

Welcome to Garrett County's Oldest Settlement

The history of Friendsville stretches back in time 8,000+ years to the early archaic age when Native Americans hunted and traveled through this area. John Friend found this idyllic spot in 1763 and was given permission by the Shawnee Indians he found camped here to return with his family. He built a cabin and named the location Friend's Fortune. The Friend families lived peacefully with the natives until 1775 when a fort was built due to increased conflicts in the area. In the late 1700's the Shawnee stopped coming here from the Ohio Valley to hunt and grow crops in the fertile valley. Farms were being established in the mountains nearby and Friendsville quickly became a commerce hub in the mid 1800's. Early industries included iron works and foundries and numerous business establishments including mercantile stores, blacksmiths, harness shops, stables, flour mills, bars, hotels and an opera house.

With the arrival of the railroad in 1889, the town experienced explosive growth and commerce. The logging industry operating on narrow gauge railways beyond town became the primary driver of the economy and the boom continued until the seemingly unlimited timber resources became decimated by 1912.

Coal then took over as the primary export from Friendsville. Mines were located up the river from town. Other export products included farm products such as buckwheat flour and corn meal from the mills located in town, cream from area farms and poles that were used as mine supports for deep mines in the Pittsburgh region.

When the train tracks were removed in 1942 for the war effort and the construction of the Yough Reservoir, the era of explosive growth ended. Friendsville became a center for trucking and logging again as forest resources rebounded. In 1972 Interstate 68 was built. In the early 1980's kayakers and guides from PA and WV started paddling the river. A commercial whitewater rafting industry was born and Friendsville began a new phase of its story as Maryland's Adventure Capitol.

On the tour you will discover 18 sign markers that explore many of the colorful characters, events and places that helped shape this town. You will learn about the early Native American history, the history of the railroad, logging, mining, and the schools, businesses and people that thrived and made their mark here. In addition, the tour has a connected "living history" website where you can hear the stories of the town and what life was like in days gone by.

www.visitfriendsville.org/historytour
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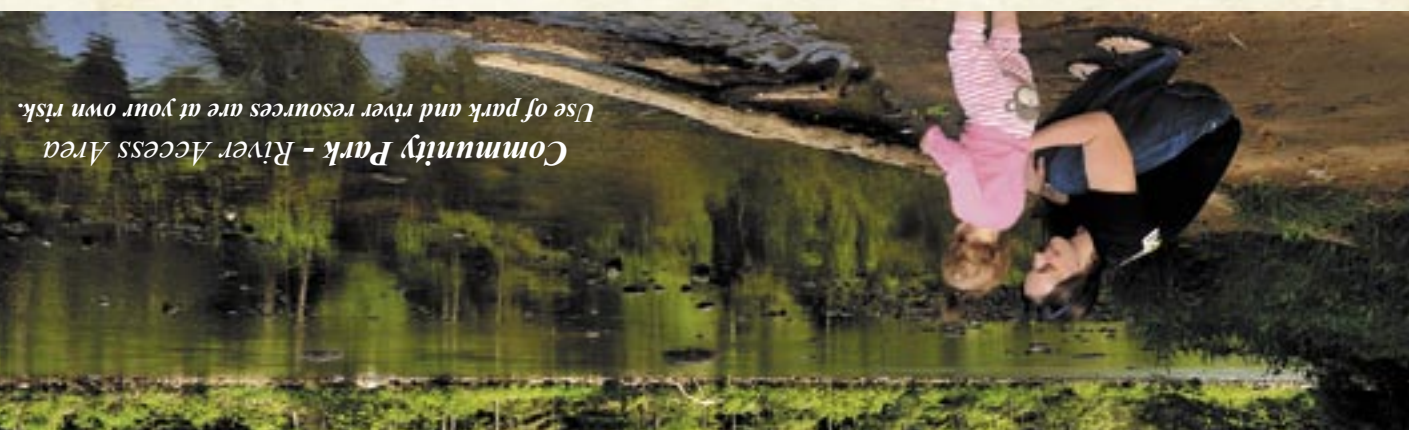
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- Friendsville Days
- Fiddle & Banjo Contest
- The Upper Yough Race
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Garrett County Celtic Fest
- Movies in The Park
- Gran Fondo Bike Race
- Fabulous Fridays
- Christmas with Santa



Small Town Living Fun Special Events



Community Park - River Access Area
 Use of park and river resources are at your own risk.

Explore Friendsville Today!

FRIENDSVILLE INTERACTIVE HISTORY TOUR

♦ A WORLD AWAY ♦

But so close to Deep Creek Lake, Morgantown, Cumberland, Pittsburgh, Baltimore and Washington DC.

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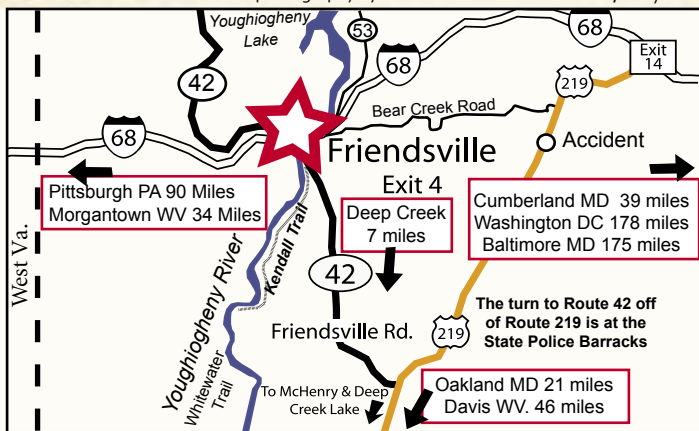
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Biking and walking on the paved park trail and trout fishing on Bear Creek are popular activities for locals and visitors.



Fun and peaceful relaxation for all ages can be found at the Friendsville Community Park. This riverside facility features picnic areas and pavilions, basketball court, horseshoe pits, accessible walking trail, large playground, baseball fields, a riverside access area with sandy shoreline and lots of open space. Pack a lunch or buy supplies at the grocery store. Get a to-go meal for a picnic in the park, or a trailside lunch. Whatever simple pleasure you are seeking, Friendsville is the place to find it.

Mild Adventures



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People



Places



Stories

A fun and educational walking tour in Garrett County's Oldest Settlement.

Where history comes alive!

online at visitfriendsville.org/historytour

The annual Kendall Trail 5K run - 3K walk Town Library Fundraiser is held every year in May. Runners compete for cash prizes and there are many wonderful prizes for non-competitive walkers. Family friendly fun for all ages.



Friendsville is home to World Class kayaking and rafting on the Class V Upper Youghiogheny River. Trips run on dam releases from Deep Creek Lake spring, summer and fall. The Kendall Trail is a scenic riverside trail that extends two miles to the old site of Kendall and then beyond with rugged hiking to National Falls where the trail ends. Hikers, bikers and fishermen should be aware that due to the water releases the river level can rise quickly. Please check the Friendsville backcountry area or floating and canoeing the river below town. Be careful, natural hazards exist on land and water.



The Friendliest Little Town in Maryland.

↔ Tour General Information ↔

Oral histories, stories and virtual tour are available online at www.visitfriendsville.org/historytour

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The story of a boy who spent the night with the Shawnee Indians, who was returned happy and wearing new moccasins.
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- 4 Custers Store - Ryland's Store**
The Custer Family Store. The Ryland's Checkerboard Store and Water Street Commerce.
- 5 Water Street North - Elijah Monroe Friend**
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- 6 Maple & Morris Avenue**
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Additional Tour Activities & Features

- The online Virtual Tour, oral history and story-telling portion of this tour is available online at www.visitfriendsville.org/historytour
- Post pictures, ask questions, make comments and interact with the tour on Facebook facebook.com/friendsvillehistory
- Submit tour quiz answers to info@friendsville.org

Tour Quiz - Submit answers for prizes and special offers.

- 1) What year did timber resources collapse?
- 2) How many mill stones did you see along the tour?
- 3) How much did homes pay for early electricity?
- 4) What year was the Youghiogheny Reservoir built?
- 5) What was the original name of Kendall?
- 6) Who were the original owners of the Yough coal mine?
- 7) Who was the agent for the Friendsville railroad station?
- 9) What did Little Johnny Friend receive as gifts?
- 10) What year did the school get damaged by the flood?
- 11) What is an elevator leg?
- 12) Who was the photographer in Friendsville?
- 13) Where was the bandstand originally located?
- 14) Where was the cannery located?
- 15) Who were the barbers after Red Jenkins?

Extended Adventures

KENDALL TRAIL

The Kendall Trail enters into one of the most beautiful regenerating forests in the eastern United States. The rugged nature of the gorge is home to numerous threatened or endangered species of plants and animals. At one time it was the location of rugged narrow gauge railways run by hardened railroaders, lumberjacks, hook tenders, gandy dancers, and sawmill hands. The trail easily follows the railroad grade and can be rugged and a little wet at times. Just before the arrival at the site of the abandoned town of Kendall (which is across the river) the trail crosses a wet bog and riverside rocks overhang a pool in the river with a metal spike sticking out. From here the trail continues and makes a rugged stream crossing and immediately the surface gets rockier and more overgrown. Mountain biking becomes

increasingly difficult. The railroad grade is easy to follow for another 2.5 miles until it dead ends at The Dillenger Hole (local name) - National Falls, (boater name). Hikers should be prepared and have adequate water, snacks, gear and clothing. Caution and care should be exercised and the



Trillium is one of the many wildflowers found along the trail.

BEAR CREEK ROAD

Bear Creek Road is a scenic drive up the Bear Creek Valley 6.5 miles to Route 219. In days gone by it was the location of a narrow gauge railway for logging, several iron furnaces and mills. Bear Creek is a popular trout fishing stream that is stocked several times a year. The old Barnes Bridge crosses the creek at the Accident-Friendsville Road about 1 mile from town and the "Horseshoe Curve" is approx. 1.5 miles further.

There are several places to pull off the road and nice spots to relax alongside the creek. Turn right at 219 to return to the Deep Creek Lake area.



Approach to Horseshoe curve 1930's

Tour Tips

- Following markers in order is suggested.
- Park in town lot where marker #1 is to start.
- Town is bike friendly. Helmets are required for all riders.
- Post comments and photos from your tour at facebook.com/friendsvillehistory
- Have Fun!

Friendsville, 250 years old and counting.

Information kiosk at the boater and Kendall Trail parking lot has a large map and brochures. Tour brochures are also available at most businesses.

Park Key

P = Pavilion	F = Fitness Trail
H = Horseshoes	C = Community Center
V = Volleyball	BB = Baseball
S = Stage	PG = Playground
B = Basketball	
T = Tennis	

P Parking

5.25 Miles to Mill Run Campground and Yough Reservoir Access

Longest concrete arch bridge in Garrett County

6.5 scenic miles to Route 219

Kendall Trail in winter..

The forested riverside path of the Kendall Trail.



Old Kendall sawmill photo.



Kendall Trail in winter..



Gravel Hill