



Blair Footsteps is a series of six temporary exhibit stations tracing the route of the 1921 miners' march to the Battle of Blair Mountain.

The exhibit will be available from **August 30 to September 11, 2021.**

Traveling the route with modern roads takes only about 90 minutes, and still traces a very similar route taken by the miners' army.

All six stations are located outdoors. A downloadable PDF of the tour and even more historical information can be found at www.theclio.com/tour/2006 or by scanning the QR code below with your smartphone.

If you are unfamiliar with the area, downloading the tour PDF is advised. Cellular service can be limited, especially along Route 17 between Madison and Logan.

For more information about *Blair Footsteps*, visit www.pawv.org/



Scan the code for tour directions!



STATION LOCATIONS

MARMET - Ben Morris athletic field, corner of 86th St. and Rte 60.

RACINE - John Slack Park, Coal River Rd. and John Slack Circle. Next to the baseball field.

MADISON - Bituminous Coal Heritage Museum, 347 Main St. (Across street).

CLOTHIER - UMWA Local 2935, end of Coal Valley Rd. off Rte 17. (Former Shiloh Baptist Church).

BLAIR - Blair Post Office, 10516 Rte 17.

LOGAN - Logan Area Public Library. 16 Wildcat Way, Logan, WV 25601

Scan the QR code to the left for a downloadable tour!

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 The Bituminous Coal Heritage Museum
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 Logan Area Public Library



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about the
AMERICAN HERITAGE
of the
MINE WARS

Blair Footsteps can only share a small part of the history of the Battle of Blair Mountain and the Mine Wars that preceded it.

From the dramatic tale of the 1912-1913 Paint Creek-Cabin Creek strikes to violent skirmishes along the rugged New River Gorge, the stories of the men, women, and children involved in these events are only just beginning to be told.

Hardship and labor unrest were present in West Virginia's coal fields from the beginning, but in 1902 the introduction of Baldwin-Felts agents to break unions—the hated “mine guard system”—escalated the struggle between many miners and their employers into a continuous cycle of violence for two decades, culminating in the Battle of Blair Mountain. West Virginians have fought to share this story with the world ever since.

We encourage you to enjoy some of the books and films listed below at your local library or bookstore. This is not a complete list, only a small selection of many excellent works that have recorded some small part of this uniquely American struggle.

NONFICTION BOOKS

Bailey, Rebecca	<i>Matewan Before the Massacre</i>
Blizzard, William	<i>When Miners March</i>
Corbin, David Alan	<i>Life, Work, and Rebellion in the Coal Fields</i>
Corbin, David Alan	<i>Gun Thugs, Rednecks, and Radicals</i>
Green, James	<i>The Devil Is Here in These Hills</i>
Keeney, Charles	<i>The Road to Blair Mountain: Saving a Mine Wars Battlefield from King Coal</i>
Lee, Howard B.	<i>Bloodletting in Appalachia</i>
Lunt, Richard D.	<i>Law and Order vs. The Miners</i>
Savage, Lon	<i>Thunder in the Mountains: The West Virginia Mine War, 1920-21</i>
Savage Ayers, Ginny	<i>Never Justice, Never Peace</i>
Shogan, Robert	<i>The Battle of Blair Mountain: The Story of America's Largest Labor Uprising</i>
Sullivan, Ken (Ed.)	<i>The Goldenseal Book of the Mine Wars</i>
Yoho, R.G.	<i>The Nine Lives of Charles E. Lively</i>

FICTION BOOKS

Giardina, Denise	<i>Storming Heaven</i>
Giardina, Denise	<i>The Unquiet Earth</i>
Settle, Mary Lee	<i>The Scapegoat</i>

FILMS

<i>Even The Heavens Weep</i> (documentary)
<i>Blood on the Mountain</i> (documentary)
<i>The Mine Wars</i> (documentary)
<i>Matewan</i> (drama)

MUSEUMS & ARCHIVES

West Virginia State Archives	wvculture.org
West Virginia Mine Wars Museum	wvminewars.org
West Virginia & Regional History Center	wvrhc.lib.wvu.edu/

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