

More TROUTVILLE Tidbits!

Troutville Shines in "Best Of Botetourt" Contest

In this year's "Best of Botetourt" contest, sponsored by *The Botetourt View*, the Troutville Town Park won in three (3) categories!!!

Voted #1 – Best Park

Voted #1 – Best Place to Take Kids for the Day

Voted #2 – Best Picnic Spot



IT'S A Park Parade !!

Mark your calendars for the 4th Annual
Troutville *PARTY IN THE PARK* on wheels!!

Saturday, September 12, 2009
2:00pm - 6:00pm

A day of FUN, GAMES
& COMPETITION!

(Special Exception has been given for this ONE TIME
EVENT to bring your wheels into the Park.)

Kids - get your bikes and tricycles ready.

Ladies - search for your favorite recipe.

Men - practice your horse shoe techniques.

There is something for everyone at this party!

LADIES....FREE Exercise Class Will Continue at the Town Park!!

They now called themselves the **SASSY SISTERS** and they'll be "shakin' through the summer" at the park! Meet these ladies, ages 18 to 80, every Tuesday night at 5:30pm.

Everyone works out at their own pace. You can swing, walk or join in with some cardioke fun!

Every Tuesday from now until
September (rain cancels).

For more information, call
819-6335.



Cyclists Love the Hospitality in Troutville

By Cecil Bingham



Ever seen this sign -  - and wondered what it means? Glad you asked!! It's signage for a cross-country cycling trail that runs from Yorktown, Virginia to Florence, Oregon. The trail was co-founded by Greg & June Siple and a group of cyclists who envisioned a bicycle tour across the United States to celebrate the nation's bicentennial in 1976; they called the event "Bikecentennial" (later renamed the *TransAmerica Bike Route*). At the inaugural ride, this 4,250-plus mile route attracted over 4,000 riders from all over the globe. Approximately 838 miles of the route is in Virginia, a part of which runs right through Troutville. Although Americans are among the many cyclists who use this road, most who travel the TransAmerica Bike Route come from other countries.

In addition to individual riders, several times throughout the year different groups, usually affiliated with a cycling association, come through Troutville. They call ahead to reserve space, and always come with tents in tow to camp at the back right corner of the park. They shower at the Fire Hall and are even allowed to use the washing machine over there.

Here are two examples of guests who have recently spent the night at the park:

On May 13, a group of 14 from the Adventure Cycling Association arrived at the park. The oldest cyclist (age 70) was from Pasadena, CA and the youngest couple (and only female in the group) was from Chicago. Others hailed from South Africa, Germany, UK and Canada. After a quick stop at Thriftway for supplies, the group set up their tents and the leader cooked a great meal. This group rode 50 miles that day and hoped to arrive in Oregon on August 4th. The group was very friendly and kind. Before they left, the members signed the park guest book (some was written in German), and said they really loved the hospitality they received in Troutville.

On May 19, a couple from Molokai, Hawaii came through town and set up camp at the park. The temperature that night was in the low 40's ... one of the coldest nights during the month. Ted Kanemitsu and Lisa Davis loved the park and took several pictures of the town with their digital camera. When a train came through, they were thrilled with excitement...there aren't any trains where they come from.

Most foreign cyclists Fed-Ex their bikes to the US - usually flying into Yorktown to start on the trail - and three months later they do the same to return back home from Oregon.

What a way to spend a summer!!

AS A REMINDER....
PETS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE PARK
AT ANY TIME.

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