

Hurricane Camille - 1969

Points of Interest in Nelson County, Virginia

Route 29 Corridor - Lovingson Area

- 1 Oakland - Nelson County Museum of History - orientation exhibit, slide show of destruction, and data base of newspaper articles, publications, and pictures. (5365 Thomas Nelson Hwy.) N 37° 42.936 W 78° 54.735
- 2 Calvary Baptist Church - baptistry window in sanctuary with symbolic images of the flood and a scrapbook of photographs to remember those lost in the great flood. (8408 Thomas Nelson Hwy.) N 37° 44.957 W 78° 52.744
- 3 Nelson Memorial Library - plaque on the exterior of the building indicating that funding from the book *Torn Land* helped build the library as a memorial to the victims. Home of the Nelson County Historical Society files and library collection. (8521 Thomas Nelson Hwy.) N 37° 45.057 W 78° 52.753

Nelson County Visitors Center

Information center for the county and surrounding area
Open 7 days each week from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
N 37° 45.048 W 78° 52.742

- 4 Lovingson
 - Nelson County Courthouse - memorial monument dedicated to the victims who lost their lives during the flood. N 37° 45.599 W 78° 52.188
 - Green Acres Neighborhood - site of a major mountain slide that devastated the area around the northern Front and Main Streets. N 37° 45.929 W 78° 52.094
 - Rt. 29 - Bypass at Main Street- served as the "Command Center" where fixed wing aircraft and helicopters landed on the newly created highway delivering relief and evacuating those in need. N 37° 45.628 W 78° 52.419
- 5 Davis Creek Lane, Oak Hill Baptist Church and Cemetery - mountain scars are still visible during the winter where the earth washed from the bedrock - Davis Creek Community had the greatest loss of life, along with major property damage and land erosion. (725 Davis Creek Lane) N 37° 49.268 W 78° 51.315

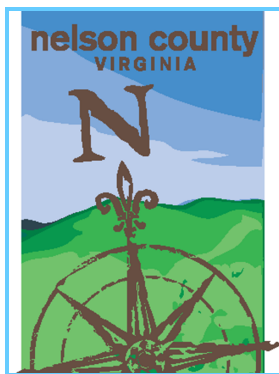
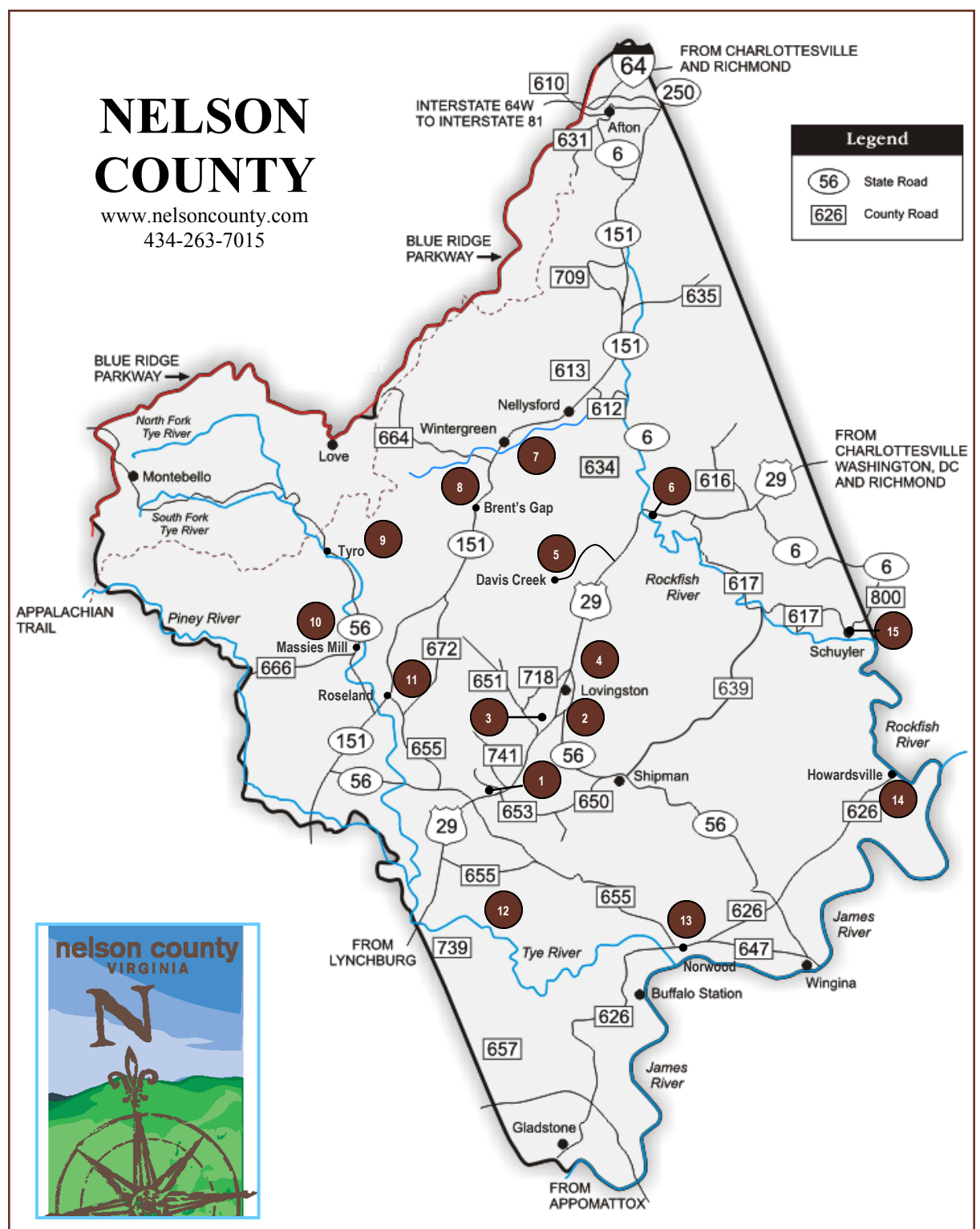
- 6 Woods Mill and Nelson County Wayside - major flooding and debris piles from Muddy Creek, Davis Creek and the Rockfish River as they converged at the site. VA Department of Highways historical marker "Camille" and a 25th anniversary memorial marker by the Rockfish River. (intersection of Rt. 29 and Rt. 6 W) N 37° 50.686 W 78° 48.955

Route 151 Corridor

- 7 South Rockfish Valley (Wintergreen Community) - "Camille" historic marker at Rockfish Valley Trailhead and Camille Memorial Park- Rockfish River bridge damaged and loss of life there. N 37° 52.779 W 78° 54.504
- 8 Brent's Gap, Hat Creek, and Bryant area - incurred major flooding, property damage and loss of life. (Patrick Henry Highway) N 37° 47.999 W 78° 57.505

Route 56 Corridor

- 9 Tyro - major washout of the Tye River, at the time changing the course of the river at Tyro. (Crabtree Falls Hwy.) N 37° 49.349 W 79° 0.327



- 10 Massies Mill
 - Massies Mill Presbyterian Church— completely washed away - present church was built after 1969 - (2178 Crabtree Falls Hwy.) N 37° 46.858 W 78° 59.911
 - Grace Episcopal Church - damaged by flooding waters - a memorial window in the sanctuary; lectern from inside the church was recovered beside the James River at Wingina (1934 Crabtree Falls Hwy.) N 37° 46.590 W 79° 0.063
 - Tye River Bridge - bronze memorial marker dedicated to the victims whose lives were lost from the Massies Mill area. (Crabtree Falls Hwy.) N 37° 46.474 W 79° 0.197
- 11 Roseland
 - Lane Ford Bridge at Routes 56 & 151 major damage to the approaches making it impassable (Intersection of Rt. 56 and Rt. 151) N 37° 45.219 W 78° 59.133
- 12 Roseland Road Community along the Tye River - many houses were heavily damaged and some washed away. N 37° 44.981 W 78° 58.719
- 12 Tye River Community - Southern Railroad trestle across the Tye River was heavily damaged and remarkably replaced in 11 days. (Tye River Rd.) N 37° 39.031 W 78° 56.
- 13 Norwood - Tye River flows into the James River - due to the force of the water from the Tye River, the James River flowed up-stream for about 3 miles to Buffalo Station; loss of life at Norwood. (Norwood Rd.) N 37° 38.549 W 78° 48.736
- 14 Howardsville - Major flooding at the mouth of the Rockfish River as it flows into the James River caused devastation to low-lying homes and washed away the train depot and all bridges there. (Cabell Rd.) N 37° 43.973 W 78° 38.887
- 15 Schuyler - Rockfish River's floodwaters washed away the dam as it made its way to the James River. (Salem Rd.) N 37° 47.249 W 78° 41.946



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