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If you're chasing new adventures in the great outdoors, Virginia is the perfect place to get your heart racing. With such abounding variety and beauty, it's hard not to create a new historic outdoor moment on each trip.

This year, the [Virginia Creeper Trail](#) marks its 30th anniversary. One of the earliest rails-to-trails success stories, the Creeper Trail is now a major economic engine for Southwest Virginia, drawing over 200,000 visitors annually. The Creeper Trail will now feature an urban path system to connect the trail to business and arts organizations of downtown Abingdon. Abingdon will host the first Virginia Creeper Fest on April 29.

2017 will feature many new outdoor quests in Virginia:

- [Spearhead Trails](#), is a multi-use (including ATV/OHV) multiple-system of trails in Southwest Virginia, with over 350 miles available on four different systems in the region (Mountain View Trail, Coal Canyon Trail, Original Pocahontas Trail, and Stone Mountain Trail). The permit-required trails allow users to ride the trails into the Southwest Virginia mountains to/from downtowns such as St. Paul, Pocahontas, and Pennington Gap. A fifth trail system, Haysi's Ridgeview Trail (Haysi/Breaks area), and connector trail in Coeburn (to the Mountain View System), are expected to open in 2017. Trails are now accessible to ATV/OHV riding and mountain biking as well, with equestrian trail systems expected soon.
- Enjoy 52 scenic miles of nature including Virginia parks, plantations and historic battlefields on **Virginia's Capital Trail**, a largely flat pedestrian and bicycle trail that connects the Commonwealth's past and present capitals of Jamestown and Richmond along the Scenic Route 5 corridor. New in Spring 2017, the **Cap Tail Bike Shuttle** service offers transportation for riders and their bicycles along the trail, making planning easy for cyclists to head out one-way and hop a shuttle back. Pickups are planned for the Lehigh parking area in downtown Richmond, Upper Shirley Vineyards, the Charles City Courthouse and the Jamestown Settlement.

- [Southern Gap Outdoor Adventure](#), Coal Canyon (section of the Spearhead Trail in Buchanan County), the Southern Gap Outdoor Adventure will offer easy access to ATV/OHV and mountain bike riding on the Coal Canyon trail, a rock climbing wall, archery tag, all-season tubing, elk viewing and guided elk tours. Expected to open spring 2017.
- [Ridge Runner Zip Tour](#) at the **Omni Homestead**, Hot Springs, is now open. During this three hour tour spanning more than 4,000 feet, fly through the treetops on eight zip lines and then descend 1,300 feet on the Red Tail Racer (opening early 2017) for an exhilarating experience with views of five mountains.
- [GearHead Moto Tours](#), Pearisburg, is now offering an all-inclusive dual sport motorcycle trip.
- [Kairos Resort](#), Glen Lyn, will open their campground on May 1, with RV hookups and tree houses soon to follow. The resort will also be the site for a new event for off-road enthusiasts, the [New River 500](#), a first of its kind in Southwest Virginia. The event takes place April 7 – 9 and encompass over 500 kilometers of riding through the mountains of the New River Valley.
- [Pedego RVA](#), Richmond, sells and services electric bikes and offers electric bike rentals for tours.
- **Lake Fairfax Bike Park and Pump Track**, Reston, is now open and feature a 5,000 square foot track for a broad range of bike wheels.
- [New River Water Trail](#), Giles County, will offer four new boat landings along the New River in 2017.
- [Massanutten Mountain Bike Park](#), Shenandoah Valley and Blue Ridge Mountains, are known for their phenomenal bike offerings that Massanutten's lift-served bike park will allow you to experience - without the climb! The park features a lower lift that will provide access to beginner and intermediate trails for newcomers while also offering advanced jump and singletrack trails accessible from an upper lift that are sure to thrill any enthusiast.
- The [Upper James River Water Trail Expansion](#) is being extended 18 miles (from 45 miles to 63 miles) from Alpine to Snowden. New trailhead signs will be installed at Glasgow Landing and Snowden and 11 new access sites will serve the extended trail. The full length of the trail is also being designated as a Virginia Scenic River. The extension is expected to be complete Spring 2017.
- Maddox Family Campground is now called **Chincoteague Island KOA**. It has made major renovations including 10 new cabins, a tiki bar and food truck and deluxe RV and tent sites. It will open on Memorial Day.
- **Butterfly Trail and Pollinator Gardens**, in Southern Virginia, will open pollinator and monarch butterfly gardens sites within 25 miles of the US Route 360 corridor at existing sites, including: [MacCallum More Museum and Gardens](#) and the [Danville Science Center](#).
- **Jagged Edge**, Southwest Virginia, provides motorcycle trails along the Blue Ridge parkway. The Lodge at Primland is centrally located to the 269 mile Jagged Edge premier motorcycle route. It features eight loops that navigate 12 separate mountains.

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