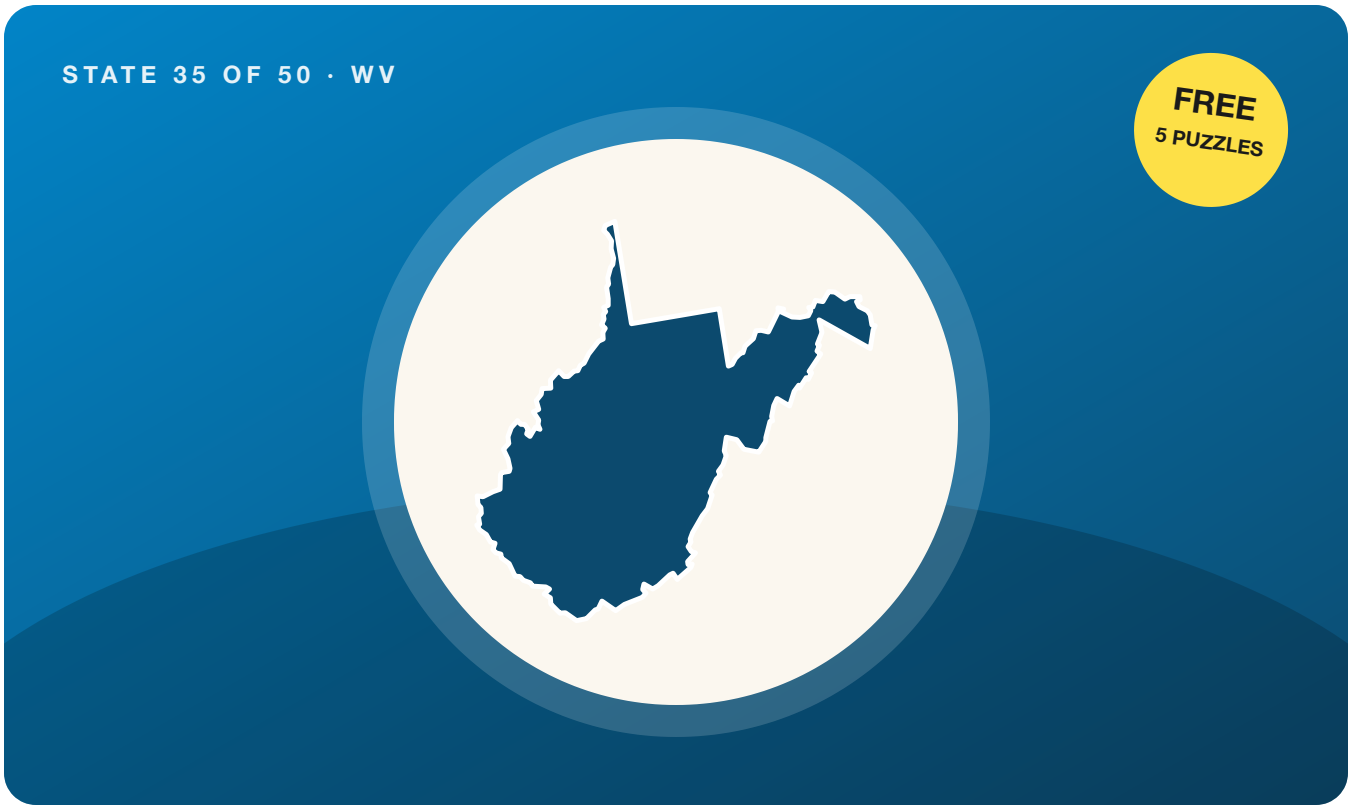


THE MOUNTAIN STATE

West Virginia Puzzle Pack

Five free puzzles about West Virginia for kids in grades 2 to 8, with a fast-facts page and every answer key.

Crossword · Word Search · Word Fill-In · Word Scramble · Cryptogram · Fast Facts · Answer Keys

Welcome to West Virginia!

Grab a pencil and a sense of adventure: we're heading to West Virginia! In the next few pages you'll crack a secret code, hunt for hidden towns, and follow clues up to the top of Spruce Knob and down into the deep New River Gorge. You'll meet a bright red cardinal, a black bear, and a bridge so high its road sits 876 feet above the river. Ready, mountaineer? Let's climb!



WEST VIRGINIA FAST FACTS

Capital	Charleston
Largest city	Charleston
Nickname	The Mountain State
Statehood	June 20, 1863 (the 35th state)
Region	South
State bird	Northern Cardinal
State flower	Rhododendron
State tree	Sugar Maple
State Animal	Black Bear
State Fruit	Golden Delicious Apple
State Butterfly	Monarch Butterfly
Motto	Montani Semper Liberi (Latin for "Mountaineers Are Always Free")

For parents and teachers: This West Virginia pack fits grades 2 to 8, and the answer keys are at the back. Print as many copies as you need for your home or classroom.

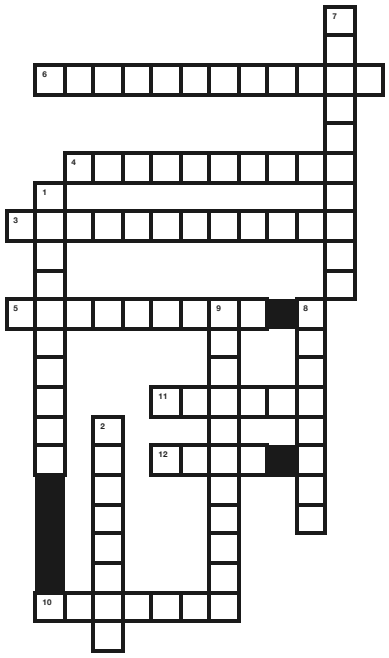
PUZZLE 1 OF 5 · CROSSWORD

West Virginia Crossword

12 clues about the state

Read each clue and write the answer in the matching squares, one letter per box.

Puzzle Guide: Start with the clues you are sure of. Every letter you write is a free hint for the words that cross it.



ACROSS

3. State flower, a shrub with big pink or white blooms

4. State tree, tapped to make sweet syrup

5. Furry state animal of the forests

6. State motto: ___ Are Always Free

10. Town where the first Mother's Day service was held in 1908

11. Chuck ___, the pilot from Myra who broke the sound barrier

12. Black rock that miners have dug from these hills for generations

DOWN

1. The state capital and largest city, on the Kanawha River

2. Bright red state bird

7. Highest point in the state, 4,863 feet tall

8. Ancient river crossed by a famous gorge bridge

9. Mountain region that covers the whole state

PUZZLE 2 OF 5 · WORD SEARCH

West Virginia Places to Explore

Cities, waterfalls, rock towers and wild highlands

Find every word in the list. Words go across, down and on a slant.

Puzzle Guide: Hunt for an unusual letter like Q, X, J or Z first, then check all eight directions around it.

P	F	Z	B	Z	D	I	S	V	L	M	D	N	F	Z
W	C	B	L	C	K	D	E	X	F	T	O	O	A	U
L	P	L	E	A	P	K	N	T	W	M	L	Z	I	P
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N	S	R	H	L	T	F	S	B	N	U	G	K	K	U
G	B	P	M	E	O	E	D	R	G	R	E	L	J	R
S	U	B	P	Y	W	R	Q	I	T	G	N	E	P	G
E	R	P	C	O	N	R	L	E	O	L	L	Y	D	G
I	G	I	O	F	K	Y	W	R	N	B	U	U	Z	O

Word List

HARPERSFERRY
MARTINSBURG
MORGANTOWN
GREENBRIER
WHEELING
CANAANVALLEY
SENECAROCKS
CLARKSBURG
DOLLYSODS
FAIRMONT
PARKERSBURG
HUNTINGTON
BLACKWATER
LEWISBURG
BECKLEY

THE WEST VIRGINIA SUPER PACK

20 more West Virginia puzzles are waiting for you

Still hungry for puzzles? The West Virginia Super Pack has 20 more: wild rivers, forest plants, mines and railroads, mountain music, caves, and the stargazers and pilots of the Mountain State. Twenty puzzles, one wild ride, $1.99.

ALL 20 PUZZLES INSIDE

1	West Virginia Parks and Wild Places	Word Search
2	West Virginia Weather and Seasons	Word Scramble
3	West Virginia Cities and Towns	Word Fill-In
4	West Virginia Bridge Fact	Cryptogram
5	West Virginia Rivers and Lakes	Word Search
6	West Virginia Sky and Space	Word Scramble
7	West Virginia Wildlife	Word Fill-In
8	West Virginia Statehood Story	Cryptogram
9	West Virginia Mines, Mills and Railroads	Word Search
10	West Virginia Farm Life	Word Scramble
11	West Virginia Birds	Word Fill-In
12	West Virginia Apple Fact	Cryptogram
13	West Virginia Forest Plants	Word Search
14	West Virginia Rocks and Caves	Word Scramble
15	West Virginia Work and Industry	Word Fill-In
16	West Virginia Math Star	Cryptogram
17	West Virginia Mountain Heritage	Word Search
18	West Virginia Outdoor Adventures	Word Scramble
19	West Virginia Road Trip	Word Fill-In
20	West Virginia Mountain Fact	Cryptogram

Enjoying West Virginia so far? The Super Pack has 20 more puzzles, and every one has its own theme: 5 word searches, 5 cryptograms, 5 word scrambles and 5 word fill-ins. Not one of them repeats a puzzle in this free pack.

For grown-ups: it is a one-time payment of $1.99, not a subscription. Every puzzle comes with an answer key, and the personal and classroom license lets you print unlimited copies for your own home or classroom.

- ✓ 20 new West Virginia puzzles, each with its own theme
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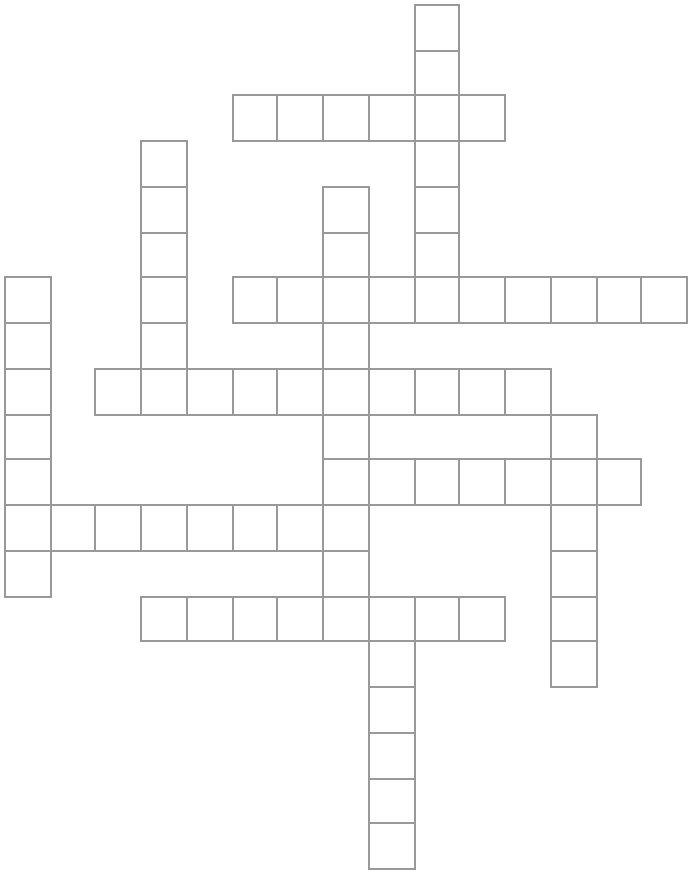
PUZZLE 3 OF 5 · WORD FILL-IN

West Virginia Animals

Creatures of the hollows, streams and mountain forests

Fit every word from the list into the grid. Start with the longest words and the ones that only fit one place.

Puzzle Guide: Count the boxes first. A word that is the only one of its length can go in right away.



Word List

6 letters:	BEAVER, BOBCAT, COYOTE, REDFOX
7 letters:	MONARCH, OPOSSUM, RACCOON
8 letters:	CHIPMUNK, HONEYBEE
10 letters:	BROOKTROUT, SALAMANDER, WILDTURKEY

PUZZLE 4 OF 5 · WORD SCRAMBLE

West Virginia Fun

Things to eat, play and do in the Mountain State

Unscramble each word. Every answer is from this state's story.

Puzzle Guide: Find the vowels, then try a starting letter. Say your guesses out loud: West Virginia words sound right.

Unscramble each word below.

	Scrambled	Your Answer
1.	FNTGIRA	_____
2.	HIGKNI	_____
3.	GAPINCM	_____
4.	NJABO	_____
5.	EILDDF	_____
6.	QLUITS	_____
7.	EALRMBS	_____
8.	EPEROIPNP	_____
9.	CESVA	_____
10.	GIINSK	_____
11.	LSEAPP	_____
12.	CIBINMGL	_____

PUZZLE 5 OF 5 · CRYPTOGRAM

West Virginia Secret Fact

Crack the code to learn when West Virginia became a state

Each letter stands for a different letter. Use the given letters to crack the code and read a true fact.

Puzzle Guide: Look for one-letter words first. They are almost always A or I, and that unlocks a lot of the code.

V	Q	Z	I		U	N	S	K	N	T	N	X		C	Q	J	X	L	Q
I	O	Q		I	O	N	S	I	H		P	N	P	I	O		Z	I	X	I	Q
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Q	N	K	O	I	Q	Q	T		Z	N	F	I	H		I	O	S	Q	Q	.	

Hints:

`G = O` `C = B` `P = F`

FINISH LINE

You did it, West Virginia explorer!

You solved your way across West Virginia, the Mountain State. Check your work on the answer pages that follow, and give yourself a star for every puzzle you finished.

One more challenge: tell someone three things you learned about West Virginia. Here is one to start you off: its capital is Charleston.

DID YOU KNOW? 10 TRUE FACTS ABOUT WEST VIRGINIA

- West Virginia became the 35th state on June 20, 1863, after splitting from Virginia during the Civil War.
- Every part of West Virginia lies within the Appalachian Region, and its rugged mountains earned it the nickname the Mountain State.
- Spruce Knob, at 4,863 feet, is the highest point in West Virginia, and you can drive almost all the way to the top.
- The New River Gorge Bridge opened in 1977. Its roadway sits 876 feet above the New River.
- On Bridge Day, the third Saturday in October, people are allowed to walk across the New River Gorge Bridge.
- The first Golden Delicious apple tree grew on a farm in Clay County, and the Golden Delicious is now the state fruit.
- The first official Mother's Day service was held at a church in Grafton on May 10, 1908.
- The gold-covered dome of the State Capitol in Charleston is a few feet taller than the dome of the U.S. Capitol.
- NASA mathematician Katherine Johnson, whose math helped send astronauts into orbit and to the Moon, was born in White Sulphur Springs.
- Chuck Yeager, born in Myra, West Virginia, became the first pilot to fly faster than the speed of sound in 1947.

MAKE YOUR OWN

Keep the West Virginia lessons going

Every puzzle in this pack was made with PuzzlePage. The same tools are at puzzlepage.app: type your own words, preview the page and print. Here are four ways to use them for West Virginia.

Word Search Maker

Turn a spelling list of West Virginia cities, rivers and landmarks into a word search.

puzzlepage.app/word-search

Crossword Maker

Write your own clues about Charleston and the Mountain State for a custom crossword.

puzzlepage.app/crossword

Worksheet Builder

Put a West Virginia word search, scramble and crossword on one page for a quick review sheet.

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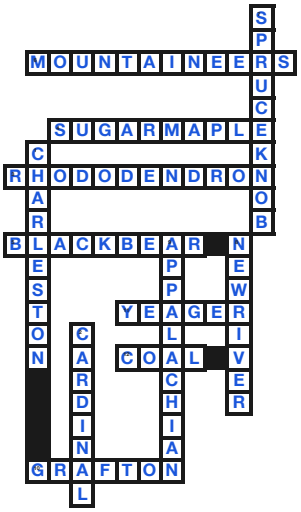
Flash Card Maker

Make printable cards for West Virginia facts: its capital, nickname, statehood date and more.

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Answer Key

1. West Virginia Crossword (Crossword)

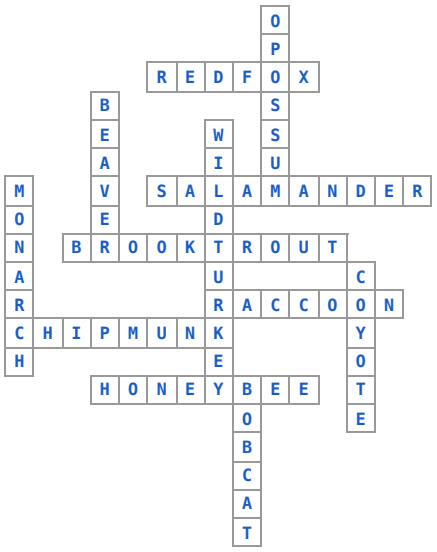


2. West Virginia Places to Explore (Word Search)

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I	G	I	O	F	K	Y	W	R	N	B	U	U	Z	O

Answer Key

3. West Virginia Animals (Word Fill-In)



4. West Virginia Fun (Word Scramble)

1.	FNTGIRA	**RAFTING**
2.	HIGKNI	**HIKING**
3.	GAPINCM	**CAMPING**
4.	NJABO	**BANJO**
5.	EILDDF	**FIDDLE**
6.	QLUITS	**QUILTS**
7.	EALRMBS	**MARBLES**
8.	EPEROIPNP	**PEPPERONI**
9.	CESVA	**CAVES**
10.	GIINSK	**SKIING**
11.	LSEAPP	**APPLES**
12.	CIBINMGL	**CLIMBING**

5. West Virginia Secret Fact (Cryptogram)

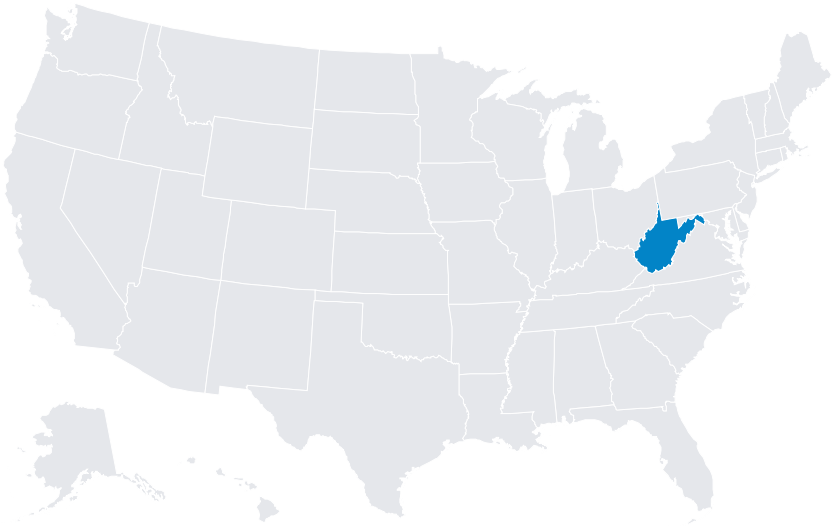
WEST VIRGINIA BECAME THE THIRTY FIFTH STATE ON JUNE TWENTIETH, EIGHTEEN SIXTY THREE.

COLLECT ALL 50

You're on state 35 of 50

West Virginia was the 35th state to join the Union. Every state has its own free puzzle pack, so you can solve your way across the whole country. Next stop in statehood order: Nevada.

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