

## Additional Nearby Attractions:

- New River– one of America's oldest rivers
- New River Trail State Park
- Early 1800 Historic Shot Tower
- Wolf Creek Indian Village
- Cedar Spring Trophy Trout Fishing
- Big Walker Lookout
- Galewinds- putt putt golf and go carts
- State Trout Hatchery
- Virginia Scenic Byway
- Stephen F. Austin Monument
- Appalachian Trail
- Blue Ridge Parkway
- Jefferson National Forest
- Mt. Rodgers
- Home of Dr. C. T. Pepper
- Wythe Raceway
- Hungry Mother State Park

## Directions to Heritage Hall

Atkins VA, Exit 50, Appalachian Trail Access, near General Shale on Route 11.

Take Route 11 north to Rural Retreat, turn right at red light on to Route 90 to down town Rural Retreat. Heritage Hall is the last building on the right before crossing the rail road tracks.

Traveling I-81 South take Exit 60 Rural Retreat VA. Left on Route 90 / 76 Bike Trail. Straight thru red light to downtown Rural Retreat.



5K Race  
3rd Sunday  
in October

## Bike and Hike Hostel

*Providing you with a "home away from home"*

### **RURAL RETREAT HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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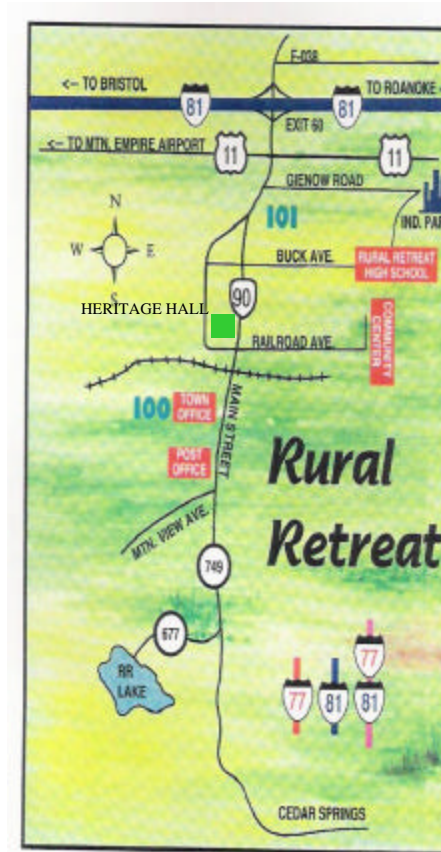


## Heritage Hall

Normally used to house various volunteer student groups, Heritage Hall is now extending their lodging to include those hikers and trail bikers traveling through Southwest Virginia. Equipped with clean sheets and towels, hot water, snacks, and sleeps any where from one to twenty four people. Donations are asked to help with operation costs.

## Local Attractions

The town of Rural Retreat consists of two square miles. Within walking distance of Heritage Hall is a restaurant, post office, public library, barber shop, laundry mat, as well as various churches. The town of Rural Retreat also contains a grocery store, located a mile from Heritage Hall. On the outskirts of town, approximately 6 miles from Heritage Hall, you can find Rural Retreat Lake and Campground. Available at the Lake, depending upon the season, you can find a Jr. Olympic size pool, trophy fishing, and picnic shelters.



3 Miles to Appalachia Trail

45 to Damascus and Virginia Creeper Trail

15 miles to New River Trail

## A quick background check.....

The town of Rural Retreat, Virginia incorporated in 1911, has a colorful and rich history built around the railroad that bisects the downtown and gave birth to the community. From the 1760's through early 19th century, western Wythe County and the vicinity of current day Rural Retreat attracted German immigrants from Pennsylvania. With the railroad in 1855, a community settled into what is now Rural Retreat. Once known as Mt Airy, it is the highest point on the Norfolk & Western rail line.

Rural Retreat has an average high temperature of 74° , is nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains, and is 2500 feet above sea level.