

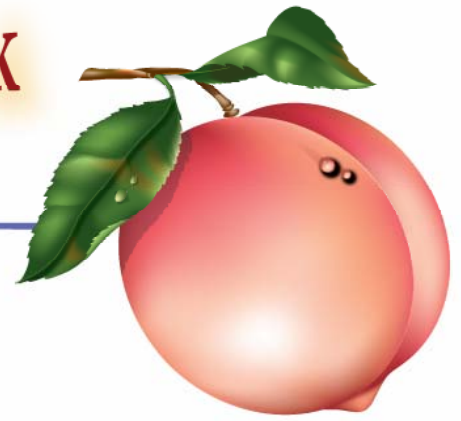


Virginia State Peach Festival Week

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VIRGINIA STATE PEACH FESTIVAL

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The Patrick County Chamber of Commerce hosts the Virginia State Peach Festival in the summer during the first week of August.

Music

The festival was first held on August 10, 1988, on the farm of Mr. J. P. Via, in Critz, VA and featured fresh peaches, homemade peach cobbler, peach ice cream and peach wine coolers.

Festivals

The Commonwealth of Virginia, General Assembly designated Patrick County festival as the "Peach Festival of Virginia" on February 17, 1989, to be held annually.

Street/Folk Fair

Crafters

The festival traditionally held a ticketed Friday night music concert with major bands and barbeque dinner with favorite beverage. The festival has now grown to cover an entire week of celebration and includes, a Virginia State Peach Pageant, Youth Night musical program, Gospel Singing night and a Saturday street fair. Also, the Meadows of Dan Folk Fair celebration has been incorporated into the week of activities.

and more...

"Southwest Virginia has been peachy since precolonial times. Native Americans harvested the golden fruit long before the first English settlers arrived. Eventually, Patrick County, nestled along the Blue Ridge Mountains, gained the appellation, "Peach Tree Bottom". Bountiful peach trees still flourish in this scenic region, and to honor the county's peach growers, the Patrick County Chamber of Commerce hosts a festival each summer. Naturally, wonderful peach concoctions such as peach ice cream, peach cobbler, and peach wine coolers tempt attendees throughout the day. And you'll find bushels and bushels of just-picked fruit, art and craft exhibits, and live entertainment." *Hometown Cooking, August, 2001.*



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