Community and Sustainability
Along the New River

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Flood Boundary from Proposed Blue Ridge Project
Cartographer's model of flooded area.
North Carolina State Scenic River - 1975
National Wild and Scenic River - 1976
An American Heritage River - 1998
New River Basin
North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia

A watershed, or drainage basin, encompasses all of the land surface drained by a river system. The outer edge of a watershed represents the divide between watersheds. Within each divide, surface water flows to the river channel. Such tributary has an effect on the land and must be cared for in order to maintain the health of the waterbody. Every person lives in a watershed and has a direct impact on it.

The New River, the first American Heritage River, begins in North Carolina with the North and South Swine. These merge south of the Virginia border. The boundaries of the New are defined by the Staunton River, which flows north into Virginia. The New meanders 185 miles into West Virginia where it extends another 40 miles to the confluence with the Kanawha, forming the Kanawha, and then flowing into the Ohio.

Scientists are unable to determine the exact age of the New calling it, "a very old river." The New has carved a meandering path through the ancient landforms and waters. The Appalachian Plateau, Ridge and Valley, and Blue Ridge are the physiographic regions through which the New flows. The New has many unique recreational, educational, aesthetic, and historical qualities important to the Appalachian region.
Photo Credit: Tom Hansell
Mayer Gallery, Turchin Center for the Visual Arts
Photo Credit: Kelsey Wagner
Celebrate the New River with the Turchin Center!

WEEKEND-ON-THE-RIVER

New River State Park, 221 Access
358 New River State Park Rd, Laurel Springs, NC 28644 in Ashe County
Friday May 5 - Sunday May 7, 2017

Friends of the river and the arts are invited outdoors to celebrate the river, experience the park and relax with family and friends. Join us for a few hours, a day or for the weekend. The park offers opportunities to play in the river, picnic, hike, and camp.

Site Specific Art Installation
Sculptor Keith Bryant will install a site-specific art installation of 365 colorful ceramic spheres on the banks of the river just for this event.

Scheduled Activities on Saturday
10:30 a.m. | Water analysis with the New River Conservancy
1:30 p.m. | Aquatic sampling in the river
4:30 p.m. | Artist talk with Keith Bryant, sculptor and artist of the site-specific installation

Bad weather event updates will be posted on Facebook @turchincenter. Updates can also be obtained by calling the New River State Park or Turchin Center during business hours at the numbers below.

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New River Conservancy

Protecting the waters, woodlands and wildlife of the New River Watershed