

## Giles Area Plan

### 2011 Plan Objectives

The Giles area rests quietly in the heart of the Appalachian Mountains of southwest Virginia, offering a relaxed atmosphere for residents and visitors. Giles is rich with exquisite countryside that provides endless excitement for outdoor enthusiasts and adventure lovers of all ages, for all seasons. Giles is home to over 90 square miles of the Jefferson National Forest, Mountain Lake Conservatory, Cascades, Glen Alton recreational area, over 50 miles of the Appalachian Trail and 37 miles of the New River.



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Recently the County launched an outdoor recreation initiative that provides a local guide for fishing, hiking, canoeing and mountain biking. The towns of Pearisburg, Narrows, Rich Creek, Glen Lyn and Pembroke are all located along the New River and serve as gateways to the activities provided.



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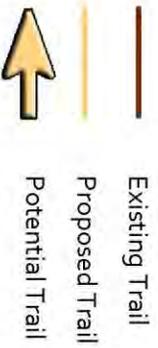
### Hierarchical priorities for the Giles area include:

1. Connecting Communities to Jefferson National Forest
  - a. Potential Trails at Mill Creek Farm, Narrows
2. Completing Whitt Riverbend Park Improvements
3. Access to Waterways – Continuing to Develop Blueway System
4. Installing Recreational Signage/Information
  - a. Developing Cultural Heritage Trail Networks
5. Interlinking to Surrounding Communities
  - a. Connecting to Neighboring Rails-to-Trails

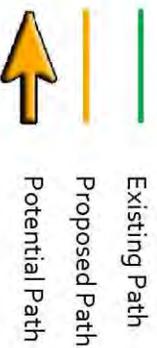
## Mapping Assistant

There is a lot of information provided on each map! To begin, the facilities identified in the plan are classified into four general categories:

1. **Hiking and Mountain Biking Trails:** Combines natural surfaced facilities that are predominately used for recreation and tourism. These facilities are shown on the map as:



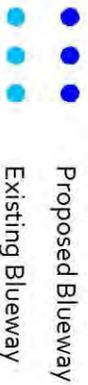
2. **Multipurpose Paths:** Combines facilities that are physically separated from motorized traffic by an open space or barrier. These facilities are shown on the maps as:



3. **Shared Roadways:** Combines facilities that are intended to accommodate bicyclist within the existing right-of-way. Typically these facilities are comprised of paved shoulders, wide travel lanes, designated bicycle lanes, or a marked SHARROW. These facilities are shown on the maps as:



4. **Blueways:** Combines facilities that are intended to accommodate the variety of waterway users. These facilities are shown on the map as:



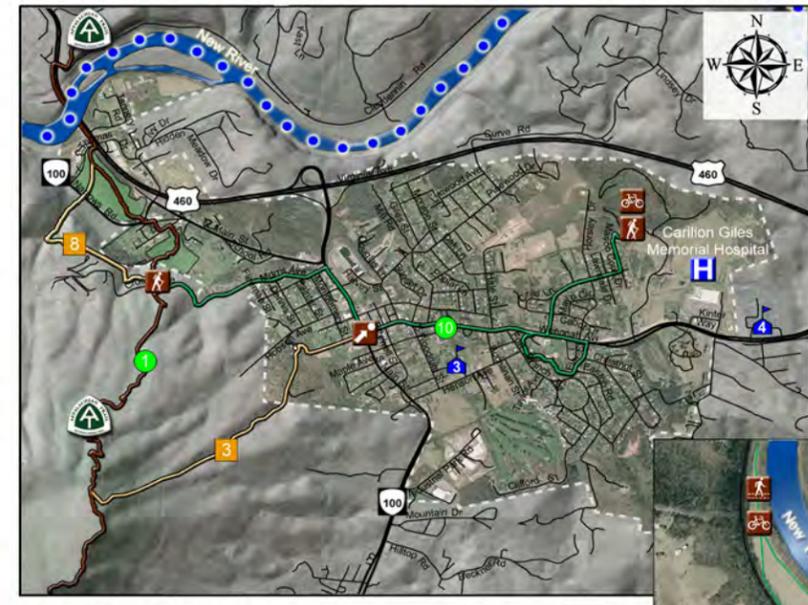
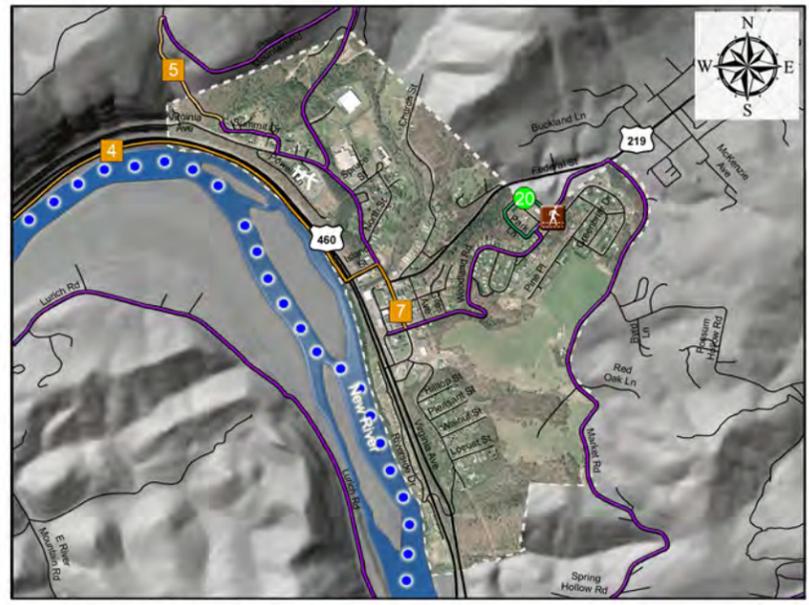
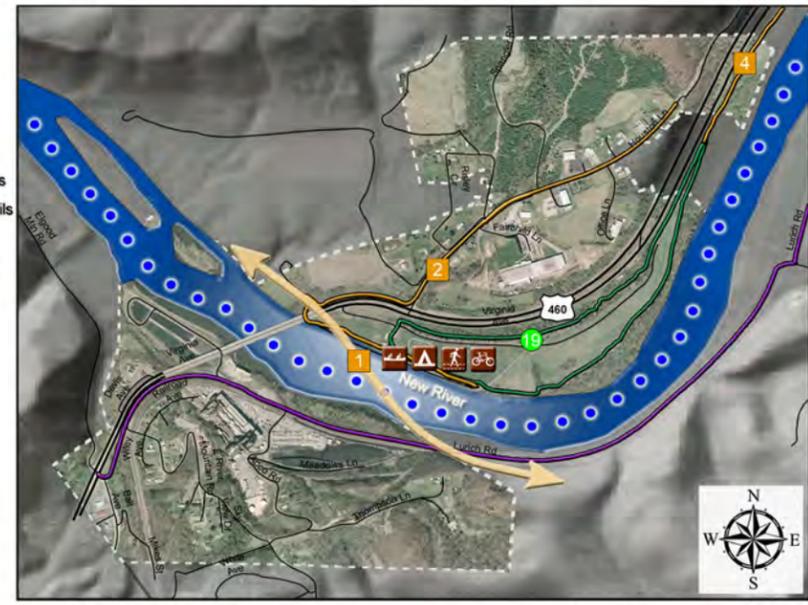
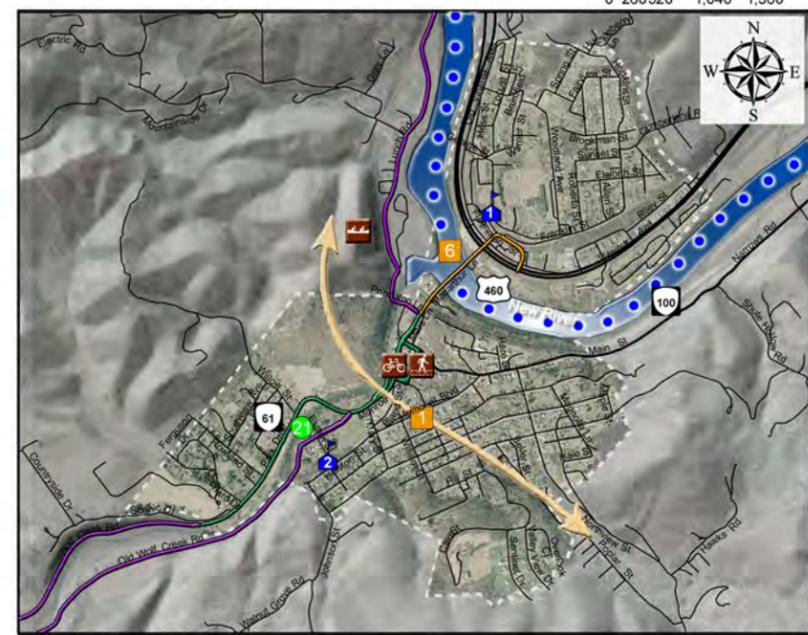
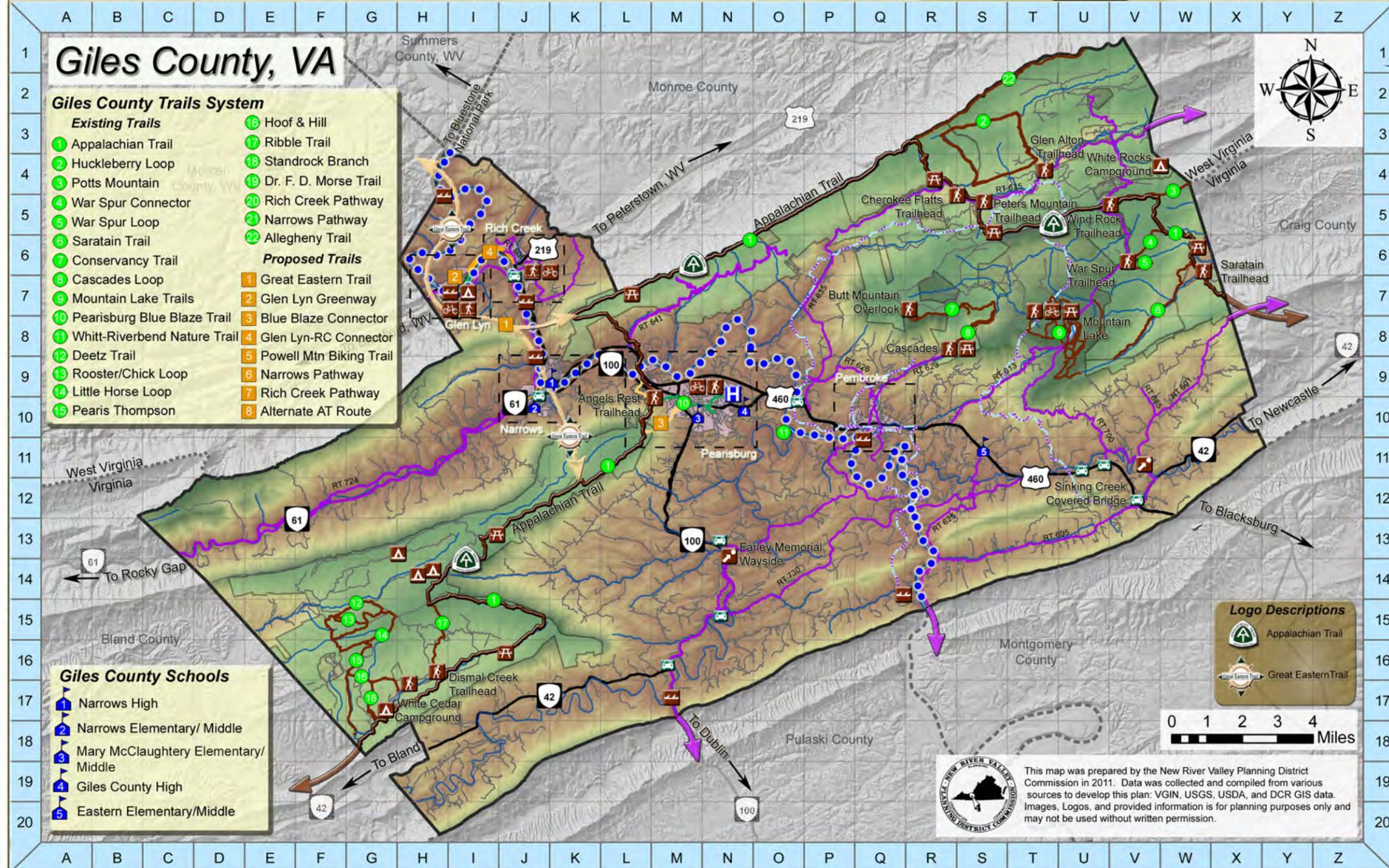
The illustrations are intended to generalize the planning elements so that a range of solutions can be explored by each community. In addition to the lines and arrows indicating the category, labels are provided to indicate the point of access for each facility. The access labels are intended to reflect the permitted uses of each facility and pin-point areas to access the facilities for that specific use. The graphic below illustrates the labels used in the 2011 Plan:



The maps also identify existing school locations, park and ride lots, hospitals, jurisdictional boundaries, and elevation. Labels correspond numerically with the trail system's legend and school's legend. Trail labels indicate existing (●) and proposed (□) facilities.

The tables provide additional information for each existing and proposed facility. A grid borders each of the maps and aligns with the information provided in the tables. The tables also provide a map key, location description, access point latitude and longitude, length, difficulty, ADA accessibility, slope ratings, and traffic volumes.

The information within this plan will be amended annually online, and updated every five years under the direction of the Regional Bikeway-Walkway Committee.



Giles County, Existing

General					Access Point		Profile				
Facility Type	Name/Route	Location	Grid Location	Map Key; Description	Latitude	Longitude	Length (mi)	Difficulty	ADA Accessible	% Slope (min/max/avg)	AADT (avg.)
Mountain Biking or Hiking	Appalachian Trail	Giles County	L11	Nationally begins/ends	37° 10' 58" N	80° 53' 53" W	58.13	Advanced	No	0/38.2/7	N/A
	Bald Knob Road	Giles County	U8	Mountain Lake	37° 21' 15.9" N	80° 32' 20.1" W	0.77	Intermediate	No	0/17.4/6	N/A
	Bald Knob Trail	Giles County	U8	Mountain Lake	37° 21' 15.9" N	80° 32' 20.1" W	0.42	Advanced	No	0/20.7/9.3	N/A
	BC Connector	Giles County	U8	Mountain Lake	37° 21' 26.1" N	80° 32' 1.3" W	0.34	Advanced	No	0/16.1/7.4	N/A
	Bear Cliffs Trail	Giles County	U8	Mountain Lake	37° 21' 5.2" N	80° 32' 1.9" W	1.21	Intermediate	No	0/12/4.7	N/A
	Chesnut Lodge	Giles County	U8	Mountain Lake	37° 24' 46.9" N	80° 32' 9.5" W	0.10	Intermediate	No	0/11.4/6.5	N/A
	Girls Camp Road	Giles County	U8	Mountain Lake	37° 21' 19.9" N	80° 32' 16.3" W	0.92	Advanced	No	0/29.6/6.8	N/A
	Golf Course Road	Giles County	U8	Mountain Lake	37° 21' 41.9" N	80° 33' 24.3" W	1.19	Beginner	No	0/10.5/3.4	N/A
	Homestead Trail	Giles County	U8	Mountain Lake	37° 20' 59" N	80° 32' 8.2" W	1.93	Advanced	No	0/21.4/8.2	N/A
	Indian Trail	Giles County	U8	Mountain Lake	37° 21' 54.4" N	80° 34' 3.2" W	1.61	Advanced	No	0/27.6/9.1	N/A
	Johns Creek Trail	Giles County	U8	Mountain Lake	37° 20' 33.3" N	80° 32' 17.1" W	0.53	Advanced	No	0/20.1/9	N/A
	Lower Doe Run	Giles County	U8	Mountain Lake	37° 21' 58.7" N	80° 32' 53.5" W	0.92	Intermediate	No	0/15.3/4.2	N/A
	Lower Jungle Trail	Giles County	U8	Mountain Lake	37° 21' 18" N	80° 32' 14.7" W	1.17	Intermediate	No	0/15.9/6.6	N/A
	Middle Jungle Trail	Giles County	U8	Mountain Lake	37° 22' 4.4" N	80° 31' 59.9" W	0.84	Beginner	No	0/11.4/3.6	N/A
	Moonstomper Trail	Giles County	U8	Mountain Lake	37° 21' 4.8" N	80° 32' 2" W	0.50	Beginner	No	0/10.9/3.4	N/A
	Old Turnpike	Giles County	U8	Mountain Lake	37° 21' 49.5" N	80° 31' 50.8" W	0.81	Advanced	No	0/13.2/7.8	N/A
	Spring Trail	Giles County	U8	Mountain Lake	37° 21' 36.8" N	80° 31' 10.7" W	1.07	Beginner	No	0/10.9/2.9	N/A
	Upper Doe Run	Giles County	U8	Mountain Lake	37° 21' 28.7" N	80° 32' 54.3" W	0.66	Beginner	No	0/10/3.3	N/A
	Upper Jungle Trail	Giles County	U8	Mountain Lake	37° 22' 9.2" N	80° 32' 17.2" W	0.86	Intermediate	No	0/15.4/4.5	N/A
	White Dot Trail	Giles County	U8	Mountain Lake	37° 21' 41.5" N	80° 33' 24" W	1.57	Intermediate	No	0/15.1/5	N/A
	White Pine Road	Giles County	U8	Mountain Lake	37° 22' 29.4" N	80° 32' 42.8" W	1.02	Advanced	No	0/20.6/7.1	N/A
	Allegheny	Giles County	L7	JNF	37° 26' 14.6" N	80° 37' 11.4" W	3.93	Intermediate	No	0/15.4/4.2	N/A
	Barney's Wall	Giles County	S8	JNF	37° 22' 15.9" N	80° 35' 27.7" W	0.39	Advanced	No	0/15.8/4.5	N/A
	Cascades	Giles County	S8	JNF	37° 21' 7.1" N	80° 36' W	4.33	Advanced	No	0/43.7/7.7	N/A
	Cherokee Flatts	Giles County	R4	JNF	37° 24' 51.4" N	80° 35' W	0.24	Beginner	No	0/12.6/3	N/A
	Chick	Giles County	G15	JNF	37° 14' 10.1" N	80° 54' 38.7" W	0.51	Intermediate	No	0/11.2/5	N/A
	Conservancy	Giles County	R8	JNF	37° 2' 8.3" N	80° 37' 23.5" W	3.46	Intermediate	No	0/20.2/5.5	N/A
	Deetz	Giles County	G15	JNF	37° 13' 37.7" N	80° 54' 50.5" W	2.84	Advanced	No	0/18.4/7.4	N/A
	Hoof & Hill	Giles County	G16	JNF	37° 12' 44.6" N	80° 54' 19.3" W	1.91	Intermediate	No	0/14.7/5.5	N/A
	Huckleberry Loop	Giles County	S4	JNF	37° 25' 54.1" N	80° 33' 19.4" W	6.61	Intermediate	No	0/28.6/5.7	N/A
Little Horse	Giles County	G15	JNF	37° 13' 17.9" N	80° 54' 33.4" W	5.24	Intermediate	No	0/17.7/4.7	N/A	
Pearis Thompson	Giles County	G16	JNF	37° 11' 21.3" N	80° 54' 2.2" W	3.29	Intermediate	No	0/18.6/6.3	N/A	
Pebble Loop	Giles County	G17	JNF	37° 11' 45.4" N	80° 53' 27.4" W	0.60	Intermediate	No	0/13.1/6.5	N/A	
Potts Mountain	Giles County	U5	JNF	37° 25' 22.5" N	80° 28' 32.1" W	2.78	Beginner	No	0/12.5/3.3	N/A	
Ribble	Giles County	H15	JNF	37° 13' 2.4" N	80° 51' 40.9" W	2.13	Advanced	No	0/30/8	N/A	
Rooster	Giles County	G15	JNF	37° 14' 5.2" N	80° 54' 57.7" W	1.28	Intermediate	No	0/18.2/5	N/A	
Sartain	Giles County	W6	JNF	37° 23' 16.2" N	80° 28' 10.5" W	4.68	Intermediate	No	0/13.3/4.6	N/A	
Standrock Branch	Giles County	G17	JNF	37° 12' 34" N	80° 53' 32.9" W	1.27	Intermediate	No	0/11.5/4.6	N/A	
Virginias Walk	Giles County	V4	JNF	37° 25' 59.9" N	80° 29' 31.7" W	0.91	Intermediate	No	0/18.2/4.6	N/A	
War Spur Connector	Giles County	V6	JNF	37° 23' 27" N	80° 30' 29.6" W	1.63	Beginner	No	0/15.6/3.3	N/A	
War Spur Loop	Giles County	V6	JNF	37° 23' 26.9" N	80° 30' 29.4" W	1.36	Intermediate	No	0/13/4.5	N/A	
War Spur Overlook	Giles County	V6	JNF	37° 23' 18.3" N	80° 29' 46.8" W	0.16	Beginner	No	0/5.2/2	N/A	
<i>Summary</i>							<b>126.16</b>	<b>Intermediate</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>0/17.4/5.6</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Multipurpose	Blue Blaze Trail	Pearisburg	M10	Downtown Pearisburg - th eAT	37° 19' 59" N	80° 42' 56" W	3.04	Intermediate	No	0/17.4/3.6	N/A
	Narrows Pathway	Narrows	J10	Downtown Narrows	37° 19' 55.5" N	80° 48' 39.6" W	1.22	Beginner	Yes	0/6.3/2	N/A
	Whitt/Riverbend Park	Pearisburg	O10	Loop around park	37° 19' 23" N	80° 40' 58" W	0.73	Beginner	Yes	0/8/3.6	N/A
	Rich Creek Park Trail	Rich Creek	J6	Loop around park	37° 23' 10.7" N	80° 40' 54" W	0.28	Beginner	Yes	0/10/5.9	N/A
	Dr F.D. Morse Trail	Glen Lyn	I7	Loop around park	37° 22' 41.6" N	80° 50' 52" W	1.75	Beginner	Yes	0/6/3.1	N/A
<i>Summary</i>							<b>7.02</b>	<b>Beginner</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>0/9.5/4.7</b>	<b>N/A</b>

Shared Right/of/Way (SHARROW, widened travel lane, paved shoulder, or bike lane)		N/A									
		<i>Summary</i>					<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<b>Waterway</b>	New River Blueway	Pembroke	R14-Q11	Spruce Run Access - Snidow Park Access	37° 15' 45.5" N	80° 51' 30" W	8.75	Intermediate	No	N/A	N/A
		Pembroke	Q11-J9	Pembroke Access - Narrows Access	37° 18' 53" N	80° 38' 34.7" W	14.67	Intermediate	No	N/A	N/A
		Narrows	J9-J7	Narrows Access - Rich Creek Access	37° 20' 12.4" N	80° 48' 38" W	2.36	Intermediate	No	N/A	N/A
		Rich Creek	J7-I7	Rich Creek Access - Glen Lyn Access	37° 22' 6" N	80° 49' 10" W	3.72	Intermediate	No	N/A	N/A
		Glen Lyn	I7-I4	Glen Lyn Access - Wylie Falls Access	37° 22' 18.3" N	80° 51' 30" W	7.45	Intermediate	Yes	N/A	N/A
		<i>Summary</i>					<b>36.96</b>	<b>Intermediate</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>

Giles County, Proposed											
General					Access Point		Profile				
Facility Type	Name/Route	Location	Grid Location	Map Key, Description	Latitude	Longitude	Length	Difficulty	ADA Accessible	% Slope (min/max/avg)	AADT (avg.)
Mountain Biking or Hiking	Great Eastern Trail	Glen Lyn/Narrows	J8	1, Bluestone, WV - the AT	37° 17' 41" N	80° 47' 12" W	17.14	Advanced	No	0/25/6.9	N/A
	Alternate AT Route	Pearisburg	M10	8, Cross Ave - Thomas St	37° 20' 13.6" N	80° 345' 23" W	1.00	Intermediate	No	0/35/11.4	N/A
	Blue Blaze Connector	Pearisburg	M10	3, Pearisburg - Angels Rest	37° 19' 35.3" N	80° 44' 6.5" W	1.57	Beginner	No	0/25/11.8	N/A
	Powell Mtn Biking Trail	Rich Creek	J6	5, Summit Dr - Pwl Mtn Rd	37° 23' 58" N	80° 49' 53.2" W	0.38	Intermediate	No	0/25/11	N/A
<i>Summary</i>							<b>20.09</b>	<b>Intermediate</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>0/25/9.9</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Multipurpose	Glen Lyn Greenway	Glen Lyn	I7	2, Glen Lyn - NS Trestle	37° 22' 16" N	80° 51' 18" W	1.51	Intermediate	Yes	0/20/5.3	N/A
	Downtown Revitalization	Rich Creek	J6	7, Downtown ADA Improvements	37° 23' 1" N	80° 49' 29.3" W	0.97	Beginner	Yes	0/19.1/3.4	N/A
	61 Proposed Multipurpose	Narrows	J10	US 460 (Glen Lyn) - Park Rd (Pearisburg)	37° 19' 35.1" N	80° 44' 6.5" W	1.51	Beginner	Yes	0/15.1/2.8	N/A
	Glen Lyn / Rich Creek Connector	Giles County	I6	Glen Lyn Park Trail - US 460 (Rich Creek)	37° 22' 41.6" N	80° 50' 52.1" W	1.76	Intermediate	Yes	0/16.7/6.6	N/A
<i>Summary</i>							<b>5.75</b>	<b>Intermediate</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>0/17.7/4.5</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Shared Right-of-Way (SHARROW, widened travel lane, paved shoulder, or bike lane)	Powell Mtn Rd	Rich Creek	J6	Abandoned Road	37° 23' 38.3" N	80° 49' 36.9" W	1.16	Advanced	No	0/29.6/10.3	150
	Peterstown, WV Loop	Rich Creek	K7	Low Traffic Volume Route	37° 22' 14.9" N	80° 48' 16.6" W	5.25	Advanced	No	0/23.3/4.7	210
	Lurich Rd	Glen Lyn/Narrows	J8	West Side of New River	37° 22' 6.8" N	80° 49' 19.6" W	6.35	Advanced	No	0/29.3/6.3	310
	Pocahontas Road	Giles County	M7	East of Narrows - south of AT	37° 21' 53.3" N	80° 44' 59.7" W	6.97	Advanced	No	0/25.5/8.4	N/A
	Rt 641	Giles County	L8	US Route 460 - Pocahontas Rd	37° 21' 0.7" N	80° 45' 54" W	1.50	Advanced	No	0/27/6.6	110
	Rt 635	Giles County	P10	Rt 460 to 684	37° 22' 6.8" N	80° 40' 15.5" W	3.65	Advanced	No	0/34.7/4.5	1100
			P9	Rt 684 to 628	37° 19' 30" N	80° 40' 25.4" W	1.82	Advanced	No		940
			P6	Rt 628 to 804	37° 22' 6.1" N	80° 39' 36" W	5.79	Advanced	No		450
			S5	Rt 804 to WV Line	37° 23' 26.3" N	80° 35' 17.1" W	6.03	Advanced	No		190
	Rt 613	Giles County	U11	Rt 460 - Rt 700	37° 24' 51.3" N	80° 35' 51.4" W	4.58	Advanced	No	0/30.6/5.4	200
			R10	Rt 700 - Rt 721	37° 21' 20.5" N	80° 32' 21.3" W	7.10	Advanced	No		135
			V4	Rt 721 - Rt 635	37° 25' 28.5" N	80° 30' 44.6" W	1.16	Advanced	No		80
			V3	V3 - Rt 635 - Dead End	37° 26' 23.2" N	80° 30' 57.9" W	2.40	Advanced	No		70
	Rt 601	Giles County	V11	Beg. - Laurel Springs	37° 19' 28.9" N	80° 40' 19.2" W	2.40	Advanced	No	0/29/6.2	400
			V11	V11 - Laurel Springs - Rt 639	37° 18' 32.8" N	80° 29' 57.8" W	1.94	Advanced	No		260
			V10	Rt 639 - Craig Co. Line	37° 20' 40" N	80° 28' 1.9" W	2.43	Advanced	No		100
	Rt 604	Giles County	U3	Rt 700 - Rt 603	37° 18' 40.1" N	80° 30' 22.7" W	0.55	Advanced	No	0/33.6/7	200
			U3	Rt 603 - Rt 601	37° 18' 40.1" N	80° 30' 22.7" W	0.80	Advanced	No		160
	Rt 700	Giles County	V11	US 460 - Rt 604	37° 19' 42.3" N	80° 32' 25.2" W	0.32	Advanced	No	0/28/7.5	540
			U9	Rt 604 - Rt 613	37° 19' 42.3" N	80° 32' 25.2" W	6.35	Advanced	No		150
	Rt 605	Giles County	W12	US 460 - Rt 802	37° 16' 24.1" N	80° 33' 3" W	0.22	Advanced	No	0/29/4.4	610
			V12	V12; Rt 802 - Rt 693	37° 17' 24.8" N	80° 30' 4.9" W	1.99	Advanced	No		460
			T13	T13; Rt 693 - Rt 610	37° 16' 38.1" N	80° 31' 57.2" W	3.72	Advanced	No		180
			S14	Rt 610 - Rt 625	37° 16' 58" N	80° 35' 37.1" W	0.51	Advanced	No		90
	Rt 625	Giles County	R15	Beg. - Rt 682	37° 14' 42.8" N	80° 35' 3.1" W	2.29	Advanced	No	0/27.5/6.5	90
			S12	Rt 682 - Rt 460	37° 17' 33.9" N	80° 33' 27.3" W	2.40	Advanced	No		120
	Rt 730	Giles County	N15	Beg. - Eggleston	37° 18' 1" N	80° 33' 27.3" W	1.59	Advanced	No	0/29/5.7	740
			R12	Eggleston - Rt. 730	37° 17' 32.9" N	80° 35' 6.5" W	9.56	Advanced	No		290
	Rt 623	Giles County	Q12	Beg. - Rt 745	37° 16' 5.2" N	80° 41' 34.6" W	4.40	Advanced	No	0/30/4.6	370
			P11	Rt 745 - Rt 1404	37° 18' 18.9" N	80° 39' 38.1" W	1.88	Advanced	No		670
			Q10	Rt 1404 - Rt 688	37° 19' 11.1" N	80° 38' 21.1" W	1.15	Advanced	No		1200
			Q9	Rt 688 - Dead End	37° 20' 9.5" N	80° 38' 2.4" W	2.20	Advanced	No		340
	Rt 626	Giles County	Q11	Beg. - Rt 460	37° 18' 21.4" N	80° 38' 9.6" W	1.44	Advanced	No	0/17.2/5	1800
			Q10	Rt 460 - Rt 623	37° 19' 16.9" N	80° 38' W	0.49	Advanced	No		610
			Q10	Rt 623 - Rt 766	37° 19' 43.1" N	80° 38' 10.7" W	2.61	Advanced	No		100
			P9	Rt 766 - Dead End	37° 19' 59.3" N	80° 38' 16.9" W	0.69	Advanced	No		170
	Rt 724	Giles County	E13	Beg. - Rt 673	37° 16' 9.4" N	80° 57' 10.3" W	5.02	Advanced	No	0/36.8/6.3	70
			J10	Rt 673 - WCL Narrows	35° 39' 5.2" N	80° 49' 38.1" W	4.30	Advanced	No		330
	Rt 806	Giles County	J6	US 219 - Rich Creek	37° 23' 13" N	80° 49' 33.2" W	0.54	Advanced	No	0/11.6/3.2	810
	<i>Summary</i>							<b>115.56</b>	<b>Advanced</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>0/28.6/5.5</b>
Waterway	N/A										
<i>Summary</i>							<b>0.00</b>				

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