

How would you define cultural tourism in Tucker County?

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Arts

- Venues that offer access to the arts – museum, visual art, performance but not just in a vernacular interpretation. – Davis
- Activities that support the arts and history of the region. – Dryfork
- We have plenty of visual and musical arts. – Thomas
- Music, art, theater. – Canaan Valley
- Art. – Davis
- Art and music. – St. George

Diversity

- I think Thomas, Davis, and Canaan has its own mix of diversity where repeat tourists are attracted to. – Parson

Dysfunctional

- Dysfunctional. Top and Bottom Mountain.
- Division between upper and lower Tucker County. – Davis

Events

- We have it over holidays – July 4th, Labor Day & Memorial Day. – Canaan Valley
- Music Festivals and holiday festivals. – Canaan Valley

Evolving

- Evolving. – Dryfork
- Building – need much more with advertising/promotion. – Parsons
- Expanding, work in progress. – Hambleton
- Low key, non-promotions of activities and events. – Davis
- Hap hazard, individuals try and sometimes fail. – Canaan Valley

Good

- Fair. (2)
- Good. – Parsons
- Adequate. – Davis
- Cultural tourism is good in Tucker County. I feel they treat tourism better than its people. – Parsons
- Good. – St. George
- Good. – Parsons
- Not too bad but can always improve. – Davis
- Good. – Parsons
- Ok. – Parsons
- Moderate. – Thomas
- Excellent for the low population. – Canaan Valley
- Moderate. – Thomas
- Fair. – St. George

- Ok. – St. George
- Pretty good. – Parsons
- Ok. – Leadmine

Heritage

- Providing unique opportunities for visitors to engage in our rich and evolving heritage. – Canaan Valley
- Ethnic backgrounds and talents. – Hambleton
- History of the county. Visiting local enterprises. – Davis
- Activities that support the arts and history of the region. – Dryfork
- The history of Tucker and its people. – Canaan Valley
- I'm not sure, sharing the unique history of the many cultures, linages, and languages that built Thomas and Davis. – Thomas

Multi-faceted

- A blend of arts, music and entertainment, and rich dining experiences. – Thomas
- Past, present and future culture displayed and involvement. – Parsons
- The arts, the music, the ramp festivals, the cake walks. – Canaan Valley
- The opportunity to see and learn...history, architecture, community founding and development, people, natural and human made environments. – St. George
- Art galleries, museum, music venues, historical sites. – Canaan Valley
- Crafts, food, music, events unique to the region. – Canaan Valley
- Tourism involving Appalachian music, history, crafts etc. – Davis

- The coal and timber work that brought different nationalities here i.e., different foods and customs. The outdoor enthusiasts. – Davis
- Mountain culture, historical to present Mountain Highlands, Life Regional Lifestyle including art, religion, architecture, music, settlement to present. – Thomas
- Diverse. – Hendricks
- Live music, outdoor sports, i.e., skiing, running, cycling, boating, and fishing. – Davis
- Mountain music, coal timber and railroad history, ski culture, art, partying. – Canaan Valley
- Music, dancing, museums, seminars, teaching. – Leadmine

Needed

- Improvement needed.
- Somewhat needed.
- Lacking. – Parsons
- Tourism has revolved around skiing/outdoors – We need updates and more. – Red Creek
- Needs more attention. – Thomas
- It's ok, but could be improved. – Parsons
- Not as good as it could be. – Thomas
- Cultural experiences lacking in Tucker Co. – St. George
- We have many tourists who come for music and art, but there is not an **organized** effort between communities to promote culture. – Thomas
- We should stop thinking so much about what tourists **want** and more about what we have to offer. – Davis

None Exists

- None in our community.
- There is none/None. (2)
- Lack of.
- Very scarce.
- All but nonexistent.
- Nonexistent.
- I am unaware of any.
- Non-existent. (2)
- Nonexistent.
- Non-existent. – Thomas
- I do not think there is any cultural tourism here. – Parsons
- Non-existent. – Davis
- We have none. There is nothing to bring or attract tourists to Tucker. – Parsons
- Doesn't really exist. – Hambleton
- None in towns in Tucker County. – Parsons
- Nothing in Parsons, Thomas, Davis have more to offer. – Hambleton

- None. – St. George
- Non-existent. – Canaan Valley
- Doesn't really exist. – St. George
- Non-existent in the formalized sense. - Thomas

Not Needed

- Minimum.
- Adequate. (2)
- Wrong path for this county.
- Not at all.
- Leave Tucker County alone.
- There is nothing here that is not already tourism, private land is 15% in Tucker County. How much more do we have to give up!
- Not needed – Keep Davis and Thomas like it was in the past.
- We do not need tourism.
- Embarrassing. People come here expecting to see the marketing display and are quickly insulted when they were lied to and no one cares to resolve it.
- Low.

- Pursue your own interests and hope you get accurate information.
- Tourism – Bad people rob us. High rent, minimum wage jobs. – Canaan Valley
- There is too much tourism leave us alone. – Thomas
- Annoying and patronizing! – Thomas
- It's not our cultural – it's all outsiders! – St. George
- Do not need the piglams. – Canaan Valley
- Doesn't offer things specific for other cultures. – Davis
- Tourism is not needed. – Parsons
- High hopes, little accomplished. – Canaan Valley
- A waste of time and money. – Red Creek
- Pain in the rear hippies have invaded us! – St. George
- Not Needed. – Hambleton
- Glad I live away from Thomas and Davis because of all the D.C. transplant people! – Hendricks
- Just fine as it is now! No more is needed. – St. George
- Not very good we are losing opportunities. – Davis

Poor

- Bad.
- Very poor – only seasonal at best.
- Limited
- Poor. (5)
- Very poor.
- Very poor. – Parsons
- Lousy. – Parsons
- Poor. – Thomas
- Poor. – Parsons
- I am unaware of many activities so low. – Canaan Valley
- Lacking. – Parsons
- Very poor. – Parsons
- Lacking. – Parsons
- Unknown. – Dryfork.
- Poor. – Parsons
- Poor. The old people come to visit historic sites, but that's it. – Parsons
- Poor. – Parsons

- Weak visably. – Canaan Valley
- Poor. – Thomas
- Poor. – Davis

Rural Lifestyle

- Tourism based in the traditional life style of a community. – Canaan Valley
- Seeing country, independent outdoor lifestyles. – Canaan Valley
- Touring for the experience of the local mountain culture. – Thomas
- Mountain culture, historical to present Mountain Highlands, Life Regional Lifestyle including art, religion, architecture, music, settlement to present. – Thomas
- Celebrating mountain music, mountain lifeways and mountain lives. I don't separate this from heritage tourism. – Canaan Valley
- Farming, arts & crafts, hunting, fishing – things we do daily. – Red Creek

Seasonal

- Very poor – only seasonal at best.

Thomas-Davis-Canaan

- Most tourism is limited to the communities of Davis and Thomas. – Parsons
- Thomas, Davis, Canaan Valley have it all – Parsons does not! – Parsons
- On the mountain. – Parsons

- Most of it is in the Canaan Valley area. – Parsons
- Purple Fiddle in Thomas and brew pubs in Thomas and Davis. – Parsons
- Any cultural experiences one can have in Tucker County seems to be condensed to Davis and Thomas.

Uniqueness

- The culture of Tucker County is a unique blend of typical WV and a Western US attitude, with its outdoor lifestyle, strong, small business culture, and year round tourism. – Thomas
- Unique people come tour our country