted Treehouses** offers fully furnished, luxurious

treehouses with full utilities and amenities for daily rental, located adjacent to Savage River State Forest and less than a mile from the Meadow Mountain trail head.

Annual events include the Grantsville Lions Club's **Grantsville Days** every June featuring fireworks, parade, live music, crafts and more and their annual **Oktoberfest** held annually the first Saturday in October with authentic German food & beer, oompah band, stein hoist and more. Each May, the **Grantsville National Road Festival** includes military re-enactments, educational presentations and the popular **Town-Wide Yard Sale**, among other activities. Penn Alps also hosts their annual **Music at Penn Alps** series on Saturday evenings every summer and The Cornucopia Cafe hosts live music with their **Thursday Night Music Club**.

Grantsville, a designated Arts & Entertainment District (grantsvilleaedistrict.com), is home to **Spruce Forest Artisan Village**, a collection of historic log buildings where local artisans create and sell their wares. Spruce Forest also hosts workshops and events including their annual Plein Aire event and the popular Christmas in the Village. Another unique offering is **Casselman Creamery**, a locally owned creamery that specializes in various artisan cow's milk cheeses, that also includes a market and Farmers Table Eatery. casselmancreamery.com



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KITZMILLER



Photo: Sarah Duck

Kitzmiller River Walk is a scenic paved walkway which runs parallel to the north branch of the Potomac River. Across the street is the Kitzmiller Botanical Garden which features a pond, trail and paved walkways, bridge and stream. View a

virtual tour of the river walk at visitdeepcreek.com and learn more at garretttrails.org

Kitzmiller's **Wolf Den Run State Park** offers hiking, biking, fishing birdwatching, hunting and ORV (off-road vehicle) riding. The park comprises 3 distinct parcels, including unique rocky bluffs, approximately 3 miles of river access on the Potomac River's North Branch, two cold water trout streams, Short Run and the park's namesake, Wolf Den Run. The park has an expanding network of trails offering access to the largest collection of ORV trails in Maryland. Riders can register to ride at the Wolf Den Run State Park office located in the campground area at 1699 Upperman Road, Oakland, MD 21550. View details about the dates and times the park is open for motorized use at dnr.maryland.gov.



Photo: Timothy Jacobsen

Kitzmiller is the take-out for a thrilling section of **whitewater**: the Gormanian to Kitzmiller Section of the North Branch of the Potomac River. This section is to be attempted by people with the necessary skills, equipment and experience.

The town of Kitzmiller offers several facilities for rent by groups or organizations including a **large picnic shelter** adjacent to the Botanical Garden featuring a playground and a large grill. The Town also hosts their **annual Kitzmiller Homecoming** every July which features a car show, cornhole tournament, volleyball tournament, horse drawn carriage rides, parade, fireworks, and more family fun activities. kitzmillermd.org

HISTORY

Settlement in Kitzmiller predates at least the Civil War. The town sprang up around the woolen mill that Ebenezer Kitz-

mill built in 1853. The period between 1900 and the end of World War I saw the greatest expansion in Kitzmiller, both commercially and in terms of population. The addition of the railroad in the 1880s brought a lumber boom, and coal mining became the town's economic mainstay around the turn of the century. At its peak, Kitzmiller boasted 1,800 people, a movie theater, bank, three barber shops, a dentist, two doctors, three groceries, two dry goods stores, a beauty parlor and a pharmacy.

For years, the rising waters of the Potomac River threatened the town's existence and, unfortunately, a flood in March 1924 nearly destroyed Kitzmiller. The town bounded back, however, to mark the installation of an electric light system and the paving of its streets with a parade the following year. To stem the flood threat, the Army Corps of Engineers tore down a block of homes and the movie emporium to widen the river and build levees in 1963.

The majority of commercial buildings in Kitzmiller were once found on both sides of River Street. Of those that remain, the former two-and-a-half story Kaufmann and Fisher's Store is likely the oldest (c. 1900). The former Kitzmiller Bank is a two-story brick building built in 1912 on the corner of East Main Street and River Street; much of the interior remains, including the teller's grill and the tile floor. There were once nine buildings on the east side of River Street. Only the Kitzmiller Library, a one-story frame building with a false front and plate glass windows, remains from this block of commercial buildings. Today, Kitzmiller remains a town of over 200 residents, the largest of the former coal mining towns along the upper Potomac.

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Kitzmiller, Md 903

LOCH LYNN HEIGHTS



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The town of Loch Lynn Heights offers a variety of outdoor recreation opportunities which include **three soccer fields, one softball field and a paved walking path** around the town's athletic fields. North of the

fields, you'll find the **Loch Lynn Heights Wetlands Trail** a 1 mile boardwalk and gravel walking trail through wetlands surrounding the Little Youghiogheny River. View a virtual reality tour of the Wetlands trail at visitdeepcreek.com.

The town is also home to local radio stations 104.5 KHJ, 92Q , 1050 WMSG & Z 95.9 and the **Loch Lynn Heights Community Park**.

HISTORY

Located about 8 miles south of Deep Creek Lake is Loch Lynn Heights, Maryland. Once known for its resort industry, the town is now a family-oriented community that 494 residents call home. Like Deer Park, Loch Lynn Heights became a popular resort area once the B&O Railroad came to town. Trains carried visitors from Baltimore, Washington or Pittsburgh to the station in Mountain Lake Park, just across from Loch Lynn Heights. The most popular destination, Loch Lynn Hotel was destroyed by a fire in 1918, and the adjacent casino - once home to an indoor swimming pool and bowling alley - was demolished in 1985.



Photo: Sarah Duck

MOUNTAIN LAKE PARK

Once a booming summer resort town, many of the historic buildings from yesteryear remain today. The **Mountain Lake Park Historic District** (mlpha.org) was a group of 145 buildings within the town that were listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1983. 61 original structures remain in



Photo: Town of Mountain Lake Park

Mountain Lake Park today. The historic round open-air Bashford Amphitheater, built in 1900, included a similarly designed Ticket Office that remains to this day and now houses the **Mountain Lake Park Historical Association Museum and**

Shop (mlpha.org/museum) where you can view a collection of Mountain Lake Park memorabilia and photos that date back to 1881. **Walking and driving tour maps of Mountain Lake Park's historic sites** are also available at the Museum, located at 301 G. St. **Mountain Lake Park Trolley tours** (mlpha.org/town-trolley) are held annually at the Victorian Chautauqua, over Autumn Glory Weekend and other special dates may be scheduled throughout the year.

To celebrate Mountain Lake Park's founding, the town hosts their **Victorian Chautauqua** (victorian-chautauqua.com) event every year on the weekend following the 4th of July. The free event includes performances, lectures, live music, and activities that bring to life a bygone era that began as a planned community along the B&O Railroad.



Photo: Town of Mountain Lake Park

Woodell Park offers a playground and basketball court and **Leo Martin Memorial Park** features the **Mountain Lake Park Splash Pad** (301.334.2250), a popular attraction for children and adults alike. The splash pad is open daily from 11 am - 7:30 pm during the summer, weather permitting.



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Mountain Lake Park is also home to **Simon Pearce Factory Outlet & Glassblowing** (simonpearce.com) where you can view the glassblowers create or shop their store for glasswork, home decor, candles and more.

Riverside Grille (riversidegrille.us), formerly Long Branch Saloon, offers dine in or carryout for their American-style dishes.

The Bethel African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E) Church recently underwent a restoration and relocation to Mountain Lake Park. Existing from the late Nineteenth Century through the early Twentieth Century, the Church was the only African American congregation in Garrett County, originally located on the corner of Fifth and High Streets in Oakland. The restoration and relocation aims to honor the forgotten Black citizens who helped develop Garrett County over a century ago. Renamed **Bethel Center**, the structure will highlight the stories and contributions of its people and will feature exhibitions, programs, and events. Learn more at mlpha.org/bethel-center



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OAKLAND

The downtown area of Oakland is walkable with a variety of shops and dining to choose from. All day free parking is available at Oakland Town Parking lot at 201 Town Park Lane or two-hour free parking is available along the street. View a complete listing of Oakland area shopping, dining and lodging at visitdeepcreek.com/Oakland.

Oakland offers three museums to satisfy any history buff. **The Garrett County Historical Society Museum** houses a treasure trove of exhibits related to the founding and history of Garrett County, the **Garrett County Transportation Museum** showcases historic vehicles, fire trucks, boats, carriages, sleighs and snowmobiles and the **Oakland B&O Museum**



Photo: Crede Calhoun - Vision Quest Studios

& Train Station, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, features a **1920 Baldwin steam locomotive**. The museums are open seasonal hours and guided tours are by appointment, 301.334.3204, garrettcountymuseums.com.

Oakland hosts the **Mountain Fresh Farmers Markets** (mountainfresh.org) Wednesdays & Saturdays from 10 am - 1 pm at the Mountain Fresh Pavilion downtown from Memorial Day

thru mid-October with varying dates the rest of the year. **The Oakland Arts & Entertainment District** (oaklandaedistrict.com) serves as the home base for the **Garrett County Arts Council** and their **Gallery Shop** where visitors can purchase locally produced artwork.

The town of Oakland hosts a variety of events annually including **Oakland Winter Fest**, Oakland's **Kick Off to Summer**, **Little Yough Family Flicks**, **Little Yough Summer Music Festival**, **July 3rd Fireworks at Broadford Park**, **A Great Small Town Christmas and Autumn Glory Festival** events including the Grand Feature Parade and the official Maryland State Banjo, Mandolin & Fiddle Championships.



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Broadford Lake Park (oaklandmd.com/broadford-lake.html) which opens Memorial Day weekend and closes Labor Day weekend, is a family-oriented park with a lake, picnic and beach areas, volleyball, basketball, boat launch, boat and pavilion rentals. Step back in time and learn about local history at the **Fort Alice trails** or head to the **Kindness Demonstration Forest Trail**, the **Oakland Heritage Trail**, the **88 Bridge walking/biking trail** or the **Swallow Falls Down River Fishing Trail** (garretttrails.org). Oakland also has a fenced-in, off-leash dog park.

Oakland's **Alpaca Acres Farm & Fun** (alpacaacresmd.com) allows visitors to schedule a visit to meet and greet the alpacas, shop their store, kid-friendly activities like jump pad, slides, games and more. **Backbone Hemp** (backbonehemp.com) welcomes visitors on Fridays and sells their products at their store, online and at **Oakland's Mountain Fresh Farmers Markets**. **Circle R Ranch** (deepcreeklakestable.com) offers



Photo: Timothy Jacobsen

horse-drawn sleigh rides in the winter along with horseback riding the rest of the year. **Oakland Golf Club** (golfatoakland.com) offers 18 holes of championship golf for all skill levels, a practice putting green and driving range, and food and

beverage offerings. **The Alley** (deepcreeklakebowling.com) is Garrett County's only bowling alley which also offers dining, arcade, pool & shuffleboard. Rainy day got you down? Head to Garrett County's only movie theater, **Garrett 8 Cinemas** (garrett8cinema.com).

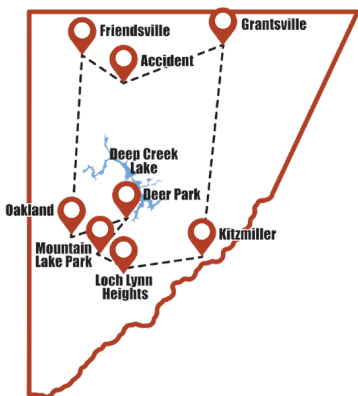
Oakland is also home to **Swallow Falls State Park and Herrington Manor State Park**. Swallow Falls features the state's tallest free-falling waterfall, the 53-foot Muddy Creek Falls, along with several smaller waterfalls, Tolliver Falls and upper and lower Swallow Falls, miles of trails and 65 wooded campsites, 3 camper cabins and 3 youth group sites. There is also a 5.5 mile trail linking Swallow Falls State Park to Herrington Manor State Park.

Herrington Manor offers the 53-acre Herrington Lake along with a beach, swimming, canoeing, kayaking, biking, picnicking, hiking, tennis, basketball, volleyball and 20 furnished log cabins for rental use year-round and miles of trails including cross country skiing and snowshoeing, as conditions permit. Cross country skiing and snowshoeing rentals are available at the park.

Mt. Nebo Wildlife Management Area, a 1,854 acre tract which protects two red spruce bogs, one of the most unique wetlands in Maryland, offers hunting during open seasons and shooting hours. Non-hunting visitors are also welcome to hike Mt. Nebo's trails which are maintained but not actively marked - please just be aware of open hunting seasons and visit accordingly.



Photo: Sarah Duck



Garrett County, Maryland is home to eight incorporated small towns, each of which offer a variety of attractions, small businesses and beautiful scenery. On your trip to Garrett County, we invite you to visit and explore each of our small towns where you'll find hidden gems, historical sites, an assortment of lodging options, stunning views and a wide range of dining, shopping, attractions and outdoor activities, all of which help to make our County so unique. Learn more inside and at:

[VISITDEEPCREEK.COM/SMALLTOWNTRAIL](https://www.visitdeepcreek.com/smalltowntrail)

