



## *The Pleasures of Autumn*

Our clan, the clan of Mid-Atlantic health sciences librarians, gathers every autumn for reunion and professional growth activities. In October 2008, we gather in Morgantown, WV. We rejoice at the opportunity to enjoy colorful foliage and breath-taking mountain scenery, while visiting with old friends and meeting new ones. We are reminded to slow down and enjoy the journey! In this spirit, we offer some travel tips.

Without fried **apples**, breakfast on a crisp, cool fall morning would be incomplete. Remember to purchase mountain grown apples or cider as part of the journey. For those traveling north or south on I-81, one place to stop is [Butler's Farm Market](#) on Dry Creek Rd. in Martinsburg, WV. From I-81, take WV exit #13 onto Dry Creek Rd. Butler's is 1.5 miles west of I-81 on the left side of Dry Creek Rd.

Prior to reaching Martinsburg, WV from the south, you might want to try getting off I-81 at Winchester, VA at the exit for US522 North to stop at the [Virginia Farm Market](#). This is a great place to buy apples (they let you sample as many as you want), mums, pumpkins and decorative gourds. It is right on Route 522 and you can't miss the big red barn...522 will connect you with I-68 and may be a pleasant diversion if you want to get off of the interstate for awhile. Much of 522 is a divided highway.

If **historic inns** are an interest, you may want to plan a meal break at [Wayside Inn](#) in Middletown, VA. It is one mile north of the intersection of I-66 and I-81.

Another charming place to eat is the [Country Inn](#) on Route 522 at Berkeley Springs, WV. While there, you can roam the nearby quaint antique shops and see the mineral springs that George Washington used to visit.

Will you be driving from Baltimore/DC area? Consider packing a **picnic** for a stop at Sideling Hill on I-68, about 6 miles west of the I-68 and I-70 split at Hancock, Maryland. Travelling west, the roadside picnic area includes majestic views, picnic tables and vending machines.

- [Sideling Hill Exhibit Center](#)
- [Geology of the Sideling Hill Road Cut](#)

If you want to travel a bit farther before you take a break, [Penn Alps](#) and the [Casselman Inn](#) are favorites at Grantsville, Maryland (about an hour east of Morgantown on I-68). In addition to great food, Penn Alps has an Artisan Village and a nice craft shop. The Casselman Inn features country meals and a wonderful bakery in the lower level of the hotel.

As you enter West Virginia from the east on I-68, there is a new welcome center that has great views and an abundance of West Virginia travel information. Slow down, take the scenic route and enjoy life's little pleasures!

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2008 Annual Meeting Committee