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## MASS COMMUNICATIONS 302 Information Sources on the Virginia Creeper Trail and the Virginia Creeper Trail Club

Even though the Virginia Creeper Trail and the Virginia Creeper Trail Club may seem like very local and specialized topics, there is quite a bit of information available to researchers in the library.

There are a few books that contain information on the Virginia Creeper Trail. The most informative one is *The Virginia Creeper Trail Companion* by Ed Davis and Ed Morgan (F232.W3 D28 1997). Its bibliography at the end has many references that can be a springboard to more sources.

In addition, there are some relevant titles in the *Images of America* series. They reproduce photographs and post cards on localities all across the United States. There are several volumes on Washington County, and there are photos of the Virginia Creeper Trail in the recent and more distant past:

*Then & Now : Washington County* by Joe Tennis (F 232.W3 T29 2012)

*Virginia Highlands* by Susan J. Harrington (F232.S6 H3 1997)

*Washington County* (F232.W3 W25 2006) and *Washington County Revisited* (F232.W3 W252 2008), both by Donna Akers Warmuth

*Images of Washington County*—an annual periodical; the most recent issue in Current Periodicals; back issues in Bound Periodicals.

Several databases contain numerous articles on the Virginia Creeper Trail. You might want to search:

[Academic Search Complete](#), [General OneFile](#), and [Hospitality & Tourism Complete](#).

The library's newspaper databases are a rich source of information. Try searching [America's Newspapers](#), [Factiva](#), [Lexis Nexis](#), and [Newspaper Source Plus](#). The following example is from *America's Newspapers*:

The screenshot shows the NewsBank search interface. The search results are for "The World" with 6298 sources. The search criteria are "Lead/First Paragraph" and "Date" set to "past 2 years". A list of source types is shown, including Africa (192 sources), Asia (219 sources), Australia/Oceania (446 sources), Europe/UK (395 sources), Middle East (230 sources), North America (4533 sources), and South America (43 sources). A world map is also visible.

A simple search on "Virginia Creeper Trail" in the lead / first paragraph during the past two years results in a list of almost 30 articles.

**View Results:** All Results (28)

**by Year**

- 2011 (13)
- 2010 (15)

**by Location**

- Middle East (1)
- North America (27)

**by Source**

- Bristol Herald Courier (VA) (4)
- Declaration (Independence, VA) (3)
- Knoxville Examiner (TN) (3)
- FedBizOpps (USA) (3)
- [View 11 more](#)

**by Source Type**

- Newspapers (17)
- Web-Only Sources (7)
- Newsines (4)

Save

- [Bistro Moving to Glade Spring, Virginia](#)  
Roanoke Examiner (VA) - November 16, 2011  
Length: 160 words (Estimated printed pages: 1)  
...Bistro served a seasonal biking clientele along the Virginia Creeper Trail . Whistlepig purchases local produce, as available...
- [Fugitive from Tenn. nabbed at Whitetop - Suspect and family were found sleeping in a car](#)  
Declaration (Independence, VA) - November 2, 2011  
Length: 191 words (Estimated printed pages: 1)  
...in Johnson County, Tenn., was arrested near the Virginia Creeper Trail in Whitetop last Tuesday. Grayson County Sheriff...
- [Virginia Creeper Trail provides scenic view](#)  
Times-News (Burlington, NC) - October 15, 2011  
Length: 282 words (Estimated printed pages: 1)  
Oct. 15--The Virginia Creeper Trail is actually the retired railway corridor of the Virginia-Carolina Railroad. It has...
- [Along the Trail: Summer fun with Troop 1609](#)  
Cleveland Post (NC) - September 22, 2011  
Length: 277 words (Estimated printed pages: 1)  
...Troop 1609 traveled 4 days and 3 nights to the Virginia Creeper Trail . The Junior and Cadette Girl Scouts and their leaders...
- [UPDATED: Grayson investigates assault at Creeper Trail](#)  
Declaration (Independence, VA) - September 21, 2011  
Length: 1208 words (Estimated printed pages: 4)  
...a reported assault at Whitetop Station near the Virginia Creeper Trail . Chief Deputy Mike Hash said Tuesday morning, Alicia...

These periodical and newspaper databases also include a lot of information of the broader topic of recreation trails, which might be of interest to you too. All of the library's databases can be accessed on the [Journal Articles and More](#) page. Give these databases a try. You may be surprised about how much information is available in national, regional, and local newspapers and periodicals.

One more good source of information is the **Virginia Creeper Trail Club archive**, which is housed in Kelly Library. You may have already looked through the VCTC archive, but if you have not, there are meeting minutes, Board of Directors meeting minutes, articles, financial reports, newsletters, and more. The archive is located just outside the door of Jane Caldwell's office.

Last but not least is the **web site** that the VCTC maintains: <http://www.vacrepertrail.org/>. There is information on this site about club and trail history, current and upcoming events, mission statement, photographs, trail recreational activities, and lots more.

VIRGINIA CREEPER TRAIL  
MORE THAN A TRAIL, IT'S AN  
**ADVENTURE**

HOME | THE CLUB | THE TRAIL | GIVE | JOIN | STORE | NEWS | MAPS | RENTALS

VISIT VOLUNTEER

IS A PATH TO A SPECTACULAR EXPERIENCE!  
A world-class recreation destination in beautiful southwest Virginia.

WEATHER  
Abingdon  
No data  
64.4 °F  
Whitetop  
Scattered clouds  
69.8 °F

VIRGINIA CREEPER TRAIL CLUB  
OFFICIAL WEBSITE OF THE VIRGINIA CREEPER TRAIL CLUB

The Virginia Creeper Trail is a 34.3-mile rail-to-recreation trail starting in Abingdon, Va., traveling through Damascus, Va. and ending just past Whitetop Station at the Virginia-North Carolina border.

Virginia creeper  
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FUN FOR EVERYONE  
PLAN YOUR VISIT  
FIRST TIME BIKING PLANNER

## Miscellaneous Information on Remote Access, ILL, and Documentation

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