The Great American **Hatchery Road Trip!**









There's nothing like cruising down the interstate, a fresh summer breeze blowing through the windows, the stereo blasting, and the ancitipation of adventures ahead! The hardest part? Picking a destination! Don't worry, we've got you covered.

The National Fish Hatchery System has been improving recreational fishing and restoring aquatic species since 1872, so what better way to explore these cool sites than by starting with ones over 100 years old! Fish hatcheries have something for everyone in your group, so buckle those seatbelts and let's hit the road!



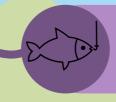
White Sulphur Springs



White Sulphur Springs National Fish Hatchery was established in 1900 to produce fish for the American public. They now produce six to eight million rainbow trout eggs annually to support federal, state, and tribal hatchery production for recreational fishing. The hatchery also does propagation and restoration work for native crayfish, freshwater mussels, and candy darters!



This one's a no-brainer...no trip to White Sulphur Springs is complete without belting out John Denver's "Take me Home, Country Roads."



If you want to catch some stellar rainbow trout, you'll need to plan your trip around one of the hatchery's annual fishing events! Kids and seniors can participate and they have a separate veterans fishing event too!



Lace up those shoes and hit the trails! The hatchery has a couple of nice, ADA accessible trails, and you can venture out to the nearby mountainside trails if you have some energy left after you leave!



White Sulphur Springs has a collection of pollinator plots that are an animal lover's paradise! In addition to pollinators, visitors can occasionally come across deer, bears, turtles, and toads!



Free hatchery tours are available to the public Monday through Friday from 8am to 3pm. Here's your chance to get the scoop on the hatchery's history, which is guite long considering they opened in 1900!



If you have any musicians in your group, plan your trip around the hatchery's annual Freshwater Folk Festival that occurs the second Saturday in September! Who doesn't love a family-friendly day of music, local crafts, & educational activities?

MAP LEGEND



The Angler



The Explorer



The Animal Lover



The Historian



DETOUR

The town of White Sulphur Springs is home to the Greenbrier Resort, the location of a former Cold War fallout bunker for members of Congress that's open for tours! We're pretty sure the history buff in your group would love this detour!

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Before you hit the road, be sure to check the hatchery's web page for additional activities and call ahead to check opening status.