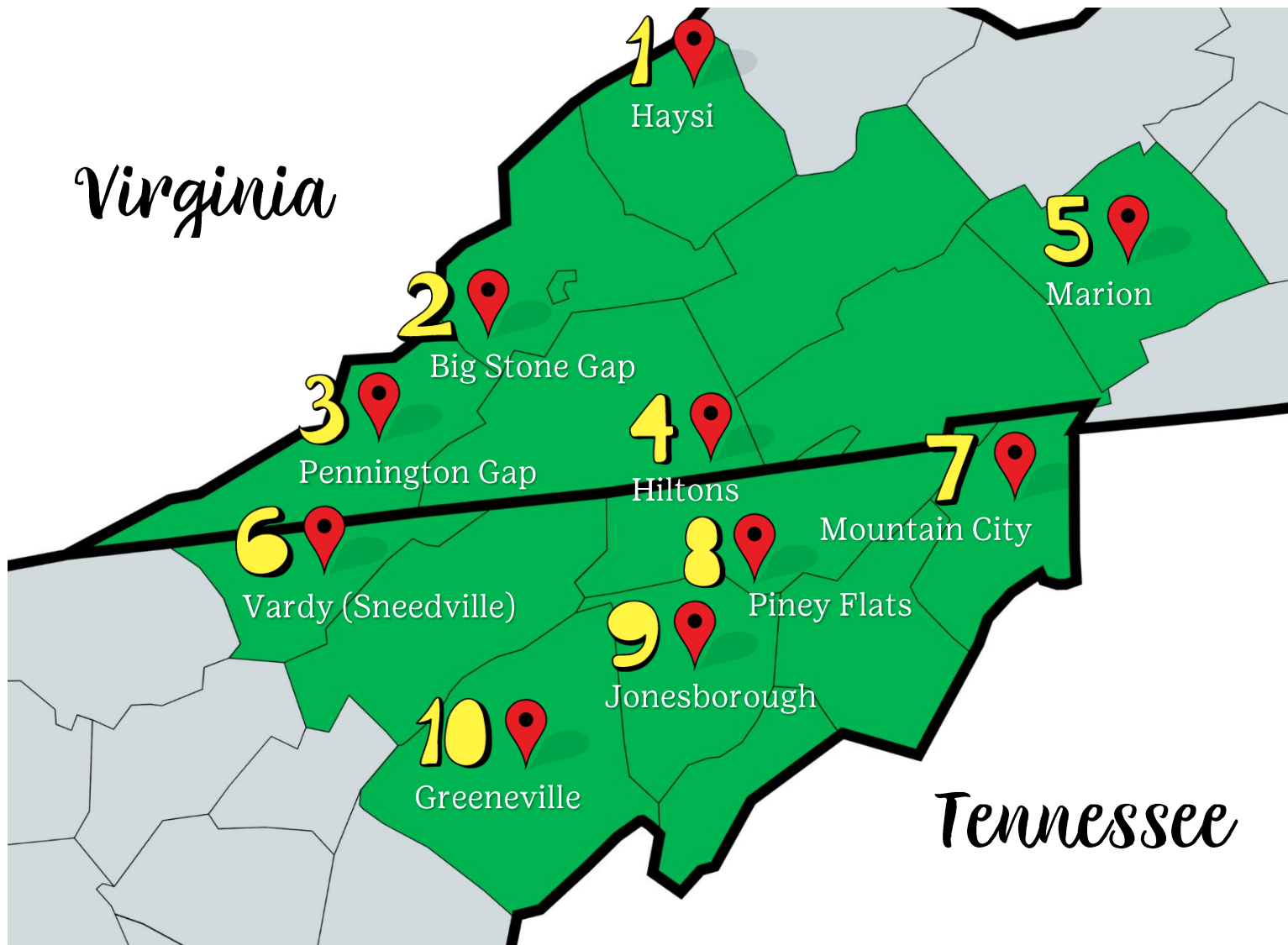


Appalachian Highlands

Women's History Tour

In honor of Women's History Month, take some time to explore the women's history of our Council's very own region. From famous musicians to fictitious heroines to fierce entrepreneurs, you'll find them all in the Appalachian Highlands. Use the map to guide your adventure—and see who else you can find along the way! Visit* 5 of the 10 places—or more—on the map below, then send us your report to earn a great new patch!



**While visiting in person is the best way to experience these places, we understand that's not always possible. You can also visit via Google! Go to earth.google.com and search for the place you want to visit. If you do go in person, know that some of these locations may be open only on certain days, during certain weather, or by appointment only. Review your visiting options ahead of time for the best experience.*

- Date visited: **1. Haysi Community Library, 157 O'Quinn St. Haysi, VA 24256:** The town of Haysi sits on land bequeathed to Josephine Colley Scyphers. Her daughter, Winnie, helped the town gain its incorporation and was the first post-mistress in 1900. See what you can find out about these two great ladies at the local library!
- Date visited: **2. June Tolliver House, 522 Clinton Ave E, Big Stone Gap, VA 24219:** Big Stone Gap is home to the outdoor drama *Trail of the Lonesome Pine*. It's also home to world-renowned author, Adriana Trigiani who wrote the *Big Stone Gap* book series (somewhat based on her own life growing up here) and oversaw production of the film adaptation, shot on location in this small Virginia town! Her protagonist Ave Maria is the fictitious director of the very real outdoor drama, produced every year at the June Tolliver Playhouse. Come see for yourself!
- Date visited: **3. Appalachian African-American Cultural Center, 230 N. Leona St. Pennington Gap, VA 24277:** In 1939, Rachel Scott, a prominent Black woman in Pennington Gap, sold 2.6 acres of land to Lee County in order to have a school built. The one-room school served as the only primary school for Black children in Lee County from then until 1965. In 1987, her great-great-grandson Ron Carson turned the space into the Cultural Center it is today. Plan a visit and experience Rachel Scott's legacy.
- Date visited: **4. Carter Family Fold, 3449 A P Carter Hwy. Hiltons, VA 24258:** There's nothing like this long-time bastion of country, folk, and old-time music—which is also home to June Carter Cash, Johnny Cash's wife (and the actual composer of his famous "Ring of Fire"! Time your visit to a Saturday night when the music flows and learn about June and her family.
- Date visited: **5. Carnegie High School marker, 602 S. Iron St. Marion, VA 24354:** Carnegie High School was the secondary school for Black students in Marion from 1931 to 1965. While the building no longer exists, a historical marker now sits on the former building site. Most notably, Katherine Johnson—a NASA mathematician of *Hidden Figures* fame—began her career here as a teacher. Read about the school and its importance to the local community.
- Date visited: **6. Mahala Mullins Cabin, Vardy Blackwater Rd. Sneedville, TN 37869:** Mahala Mullins did things her own way and was an icon of her time, a one-of-a-kind woman of the unique Melungeon people, a population itself unique to Hancock County and central Appalachia. Visit her cabin and learn how she gained her notoriety! (Hint: Do not try it at home!)
- Date visited: **7. Johnson County Center for The Arts, 127 College St. Mountain City, TN 37683:** Stop at the Johnson County Center for the Arts to pick up a map of the beautiful Musical Heritage Mural Mile in downtown Mountain City. When you finish the tour, stop back into the Center to visit with mural artist and Executive Director, Cristy Dunn.
- Date visited: **8. Rocky Mount State Historic Site, 200 Hyder Hill Rd. Piney Flats, TN 37686:** Penelope Cobb Massengill and her husband Hal inherited Rocky Mount from Penelope's parents in 1795 when the estate was only 23 years old. For the next 163 years it was passed down through her family until a distant cousin, Pauline DeFriece, established the Rocky Mount Historical Association and worked towards the estate's preservation. Visit the site to learn more about Penelope, Pauline, their family, and their home.
- Date visited: **9. Heritage Alliance, 212 E. Sabine Dr. Jonesborough, TN 37659:** In 1820, Elihu Embree published the nation's first abolitionist newspaper, *The Emancipator*, in Jonesborough. Yet even while he was himself an abolitionist, Embree owned enslaved people, one of whom was Nancy, his house-slave. Nancy's story is brought to life through a one-woman show written by Anne G'Fellers-Mason, Executive Director of the Heritage Alliance. Ask Anne to tell you Nancy's story!
- Date visited: **10. Andrew Johnson National Historic Site, 101 N. College St. Greeneville, TN 37743:** The 17th President of the United States is a well-known figure of Greene County and American history, but visit his home and ask about Eliza McCardle Johnson—his wife and the woman behind his political career.

Tell us about it! Fill out and send us this page, and we'll get you your Women's History patch! You can:

- Snail mail it to GSCSA c/o Women's History Tour, 1100 Woodland Ave. Johnson City, TN 37601;
- Scan and email it to LSalinas@GirlScoutCSA.org (put "Women's History" in the subject;) OR
- Drop it off in person at your local Girl Scout Leadership Center.

Tour Info:

Circle the places you visited.

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Which was your favorite place to visit on this tour? Why was it your favorite?

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