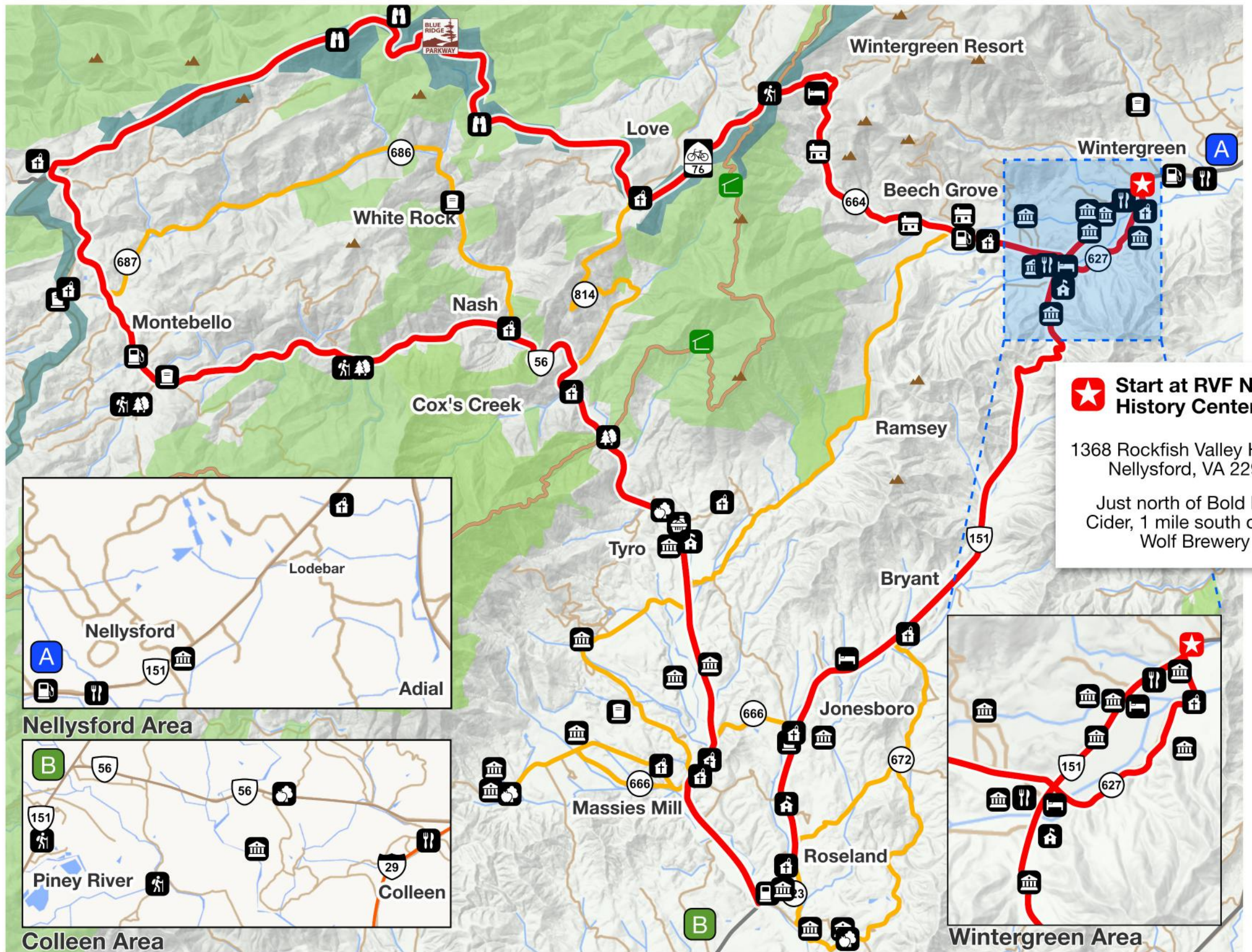


Attention naturalists, photographers, history buffs, archaeology enthusiasts, hikers, and beer, wine, and cider aficionados! The Nelson Scenic Loop — comprised of four scenic byways — is a 50 mile auto and bike tour that features Nelson County's bounty of natural, cultural, and historic attractions.

Downloadable map
www.nelsonscenicloop.com



Start at RVF Natural History Center
 1368 Rockfish Valley Highway
 Nellysford, VA 22958
 Just north of Bold Rock Cider, 1 mile south of Wild Wolf Brewery

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Begin your journey

Start at the Rockfish Valley Foundation's Natural History Center, located at 1368 Rockfish Valley Highway (Route 151), Nellysford, VA. Scenic and natural wonders abound. Hike the Appalachian Trail, visit Crabtree Falls, or stop at scenic overlooks on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Along the way visit breweries, cideries, orchards, and more. Eat local food and enjoy the views from the many local restaurants.

Comprising Route 151, Route 664, the Blue Ridge Parkway, and Route 56, the Nelson Scenic Loop traverses both the lower foothills of the Piedmont as well as the summits of Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains.

Along the Loop, encounter the landscape that was shaped by the clash of two early settler cultures -- the Scots-Irish and the Anglicans -- who left a legacy of diverse farming practices, and distinct architecture. Part of the Loop includes the South Rockfish Valley Rural Historic District and a number of registered historic landmarks.

While in the area, you can also head north from the Natural History Center on Route 151 and visit 5 wineries, 2 breweries, and a distillery. See www.nelson151.com for more details.

Please remember to respect the privacy of those who live in the community.

Scenic Loop Facts

- Rises in elevation from 850 to 4050 feet
- Bisected by Rockfish and Tye Rivers and traverses three Blue Ridge Mountain watersheds
- Blue Ridge Parkway was a WPA project and built in 1935
- At 1,214 ft, Crabtree Falls is the highest waterfall east of the Mississippi River
- Monticello Fish Hatchery raises the trout that stock the local streams
- Grace Episcopal Church in Massie's Mill survived the 1969 Hurricane Camille Flood when one percent of Nelson County's population perished
- Nelson County was founded in 1808 and named for Gov. Thomas Nelson Jr.