

The Business of Film



PATHS TO OPPORTUNITY





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Mission

The West Virginia Film Office supports commerce by recruiting motion picture, television and related media productions to select West Virginia as a place to conduct business.

Services

- Administer the WV Film Industry Investment Act
- Connect clients to West Virginia's work force and businesses
- Act as a liaison among clients and governmental agencies, communities and property owners
- Scout and photograph locations based on client needs; secure site access; assist with permits
- Assist clients with mapping, augmented research and logistical and technical support; coordinate itineraries
- Provide media and additional support as needed

Front cover photos

Top: Warner Bros., "We Are Marshall," Huntington

Bottom: DreamWorks, "Win A Date With Tad Hamilton!," Fayetteville



Grafton



Elkins



Summersville Lake



Hurricane



Wheeling

Resources



Production Services Directory (PSD)

An essential resource for anyone filming in West Virginia, the PSD connects clients with West Virginia's work force and businesses, contains filming guidelines and much more. Contact the Film Office for a complimentary copy, or download a searchable version at wvfilm.com.

Reel Blast News

Join the Film Office E-newsletter to keep up with film industry news around the state. Sign up at wvfilm.com.

Web Site

Visit wvfilm.com for links to filming incentives, the PSD, a searchable locations library, educational resources and much more.

Locations Library

The digital locations library, at wvfilm.com, allows hundreds of locations to be searched and viewed over the Internet. This essential and always expanding resource provides film industry personnel, or anyone, the ability to quickly search for the perfect location for filming.

Note for Property Owners: Contact the Film Office if you are interested in making your property available for filming opportunities.

Cinematic Footprints

The Mountain State's Cinematic Footprints brochure captures the entertainment industry's fondness for West Virginia's rich stories and scenic locations. It also highlights films that were made in the state, films with West Virginia story elements, famous state connections, historic theaters, movie trivia, film festivals and more. For a complimentary copy, call the West Virginia Division of Tourism at 800-CALL-WVA.



Incentives

Beautiful locations are not the only reason to choose West Virginia for filming. Tax credits, sales tax exemptions and other incentives combine to make West Virginia the perfect location for filming.

Up to 31% Tax Credits

The WV Film Industry Investment Act provides up to 31% tax credits for in-state spend (27% base, plus 4% for 10 or more resident crew or talent hires). Funded at \$10 million annually; no caps; minimum spend of \$25,000. Eligible projects include feature length films, TV films and series, commercials, music videos, and commercial still photography.

State Sales Tax Exemptions

Purchases and rentals of tangible personal property and purchases of services directly used in production are exempt from state sales tax.

Lodging Tax Exemptions

Lodging stays in excess of 30 consecutive days are exempt from state and local taxes.

River On Demand™

Ever wanted to control the flow of a river? RIVER ON DEMAND™ is your answer. The flow of the Gauley River can be modulated to suit production every November. A complimentary service made possible by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District, safety issues take precedence and advance notice is required.



State Profile & Climate

One of the most beautiful states in the nation, the Mountain State lies in the mid-Atlantic region – the heart of the Appalachian Highlands. Mostly a rugged hilly terrain interspersed with small valleys, the state's highest point is at Spruce Knob (4,861 ft) and its lowest at Harpers Ferry (240 ft). Cost of living in West Virginia is one of the lowest in the nation, making it an ideal place to reside and conduct business. Each region of the state offers an abundance and diverse blend of cultural, historical, arts and sciences, sports, recreational, entertainment and outdoor activities for all ages to experience and enjoy. The state enjoys four distinct seasons, which vary dramatically across the state. Mountainous areas experience colder temperatures and greater snowfall during the winter, which are perfect for the state's ski resorts, and summers are pleasant and mild. Lower elevations experience milder winters and summers can be quite warm.



WV Commercial Airports

- 1 Charleston (capital city) / Yeager Airport
- 2 Parkersburg / Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Airport
- 3 Huntington / Tri-State Airport
- 4 Morgantown Municipal Airport
- 5 Bridgeport / North Central WV Airport
- 6 Lewisburg / Greenbrier Valley Airport
- 7 Beckley / Raleigh County Memorial Airport

Production Credits

West Virginia locations have been used for major motion pictures, independent films, television programs, commercials, music videos, and more. Just a few are highlighted below. Contact the Film Office for a more extensive list.

We Are Marshall
(Warner Bros.)



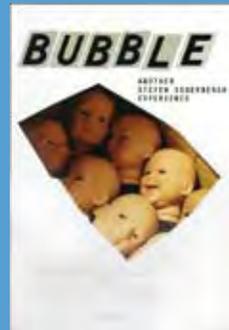
(Huntington, Kenova)

Brad Paisley, "Letter to Me"
(Frames Per Second Productions)



(Glen Dale, Moundsville)

Bubble
(Magnolia Pictures)



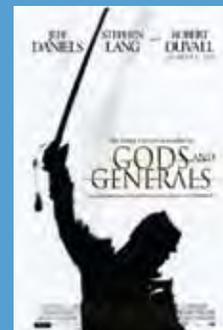
(Parkersburg)

Italian Vogue
(Katy Barker Agency, Greg Lotus-Photographer)



(Cass Scenic Railroad State Park)

Gods and Generals
(Turner Pictures & Warner Bros)



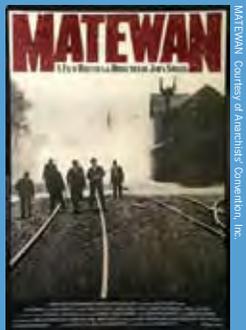
(Charles Town, Harpers Ferry, Martinsburg)

Lincoln: The Speech That Saved America
(Evergreen Films)



(Charles Town, Kearneysville, Middleway, Shepherdstown)

Matewan
(Artisan Entertainment)



(Beckley, Thurmond)



Monty Lane Allen music video (Moon & Stars Studios), Location: Bridgeport



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