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BRAXTON COUNTY, WV

welcome to

The Heart of West Virginia



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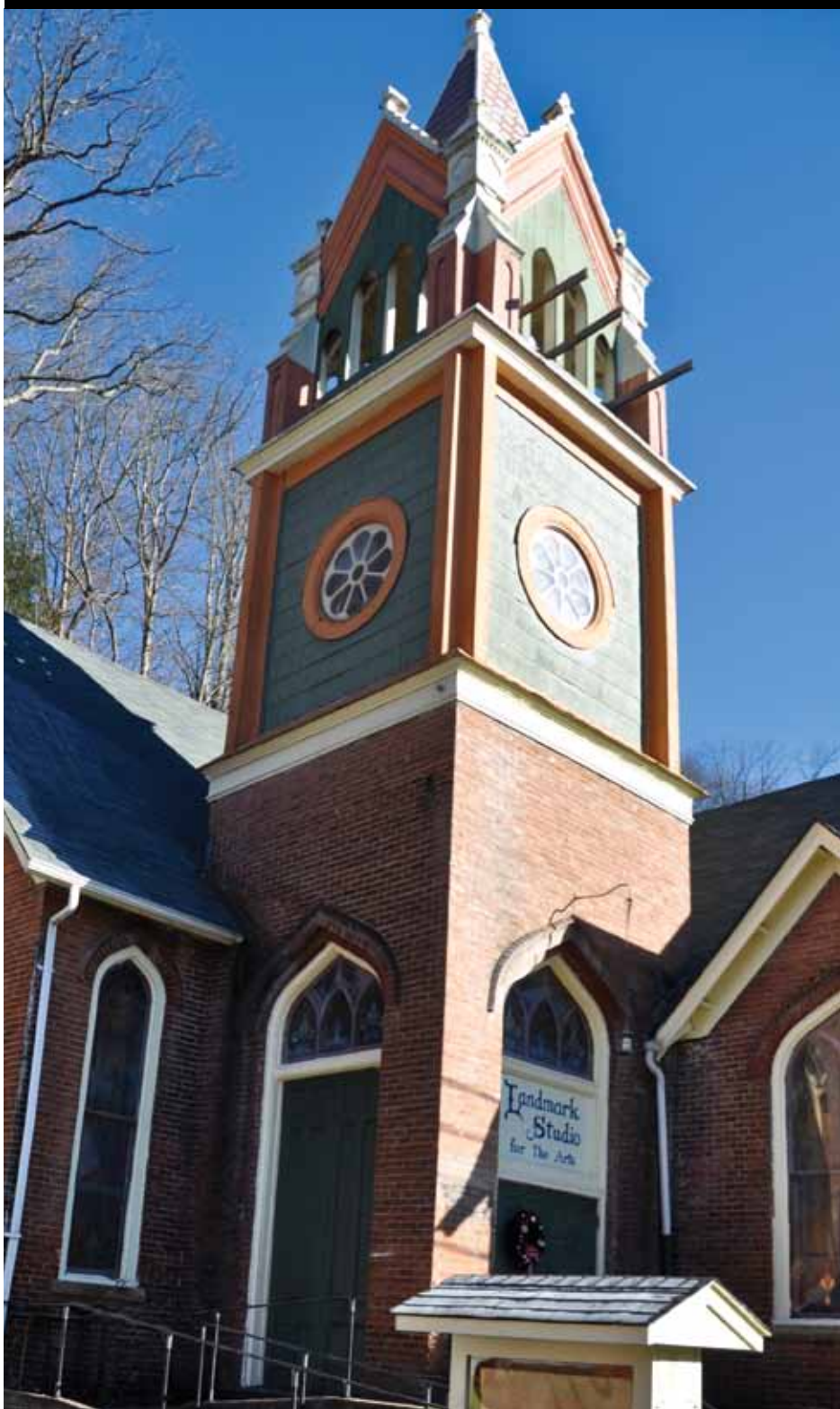
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Want to know more about anything you see here? For more information about the heart of West Virginia, visit www.braxtonwv.org or call 1-304-765-6533.

There are still places in the world that refresh the spirit - places that remain untouched by the pace of modern day living.



Welcome to Braxton County

Places that hide behind majestic mountains; that nestle beside lakes brimming with fish; that offer wonderful accommodations, amazing shopping, exceptional dinners - all within a short distance from an interstate highway. We're home to legends, to history, to outdoor adventures. Where you can spend the day reeling in muskie, then enjoy a dinner of Sea Scallops with Prosciutto Marinara served with Ciabatta bread. Where your accommodations can be as simple as a two-person tent and a campfire, or as elegant as a four-poster bed in a suite with a Jacuzzi. Where shopping can mean a great deal on the latest fashions, or a great deal of old fashioned antique hunting! Our low crime rate encourages you to step off the beaten path and explore scenic roads, acres of public hunting grounds and productive fishing spots. Braxton County is one of the safest and most hospitable places you'll ever find.

www.braxtonwv.org

We invite you to look through this book and discover the heart of West Virginia - Braxton County.

Mark Your Calendars

April:

Sutton Lake Marina Opens, www.suttonlakemarina.com, 304-765-2120
Fiesta Tent Sale, 304-765-5383

May:

WV Symphony Orchestra, Free Concert at the Flatwoods Days Hotel

June:

Southern Cruisers Statewide Motorcycle Rally, Holly Gray Park
Hillbilly Proud West Virginia Day, Holly Gray Park

July:

Gassaway Days & Carnival, 1st Full weekend in July
Elk River Canoe and Kayak Float
That Dam Race 5k
Bulltown's Heritage Days, 304-853-2371

August:

Braxton County Fair, 1st week of Aug. 304-765-0333
www.braxtoncountyfairwv.com
Bikers for Babies, 3rd week in Aug. 304-765-6533
Fiesta Tent Sale, 304-765-5383

September:

Sutton's Annual Scarecrow Contest, 304-765-5581
Burnsville Harvest Festival, 3rd weekend in September
 304-853-2605.

October:

WV Filmmaker's Festival & Sutton's Fall Festival,
 1st weekend in Oct., suttonfallfestival@yahoo.com
Halloween Festivities in Gassaway, Burnsville, & Sutton
 last weekend in October
Battle of Bulltown Reenactment, held every other year
 304-853-2371

November:

Veterans Day Parade, Sutton
Taste of the Landmark, Sutton 304-644-3166

December:

Sutton Christmas Parade, 1st Sat. in Dec.
Gassaway Christmas Parade, 1st Fri. in December at 7pm
Burnsville Christmas Parade, TBA
Sutton Day with Santa, TBA
Cafe Cimino Feast of the Seven Fishes, Sat. before Christmas

Be sure to check our online calendar for the specific dates and updates of these events and more:

www.braxtonwv.org

Further Information:

Sutton mayor's office 304-765-5581
 Burnsville Mayors Office 865-2605
 Gassaway Mayors office 304-364-5111
 Flatwoods Municipal building 304-765-7235

Every Friday all year long: The Braxton Jamboree features bluegrass and country music and is held every Friday starting at 7pm. Talent from around the state gather for a great time! The Jamboree is located on Chapel Road in Gassaway WV. For more information, call Lena at 304-364-5577.

Every Tuesday: Tapa Tuesdays at Cafe Cimino Country Inn. Two Tapas, Two Beers: \$20 www.cafeciminocountryinn.com or call 304-765-2913.

Many of our local eateries feature local live music on weekends.
 Please refer to our directory on page 15 of this brochure for further information.



Center Yourself...in Braxton!

accommodations



Award winning hotels and bed & breakfasts provide you with a wonderful overnight or extended stay in Braxton County. Stylish and modern or elegant and historic, your room will be among the best you've stayed in!

Check our lodging list in the back of the brochure to choose from a wide selection of rooms and facilities.



With seven campgrounds to choose from, you'll find the perfect camping spot. Whether you want complete hook-ups and other amenities, or just a place to put up your tent, we have plenty of room.



dining

Whether you're grabbing a quick snack, or sitting down to a fine meal in a relaxing atmosphere, we have what you're hungry for. From gourmet to buffet to get you on your way, it's right here.



spas

Refresh, Renew & Relax...

Braxton boasts 5 spas in a 5 mile radius. See our website for spa listings, www.braxtonwv.org.



hunting & fishing

Whatever your target, it can be found in abundance in Braxton County. There are acres of public hunting grounds here and friendly folks who can point out the best place to find your trophy. With well over 100 miles of shoreline, the fishing doesn't get much better than in Braxton County.

shopping

If your idea of hunting involves hunting for bargains, you're in the right place. From outlet stores, to unique antiques, to one-of-a-kind treasure, Braxton County has it all.



arts & crafts

True works of art can be found all over Braxton County. From crafts, to primitive furniture, to antiques, you'll find something to treasure.

lake & river activities



Both Sutton and Burnsville Lakes are great for boating - whether you care to rent a luxury houseboat, pontoon boat, or paddle boat. Maybe you prefer to add some challenge with a jet ski or a day of water skiing. Swimming is available on the lakes at free public access sandy beaches, although there are no lifeguards posted. The newly designated Elk River Water Trail offers a wonderful scenic cruise in a canoe or kayak.

IN THE NEWS

The Braxton Citizens' News

P.O. Box 516, Sutton, WV 26601

ph: 304-765-5193

web: www.bcn-news.com**The Braxton Democrat-Central**

205 Main Street, Sutton, WV 26601

ph: 304-765-5555

Two-Lane Livin'

ph: 304-354-9132

web: www.twolanelivin.com

ON THE AIR

WDBS-FM - The BOSS 97.1**WKQV-FM - 105.5**

180 Main Street, Sutton, WV 26601

ph: 304-765-7373

web: www.theboss97.com

finding the way!

WSGB-AM - The Buzz 1490**WAFD-FM - 100.3**

towns

miles apart

Burnsville and Flatwoods 12

Flatwoods and Sutton 5

Sutton and Gassaway 6



The Center of it all - Braxton is the geographic center of the state of West Virginia.

...and Braxton's newest attraction:
the Elk River Water Trail



Sutton Lake Marina

ph: 304-765-2120

web: www.suttonlakemarina.com

The all new Sutton Lake Marina is ready to accommodate a full spectrum of boat sizes and dimensions. The marina offers full season slip rentals and short term slips for boaters who want to spend the weekend or week. Boat rentals are available, ranging from paddle boats to luxury houseboats.

The Marina Ship Store is overstocked with all the supplies boaters need, proudly serving delicious hot food and deli basics, drinks, ice and ice-cream.

Right next door to the marina is the Bee Run Recreation area offering a double wide boat launch, a clearly marked sand filled beach, covered and open picnic areas, a shaded campground, plentiful parking and personal facilities.

Burnsville Lake Marina

ph: 304-853-2822

Burnsville Lake marina is located at the Riffle Run Day Use Area directly behind the dam. The dock area provides visitors with docking facilities, boat rentals, snack bar, and an array of fishing supplies.



outdoor fun

canoeing & kayaking

Come out and enjoy a float on the Elk! **The Elk River Water Trail** makes the Elk River more accessible from the Sutton Lake tail waters to its confluence with the Kanawha River in Charleston.

The Elk is the longest river located entirely within the border of West Virginia and is the centerpiece of fishing in the state because of its geographical location. A canoe or kayak trip down the Elk offers a great day's recreation for everyone.

boating

Both of our lakes have marinas and boat launch ramps for boating enthusiasts and fishermen. The docking facilities offer food and snacks, boat rentals, and fishing supplies. For those who want a little more speed, it's the perfect place for jet skis or a day of water skiing, (but please pay strict attention to our boating rules, no wake zones, and speed limits. We want everyone to enjoy their day). Sutton Lake Marina offers paddleboats, pontoon boats and luxury houseboats for rent.



swimming

Instead of choosing between the beach or the mountains, why not do both? Beautiful, sandy and free swimming beaches can be found at both Sutton and Burnsville Lakes. The lake facilities include restrooms, change booths, and outside showers.

golf

The Foggy Bottom Golf Range is a completely self serve facility that is open from Dawn to Dusk each day. The driving range has 12 tee boxes available. The range is located just past the entrance to the Flatwoods Factory Outlet Stores. Improve your game today!

hiking & biking

Whether you like biking or hiking, we have a trail that will fit your skill level. Choose from challenging hiking on the Jeremiah Carpenter Trail, to a family biking excursion on old county dirt roads with multiple creek crossings and swimming holes. Bring your GPS and go geocaching along the way. More trail information available on our website!



motorcycle tours

Base yourself in the center of motorcycle riding heaven. We have 4 recommended touring routes for day trips that all end up back in Braxton County. Ride along meandering streams, scenic mountain vistas, and uncongested winding roads! Many of our overnight accommodations offer covered bike parking and security. Check out the recommended tours on our website!





Bulltown historic area

To get an idea of how people lived here when Braxton County was first settled, the Bulltown Historic Area helps history come alive. The area includes a visitors center with exhibits showing how people lived in the mid to late 1800's. There are also structures from that time, as well as a Civil War battlefield and fortification site. A mile-long trail leads you by remnants of union trenches, the Cunningham Farm, sites of many other fascinating spots, including a portion of the Weston-Gauley Bridge Turnpike, The McCauley Barn, St. Michael's Church and more. Tours of the area may be arranged through the visitors center, or you can take a self-guided tour.

Bulltown is located on US 19/4, 10 miles north of I-79, Flatwoods Exit 67 or take I-79, Exit 79 at Burnsville, Route 5 west to Heaters, take a left and travel Rt. 19 N to Bulltown.

For more information call:
304-853-2371

Civil War Trail

Sutton's location on the Weston and Gauley Bridge Turnpike (one of the better roads in the area) made it and others nearby strategically important to both Union and Confederate armies. Trail signs are located at the Courthouse in Sutton and at the Bulltown Historic Area, located near the Burnsville Dam and Lake.



history and heritage

In Braxton County, we celebrate our heritage with joy... from our pre-Civil War past, to our role in the “war between the states,” to our antiques, arts & crafts, and restoration of many of our historic buildings and sites.

two hundred years of history

Braxton County was formed by the Virginia Legislature in 1836, carved from the surrounding counties - Kanawha, Nicholas, and Lewis - and named for Carter Braxton, a Virginia statesman and signer of the Declaration of Independence.

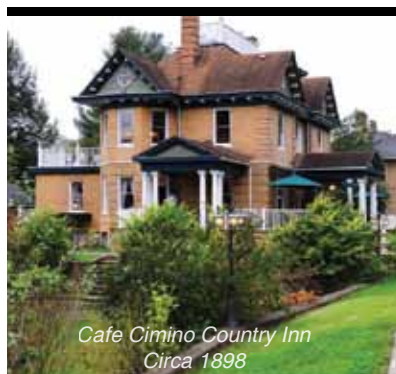
The first permanent white settlers were the four Carpenter brothers and their mother, who arrived some time around 1789. About 1810, John D. Sutton took up residence in what was then Newville. It later became Suttonville, and was finally changed to Sutton in 1837. It was then, and is now, the county seat.

In 1861, most of downtown Sutton was burned by Confederate soldiers. In 1863, The Battle of Bulltown took place near the Union trenches, lasting about 12 hours. (The Battle of Bulltown Re-enactment is held every other year and is very popular with visitors and Civil War buffs).

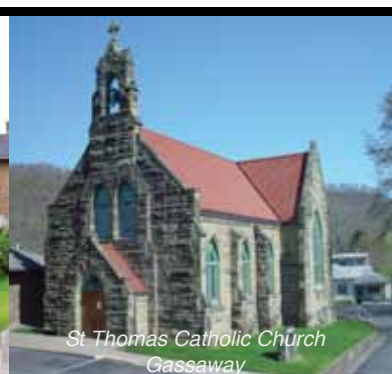
Sutton and surrounding areas rebuilt after the Civil War, becoming a commercial center when the timber industry developed. Many of the historic buildings in Sutton date from the period of 1890-1920.

take a walk through history

If historic places make you feel at home, you'll love it here! We have many sites on the National Register of Historic Places - including the Sutton Historic District downtown. In addition, the area offers many restored buildings that are historically and visually wonderful. The Landmark Theater is a restored Victorian era church. Cafe Cimino Country Inn offers elegant dining and accommodations in a beautiful Colonial Revival mansion at the end of town on the Elk River. You can take a walking tour of the Sutton Historic District and enjoy wonderful examples of late 1800's - early 1900's architecture. Be sure to visit Gassaway, with its historic Train Depot, wonderful old churches, and thriving retail shops on Elk Street.



*Cafe Cimino Country Inn
Circa 1898*



*St Thomas Catholic Church
Gassaway*



Gassaway Train Depot

A Monster of a Story!

The Flatwoods Monster is an alien-type creature, twelve feet tall and green, with a fiery red face in the shape of the ace of spades. The monster was first reported in 1952, and the newspaper stories were supposed to have drawn thousands of visitors to the area to try and get a glimpse of the creature.



shopping anyone?

Amish Farms - Bulk Foods & Cheese

The ideal place for all your bulk food needs. Bulk candies, bulk snack mixes, baking supplies, spices, deli meats, cheeses and much more!



Black Crow Primitives

Primitive items, furniture, home decor and more! Shop our large selection of furniture, quilts and other beautiful primitive items.

Bon Worth

#1 source for quality women's apparel at factory direct prices.

Book Warehouse

Best Sellers - Best Selection - Great Prices!

China Buffet

Enjoy a delicious all you can eat Chinese buffet.

Corningware Corelle Revere

Save 30-60% on Corelle dinnerware, Revere and Corning cookware and Pyrex ovenware.



Dressbarn

Ladies dresses, casual and career separates and accessories, sizes 4-24.

Everything Fiesta

Featuring Homer Laughlin China dinnerware and more.

Famous Footwear

Large selection of quality name brand shoes for the entire family at family friendly prices.

McFly Outdoors

We cater to novice and expert outdoorsmen...targeting your outdoor needs!

L'eggs - Hanes - Bali - Playtex

Save 20-50% on brand name hosiery, underwear, lingerie, and socks.

Lost Road Candles

Discover a large variety of hand crafted candles, tucked in among country crafts made by local artist.

Mattress Warehouse

Factory direct outlet. All the best brands at the guaranteed lowest prices.

Rue 21

Hot fashions at cool prices for girls and guys!

Tommy Hilfiger

A wide selection of men's, boys and women's clothing, as well as accessories and fragrances.



Tools & more!

Great tools of all types, all the latest "As Seen on TV" products, cell phone accessories, personal care items and even something for pets!

Wild Vine and Spirits

Your favorite legal beverages at discount prices.

FLATWOODS FACTORY OUTLET STORES



Bear Heaven

You have to grin and bear it when you come to Flatwoods - because you have to visit Bear Heaven! Home to lots of Boyd's Bears and other brand names as well, you can't help smiling when you enter our doors. Conveniently located just off the Flatwoods exit.

Sister's Antiques

If antiques and flea markets are your idea of fun, Sister's is the place to be! Sister's has a wide selection of wonderful antiques at great prices, and offers a glimpse into our local past (and they make great presents, too).



www.Flatwoods.com



Historic Downtown Main Street Shopping

Head for downtown Sutton or Gassaway, and enjoy shopping surrounded by history, places for lunch, friendly people and a relaxing atmosphere.

The quaint little Town of Sutton, at I-79 Exit 62, is the County Seat for Braxton. It is home to Sutton Dam, Sutton Lake, an artsy downtown historic district, and the newly designated Elk River Water Trail, which begins there and continues all the way to the state's capitol of Charleston, some 98 miles of scenic canoe and kayak water.



Visitors to Sutton enjoy strolling down the 6 blocks of Main Street, filled with rich examples of early 1900's architecture. This town hosts the Sutton Artz Walk where you can visit shops, galleries and

theaters featuring local art. You are guided on the Artz Walk by the colorful purple stars painted on the sidewalk in front of each of the following Artz Walk partners: Elk

Theater, Hometown Events and Country Charms, Poplar Forest, The Needle Basket, Artisans at P.J. Berry's, Landmark Studio for the Arts, and MountainMade artisans at Café Cimino Country Inn.



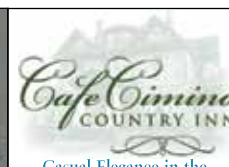
This charming town, nestled right on the banks of the Elk River, is also home to internationally known sculptors Bill and Ai Qiu Hopen, critically acclaimed Café Cimino Country Inn/B&B and Landmark Studio for the Arts, as well as several local eateries, retail businesses, and a spa. Sutton Marina, just a few minutes away offers boat rentals and a beach for swimming.



Landmark Studio for the Arts
4th & Main Streets
304-644-3166
Landmarkstudio.org



P.J. Berry's
226 Main Street
304-402-2117
Pjberries.com



Cafe Cimino Country Inn
Casual Elegance in the Heart of West Virginia
cafeciminocountryinn.com
304-765-2913
616 Main Street



The Elk Theatre
192 Main St. * 304-765-2519
Elktheatre.web.officelive.com



Vae's Diner
517 Elk Street
Gassaway



Country Charm/Hometown Events & Party Rentals
100 Second Street
304-765-4019



Sutton Floral & Gifts
185 Main Street
800-860-8494
Suttonfloralngift.com



Red Rooster Cafe
602 Elk Street
Gassaway
redroostercafegassaway.com

award winners in hospitality!

Days Hotel - Flatwoods

More than just a place to stay, the Chairman's Award winning Days Hotel brings a full service and amenity filled hotel to the heart of West Virginia. They offer both indoor and outdoor pools along with a full service bar and restaurant. Relax on your private balconies and enjoy our genuine hospitality. Stay connected with high speed wireless service and business center access 24/7. This 100% renovated hotel is a proud member of the Wyndham Rewards program.

Visions Restaurant

Located in the Days Hotel, Visions offers fine dining in a warm and inviting atmosphere. Open each evening Monday - Saturday at 5pm, their full buffet features Prime Rib



and Shrimp Cocktail along with additional chef choices with a soup and salad bar. Top off your evening with homemade cobbler and a beautiful mountain sunset.

Flatwoods Conference Center

Flatwoods is "Where WV Meets" making our conference center easily accessible for all who attend. With over 14,000 square feet of flexible meeting space, large lobbies, experienced staff, and on site catering we will exceed your expectations. Lower your expenses, not your expectations!

Microtel - Sutton & Gassaway

Conveniently located off exit 62, I-79, the Microtel Inn offers numerous amenities and services for the busy traveler interested in an affordable and comfortable place to stay. Microtel was awarded the 2008 Quality Award. As a brand, Microtel has earned a record-setting 7 consecutive "Highest in Guest Satisfaction" awards from JD Power & Associates. Microtel is also a part of the largest guest loyalty program in the world – Wyndham Rewards.



Red Rooster Cafe of Gassaway

Featured as one of **West Virginia's 101 Unique Places to Dine**, the Red Rooster is known for many things: great steaks, delicious house vinaigrette salad dressing, homemade lasagna and melt-in-your-mouth crab cakes. Try our popular Sunday brunch, and don't forget to sample the restaurant's famous selection of homemade desserts.



Café Cimino Country Inn

**Come for Dinner, Stay the Night...
Treat Yourself to our
Award Winning Hospitality**

- **Winner of 2011 Achievement of Excellence Award** from the American Culinary Federation for excellence and passion for the culinary arts.
- **2011 Winner of the West Virginia Division of Tourism's "Mountain State Award"** recognizing "the hospitality property that stands above the rest in excellence, quality, distinctiveness and impact on the state's image."
- **2011 WV Pro Patria Award and the Patriotic Employer Award** from the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve for extraordinary commitment to supporting their employees who serve in the National Guard or Reserve.

www.cafeciminocountryinn.com

304-765-2913

616 Main Street, Sutton, WV 26601



lodging & dining

Accommodations

Accommodations

			ON SITE												Within a 5 Mile Radius						
			Cable / Satellite TV	Wifi	Pets Allowed	Credit Cards Accepted	Dump Station	Full Hookup	Handicapped Access	Hot Tub / Pool	Rooms / Sites	Picnic Tables	Restaurant	Shower House	Non Smoking Available		Backpacking	Boating	Day Hiking	Hunting / Fishing	Mountain Biking
Flatwoods Days Hotel & Conference Center	866-700-7284		●	●		●			●	●	200		●		●		●	●	●	●	●
2000 Sutton Lane Sutton, WV 26601	304-765-5055																				
Cafe Cimino Country Inn	877-924-6466		●	●	●	●			●		10		●		●		●	●	●	●	●
616 Main Street Sutton, WV 26601	304-765-2913																				
Microtel Gassaway Sutton	304-364-6100		●	●	●	●			●		74				●		●	●	●	●	●
115 Reston Place Gassaway, WV 26624																					
Elk Motor Court	304-765-7173		●		●	●	●	●	●		12		●				●	●	●	●	●
35 Camden Ave. Sutton, WV 26601																					
Sutton Lane Motel	304-765-7351		●			●			●		30		●		●		●	●	●	●	●
2120 Sutton Lane Sutton, WV 26601																					
Motel 79	304-853-2918		●		●				●		28		●		●		●	●	●	●	●
Fifth Ave and Main St Burnsville, WV 26335																					
Laurel Court Motel & Chalets	304-765-5837		●		●	●					24						●	●	●	●	●
1321 Sutton Lane Sutton, WV 26601																					

Campgrounds & Cabins

Flatwoods KOA & Cabins 2000 Sutton Lane Sutton, WV 26601	866-700-7284 304-765-5055		●	●	●		●	●	●	●	50	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	
Big Run Rt 35 Box 813 Napier, WV 26631	304-765-5826						●				30									
Bulltown Area Campgrounds Burnsville Lake - Bulltown	304-853-2371						●	●	●		204	●		●		●	●	●		
Riffle Run I-79, exit 79	304-853-2371 304-452-8006						●	●	●		60	●		●		●	●	●		
Sutton Lake Campgrounds PO Box 426 Sutton, WV 26601	304-765-2816						●	●	●		130	●		●		●	●	●	●	●
Bee Run I-79, exit 67 - Bee Run Recreation Rd.	304-765-2816								●		12					●	●	●	●	●
Gerald R. Freeman Campground I-79, exit 67 - Airport Road	304-765-2816 877-444-6777						●		●		158	●		●		●	●	●	●	
Holly Gray Park I-79, exit 67 - Airport Road	304-765-7603										16					●	●	●	●	●
Johnson's Family Campground 4675 Herold Rd. Sutton, WV 26601	304-765-5077			●		●	●							●				●		
Whispering Springs Haven Frametown, WV 26623	304-364-8911					●										●	●	●	●	●



Dining

	Live Music	
Cafe Cimino Country Inn	• Sutton	304-765-2913
Visions	Flatwoods	304-765-5055
P.J. Berry's	• Sutton	304-402-2105
Red Rooster Cafe	• Gassaway	304-364-6023
Stancati's Pizza	Sutton	304-765-5000
79er Restaurant	Burnsville	304-853-2389
Waffle Hut	Flatwoods	304-765-2775
Shoney's	Flatwoods	304-765-5357
Vae's Diner	Gassaway	304-364-2326
Bulk Foods Deli	Flatwoods	304-765-4077
Century Inn	Sutton	304-765-7411
China Buffet	Flatwoods	304-765-7468
Lloyd's Restaurant	Flatwoods	304-765-2626
Ducky's Restaurant	Heaters	304-765-2880

Fast Food

Arby's	Flatwoods	304-750-2083
Argenio's Pizza	Gassaway	304-364-4301
Custard Stand	Flatwoods	304-765-6500
Dairy Queen	Gassaway	304-364-5154
KFC / Taco Bell	Flatwoods	304-765-3891
Long John Silver's	Gassaway	304-364-5910
McDonald's	Flatwoods	304-765-2665
Moe's Southwest Grill	Flatwoods	304-765-7302
Pizza Hut	Gassaway	304-364-2255
Subway	Flatwoods	304-765-7470
Wendy's	Flatwoods	304-765-7192



The hills in Braxton County are alive with music!



From large venues like the Mountain Lakes Amphitheater featuring national touring acts and spacious stadium seating, to intimate hometown stages where bluegrass, old time, folk and rock can be enjoyed, Braxton County has the music you want to hear!



Welcome to the Heart of WV.

See why so many guests "Center" themselves here!

