

WELCOME

“INTERESTING, educational and relaxing” well describe a visit to the National Fisheries Center at Leetown, West Virginia.

WORLD-RENOWNED as a focal point for fish health research and fisheries development, training, technology and information, the Center also continually strives to initiate programs of interest to the general public.

AWAITING visitors to the Center are:

- a large exhibit area with numerous displays depicting the importance of fish, water, and the environment to mankind
- an information counter with brochures and other materials
- a separate Aquarium Building and outside display pools with various species of live fish
- a special exhibit room for temporary displays
- an environmental education section with a meeting/classroom and crafts workshop.

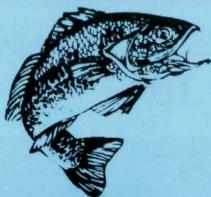
OTHER visitor attractions at the 400-acre complex include fishing for the handicapped (by reservation), nature trails and walking tours. Opportunities for photography and for observing birds, fish, and other wildlife abound.

WHETHER spending an hour at Leetown or the whole day, visitors will gain a new insight into the role of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Fisheries Center in the wise management of our natural resources. It's an ideal outing for the whole family, and it's all free.

THE CENTER is headquarters for research and development laboratories in half a dozen other states.

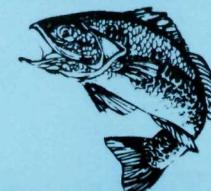
Visitor Information
24 hours a day
(304) 725-7061



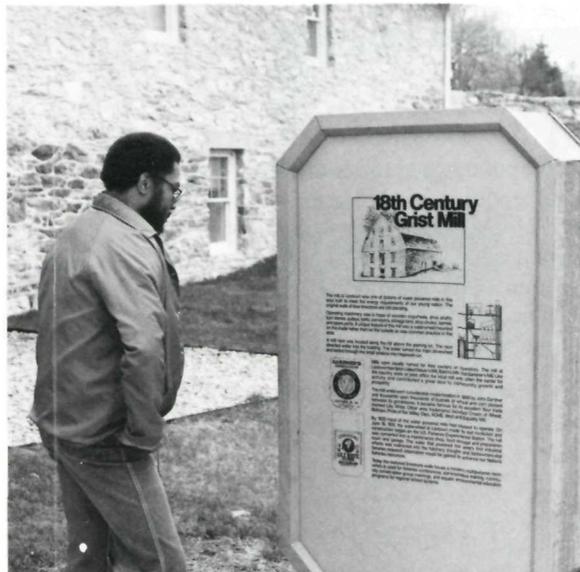


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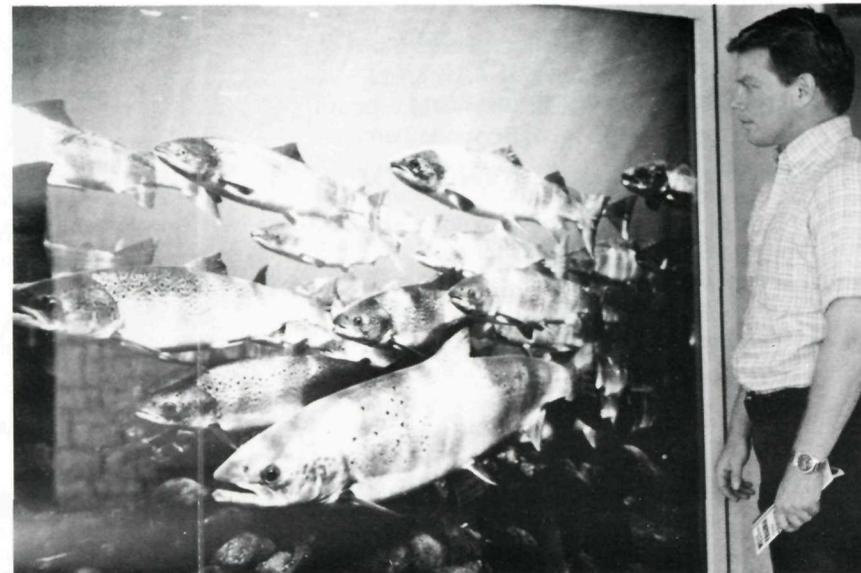
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Visitor Center



200 Years of History



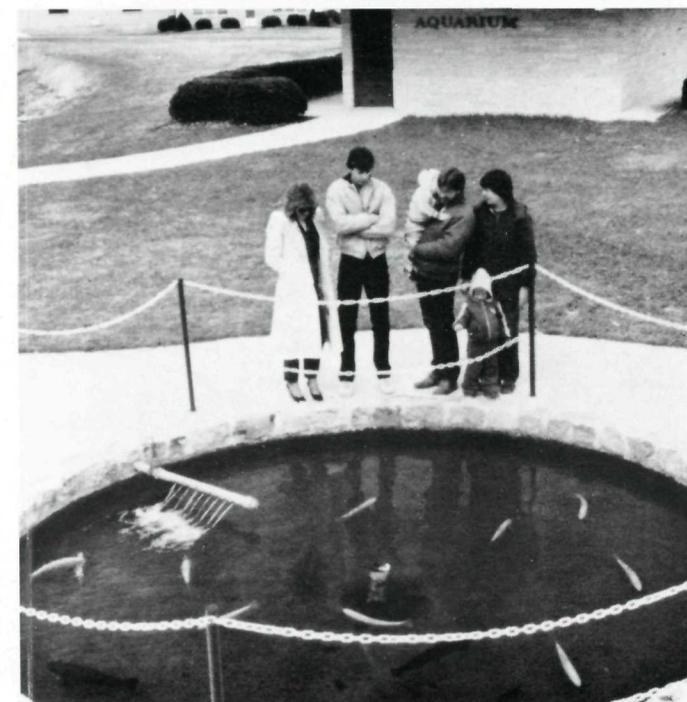
Return of the Salmon



Educational Displays



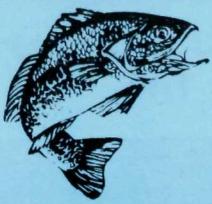
All About Fish



Many Species of Fish to See

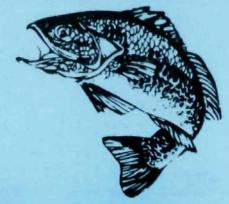


Fishing for the Handicapped

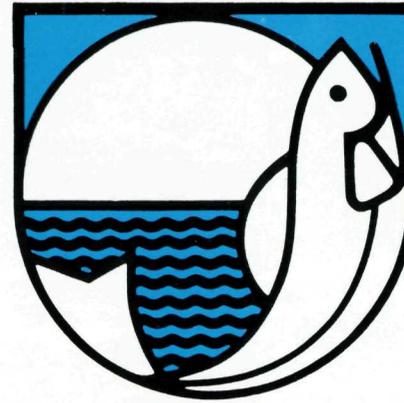


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VISITOR HOURS:
May 1 - October 31
8-4 Monday through Friday
10-5 Saturday and Sunday
For off season hours,
holidays and special events,
call (304) 725-7061

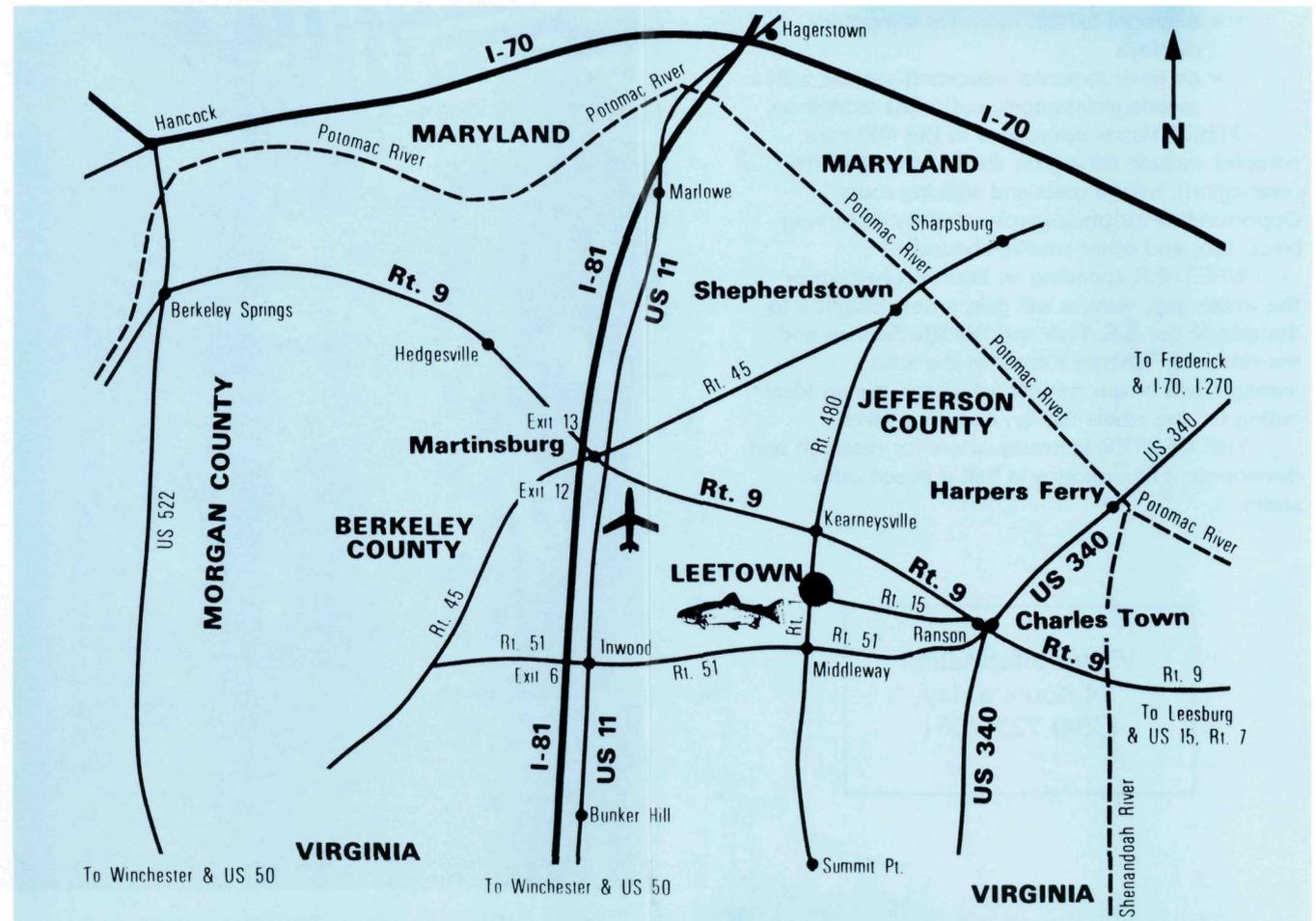
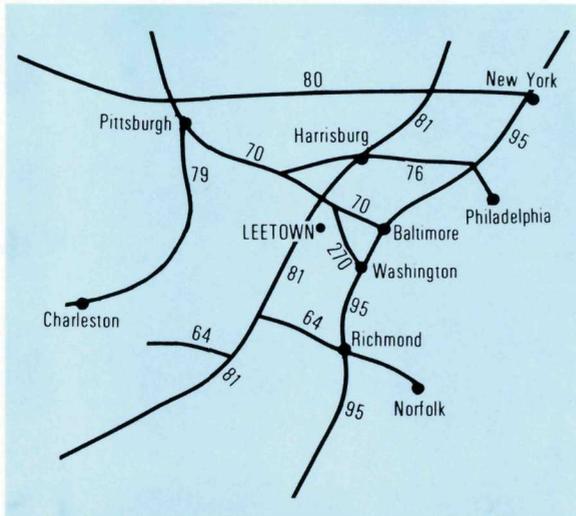


Where History and Modern Science Meet

Leetown, originally "Hite's Town," was founded in 1742. Steeped in history, the town was renamed about 1775 for its most famous resident, Revolutionary War General Charles Lee, whose home remains intact. Nearby are the homesites of two other noted Revolutionary War officers, Generals Horatio Gates and Adam Stephen.

The National Fisheries Center was established in 1931 as the "U.S. Fisheries Experimental Station". Located at the 400-acre complex are portions of a 200-year-old grist mill.

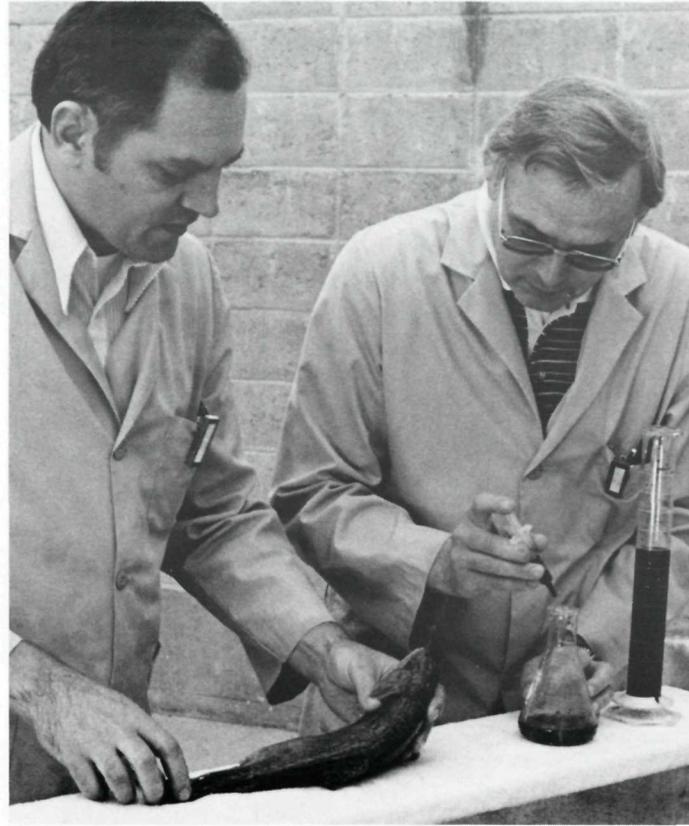
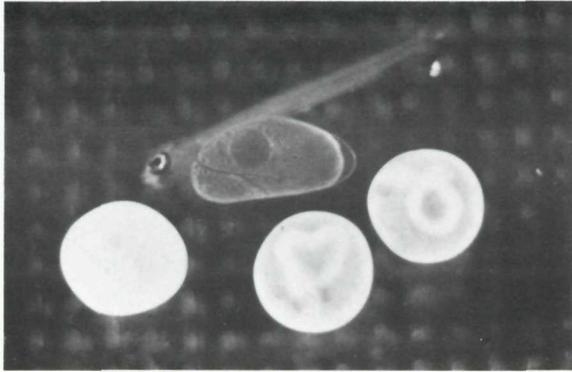
The Interstate Highway System makes the National Fisheries Center readily accessible to a large area of the U.S.



Approximate Driving Times to Leetown:

Washington ... 2 hours	Philadelphia ... 4 hours
Baltimore 2 hours	Norfolk 4 hours
Harrisburg 2 hours	Charleston 6 hours
Richmond 3 hours	New York 6 hours
Pittsburgh 3 hours	

Serving the Nation's Fisheries Since 1931



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Other Department of the Interior sites of interest in the Leetown area:

- Harpers Ferry National Historical Park
- Antietam National Battlefield
- Chesapeake and Ohio Canal

There are also many other historical, educational, and recreational attractions for visitors to West Virginia's unique Eastern Panhandle, northern gateway to the famous Shenandoah Valley.



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