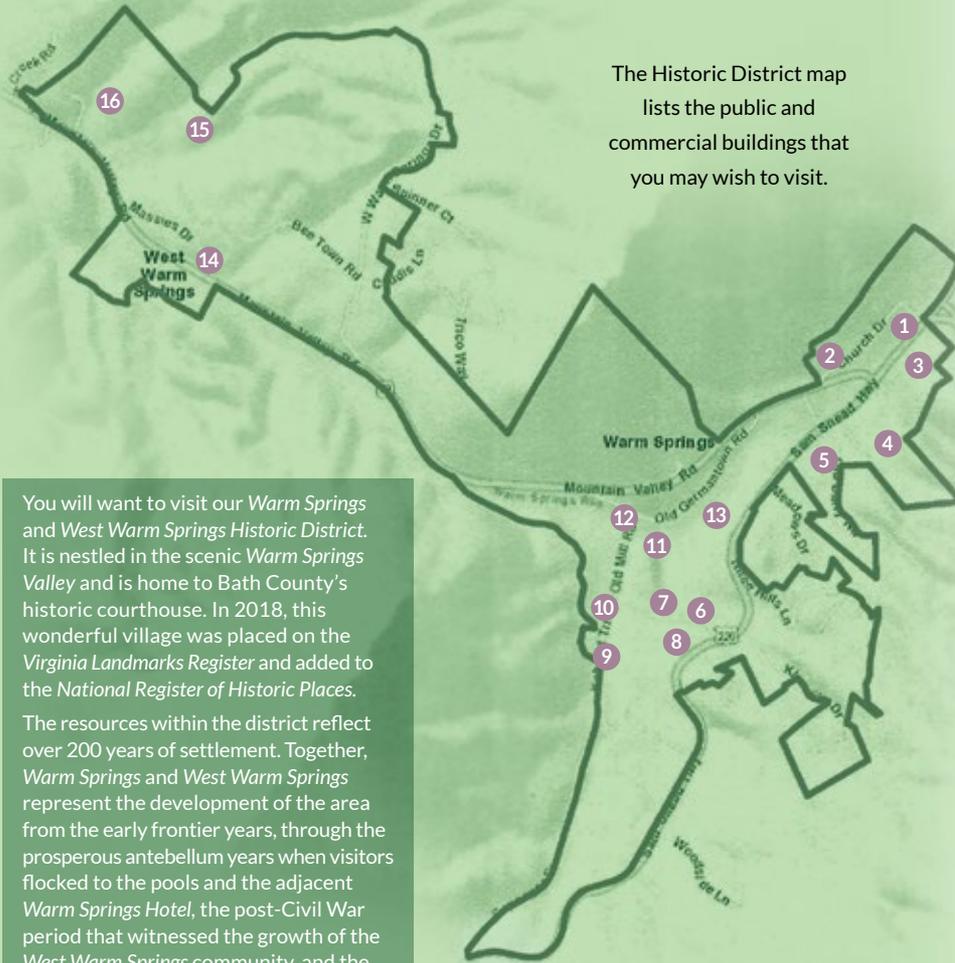


# HISTORIC DISTRICT

## Warm Springs & West Warm Springs



The Historic District map lists the public and commercial buildings that you may wish to visit.

You will want to visit our Warm Springs and West Warm Springs Historic District. It is nestled in the scenic Warm Springs Valley and is home to Bath County's historic courthouse. In 2018, this wonderful village was placed on the Virginia Landmarks Register and added to the National Register of Historic Places.

The resources within the district reflect over 200 years of settlement. Together, Warm Springs and West Warm Springs represent the development of the area from the early frontier years, through the prosperous antebellum years when visitors flocked to the pools and the adjacent Warm Springs Hotel, the post-Civil War period that witnessed the growth of the West Warm Springs community, and the continued significance of the area into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

As you walk, bike or drive through the village, you may feel like you have stepped back in time. Several buildings in Warm Springs date to the late 1800s or early 1900s. Some of the homes began as log cabins and were later enlarged or altered to their present appearance.

- 1 The Warm Springs Pools:** People have "taken the waters" here since the 1760's. The old bath houses are currently closed and awaiting restoration.
- 2 The Warm Springs Presbyterian Church:** The Greek Revival-style church was built in the mid-1800's.
- 3 The former County Courthouse and Jail:** Built in 1842, the two-story brick buildings now house the *Inn at Warm Springs*.
- 4 The Warm Springs Cemetery:** The earliest recorded grave dates to July 1800.
- 5 The Old Homestead Dairy:** Built in 1928, it is now beautifully redone as a community center, including the *Milk House Market*.
- 6 The Bath County Historical Society:** Located in an old law office. Stop in and visit the museum.
- 7 The current Bath County Courthouse:** The *Classical Revival* style building was completed in 1914.
- 8 The old Bank of Warm Springs building:** Built in 1913, it is now the home of the *Bath County Public Library*. The original bank office, now named the *Craven Room*, hosts community events.
- 9 Oakley Farm:** Built in 1834, *Oakley Farm* is now features a collaboration of *Troddenvale's* holistic orchards and cider production, with *Fireside's* pastured-poultry. Visits to the farm are available by appointment.
- 10 The Forrest Webb Store:** Opened in 1923, it is now operated as the *Warm Springs Gallery and Market Café*.
- 11 The Warm Springs Grist Mill:** A mill has been on this site since the 1770's. The present mill was built in 1901. It now houses the *Waterwheel Restaurant* and is the centerpiece of the *Inn at Gristmill Square*. Don't miss the *Simon Kenton Pub*.
- 12 The old County Administration offices:** This circa 1950 concrete block building formerly housed the *County Administration* offices and is now home to the *Warm Spirit Spa*.
- 13 Anderson Cottage:** Located in the historic Germantown area of the village, this was originally two log structures built in the 1700s that have been expanded over the years. It once housed a school for girls and is now an inn.
- 14 Old Webb's Store:** Built around 1900, this store was the primary commercial establishment serving West Warm Springs. It has been rehabilitated in recent years and now is the home of *Springhouse Antiques*.
- 15 The John Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church:** Constructed in 1873, the old church now serves as the *Senior Center* for Bath County.
- 16 The Mount Pisgah Baptist Church:** The first church was built from logs in 1876. It was later moved and used as a school for African-American children. The present frame church was built around 1880.