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The New River Gorge features activities such as ziplining through an Eastern Hemlock forest.

## Five Good Reasons to Travel to Southern West Virginia's New River Gorge in 2021

FAYETTEVILLE, W. Va., February 25, 2021 - Ready. Set. Travel. That's the sentiment of many of us. With promising vaccine news, we now know that the day is coming when hit the road with confidence. And if the inquiries coming into the reservations office at [Adventures on the Gorge](#) (AOTG) are any indication, there are plenty of people with travel on their mind.

Adventures on the Gorge is a multi-faceted adventure resort in Southern West Virginia adjacent to the country's newest national park, [New River Gorge National Park & Preserve](#).

With [freestanding cabins](#) and a variety of outdoor adventures like [rafting](#) that allow for [physical distancing](#), Adventures on the Gorge welcomed plenty of travelers during the Covid summer of 2020, and the resort expects to welcome plenty more this coming summer.



All members of the family enjoy the area.

CEO Roger Wilson has watched the rugged mountainous region of Southern West Virginia grow steadily in popularity for decades, as outdoor recreation enthusiasts have discovered its raftable rivers, hikeable trails, climbable cliffs and natural beauty.

“The New River is one of those places that gets under your skin and stays with you, especially if you’re someone who enjoys outdoor activities and natural beauty,” said Wilson. “We believe the destination will have a great deal of appeal to travelers this year.”

Here are five reasons why:

- 1. Three national parks and numerous state parks.** Southern West Virginia is home to three park units managed by the National Park Service including [New River Gorge National Park & Preserve](#), [Gauley River National Recreation Area](#) and [Bluestone National Scenic River](#). Visitors can learn about all three at the charming and informative [National Park Service Canyon Rim Visitor Center](#), less than two miles from Adventures on the Gorge. NPS rangers offer a variety of interactive programs, talks and experiences. State parks like [Hawks Nest State Park](#), [Pipestem Resort State Park](#) and [Carnifax Ferry Battlefield State Park](#) offer a variety of additional experiences and adventures.
- 2. Southern West Virginia is close to home.** The New River Gorge is within 500 miles of about 60 percent of the U.S. population, according to [Visit Southern West Virginia](#). Two major interstates - I-77 and I-64 - cross through the heart of the region. There are also two regional airports - Raleigh County Memorial Airport in Beckley and Greenbrier Valley Airport in Charleston - as well as Amtrak train stations and the Yeager Airport in Charleston.
- 3. Outdoor adventures with built-in physical distancing for every age and type of adventurer.** Southern West Virginia is home to some of the best whitewater rafting in the world, and AOTG offers a variety of rafting adventures as well as rafting passes for half-, full- and multi-day trips on the New and Gauley Rivers. Adventures on the Gorge also offers aerial adventures including two [ziplines](#), an [aerial adventure park](#) and a guided [Bridge Walk](#) on the historic New River Gorge Bridge. Visitors can also hike, [kayak](#), [stand up paddle board](#), [rock climb](#), [fly fish](#), [horseback ride](#) and [cycle on mountain trails](#).
- 4. Makers of artwork and culinary delights.** The thriving makers scene in Southern West Virginia showcases the immense artistic and culinary talents of the Mountain State’s citizens. From blown glass vases to [quilts](#) to [gourmet mushrooms](#), shoppers will find plenty of hand-made and locally grown items to purchase as keepsakes. Art galleries dot small towns like [Lewisburg](#) and Beckley, and [farmers markets](#) overflow with locally grown bounty throughout the summer. Don’t miss [Tamarack: The Best of West Virginia](#). This architectural gem is an artisan center, local-food restaurant, conference center and rest stop all rolled into one charming destination. Visitors can even [take a class](#) to learn glass-blowing and other skills.
- 5. Rich history and culture.** There are numerous ways to learn about the rich history of the region. Don’t miss the [Exhibition Coal Mine](#) in Beckley, where you can experience a tour of a one-time coal mine and see a preserved coal camp. The [bunker tours](#) at The Greenbrier showcase the resort’s now-famous fallout shelter, a top-secret hideout intended for VIPs during the Cold War. Or take an ATV along the [Hatfield McCoy Trail System](#) and learn about one of the most famous family feuds in American history.

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Adventures on the Gorge has several options for vacation planners. Accommodations booked online are 10 percent off the regular rate. The resort also offers a variety of [rafting and adventure passes](#); [all-inclusive packages](#) with lodging, adventures and meals; and adventure combo packages such as the [Lower New River Rafting and Mountain Biking Package](#). Kids under 12 always [raft free](#) when accompanied by an adult.

For more information, visit the website or connect with the resort on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [TripAdvisor](#), [YouTube](#), and [Vimeo](#) and by signing up for AOTG [e-newsletter](#).

Reservations can be made [online](#) or by calling 1-855-379-8738.

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#### **What to know about Adventures on the Gorge**

Named one of the top six adventure resorts in the country by [U.S. News & World Report](#), Adventures on the Gorge is located on more than 250 acres along the rim of the majestic New River Gorge near Fayetteville, W.Va. The resort provides an array of outdoor experiences including whitewater rafting on the New and Gauley Rivers, aerial adventures, rock climbing, rappelling, kayaking, stand up paddle boarding, fishing, mountain biking and hiking. There are also restaurants, bars and shops as well as a small-group conference center. Visitors can choose from a variety of [accommodations](#) and [vacation packages](#).

Travelers can find out more about Adventures on the Gorge [online](#), by calling 1-855-379-8738, or connecting on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Google+](#), [TripAdvisor](#), [YouTube](#), and [Vimeo](#) and signing up for AOTG [e-newsletter](#).

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