West Virginia
Film Office

Signature Locations II

West Virginia has hundreds of interesting locations waiting to be discovered. Here, we share our **Signature Locations 5-8**. Be sure to ask about our **Signature Locations 1-4**, which include **The Road**, **The Prison**, **The River**, and **The Observatory**. Search our online Locations Library at **www.wvfilm.com** for other location options, or, ask us to tailor a locations package for you. We also offer complimentary scouting, auxiliary research, and a complimentary **Production Services Directory**, which includes filming guidelines. And be sure to ask about our incentives, which provide up to 31% tax credits for filming in West Virginia. Happy Filming!

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THE BUNKER

The Greenbrier - White Sulphur Springs

Your script calls for the ultimate underground escape. Where do you turn? Lurking beneath The Greenbrier, a world-class, award-winning, National Historic landmark resort, is The Bunker. Formerly a top secret Cold War-era bunker built to house Congress in the event of a national emergency, this 112,000 square foot facility offers an authentic, isolated spy-type complex that personifies government paranoia at its finest. Conference areas, 25-ton steel doors, dining facility, house and senate chambers, and communications briefing room with a Capitol dome backdrop are just a few highlights. A privately owned facility, requests for use must be made well in advance.

6 THE CAPITOL
State Capitol Complex - Charleston

Need a government building stand-in for Washington, DC? The Capitol of West Virginia could fit the bill. The exterior of this Cass Gilbert architectural gem is Buff Indiana limestone. Two-thirds of the interior is marble, and the magnificent 293-foot gold leaf and gray (lead-colored) dome is five feet higher than the U.S. Capitol dome. Consisting of 535,000 square feet of floor space, the building has 333 rooms in its main unit and west and east wings. The Capitol complex consists of 50 acres, 14 buildings, 13 statues and memorials and 4 fountains. A film permit is required for use of any portion of this state government property, and requests for use must be made in advance.

7 THE INSTITUTION
Former Weston State Hospital - Weston

Searching for a massive gothic structure? Look no further than **The Institution.** Now vacant, the former Weston State Hospital (which followed a Kirkbride architectural format), is one of the largest hand-cut stone masonry buildings in the U.S. and was previously recognized as a National Historic Landmark. A psychiatric hospital from 1864 to 1994, the 242,000 square foot facility sits on a 300-acre tract, is graced by a central clock tower, and maintains an eerie quality throughout. Its sandstone walls are 2½ feet thick and backed throughout by brick and the interior floors are reinforced concrete. There are 921 windows, 906 doors, and a full basement, with dirt floor, which runs the entire length of the structure. A Victorian wrought iron fence, installed in 1892, runs along its front and northern sides. A privately owned facility, requests for use must be made in advance.

8 THE PALACE
Palace of Gold - New Vrindaban

Need the look of the Far East without leaving the states? The Palace is your answer. Declared "America's Taj Mahal" by *The New York Times*, The Palace was built entirely by monastic volunteers. The 22-karat gold, 8,000 square foot palatial dwelling contains crystal chandeliers, stained-glass windows, mirrored ceilings, marble floors, polished marble inlaid walls, a 4,200 piece crystal ceiling under a massive 30-ton dome, and painted ceiling murals depicting ancient classics. All the furniture is carved teakwood from India. The 3,000-acre grounds include sensational gardens, manmade lakes and dozens of fountains. A privately owned facility, requests for use must be made well in advance.

*Another Signature Location above – **"The Prison"***

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