

Camping, Captains and Camels Itinerary

With parks of all shapes, styles and sizes, there are many ways to enjoy the great outdoors. A weekend spent exploring Southwest Virginia will leave the whole family asking to come back for more.

Friday

- Camp at New River Trail State Park's Foster Falls campground.
- Watch a Pulaski Mariner baseball game at Calfee Park, Pulaski, Va. The ballpark is about 30 minutes from the campground. For the full ballpark experience, grab a hot dog at the concessions stand for dinner. General admission tickets are \$5 each. Visit the [Pulaski Mariner's website](http://www.milb.com/index.jsp?sid=t425) (<http://www.milb.com/index.jsp?sid=t425>) for specials and promotions.

Saturday

- Breakfast – Nothing beats a campfire breakfast.
- Enjoy New River Trail State Park. Hikers, bicyclists and horseback riders frequent 57-mile multi-use trail. Much of it parallels the New River, renowned for kayaking, canoeing and fishing. In summer, ask about guided horseback rides and shuttles.
- Lunch: Burger Express, 701 Fort Chiswell Rd., Max Meadows, Va. Eat the great American meal – a hamburger, French fries and a milk shake.
- The [Fort Chiswell Animal Park](http://www.fortchiswellanimalpark.com/about/index.php) (<http://www.fortchiswellanimalpark.com/about/index.php>), 569 Red Hollow, Max Meadows, Va., is about 10 miles from the park. Animals from six continents roam 45 acres. Ride a safari bus on a guided tour. Here you are encouraged to touch, feed and photograph the animals. Adults, \$12; children 3-12 years old, \$10; kids under two years old get in free. Zoo Chow is \$5 a bag, and the tour lasts from 45 minutes to an hour.
**Don't use GPS directions; use directions from the website referenced above.*
- Dinner: Enjoy a meal at your campsite cooked over an open fire or charcoal grill and top it off with sweet and gooey s'mores.

Sunday

- Breakfast.
- The [Wolf Creek Indian Village](http://www.visitwytheville.com/wolf-creek-indian-village.html) (<http://www.visitwytheville.com/wolf-creek-indian-village.html>) is about 20 miles from the campground and introduces visitors to how eastern woodland Native Americans lived in the area 500 years ago. A museum, beautiful nature trails and picnic facilities make the site unique and inviting. Open 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.