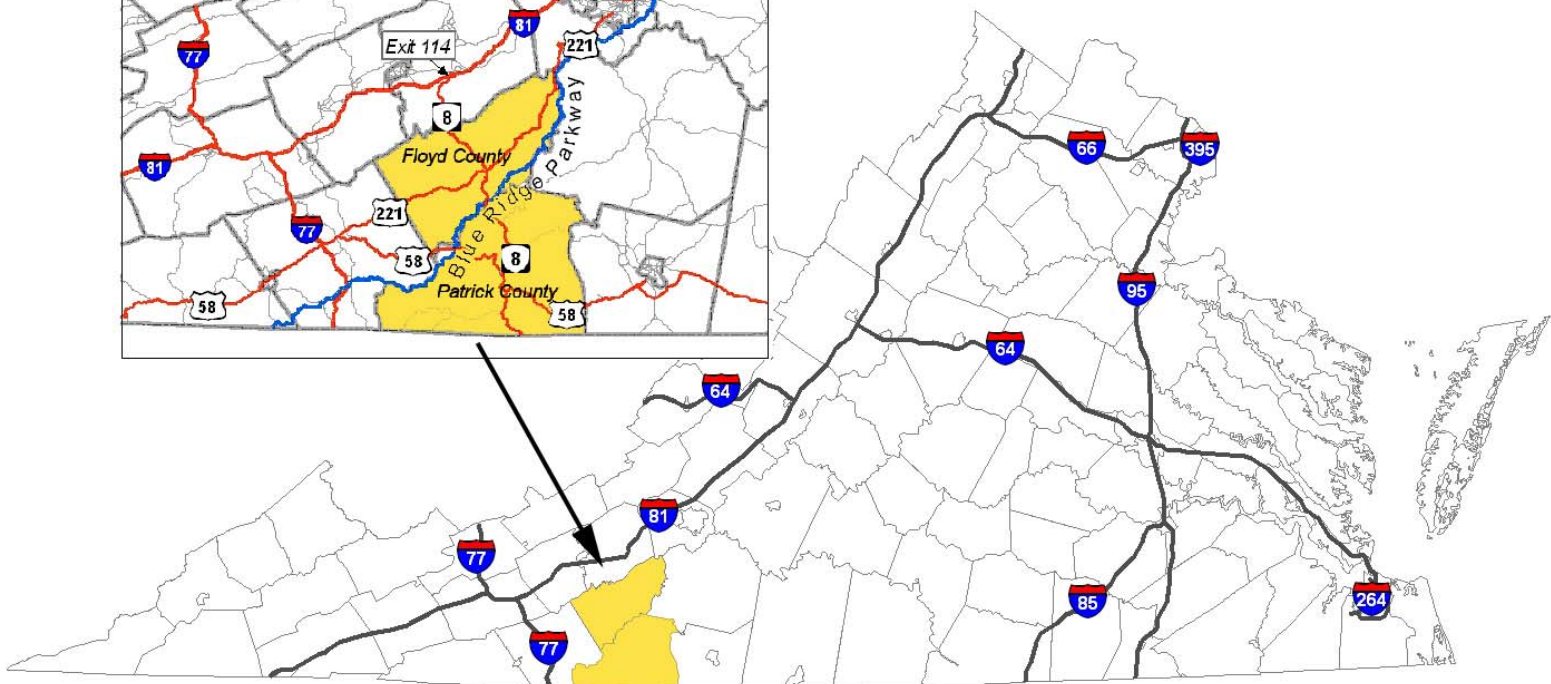
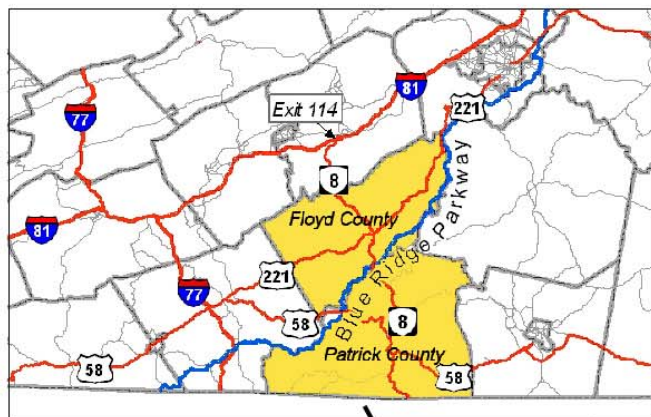


# Floyd and Patrick Counties, Virginia Visitor Survey

National Park Service



**Rocky Knob Area of the  
Blue Ridge Parkway**



Commonwealth of Virginia

ID \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Survey Location \_\_\_\_\_

[This first page is for the surveyor to complete before giving the survey to the respondent.]

You have been selected to participate in this survey because you are visiting Floyd and Patrick counties in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The map on the first page of this survey shows the location of these counties and of the Blue Ridge Parkway. **Please answer all questions in this survey based only on your visit to Floyd and Patrick counties, including the Blue Ridge Parkway around Rocky Knob.** If you are uncertain if a particular place is within these counties, please ask the survey administrator now. Thank you for your help with completing this survey!

1. Have you visited Floyd or Patrick counties before today? *(Please check one)* (Topic Area 1 – Individual Characteristics) [1.VISHIS1]

Yes → including this time, how many times have you visited Floyd or Patrick counties in the past 2 years? \_\_\_\_\_

No → Go to question 2.

2. On this visit, how long will you stay in Floyd and Patrick counties? Please list partial hours as 1/4, 1/2, or 3/4. (Topic Area 2 – Trip/Visit Characteristics) [3.TRIPC11]

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of **hours**, if less than 24 hours

**OR**

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of **days**, if 24 hours or more

3. How many people are in your party today, including you? (Topic Area 1 – Individual Characteristics) [VARIATION OF 1.GR3]

Party size: \_\_\_\_\_

4. What things did you like most about your visit to Floyd and Patrick counties? *(List up to 3.)* (Topic Area 6 - Individual Perceptions of their Park Experiences) [6.EVALSERV25]

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

5. What things did you like least about your visit to Floyd and Patrick counties? *(List up to 3.)* (Topic Area 6 - Individual Perceptions of their Park Experiences) [6.EVALSERV24]

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

6. a. Are there places in Floyd and Patrick counties that are special enough you would tell your friends about them? *(If yes, list up to 3. If no, leave blank and go to Question 7.)* (Topic Area 2 – Trip/Visit Characteristics)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**b.** How did you find these places? *(Please check all that apply)* (Topic Area 2 – Trip/Visit Characteristics)

- Recommendation from another       Internet       Printed materials  
 Road signs       Happened across them       Television or radio  
 Other *(Please specify)* \_\_\_\_\_

**7.** Were Floyd and Patrick counties (including the Blue Ridge Parkway) the primary destination of your trip from home? *(Please check one)* (Topic Area 2 – Trip/Visit Characteristics) [VARIATION OF 2.TPLAN4]

- Yes  
 No → what was your primary destination? \_\_\_\_\_

**8.** What was the main reason for your trip to Floyd and Patrick counties? *(Please check one)* (Topic Area 2 – Trip/Visit Characteristics) [VARIATION OF 3.TRIPC1]

- Outdoor recreation       Visit friends and relatives       Shopping  
 Passing through       Attend festival/special event       Visit second home/camp  
 Business related       Vacation       Visit attractions  
 Sightseeing       Driving the Blue Ridge Parkway  
 Other *(Please specify)* \_\_\_\_\_

**9.** Please check the following activities in which you participated while visiting Floyd and Patrick counties, including the Blue Ridge Parkway. Then for each activity checked, please indicate how important that activity was to your visit by circling one number. *(Topic Area 3 – Individual Activities and Uses of Park Resources)* [VARIATION OF 3.ACT22]

Did you participate in...	Importance			
	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Moderately Important	Very Important
<input type="checkbox"/> hiking	1	2	3	4
<input type="checkbox"/> walking	1	2	3	4
<input type="checkbox"/> biking	1	2	3	4
<input type="checkbox"/> wildlife viewing	1	2	3	4
<input type="checkbox"/> visiting with family/friends	1	2	3	4
<input type="checkbox"/> observing scenery/views	1	2	3	4
<input type="checkbox"/> swimming	1	2	3	4
<input type="checkbox"/> picnicking	1	2	3	4
<input type="checkbox"/> hunting/fishing	1	2	3	4
<input type="checkbox"/> camping	1	2	3	4
<input type="checkbox"/> festivals	1	2	3	4
<input type="checkbox"/> golfing	1	2	3	4
<input type="checkbox"/> dining out	1	2	3	4
<input type="checkbox"/> driving a motorcycle for pleasure	1	2	3	4
<input type="checkbox"/> driving for pleasure in a vehicle other than a motorcycle on the Blue Ridge Parkway	1	2	3	4
<input type="checkbox"/> driving for pleasure on other roads in Floyd and Patrick Counties	1	2	3	4
<input type="checkbox"/> sampling local foods	1	2	3	4
<input type="checkbox"/> shopping	1	2	3	4

<input type="checkbox"/> wine tasting	1	2	3	4
<input type="checkbox"/> visiting historical or cultural sites	1	2	3	4
<input type="checkbox"/> learning about Native American heritage	1	2	3	4
<input type="checkbox"/> visiting Mabry Mill	1	2	3	4
<input type="checkbox"/> visiting art/craft studios or centers	1	2	3	4
<input type="checkbox"/> observing/talking with local artists and craft persons	1	2	3	4
<input type="checkbox"/> visiting farms/gardens	1	2	3	4
<input type="checkbox"/> visiting covered bridges	1	2	3	4
<input type="checkbox"/> listening to local musicians	1	2	3	4
<input type="checkbox"/> visiting natural sites (e.g., parks, preserves, etc.)	1	2	3	4
others: (please specify)				
_____	1	2	3	4
_____	1	2	3	4
_____	1	2	3	4

10. How likely would you or the members of your household be to visit an attraction in Floyd and Patrick counties that showcases the following themes? Each theme would be based on events, people, or products from Floyd and Patrick counties. *(Please circle one number for each theme)* (Topic Area 3 – Individual Activities and Uses of Park Resources) [VARIATION OF 3.LEARNS]

Showcased Theme	Definitely would not visit	Probably would not visit	Probably would visit	Definitely would visit
Changes in mountain/rural life over the last 100 years	1	2	3	4
Traditional skills for mountain and outdoor living	1	2	3	4
Nature and natural history	1	2	3	4
Native American heritage	1	2	3	4
Local artistry or crafts	1	2	3	4
Local products	1	2	3	4
Agriculture and farming	1	2	3	4
Organic farming and sustainable living	1	2	3	4
Local foods	1	2	3	4
Theatre and performances	1	2	3	4
Mountain people	1	2	3	4
Mountain history and folklore	1	2	3	4
Genealogy (i.e., exploring family connections)	1	2	3	4
Mountain and bluegrass music	1	2	3	4
Civil war history	1	2	3	4
Wine and winemaking	1	2	3	4
Others: (please specify)				
_____	1	2	3	4
_____	1	2	3	4
_____	1	2	3	4

11. What type of accommodations, if any, did you use on this trip to Floyd and Patrick counties? *(Please check all that apply)* (Topic Area 2 – Trip/Visit Characteristics) [VARIATION OF 3.TRIPC15]

- Rented cabin/cottage/home       Motel/Hotel       Campgrounds/RV
- Resort       Bed & Breakfast       Personal vacation home
- Friends/Relatives house
- Other *(Please specify)* \_\_\_\_\_

12. Prior to this visit, how did you obtain information about Floyd and Patrick counties? *(Please check all that apply)* (Topic Area 2 – Trip/Visit Characteristics) [2.TPLAN11]

- Did not obtain information prior to my visit -> Go to Question 13
- Recommendation from friend/relative       Road signs       Floyd County Website
- Recommendation from travel agent       Billboards       Patrick County Website
- Business advertisement       Newspaper article       Travel guidebook
- Regional tourism office       Newspaper advertisement       E-mail advertisement
- State tourism office       Magazine article       Television
- Visitor center       Magazine advertisement       My past experience
- Other *(Please specify)* \_\_\_\_\_

13. For what purpose, if any, did you use the Internet when planning this trip? *(Please check all that apply)* (Topic Area 2 – Trip/Visit Characteristics)

- None, I did not use Internet       Price information       Reservations
- Researching the area       Purchasing tour package(s)       Images of area
- Phone numbers and addresses       Personal recommendations       Determining when to travel
- Other *(please describe)* \_\_\_\_\_

14. How many hours did you spend planning your trip to Floyd and Patrick counties? Please list partial hours as 1/4, 1/2, or 3/4. (Topic Area 2 – Trip/Visit Characteristics) [VARIATION OF 3.TRIPC11]

Hours spent planning: \_\_\_\_\_

15. How important were the following factors to your visit to Floyd and Patrick counties, including the Blue Ridge Parkway? *(Please circle one number for each item)* (Topic Area 6 - Individual Perceptions of their Park Experiences)

	<b>Importance</b>			
	<b>Not Important</b>	<b>Somewhat Important</b>	<b>Moderately Important</b>	<b>Very Important</b>
Following a planned itinerary	1	2	3	4
Exploring the area	1	2	3	4
Accidentally discovering places not on your planned itinerary	1	2	3	4
Keeping to your plans	1	2	3	4
Not having enough time	1	2	3	4
Being able to wander	1	2	3	4
Being able to take an organized tour	1	2	3	4
Being able to find your way around	1	2	3	4
Being able to get from place to place	1	2	3	4

quickly				
Being able to escape crowds	1	2	3	4
Visiting <u>specific</u> sites or attractions (please specify)				
_____	1	2	3	4
_____	1	2	3	4
_____	1	2	3	4
Others: (please specify)				
_____	1	2	3	4
_____	1	2	3	4
_____	1	2	3	4

**16.** Do you live in the United States? *(Please check one and fill in the appropriate blank.)* (Topic Area 1 – Individual Characteristics) [1.RES3]

- Yes (What is your zip code? \_\_\_\_\_)
- No (What country do you live in? \_\_\_\_\_)

**17.** What is the highest level of formal schooling you have completed? *(Please check one)* (Topic Area 1 – Individual Characteristics) [1ED2]

- Less than high school
- Some high school
- High school graduate
- Some college
- Two-year college degree
- Four-year college degree
- Graduate or professional degree

**18.** In what year were you born? (Topic Area 1 – Individual Characteristics) [1AGE1]

Year born: \_\_\_\_\_

**19.** What is your gender? *(Please check one)* (Topic Area 1 – Individual Characteristics) [1GEN2]

- Male
- Female

**20.** Which category best describes your total household income in 2007 before taxes? *(Please check one)* (Topic Area 1 – Individual Characteristics) [1INCOM1]

- Less than \$24,999
- \$25,000 to \$34,999
- \$35,000 to \$49,999
- \$50,000 to \$74,999
- \$75,000 to \$99,999
- \$100,000 to \$149,999
- \$150,000 to \$199,999
- \$200,000 or more
- Do not wish to answer

Thank you for your help with this survey! Please return it by placing it in the self-addressed stamped envelope provided and then in the mail.

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