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ADVENTURE where nature meets culture

Elkhorn City Gateway to The Breaks

The area surrounding Elkhorn City is a backpacking paradise. The **Jefferson National Forest** extends from Elkhorn City to Raven Rock at Pound Gap. A new trailhead for the **Pine Mountain Trail** establishes Elkhorn City as a starting point for the 210 mile trail to Cumberland Gap National Historic Park in Tennessee.

For the more adventuresome, hiking, mountain biking or horseback riding through the historic **Potter's Flats** meadow offers views of archaeological ruins from early pioneer homes. The history of **Potter Flats** is a source of colorful stories about moonshining, stills and revenue agents.

Imagine a bountiful river where you can fish in pristine wilderness or in the middle of the town in well-stocked **Russell Fork River**. Regional birds and plants, such as the native rhododendron bushes, provide a peaceful distraction on long walks. Avid hunters will find an abundance of wild turkey in the region.

Adventure for All Levels

Travel Route 80, **Patty Loveless Highway** east from Elkhorn City to 4600-acre Breaks Interstate Park and find miles of hiking and horseback trails. Park amenities make it fun & easy for wildlife watching, fishing, camping and other outdoor activities. Campers can enjoy the Park's comfortable lodging and convenient RV hook-ups.

The Grand Canyon of the South

The marvelous view of The Towers from The Breaks. Hiking through Jefferson National Forest. Camping and backpacking in lush Pine Mountain—a back to nature experience.

Adventure Variety

- Whitewater boating
- Kayaking, rafting & canoeing
- Trout fishing
- Rock climbing
- Horseback riding
- Hiking
- Hunting
- Long distance biking
- Mountain biking
- Swimming
- Camping

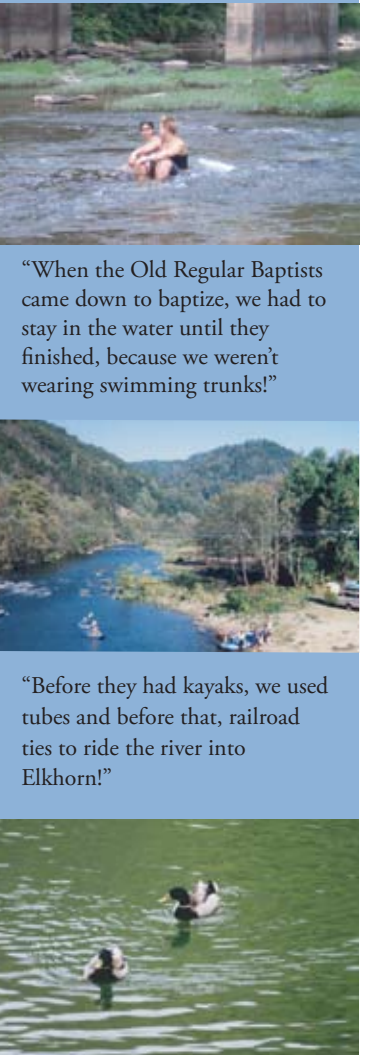
Adventure in Nature

- Jefferson National Forest
- Potter Flats
- Breaks Interstate Park
- Russell Fork River
- Trailhead of the Pine Mountain Trail
- Ratliff Hole



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Local River Lore



"When the Old Regular Baptists came down to baptize, we had to stay in the water until they finished, because we weren't wearing swimming trunks!"

"Before they had kayaks, we used tubes and before that, railroad ties to ride the river into Elkhorn!"

"Every evening I feed the ducks down at the Waterfront Park and, if she's able, my wife comes to watch."



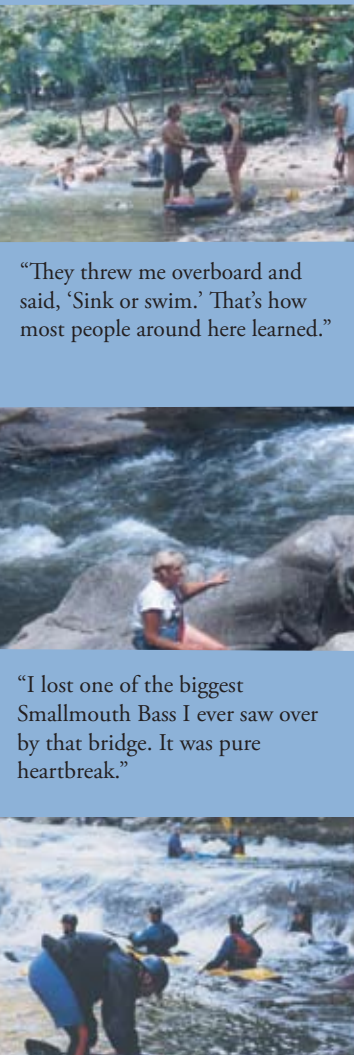
"The flood took the house in '63, but after it was over we found Mother's old cedar chest down the road."

Whitewater Boating

The **Russell Fork River** carved the largest canyon east of the Mississippi, estimated to be as old as 250 million years. After cutting a 1600 foot gorge through the mountains, the Russell Fork cascades into **Elkhorn City**, a great pull out and place to catch a bite after the day's river trip.

Rafters and kayakers navigate the gorge paddling through some of the best Class IV–V rated whitewater in the United States.

But the greatest thing about the river is that there are sections for beginner and intermediate boaters of all ages and abilities.

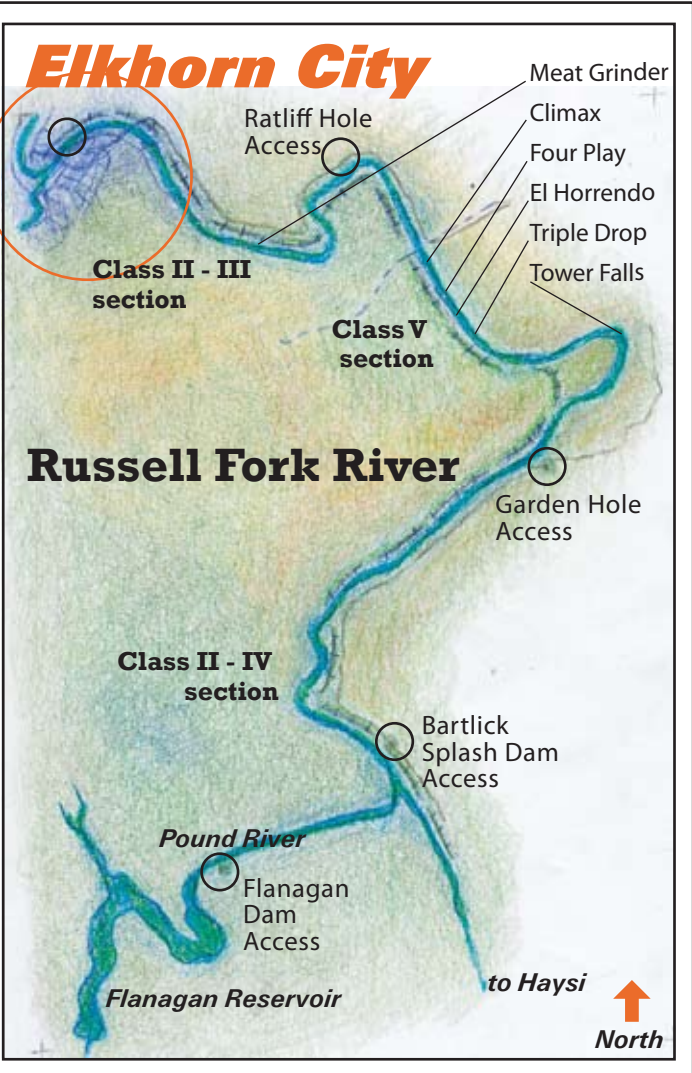


"They threw me overboard and said, 'Sink or swim.' That's how most people around here learned."

"I lost one of the biggest Smallmouth Bass I ever saw over by that bridge. It was pure heartbreak."

"The loggers rode the logs all the way downriver to Ashland, enjoyed the local saloons, and then took the train back home."

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Loggers and kayakers have charted the river on its way from West Virginia to Elkhorn City. Riverside trails allow hikers access to this natural beauty.

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