

Re-discover the Simple Life....

Patrick County is home to two of eight Covered Bridges in Virginia. Covered bridges are disappearing at an alarming rate because of natural disasters, vandalism and lack of maintenance. The Patrick County Board of Supervisors is committed to the preservation and promotion of Patrick County's historic timber covered bridges.

The 1st annual Covered Bridge festival will be hosted in Woolwine, Virginia at Jacks Creek and Bob White Covered Bridges. There will be live bands, numerous artists and craftsmen exhibiting and selling their products, and food vendors. Carriage rides will be available to travel from one covered bridge to the other. Open your mind to yesteryear when horse-drawn wagons and Model T's parked in these "kissing bridges" which provided shelter from the weather.

Covered Bridge History

Jack's Creek Covered Bridge crosses the Smith River in Patrick County on Route 615 just west of Route 8 about two miles south of Woolwine. The 48 foot span built of oak was constructed in 1914 by Charles Vaughan of the Buffalo Ridge area and designed by Walter Weaver of Woolwine. This historic landmark has been bypassed by a modern bridge but has been preserved by the County for future generations.

Bob White covered bridge can be reached by traveling 1.5 miles south on Route 8, east one mile on Route 618 to Route 869, then south one-tenth of a mile. This 80-foot truss construction over the Smith River was built in 1921. It served as a connection between Route 8 and Smith River Church of the Brethren on the south side of the Smith River. Bob White Covered Bridge was designed and constructed by Walter Weaver.

Registration Information and Regulations

The festival committee provides space only, on a first come, first served basis. Persons interested in displaying or selling items must furnish their own equipment such as tents and tables. If electricity is needed for your setup, the festival committee must be contacted before the festival. There is no charge for booth setup.

All booths must be set up by 9:00 a.m. and be dismantled by 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 18th and by 2:00 p.m. with dismantling by 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 19th. Booths can only be setup on the days of the festival. Booth spaces will be 10' x 10'.

The festival is held rain or shine. Plan for covering your space if rain is in the forecast.

The festival is open to artists, craftsmen, antique dealers, food vendors and farmers market fare.

Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on festival sites.

All vendors requiring 220 volt hookup must bring generator.



Jacks Creek Covered Bridge

Photo by: Doug Wilcox

Registration Form

Mail form to:

ATTN: Jeannie Frisco
County of Patrick
PO Box 466
Stuart, VA 24171
or call
276-694-8367

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Food/Craft: _____

I understand I am responsible for any loss or damage to me and/or my property and that I must abide by all applicable laws and regulations, both statutory and otherwise.

Signature: _____

Date: _____



Tourism Office

Patrick County Administration Building
PO Box 466
106 Rucker Street
Stuart, Virginia 24171

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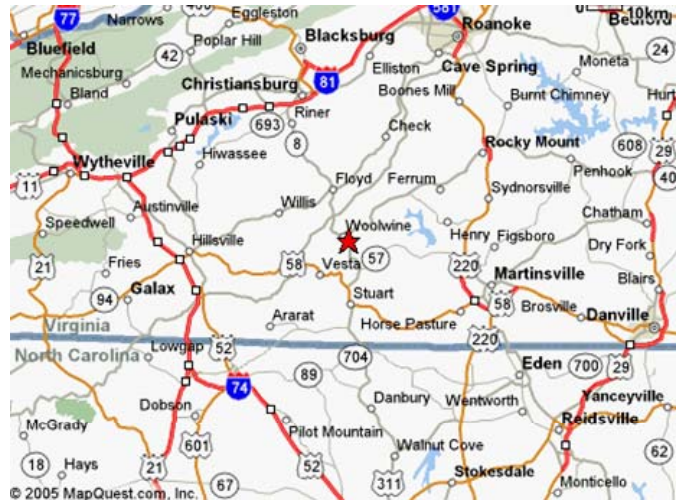
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Directions to Woolwine, Virginia

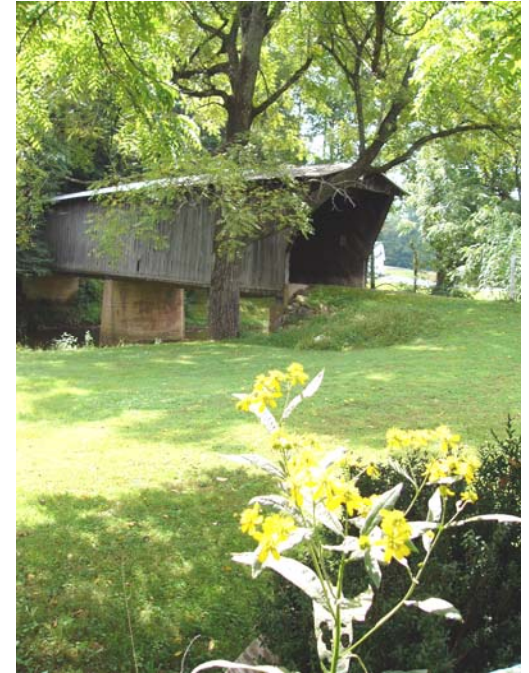
From US 220 - take US Route 58 West toward Stuart, Virginia to Virginia Route 8 North to Woolwine, Virginia to Jacks Creek Road (Route 615) to Jacks Creek Covered Bridge or to Elamsville Road (Route 618) to Bob White Covered Bridge.

From I-77 - take US Route 58 East toward Stuart, Virginia to Virginia Route 8 North to Woolwine, Virginia to Jacks Creek Road (Route 615) to Jacks Creek Covered Bridge or to Elamsville Road (Route 618) to Bob White Covered Bridge.

From I-81 - take I-77 South - take US Route 58 East toward Stuart, Virginia to Virginia Route 8 North to Woolwine, Virginia to Jacks Creek Road (Route 615) to Jacks Creek Covered Bridge or to Elamsville Road (Route 618) to Bob White Covered Bridge.



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Bob White Covered Bridge

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*June 18-19, 2005
Woolwine, VA*