

# State of WV Local Brewery Comparison

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This Report will outline the **Five** other registered breweries, besides Chestnut Brew Works, LLC, currently licensed in the State of West Virginia as of April 1, 2013.

*Please take note that Mountain State Brewery has 3 locations each registered as a single unit with the State.*

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**1) North End Tavern & Brewery:** The North End Tavern & Brewery (aka the NET) is the place to unwind while enjoying great pub fare with locally-brewed beer. Come try a legendary NET burger with an award-winning Roedy's Red.

**(304) 428-5854**

**[info@netbrewery.com](mailto:info@netbrewery.com)**

**Monday – Saturday: 8:00am - 12:00am**

**Sunday: 1:00pm - 7:00pm**

**3500 Emerson Avenue  
Parkersburg, WV 26104**

**Driving Directions**

1. Availability to Connect on:
  - a. **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/netbrewery>
    - i. 3,783 Likes
  - b. **Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/netbrewery>
    - i. 117 Tweets
    - ii. 16 Following
    - iii. 35 Followers
  - c. **Yelp:** <http://www.yelp.com/biz/north-end-tavern-and-brewery-parkersburg>
    - i. 10 Reviews
      1. Reviews were not overwhelmingly great or even good. For the most part the beer was “ok” and the food was “good”

***Mission to Microbrew:***

Our approach to brewing is as much art as it is science. We strive to create beers that our local customers enjoy while staying true to the traditional flavors of each unique brew. Our

brews are handcrafted on-site and made from all natural ingredients – absolutely no preservatives – with the finest barley malts, cereal grains, hops, yeast and spring water.

We offer many styles of beer from Belgian ales to Czech pilsners and British porters to light American lagers. Please feel free to ask your server if you have questions about the specific brews you choose. We recommend trying them all by ordering a sampler of all of our microbrews.

### **Roedy's Red**

Our flagship brew, Roedy's Red is a classic American amber with bold hop and malt characteristics. Traditional two-row and caramel malts create its unique body while Warrior and Amarillo hops give personality to its aroma and finish. This amber ale has won several state-wide competitions including several People's Choice Awards.

### **Dawk's Classic Porter**

Dark, rich and frothy, Dawk's Classic Porter is by far our heartiest brew. Roasted chocolate and black patent malts create the ominous ebony color which dominates this beer.

### **Northern Light (NET Light)**

Our lightest brew is a crisp golden ale that refreshes and satisfies most beer lovers. Light in body but full in taste, this brew utilizes the finest American two-row barley and Washington state hops. Try one with our famous NET burger.

### **Berry Wheat**

Berry wheat is a light, fruity beer with a refreshing blend of wheat berries and our native West Virginia blackberries.

### **5-Way IPA**

This aggressively hopped American IPA is a blend of five select American malts and five unique American hops. Bold maltiness and a refreshing citrus finish form the distinct flavor that is West Virginia's IPA.

### **Microbrews are available at the following locations:**

1. **Baristas** | New Martinsville, WV
2. **Black Bear Burritos** | Morgantown, WV
3. **The Blennerhasset Hotel** | Parkersburg, WV
4. **Brickside Bar & Grille** | Bridgeport/Clarksburg, WV
5. **CJ's Italian Kitchen** | Parkersburg, WV
6. **The Elk's Club** | Parkersburg, WV
7. **Fishbones Gill & Grill** | Vienna, WV
8. **Jay's Getaway** | Morgantown, WV
9. **JP Henry's** | Parkersburg, WV
10. **Knights of Columbus** | Parkersburg, WV
11. **Paradise Grill** | Vienna, WV
12. **Parkersburg Country Club** | Vienna, WV

## 13. Worthington Golf Club | Parkersburg, WV

### Biggest Take Away: Gluten-Free Beer

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#### 2) Lost River Brewing Company:

The Lost River Brewing Company is an artisan craft brewery and pub located in the West Virginia Potomac Highlands. We are excited to open in this historic building, which is over a century old. Built in 1885, the first floor originally hosted a Frye Dry Goods store and blacksmith shop. Legend has it the second floor saw the first meetings of the local Masons. The Steinway piano prominently displayed in the pub was originally brought into the building in 1899. It has never left the building, and is the same piano that was used during the early 20th century to accompany silent films. During our extensive renovations of the building, we elected to preserve the original walls of the first floor, to honor the history of this building and the Frye Brothers themselves, the original builders.

We are grateful for the opportunity to establish our business in historic Wardensville and proud to become a part of the local community. We hope that our artisan craft ales and delicious old-fashioned foods will add a little something special to the unique flavor of the beautiful Potomac Highlands.

**(304) 874-4455**

**[mybrew@lostriverbrewing.com](mailto:mybrew@lostriverbrewing.com)**

**Thursday – Monday: 5:00pm - Closing**  
**Closed Tuesday & Wednesday**

**155 West Main Street**  
**Wardensville, WV**

**Directions are given on a Visual Map**

1. Availability to Connect on:
  - a. **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Lost-River-Brewing-Co/113185943675?ref=ts#!/pages/Lost-River-Brewing-Co/113185943675>
    - i. 1,116 Likes

**Biggest Take-Away:** The website was nicely done. No Twitter or Yelp account. Main take-away no micro brews on tap but they advertise as “Artisans of the Brewing Craft.”

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**3) Mountain State Brewing:** Mountain State Brewing Company is the largest full-scale microbrewery and distributor in the state of West Virginia. They have locations in Thomas and Morgantown, WV and Deep Creek Lake, MD.

**Thomas, WV:**

(304) 463-4500  
1 Nelson Boulevard  
Thomas, WV 26292  
Thursday-Friday: 6:00pm-12:00am  
Saturday: 3:00pm-12:00am

**Morgantown, WV:**

(304) 241-1976  
54 Clay Street  
Morgantown, WV  
Open Daily: 11:00am-11:00pm

**Deep Creek Lake, MD:**

(301) 387-3360  
6690 Sand Run Road  
McHenry, MD 21541  
Monday-Thursday: 11:00am-9:00pm  
Friday-Saturday: 11:00am-10:00pm  
Sunday: 11:00am-9:00pm

*Founders: Willie Lehmann, Brian Arnett*

**Mission:** As Natives of West Virginia, it has long been our dream to bring quality hand-crafted beer back to our state. Originally from Elkins and Helvetia, we were raised on easy drinking beers and homemade wine. Curiosity eventually got the best of us, and we combined the two – our first batch of homebrew was conceived in the early 90's with home brewing equipment, books, and some ingredients handed down from our parent's home brewing days in the 70's. Since then we've learned a lot about brewing professionally. We've developed easy drinking and well rounded beers with our own state of the art brewing equipment. We sold our first beer in October 2005 and now we're distributing throughout the Canaan Valley, Davis, Thomas, Elkins, Morgantown and Fayetteville. That's our story so far. And thank you for all the great support we've received pursuing our

dream.

## **Brews:**

**Trail Ale** -An easy-drinking American Blonde beer, the grist bill includes a healthy dose of oats and wheat. Light in body, this beer is the perfect finish to any day's activity. 5.5% ABV. Hare hunting is a popular activity in West Virginia. While hare hunting, one could be lucky to stumble on a lot of 'hot tracks', or unlucky with only 'cold tracks' – tracks in the snow made by rabbits who passed through a few days earlier.

**"Almost Heaven" Amber Ale** - Nut brown in color and lightly hopped with Willamette, this beer is dominated by a pleasing caramel finish that is darn close to heavenly. 5.2% ABV. The Almost Heaven Amber Ale is named after John Denver's ode to West Virginia, "*Country Roads*". The picture on the tap handle is the Mountain State Brewing logo. It shows the peaks and summits of the Allegheny Highlands.

**Rumsey Rock Porter** - Our new Rumsey Rock Porter – a strictly seasonal brew – is a well-hopped chocolate porter, fermented with a clean English Pub Ale yeast. This bold bodied offering comes in at 5.5% ABV.

**Seneca Indian Pale Ale** - A highly hopped, moderate bodied beer which comes in at 5.4% ABV. The hops schedule includes healthy doses of Galena, Cascade, and Amarillo, and is tuned perfectly to provide the hops bitterness explosion that IPA fans seek without a lingering bitter aftertaste. The Seneca IPA is named after the Seneca Indians who roamed West Virginia in the 1700s.

**Miner's Daughter Oatmeal Stout** - Coal Black and creamy smooth, this beer holds a light tan head and is surprisingly light in body – so it won't fill you up. 5.3% ABV. Thomas, WV's heritage was based on the hard-working immigrant coal miners who worked the mines from the 1890s-1940s. The tap handle is the silhouette of a local coal miner's daughter

**Biggest Take Away: There was a map with location of where all brews are sold but the map also did not work.**

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## Blackwater Brewing:

(304) 259-4221

Thomas and Williams Ave

David, WV 26260

<http://www.blackwater-brewing.com/contact.php>

### Brews:

Seneca Golden Wheat

Blackwater India Pale Ale

Blackwater Gold Ale

Blackwater Marzen

Parsons Porter

Black Diamond Stout

**\*\*There are no descriptions given of the brews. The site links to the mission statement, location, etc do not work. The site does not have social media links or detail location information. Overall the site was very weak at best.**

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## 4) Bridge Brew Works:

### Their info-

We're glad you found us, we know, we aren't exactly easy to find. To be honest we aren't always sure ourselves where to find our beer. Why? We're small. Very small, and we like it. You will too. Our goal is to bring quality craft beer to new areas in and around West Virginia. Being a small craft brewery allows us to keep our eye on all the little details. The things that are the difference between being good and great and bringing a variety of beer styles to Southern West Virginia. There are just two of us here at the brewery ordering the ingredients, brewing the beer, cleaning kegs, capping bottles and working with our valued distributors. So, you will have to forgive us for not offering tours. Also you'll have to understand that there is no tasting room to visit. It's not because we're trying to hold onto our beer, it's just the law that we have to follow. We invite you to view our virtual tour, and stop by one of the many fine local restaurants that we're happy to have serve our beer.

**Actual Address for Brewery location is not given.**

**(304) 574-1998**

2. Availability to Connect on:
  - a. **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/BridgeBrewWorks>
    - i. 1,362 Likes
    - ii. Pretty Awesome Facebook site. Lots of pictures and daily updates.
    - iii. They use Digital Relativity (local place in Fayetteville, WV) for the website management, site design, development and marketing.
  - b. **Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/bridgebrewworks>
    - i. 735 Tweets

- ii. 620 Following
- iii. 431 Followers
- c. **RateBeer.com**
  - i. <http://www.ratebeer.com/brewers/bridge-brew-works/11710/>
- d. **BeerAdvocate**
  - i. <http://beeradvocate.com/beer/profile/22611>
- e. **UnTappd**
  - i. <https://untappd.com/bridgebrewworks>
- f. **Pintley**
  - i. <http://www.pintley.com/brewery/Bridge-Brew-Works/64297/>

**Microbrews are available at the following locations:**

44 Locations total

Only 2 in Morgantown: Richwood Grill and Slight Indulgence

**Brews:**

Baltic Porter  
 Belgian-Blonde Trubell  
 Belgian-Style Dubbel  
 Belgian-Style Tripel  
 Black Lager  
 Bridge Brew Ale  
 Coffee Stout  
 India Pale Ale  
 Kolsch-Style Beer  
 Long Point Lager  
 Oatmeal Stout  
 Oktoberfest  
 Old Burlly BarleyWine  
 Pale Ale

\*\*Description and pictures were not given on their brews only the label names.

**Biggest Take Away: Website is awesome. Great pictures. Social media sites are well maintained. They have an age limit entry on their website, as soon as you go to the website a question pops up asking if you are 21- kind of neat. They have a subscription link at the bottom to their E-Newsletter.**

**5) Mountaineer Brewing Company:**

Last I read was from 2011 the company was being sold. I could not locate a website, contact or any information if the company was still active in Martinsburg, WV or not.